## MOSLAH SHRINER NOBLES HANDBOOK

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# **MOSLAH SHRINERS**

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## **Welcome**

New Nobles and Ladies, welcome to Moslah Shriners. Your fellow Nobles and their Ladies are pleased to have you join us in fun and fellowship while 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 Moslah as a Shriner, you have now become a part of the "Greatest Philanthropy in the World", Shriner's Children.

We hope you will explore the many opportunities offered by Moslah Shriners 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 Molah's Divan members, or nobility. This handbook is a reference guide to familiarize you with the Temple, events, and basic knowledge of Moslah Shriners. Some events will change each year with each new potentate.



### Moslah Shrine Ft. Worth, TX

Moslah Shrine has a rich and colorful history. Moslah Shrine was given special dispensation to operate on May 14, 1914, and by December 31, 1914, membership had grown to 659 Nobles. It was granted a permanent charter at Imperial Session in Seattle, Washington on July 13, 1915. Moslah Patrol and Moslah Band were the first two units organized and chartered in 1914.





## THE SHRINE OF NORTH AMERICA

## **Our History**

#### 150 Years of Fun and Fellowship

The history of Shriners International is the story of individuals who came together in the spirit of fun and fellowship, who would lay the foundation for a worldwide fraternity and establish a globally recognized pediatric specialty health care system.

In 1870, a group of 13 Masons would regularly meet at the Knickerbocker Cottage in New York City. Often, discussion turned to forming a new fraternity for Masons, based on the tenets of Freemasonry but with the added elements of fun and fellowship.

Walter Fleming, M.D., and Billy Florence, an actor, were among the members of the group. Florence had been on tour in Europe and attended a party given by an Arabian diplomat. The exotic style, flavors and music of the Arabian-themed party led Florence to suggest this as the theme of the new fraternity, while Dr. Fleming and other members of the group then drafted the ritual, designed the emblem and costumes, formulated a salutation and declared that members would wear the red fez. The name of this new fraternity was the Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine.

While the fraternity's first official meeting was in 1871 at the Knickerbocker Cottage, a meeting in 1872 established the first chapter, Mecca Shriners, on September 26. Today, there are more than 195 chapters in countries around the world.

Founded as the Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, the organization has grown and evolved over the decades. In the late 1900s to early 2000s, the fraternity was referred to as Shriners of North America, given that chapters were in the U.S. and Canada. In 2010, a resolution was passed to replace the name with Shriners International, reflecting the fraternity's worldwide presence.

## **Founding of a Healthcare System**

From its earliest days the Shriners were known for their philanthropic efforts across the country.



During a yellow fever epidemic in Jacksonville,

Florida, local Shriners and Masonic Knights Templar worked long hours to help the sick. In 1889 fraternity members came to the aid of the Johnstown, Pennsylvania, flood victims. In fact, many of the chapters were involved in some sort of charitable efforts.

In 1919, the Imperial Potentate Freeland Kendrick proposed establishing a hospital to provide medical care at no cost for children with orthopedic conditions.

A committee explored the idea and concluded there should not be just one hospital, but instead, an entire healthcare system throughout North America that provides pediatric orthopedic medical care regardless of the families' ability to pay. The first hospital opened in Shreveport, Louisiana, in 1922.

Today, the healthcare system consists of hospitals, clinics, outpatient centers and telehealth sites. Shriners Children's specialties have expanded to burn care, spinal cord injury rehabilitation, cleft lip and palate, sports injury care and rehabilitation services.

# A Purpose-driven Fraternity – Membership with a Meaningful Impact

The fraternity established Shriners Children's as its official philanthropy in 1922 and continues to support it today. It is now one of the largest pediatric sub-specialty healthcare systems in the world, with locations in the United States, Canada and Mexico. In addition, the healthcare system holds hundreds of outreach clinics annually, with medical staff members routinely traveling to places around the world to provide pediatric medical care. The staff of Shriners Children's is dedicated to improving the lives of children by providing pediatric specialty care, conducting innovative research and offering outstanding educational programs for medical professionals.

## More Than Just a Membership – Building a Legacy

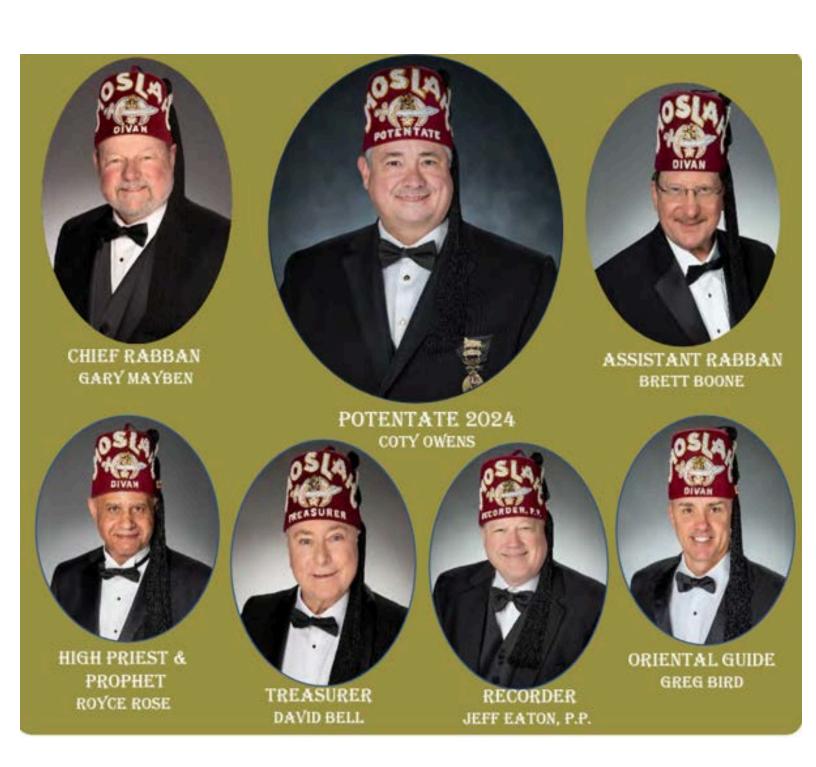
Shriners International members, their families and partner organizations are committed to improving the lives of children throughout the world. Through fundraising, volunteering, education, awareness campaigns, board leadership and more, the impact of the fraternity and supporters, help Shriners Children's provide the most amazing care anywhere.

https://www.shrinersinternational.org/en





# **MOSLAH SHRINE DIVAN**



## Moslah Shriners 2024 Potentate

#### **ILLUSTRIOUS SIR COTY OWENS**

**Welcome to Moslah Shrine!** 

With our 12 units, 9 clubs, and 2 associations we have something for everyone. We offer a choice of three different motorized units, on two wheels or four. We have two different band units, from our traditional Band Unit with its Stage, Dance, German, and Dixieland bands to the more exotic sound and marching of our Bedouin Oriental band. Our Patrol is a traditional military marching unit, and our Directors have the ability to conquer any task that requires artistic or building skills. The award-winning Moslah Shrine Clowns will keep you in stitches with their antics, and if golf is your game, well we have some of the best golfers in Shrinedom!



Our Flying Fez Association takes on the task of transporting patients of our Shriners Hospitals for Children to our two hospitals in Houston and Galveston, Texas and our hospital in Shreveport, Louisiana, while our Legion of Honor Association is an organization exclusively for our country's veterans, and supports our Shrine Center with the duties of presenting our country's colors whenever needed.

Our Shrine clubs vary from our regional clubs, whose purpose is to provide a social as well as philanthropic presence in outlying areas of our jurisdiction, to our Gun Club, whose purpose is proficiency with a shotgun for competitive purposes.

All of our units and clubs support Moslah Shrine with its support of Shriners Hospital for Children.

For more information on our units, clubs, and associations, please visit our "Units & Clubs" page.

Once again, welcome to Moslah Shrine!

# MOSLAH SHRINE MEMBERSHIP DUES 2024

## New Noble Dues, Fez, Case, Stabilizer, includes current year

First year annual dues	\$170
Fez	\$192
Fez case	\$ 57
<u>Fez stabilizer</u>	\$ 9
Total	\$428

#### ANNUAL MOSLAH MEMBERSHIP FEE TOTAL

Total Annual Dues \$170

## GOOD INFORMATION TO KNOW ABOUT MOSLAH SHRINE

Moslah is one of thirteen (13) Shrine Centers located throughout Texas.

#### LOCATION AND PHONE NUMBER

Moslah Shrine Center is located at the corner of Henderson and Lancaster Streets:

1100 Henderson St. Mailing Address: P.O. Box 1320 Fort Worth, TX 76101-1320 Fort Worth, Texas 76102

Email: moslah@moslahshrine.org 817-335-9469

The Shrine office is open during normal business hours:

8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday thru Friday.

Sign up for the monthly Moslah e-Newsletter, pay your dues and view the Moslah calendar by visiting our website at: moslahshrine.org.

Keep up with Shrine events and hospital news on Twitter, Facebook and Instagram.

#### **BUSINESS MEETINGS**

Business meetings are conducted on the second Thursday of each month in the Temple Ballroom. Dinner (10.00 donation per plate) is at 6PM followed by the meeting at 7PM. There are no business meetings in June, July, August, and the month of the Moslah Shrine Circus.

#### SHRINE FEZ

- 1. You should **NEVER** wear your fez any place you would not introduce your Mother, Wife, or Daughter.
- 2. Wear your fez to all Shrine Center functions (business meetings, dances, corner collection, etc.)
- 3. Do not wear anything on your fez (cowboy hat, clown hat, unauthorized pins, etc.) At the present time, only two (3) pins are authorized on the fez, and they are the two that hold the tassel.
- 4. When wearing the fez, you should salute:
  - A. When the Pledge of Allegiance is recited
  - B. When the National colors pass (i.e. Circus, Parades, Rodeos, etc.)
  - C. When the National Anthem is played
- 5. Ladies should never wear the Shrine fez.

#### **MOSLAH SHRINE CIRCUS**

The Moslah Shrine Circus is the most important function held each year to produce revenue for the Moslah Shrine Center. The monies received are what the Potentate uses to operate the Shrine Center. It helps hold down our dues, supplement costs of the Texas Shrine Association (TSA) and sometimes helps the Units purchase their uniforms. Your help is needed at the Circus.

- 1. Help setting up the circus
- 2. Public relations personnel
- 3. Color guards
- 4. Ushers
- 5. Security Personnel
- 6. Ticket sellers
- 7. Ticket takers
- 8. Clown for a day
- 9. Help take the circus down

#### CIRCUS AD SALES & TICKET SALES

Each member of the Moslah Shrine Center and their ladies are encouraged to sell ads and tickets for the Shrine Circus program; for opportunities to sell ads, contact your friends, barber, beautician, businesses, insurance agent, tax advisor, filling station operators, (the list can go on and on.)

#### SHRINE CENTER DANCES

All members and their ladies are encouraged to attend the Shrine Center dances. You wear your fez to these functions. The proper dress for these dances (functions) will be announced in the Moslah News.

#### POTENTATES BALL

The Potentates Ball is held in January. The attire for men is tuxedoes or dark suits with fez. The ladies attire is "after 5".

#### SHRINE LADIES

Shrine ladies are extremely important to our organization. Without the participation of our Shrine ladies, we could not accomplish everything that needs to be done. Make sure each Shrine Lady is treated with respect. Control your language around our ladies. Make every effort to make the ladies welcome to all our functions. At the parties, functions, and dances, make every effort to speak to the Divan members and their wives.

#### HOSPITAL FUND DRIVE

The Hospital Fund Drive is held in the spring and fall of each year. The Moslah Shrine Center members, their ladies, Masons, their family and friends are encouraged to help collect on the street corners. This is held each year and the monies collected go to our Shriners Children's – Texas in Galveston.

#### **TEXAS SHRINE ASSOCIATION (TSA)**

TSA is normally held the first weekend in June (Thursday, Friday, and Saturday) of each year. There are thirteen Shrine Centers in Texas and TSA is held at one of these Centers each year. This is a competition between the Units and Associations for trophies and bragging rights for the year. This is a fun trip.

#### SHRINE UNITS, ASSOCIATIONS, AND CLUBS

There are nine (9) Units, two (2) Associations, seven (7) Shrine Clubs and four (4) other Clubs in Moslah at this time. The nine (9) Units are:

A. Band E. Directors B. Bedouins F. Golf

C. Clowns
G. Motor Corps
D. Car-Vettes
H. Mystic Wheels

I. Patrol

The two (2) Associations are:

A. Flying Fez

B. Legion of Honor

The seven (7) Shrine Clubs are:

A. Denton County Shrine Club

B. Eagle Mountain Shrine Club

C. Lake Granbury Shrine Club

D. Mansfield Shrine Club

E. Parker County Shrine Club

F. Gainesville Shrine Club

G. TMRC Shrine Club (Texas Masonic Retirement Center)

Other five (5) Clubs are:

A. Cowtown Brew Club

B. Cork & Ash Club

C. Egypt Club

D. Gun Club

E. Shifters Car Club

F. Texas Shrine Riders

The main differences between Units and Clubs or Associations are commitment of time and expense; and you can only be a member of two Units, but you can be a member of any Clubs and/or Associations whether you are a Unit member or not.

You might want to visit with some of the Units, Associations, Shrine Clubs, or other Clubs and see if you can find one that fits you. They all have a lot of fun and fellowship. You will receive the experiences, friends, fun and satisfaction in direct relation to you and your lady's participation.

Damon Ing Business Manager



## **TEXAS SHRINE TEMPLES**

Al Amin (Corpus Christi) alaminshriners.com

Alzafar (San Antonio) alzafar.org

Arabia (Houston) shriners-houston.org

Ben Hur (Austin) benhurshrine.org

El Maida (El Paso) elmaida.com

El Mina (Galveston) elminashriners.org

Hella (Garland) hellashrine.org

Karem (Waco) karemshriners.com

Khiva (Amarillo) khivashrine.com

Maskat (Wichita Falls) maskatshrine.com

Moslah (Fort Worth) moslahshrine.org

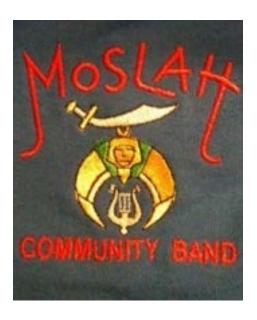
Sharon (Tyler) sharonshriners.org

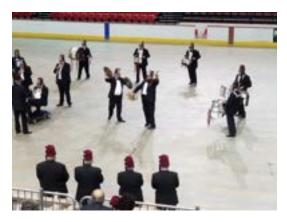
Suez (San Angelo) suezshriners.com

## **UNITS**

## Moslah Shrine Band

The Moslah Shrine Community Band is made up of both Shriners and community members that are at least eighteen years old and who have had some experience playing a band instrument. The desire to play music is the basic requirement for membership and all levels of musical abilities are welcomed.





## Moslah Shrine Bedouins

Who Are The Bedouins?

In reality, the Bedouin are a tribe of people in the Arabian, Syrian, or northern African deserts who, in ancient times, seized Kaaba, the sanctuary at Mecca, and proclaimed themselves its guardians.

The Moslah Bedouins, originally chartered in 1946, is one of the oldest units in existence and serve some of the same purposes as our namesake. Ours is the public side of the Shrine's "Sons of the Desert" identity. Our performance instruments include a number of percussion pieces ranging from bells, cymbals, tambourines, quad drums, bass drums accompanied by the musettes, a simple to learn horn.



## Moslah Shrine Directors

The Directors are the working Unit of Moslah Shrine Center. Responsible for the integrity of all Shrine Center hardware, the Directors actually prepare the arena to receive the Shrine Circus, prepare and maintain all "hard" promotional tools/signs through regular work calls at the Shrine Center's Circus building.

The Directors also have responsibility for a function essential and memorable to all new initiates (Novices)

of Moslah Shrine Center. The Directors produce and control the initiation of New Members in the spirit of the Shrines' traditional founding; recreation and frivolity.



## Moslah Shrine Golf Unit

The Golf Unit was formed in 1979 to provide an outlet for member golfers and their guests to "practice" regularly for the Texas Shrine Golf Association's annual tournament. All active members are eligible to compete at the tournament held in early June during the Texas Shrine Association convention. The convention is rotated throughout the state.



## Moslah Shrine Motor Corps

While we are most known for the distinct sound of the KZ 440, we are most proud of our support of the Temple and our hospitals. None of this would be possible without the support of our Ladies and families. We greatly appreciate all that the Ladies do for the Nobles of the Unit and do our best to include them at every turn. We also strive to include non-riders in the Motor Corps. For those that do not ride – or do not ride yet – we invite social members

to join us and participate in all of our functions, and support our efforts in competition. There is an opportunity for most any Noble to find a significant role within the Motor Corps.



## Moslah Shrine Patrol

Moslah Shrine Patrol is the oldest unit of the Moslah Shrine Center of Fort Worth, Texas. The Patrol was established in 1913, before the Moslah Shrine Center was even chartered (1915). The purpose of the Patrol is to become proficient in Military Drills and Tactics, and to support and promote such activities of Moslah Shrine Center as may be assigned by the Illustrious Potentate.

The Military Drill that we perform is a silent, close order, precision drill. It is composed of 24 Active Members, lasts approximately 10 minutes, and consists of over 1200 steps. During the year, we practice hard to achieve precise perfection of this drill. Each year we enter a statewide competition of the Texas Shrine Association (TSA). Moslah Patrol takes great pride in its rich history of winning that statewide competition, and has won more state championships than any other Patrol Unit in Texas.



## Moslah Shrine Mystic Wheels

The Mystic Wheels are one of the fastest growing units of Moslah Shrine Center. This unit is dedicated to FUN, FAMILY ACTIVITIES, the SUPPORT of SHRINE and MASONIC CHARITIES, and the riding of great performing go-karts!

Membership is open to all Nobles of Moslah that share the same idea of having fun and working for a great cause. The Mystic Wheels include the family in all our activities such as our Friday dinner club, the Yacht Club, and all "playdays". The unit is active in the community and holds true to its Masonic values of Faith, Fraternity, and Relief.



## Moslah Shrine Car-Vettes

The Car-Vettes were formed in 1979 for Nobles who enjoy participating in parades but prefer riding and performing in a corvette like automobile. We are a performing Unit immediately recognized by our

"little yellow cars". The Car-Vettes lead the Grand Entry into every performance of the Shrine Circus and compete against other motorized units throughout Texas annually in Texas Shrine Association (TSA) Drill Competition as well as the Texas Shrine Motorized Patrol Association (TSMPA) Obstacle Competition.



## Moslah Shrine Clowns

Chartered in 1968, the Clowns serve as active ambassadors in the Shrine. Seen regularly in local parades and civic events, the Clowns are available on demand to join festivities at local school carnivals and, if requested. Money collected as a result of Clown activities make the Clowns (and Moslah Center) a leading contributor to the Children's Hospitals blood fund.

### **Associations**



# Moslah Shrine Legion of Honor

The Legion of Honor is a select group of Shriners to join, a Moslah Shrine Noble must possess a current Active Duty ID Card from a branch of the U.S. Military or have received an Honorable Discharge from the Armed Forces of his Country



## Moslah Shrine Flying Fez

Chartered in 1989, Moslah's newest association was formed to perform a task essential to the Shrine's mission to provide transportation of patients to Shriners Hospitals for Children.

The Flying Fez operates Moslah Shrine Center's van for transporting patients requiring treatment in our Hospitals. Members

are available on a stand-by or scheduled basis to provide transportation as needed. We typically travel to Houston, Galveston and Shreveport Hospitals.

## **Clubs**



## Moslah Shifters

Moslah's Shifters Motor Club.

Our club was established in 2020 and we currently have 48 members. We are a group of car and motorcycle enthusiasts – you do not have to have a classic car or motorcycle to be a member, just share an enthusiasm for them. We attend car shows in the area to promote Masonry as well as promoting our own car shows: one in July and another in November. In addition to our car show fundraisers, we participate in Temple fundraisers,

such as the Street Corner Collections in the spring and fall. Shifters Business Meetings are bi-monthly on the 4th Monday of odd months in the basement meeting room at 6:30 (Jan,March, May, etc.) Annual dues are \$30.00, and your first-year dues gets you a club t-shirt. You can be a Mason and be a member of the Shifters; you do not have to be a Shriner. Shifters Motor Club is a great introduction to the Shriners.

If you are a Mason and interested in becoming a member of the Shifters and becoming a Shriner, please contact President John Heim, Vice President Fulton Abadie, 2nd VP Wallace Whitworth, Treasurer Brandon Reese, or Secretary Freddy Lopez.

Thank You,

John H. Heim III

#### **EGYPT CLUB**

The Egypt Club meets the 4th Thursday of the month at 6:30 pm in the basement room. It's best to email jewry48@yahoo.com for confirmation you are coming because we might be at King Tut Restaurant in Fort Worth for the meeting. \$50/year membership dues. We are a constituted body of the Shrine with our own By-Laws: "Within the body of a just and legally constituted lodge". There are things we can say at a meeting that we shouldn't discuss outside of a meeting.

I have given many lectures in over a dozen lodges, receiving standing ovations in most of them. I have met Zawi Hawass, and many Egyptologists. I am a member of The Crook And Flail. I have membership in Archaeology Institutions. Want to save Freemasonry?

Jerry Williams - President

Bob Symington - Treasurer (Bob has been to Egypt twice in 2023)









- Denton County Shrine Club
- Eagle Mountain Shrine Club
- Gainesville Shrine Club
- Lake Granbury Shrine Club
- Mansfield Shrine Club
- Mid-Cities Shrine Club
- Parker County Shrine Club
- TMRC Shrine Club
- Gun Club
- Gin Club (Cards)
- Cowtown Brew Club
- Texas Shrine Riders Club
- Cork & Ash Club



# <u>Unit Association Presidents & Shrine Club Presidents</u>

## **Unit/Association Presidents**

Band	<b>Bob Symington</b>	512-663-0723
Bedouins	<b>David Henderson</b>	817-992-1736
Car-Vettes	<b>Bob Brunk</b>	817-944-4676
Clowns	Carl Russell	817-832-6864
Directors	Mark Upton	817-992-8371
Flying Fez	Tim Gould	817-586-5884
Golf	<b>Chuck Boggess</b>	817-980-6647
<b>Legion of Honor</b>	James Sigler	682-326-7784
<b>Motor Corps</b>	Les Keeble	817-992-1332
Mystic Wheels	Steve VandeKieft	214-679-0134
Patrol	Tim Collier	817-525-5673

### **Shrine Club Presidents**

Eagle Mtn SC	Chris Akers	817-734-8934
Gainesville	Reynalds Ansley Jr	940-634-9893
Lake Granbury	<b>Tom Smith</b>	817-965-4221
Mansfield	Phil Cottrell	817-692-6841
TMRC	Paul Sawyer	254-338-1096
Gin Club	<b>Gerald Ledbetter</b>	817-475-1469
<b>Brew Club</b>	Jeremy Gwin	817-449-3038
Egypt Club	Jerry Williams	940-642-4830
Shifters	Terry Posey	682-309-0223
Cork & Ash	William Knight	214-477-1045
<b>Texas Shrine Riders</b>	Larry Ramsey	817-808-6832

## <u>AFFILIATED WOMEN'S ORGANIZATIONS</u>



Daughters of the Nile
Daughters of the Nile is an international fraternal
organization for women 18 years or older, who are
related by birth or marriage to a Shriner, Master
Mason, or Daughters of the Nile. They may also be a
majority member in Good Standing of a Masonic
related organization for girls; or who was a patient,
with or without Shrine or Masonic relationship, at a
Shriners Hospital for Children®. Founded in Seattle,
Washington in 1913, Daughters of the Nile members

total over 15,000 in 126 cities throughout the United States, Canada, and South America. The members are proud of their long association with Shriners International and their continuing support of Shriners Children's<sup>™</sup>.



Ladies Oriental Shrine of North America is a fun group of women who are related by birth or marriage to a Master Mason. Each court assumes an obligation to extend financial support and assistance to Shriners Hospitals with emphasis on the hospital fund, sewing and special projects. Founded in 1903, there are currently 64 courts throughout the United States and Canada under the Grand Council. The top official of the Grand Council holds the title of Grand High Priestess.



Order of the Eastern Star is the largest fraternal organization to which both men and women may belong. Worldwide, there are approximately 1 million members under the General Grand Chapter. Eastern Star chapters donate funds to a variety of worthy causes including: Shriners Hospitals, Cancer Research Project, Arthritis Fund, orphanages and many other charities.

## **Youth Organizations**

Our youth have opportunities to support Shriners and their hospitals through their own organizations: DeMolay International, Job's Daughters International and the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls.



DeMolay International is a Masonic-sponsored international organization for young men ages 12 to 21. They focus on developing civic awareness, personal responsibility and leadership skills. Some local Chapters also sponsor a pre-member group called Squires for boys younger than 12. Visit their website <a href="https://www.demolay.org">www.demolay.org</a>



The International Order of the Rainbow for Girls is open to girls ages 11 to 20 regardless of their Masonic affiliation. Members participate in service projects and fundraisers while focusing on the seven colors of character building representing love, religion, nature, immortality, fidelity, patriotism and service. Some local Assemblies also sponsor a pre-member group called Pledge sisters for girls younger than 11. Visit their website at <a href="https://www.gorainbow.org">www.gorainbow.org</a>

## **MOSLAH SHRINE ANNUAL EVENTS**

January Potentate's Ball

February Shriners Children's Texas Mardi Gras Parade

Galveston

March Easter Egg Stuffing & Hunt

Family Movie Night

April Spring Hospital Fund Drive

**Moslah Spring Party** 

May Moslah Memorial Service

June TSA

TSA Victory Party

July Cornhole Tournament

August Sportsman Spectacular

September Fall Hospital Fund Drive

October Moslah Ceremonial

November Shrine Circus

Hospital Fund Drive Car Show

December Moslah Christmas Party