

SHRINERS HAPPENINGS

HIGHLIGHTS OF SPRING CEREMONIAL

EL HASA SHRINERS

El Hasa Shriners of Ashland, Kentucky held their Spring Ceremonial of inducting eight



new Nobles into Shriners International with El Hasa Shriners. The event was held on Saturday, May 03, 2025, at the El Hasa Shrine Center in Ashland. The festivities begin at 11:00 am with the Ceremonial Potentate Patrick Leighty and Illustrious Potentate J.L. Mick calling the meeting to order and conducting the festivities of the day. We were honored to induct eight new members into the Shrine. The new members included: Frederick Dale Taylor of Ironton, Aaron Seth Wells of Ashland, Stephen Corey Hedge of Olive Hill, Robert Gene Fletcher of Pikeville, Derrick Hamilton, Travis Cundiff of Olive Hill, Patrick Kelly of Ashland and Nicholas Hazelett of Paintsville.

The Ceremonial Class was in honor of Illustrious Sir Jerry Blevins, Past Potentate of El Hasa Shriners and Lady Shelli. He served as Potentate in the year 2019.



El Hasa Shrine members assisting with the Ceremonial Induction degree team were Patrick Leighty, PP – Ceremonial Potentate, Patton Hart, PP – Chief Rabban/Orator, Mano Runyon – Assistant Rabban, Jim Bowling – High Priest & Prophet, Glenn ‘Tiny’ Spradlin – Oriental Guide, Matt Shelton – First Ceremonial Master, Austin Vaughters – Second Ceremonial Master, Eddie Hazelett, PP – Marshal and Chaplain Cameron Cook. Matt Shelton, Director, and Directors Staff was instrumental in coordinating the Masonic Arch Degree in the afternoon

with the assistance of Jody Vaughters and most of the cast members highlighted above with the Ceremonial Induction Team.

The ladies held a Ladies Luncheon in honor of Shelli Blevins at the Bellefonte Country Club in showing their appreciation for her dedication and contributions made to the Shrine and Masonic family. The ladies returned to the Shrine Center after the Ladies luncheon to attend the Masonic Arch degree and to honor the newest shrine members with their fez. The new members of the Shrine were presented their fez in acknowledging them as a Shrine Mason with the Shrine fraternity. Illustrious Potentate J.L. Mick also presented a special gift to Illustrious Sir Jerry Blevins and Lady Shelli for being honored on this special day for El Hasa Shriners.

Pictured above are eight of the newest members with the Illustrious Potentate J. L. Mick. We hope that our newest members will become involved and are active, productive Shrine Masons for our fraternity. A lunch for the nobility was held for all to Shrine Masons to enjoy.

Special thanks go to all members who offered their assistance and cooperation for making the Ceremonial a worthwhile and productive day. A Kentucky Derby Party was held in honor of the new members and their ladies immediately following the festivities of the Spring Ceremonial. Pictured below Illustrious Sir J.L. Mick, Potentate making a special gift presentation to Illustrious Sir Jerry Blevins and Lady Shelly for their presence and participation during Spring Ceremonial 2025.



SPECIAL CEREMONIAL - APRIL 24, 2025

HILLBILLY DAYS – PIKEVILLE, KY

El Hasa Shriners of Ashland, Kentucky held a special ceremonial of inducting three (3) new Nobles into Shriners International. The event was held on Thursday, April 24, 2025, at the University of Pikeville gymnasium in Pikeville, Kentucky.

The festivities began at 7:30 pm with Illustrious Potentate James L. Mick presiding. Illustrious Potentate Mick welcomed all in attendance and called the meeting to order.

Illustrious Potentate Mick asked Illustrious Sir Eddie Hazelett, Past Potentate, to administer the shrine obligation to the candidates. Illustrious Potentate Mick requested that Illustrious Sir Patton Hart, Recorder and PP to inform the candidates about the sign, grips and other important customs of becoming a Shrine Mason. Noble Austin Vaughters performed the Shriner's Creed.

Illustrious Potentate James L. Mick presented the new members calendars and pins for the year 2025 and offered some closing remarks to the new Nobles and the brethren assembled.

Illustrious Sir Patton Hart, Recorder, PP presented the newly inducted Nobles a Shrine New Member Orientation Guide and Fez Manual for them to become familiar with important information about Shriners International and El Hasa Shrine. The new members included: Robert Gene Fletcher of Pikeville, Jeremy Lee Maxie of Portsmouth, OH and Marko Bookhammer of Pedro, OH.

Several officers and Nobles of El Hasa Shriners were on hand in assisting with the ceremonial and the festivities of the evening.

SHRINERS LEGACY MONTH BEGINS JUNE



Coinciding with Shriners International Awareness Day and Father's Day, Legacy Month is celebrated in the month of June. Shriners International Awareness Day is designated as June 6th and Father's Day on June 15th. This special celebration time unites all Nobles who make their fraternal membership a family tradition - welcoming grandfathers, fathers and sons, uncles, in-laws and others who have multiple Shriners within the same family. During this month, let us promote membership and honor our legacy members.

Generation by generation, Shriners International continues to grow. As grandfathers, fathers and uncles put on their fezzes, participate in temple activities and volunteer on behalf of the philanthropy, the young are watching. The Legacy Program is a meaningful way for you to show your pride in passing on such an important tradition. The program is open to all nobles whose family members are also Shriners.

Shriners International Awareness Day



Shriners International celebrates June 6th as Shriners International Awareness Day. To honor our rich history and celebrate the founding of our original governing body on June 6, 1876, the Imperial Council, the original governing body of Shriners fraternity was founded. On this day, nobles everywhere are encouraged to celebrate our fraternity and raise awareness of its impact in our community in which we live.

Here are some ways to celebrate this special day:

- Wear your fez (when appropriate) hat, shirt, lapel pin, or other item with our shrine logo.
- Tell your neighbors, friends and colleagues about the fun and fellowship you enjoy as a Shrine Mason.
- Celebrate the fellowship that is our fraternity with a special get-together with fellow nobles.
- Organize (or participate) in events at your Shrine temple, club in your community or online.
- Create social media posts celebrating the fraternal experience. Share some of our Shriners International suggested social media posts on your personal page and tell your social connections why you are a proud Shriner.
- Encourage friends who are not Masons to check out the new website bea Freemason.org to learn more about Freemasonry and how to take the first steps in the journey.
- Reflect on what being a Shriner means to you personally, why you became a member, and your goals as a noble and for your Shrine temple in the coming year.



Shriners International 151st Imperial Session will be held on June 29 – July 3 at the Hyatt Regency in Atlanta, GA. Check out the schedule of exciting and entertaining events.

El Hasa Shrine Inducts New Shrine Masons

During our stated meeting in June on Monday evening, June 2, 2025, El Hasa Shrine was delighted to induct two members into the Shrine fraternity. Jeffery “Scott” England of Proctorville, Ohio and Charles Leslie McFarland, Jr. of Ironton, Ohio are the two newest Shrine Masons for El Hasa Shrine. We would like to acknowledge our sincere thanks for Raymond F. McFarlin and Joshua S. McFarlin for recruiting these new members into El Hasa Shrine.

We were pleased to receive a restoration petition with their dues from Sheldon Jacobs of Hindman. He is now reinstated to El Hasa Shrine and Shriners International. We wish our new and reinstated members the very best for a promising and successful career with the Shrine fraternity.

EL Hasa Shrine is Dark for months of July and August

This notice is to inform you that El Hasa Shrine will not have a stated meeting during the months of July and August. We will convene in September at the scheduled stated meeting on Monday evening, September 01, 2025.

El Hasa Shrine – Schedule of Events

June 20 – 21	El Hasa’s Potentate Ball & Weekend Festivities
June 24, 2025	Jenkins Special Ceremonial, Jenkins Masonic Lodge, 7:00 pm
June 28, 2025	Olive Hill Parade Line-up 5:00 pm; Step-off 6:00 pm
June 27 – July 03	Imperial Shrine Session, Atlanta, GA
July 11 – 12	Rock the Country
July 17 - 19	Carter Co. Bluegrass Festival, Olive Hill
July 20	El Hasa Family Picnic
July 26 -27	Divan Days with the Lexington Shrine Children Hospital