

Kaaba Shriners 2026



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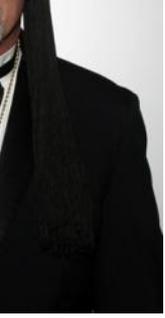
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First and foremost, I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to each of you for electing me to serve as your Potentate. I am truly honored and humbled by the confidence and faith you have placed in me to lead our great fraternity into the coming year. It is a responsibility I do not take lightly, and I am committed to serving Kaaba Shrine with integrity, enthusiasm, and dedication.

We have an exciting year ahead of us. One of our primary focuses is a strong and energized membership drive. Our fraternity thrives with the participation of each of us. Each of us plays an important role in inviting good men to experience the fellowship, philanthropy, and fun that make our Shrine so special. I

think of at least one Master Mason who would make a great Shriner and person to join. Together, we can strengthen our temple and secure its future for generations to come.

Our annual onion sales are now underway. This fundraiser is not only a tradition, but a source of support for our activities and charitable efforts. Please help spread the word to your family, and coworkers to place their orders. The more we sell, the more we can accomplish.

Don't forget about our Friday night fish fries. These evenings are a wonderful opportunity for great food, and community outreach. Bring a guest, bring a friend, and enjoy the company of the Shrine family so special.

Some outstanding events on the horizon. Be sure to mark your calendars for the Shrine Bowl on March 24th. This is a great opportunity to showcase the impact of our philanthropy and commitment for the Shrine Bowl. Later in the year, my Lady Leslie and I are especially excited about participating with all of you at the Potentate Ball on August 8th. We hope to see a wonderful evening of fellowship and celebration.

Looking forward to a year filled with growth, service, and fellowship. With your continued support, I know we will accomplish great things together.

Thank you for your trust and confidence. Let's make this a year to remember.



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HONORING THE ALL-STAR
FOOTBALL PLAYERS, COACHES
AND CHEERLEADERS**



What can I say but thank you for electing me as your Chief R 2026. I understand the great responsibility that you, the Nobilit Shrine, have placed upon me for this year. During this year, b and I will be traveling to as many club meetings that we can g have been doing in the past. If the weather will permit and the vided a good date and location, expect us to be there. So, if y Club President or Secretary responsible to provide that inform sent it to the Kaaba office ASAP.

gs that we always have a problem with is the parade list and locations list also, I know there can be conflicting date and location activities, s some reason we are not at your event. We can not be everywhere at th

has appointed me to be fundraising chairman for this year. Most you k Kaaba Challenge Coins. Each Coin will be numbered so, when all the C drawing for three winners. At this time 1500 dollars, 750 dollars and 50 is a very good fundraiser for any organization; let's make is work o sales coming. Last year we sold Vidalia onions, and we will again this your fundraiser today. I purchase a number of bags and still have sev

have an idea for fundraising, please let me know, nothing is off the tab attend a good Bourbon and cigar night, somewhere one could enjoy n a good dinner of either steak or sea food. Just food for thought. I kn activity, but is it possible, anyone up for his? Just thinking about som Kaaba fundraiser, would a hamburger or tenderloin or chicken basket n possibility, please give it some thought of how to help your Club and Ka

the annual Friday Fish Fries at the Masonic Center in Davenport, Iowa s tending for 6 weeks. There is a need for help with all aspects of this ef nd desire to come out and help it would be much appreciated.

tending the monthly Stated Meeting, your presence at the meeting is a ce to our Shrine organization, plus a good meal and fellowship are inc oming, also bring your spouse along and let her get to know what we can be a fun place to get together and socialize among Brother Maso

ges PP

Kaaba Shriners.

Schedule for Kaabagram 2026

Building the Future of Kaaba Shrine Through Membership

As Assistant Rabban, I have been tasked by our Potentate with some of the most important priorities facing Kaaba Shrine today — membership. Strong membership is the foundation of everything we do. It ensures our charity continues, our hospitals remain strong, and our Shrine stays vibrant for future generations. As we move into 2026, Kaaba Shrine is launching an energized membership drive across Iowa and Illinois, and I am honored to lead that effort.

A Membership Drive with Real Impact

Kaaba Shrine is offering a powerful incentive to support our growth. If a Noble serves Kaaba Shrine will pay the hospital per-life membership fee on their behalf. This recognizes Nobles who step forward to help build our future — and I am personally grateful for by helping recruit the next generation of Shriners.

Join the Membership Team

Seeking 4–6 motivated Nobles from across the Temple to join the 2026 Membership Team, a high-impact role focused on outreach and relationship building.

Membership Team responsibilities include:

- Planning and visiting targeted lodges each month as a team

- Assisting with follow-up conversations with interested candidates

- Sharing the story of the Shrine, Kaaba, and our hospitals

Presence in our lodges is the key to building trust, strengthening relationships, and growing our fraternity.

We are actively looking for younger Nobles willing to travel to lodges in Iowa and Illinois to share brotherhood, and the incredible, life-changing treatments provided at Shrine.

Large Outreach Across Iowa and Illinois

Lodge outreach strategy will be central to our success. By working as a team and being present throughout the region, we can significantly increase awareness and

Ambassador Program

The Ambassador Program will be fully reactivated in 2026. Ambassadors will be encouraged to visit two to three times per year to:

- Share Kaaba updates

- Promote Shrine events and activities

- Identify and encourage potential candidates

Active engagement strengthens our relationship with Blue Lodges and reinforces trust

throughout 2026

Through outreach, strong lodge partnerships, and a renewed focus on visibility, Kaaba Shrine is one of its strongest membership years yet. Every Noble can play a role — and we are excited to see the next generation of Shriners and secure the future of Kaaba Shrine.

If you are interested in joining the Membership Team or assisting with lodge visits, I encourage your involvement truly makes a difference.



Lest a man be judged by his good deeds and not his sacrificial and the judge are fools. I was told that a wise man once said that was an idiot. I guess age is not compatible with a good memory. An interesting quote to start a letter destined to be read by those who have been for supporting the most innocent amongst us. We parade to bring money to our cause; host a football game for special youth to not only raise money but to give those children aided by our cause a chance to feel not just the quote lacks a certain certainty, or maybe a definitive context. The quote can be brought when you add the following fact: All men are born with a debt. For every life that is born, a death is owed.

One hard reality of our lives that we all share, is we are given a limited amount of time. Our days were numbered from the moment of our conception by God, our hearts were made of times that they will beat. No prayer, no medicine, nor acts of generosity will change that. I have only so much time. The greatest gift given to us, is the greatest gift that we have.

When we talk about judgement, good deeds are free to give away by who is being judged. It is a test. When you give ten, twenty, or even a hundred dollars, what does that mean? Is it a hundred more in your bank? We get together every month to meet and work to make sure our children has a future where we exist to take care of our kids. We parade and shout out our children on high, so that others will give. With all that, the question still answers itself: Why?

When you give your last ten dollars, tomorrow you will work as usual and earn ten more dollars. It is about kinship, family and friends. A parade simply provides us another opportunity to give, while enjoying the moment with our fellow Nobles. The only true sacrifice is when you give from our time given in sacrifice; where nothing is received in return. I said that a man made to beat so many times; so true sacrifice is when you give a beat of your heart that is painful to lose; for once it is gone, it can never be reclaimed.

Those heartbeats walking in the cold, door to door alone, in hopes of raising money and time again, clinging to hope that someone will say yes. Standing in the rain for money, instead of sitting at home with friends watching the game. Getting in a car to go to a child to one of our Hospitals; while missing your own child's birthday. These are heartbeats given, where the reward was nothing.

The question to you is, was the first quote made by a wise man, or an idiot?



friends pinned a nickname on me years ago, so you will hear people call me
 Martha and we are from Columbus Junction. Our family consists of 2 sons
 don and we have 4 grandkids (2 boys and 2 girls). Brandon is a Mason and
 I have a story to tell that goes back to around 1972. I was 11-12 years old.
 Shriner too) if I could go to some of the Shrine stags with him. He agreed:
 get in the way and listened to what he said. I became Dick Pugh's (an outst
 " guy. My duties were to cut wood for the smoker and to keep it stoked. Most of all, I
 on the drink table! I was mesmerized by all the red fezzes sparkling in the sun and I t
 hat" someday. He said, "a Shriner?" "Yes", I said, "the one with all the sparkles on i
 een around some of the best Shriners for a long time. I entered the Masons when I wa
 n I went into the Shrine. I am now in the line to become Potentate and wear that brig
 men I was a youngster. I have great memories of so many Shriners that are no longer
 e great stories they shared. I am looking forward to the journey through the Divan.

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Kaaba Shrine



TREASURER

My name is Tim Elliott and I've been in the Shrine since 2012, I th
 married to my Lady, Patty, for 22 years and we have three grown l
 with five grandkids.

Patty and I are both Realtors and are proprietors of our brokerage
 Iowa. We both absolutely love going to our grandkids activities and
 throughout the summer. I'm a big Iowa Hawkeyes fan, especially v
 though this has been a difficult season.

My role on the Divan is as your Treasurer, as I was elected in Janu
 Nathan Stone appointed me. I am learning my new role and intend
 the professional stewardship of Temple finances in the same way a

r the opportunity to serve our Temple and look forward to seeing my Brothers



Installation of the Officers. There have been a few changes. I know I heard this from me before but it's time to repeat. When we leave our apron we remove our physical apron but symbolically we still have it on. The same for our Fez, we remove it after our meetings and functions. Even though we are not wearing it we symbolically still have it on. How we Comport ourselves as Shriner-masons and non-Shriners says a lot about our character. We should always uphold our Masonic Obligations.

Clubs and Units have received their copy of the Annual Financial Statement to be filed with the Grand Temple. All Clubs and Units have received their Insurance Statement for 2026. Please provide insurance proof.

Looking forward to seeing everybody throughout the year, feel free to reach out to me if you have any concerns.

With many activities coming up this year. We'll be asking for help along the way. Let's make Kaaba Shriners the best it can be. Stay in touch and "Be Safe".

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Due to the cost of mailing the Kaabagram

but we need to update our mailing list

or someone you know would like us to

send the Kaabagram to them. Let us know

63-386-2526 or Kathy@kaabashrine.net



Eli Coleman
Has been collecting
for the past 2 years
could give them
grandma to give
Shriners. He
uses the cash
money to pay for
hockey in which



*To the land where the crystal waters flow, where the Beautiful Palm
Life is a story in volumes three, the past, the present, the yearning
The first we've written and laid away, the second we're reading
The third and last of the volumes three, is locked from sight - God*



Charles Selensky December 15, 2025,

Charles A Selensky of Loveland, Ohio. was a Mason for 71 years and a member of the Cedar Rapids Masonic Lodge No. 49, A.F. and A.M. a 32 degree Scottish Rite Mason (Cedar Rapids) with KAABA Shrine of Davenport. He was a beloved husband for 57 years of Marie.



John D .Dahl January

John D. Dahl of Fairfield IA passed away January 10,2026. John was a member of the Fairfield Shrine Club, a 50 year member of Kaaba Shrine, Masonic Lodge No. 49, A.F. and A.M. He preceded in death by his wife Melva 2024



David H Patton January 17, 2026

David H. Patton of Dubuque, died Saturday, January 17, 2026, at his home in Dubuque. He was a proud Freemason and Shriner dedicating countless hours to community service. David's wife Susan Marie preceded him in death in 1997.



Daniel G. Peters February 8,2026

Daniel G. Peters. of Winfield, passed away on Sunday, February 8, 2026, at the University of Iowa Hospital and Clinics, Iowa City, Iowa.



James (Jim) William Fox of Bettendorf, Iowa passed to heaven peacefully in 2026. He was past master and active in the Snow Masonic Lodge, a 32nd degree member of the Scottish Rite, and a member of the Kaaba Shine. Jim is survived by his wife Jane

Members that have passed away over the last couple years
were discovered when dues came due

Walter Homrighausen of DeWitt Passed away Saturday, July 27, 2024
John Cleveland of Donnellson passed away Aug. 7, 2024
Robert Lambert of Moline passed away December 25, 2024
John Powers Princeton, IA passed away March 29th 2025

**CLUBS AND UNITS NEED TO HAVE
ALL THE FOLLOWING PAPERWORK INTO THE OFFICE**

MARCH 15, 2026

ALL CLUBS AND UNITS MUST GET THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT FILLED OUT AND SENT BACK TO THE OFFICE

CLUBS AND UNITS MUST SEND IN A LIST OF OFFICERS AND A LIST OF ALL MEMBERS

CLUBS & UNITS DATES AND TIME OF YOUR ACTIVITY FOR THE CALENDAR

**4. YOUR INSURANCE PAYMENTS FOR
THE CLUB \$150 & UNIT \$250.00**

regard the line # references to Form 990 as they are for the tax preparer's use only.

Statements should be prepared on an accrual basis. See "Temple Financial Manual", Section 2, Pages 3

ing items:

and subtractions are correct and are in agreement with the underlying records.

ed for "Balance, beginning of year" in Net Assets section, **must agree** with the amount reported for
r's Financial Statements.

(deficit) in the Statement of Activities is added to or deducted from the Net Assets "Balance, begin
Net Assets, end of year. Total Assets must equal Total Liabilities & Net Assets.

t (report all applicable line items)

es of Shrine fundraisers: Charitable and Fraternal. Fundraising gross revenues must be identified by
ross) – Charitable (Code J)" the total of all revenues reported on the Shrine Charity Activity Forms
ues from fundraisers for the benefit of the club or unit should be reported on the line "Fundraising (I
iated expenses to sponsor the fundraiser are to be reported on the appropriate lines in the EXPENSE

nd visitation (Codes E & F) reimbursements include the gross receipts from sale of tickets for trips,
purposes.

e (Code H) should include dividends and interest actually received during the year plus the amount
December 31.

(report all applicable line items)

es 8 & 9) expenses include the cost of holding activities listed under 4 (a).

nd visitation (Codes 3 & 4) expenses include all costs of entertainment, transportation, lodging, mea
activities listed under 4 (b).

s (Code 10) include gifts to Nobles such as flowers.

e (Code 11) represents donations to Temple's operating and designated funds.

ctivity should be attached for the accounts requested on the Statement of Financial Position. For ea
h a copy of the December 31 monthly statement. If the monthly statement cycle is not the 31st of th
y bank statement. Any unusual amounts should be supported by a detailed list or explanation.

1 does not allow net proceeds from charitable fundraisers to be held by a club or unit. General Ord
may be requested to be held by a temple to be used exclusively for hospital patient transportation e
draising activity must be reported to the Temple Potentate on the Charity Activity Form and submit
iners International within sixty days of the activity. A club or unit is not permitted to maintain a sep
n fund.

nting records, bank statements, receipt books and invoices should be kept available for inspection a

er the penalties of perjury that this authorization (including any accompanying schedules and statem
the best of my knowledge and belief is true, correct and complete and made in good faith. Further,
nancial information on the temple's group return.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Statement of Activities Year Ended December 31, 2025 Form 990)		Statement of Financial Position Year Ended December 31, 2025 (Part X, pg 11, Form 990)
REVENUES		ASSETS
Contribution, Gifts & Donations _____		Cash: on hand _____
Social Activities & Meals _____		Cash: in _____
Fraternal Meetings & Visitations _____		Cash: savings flex account* _____
Dues, Initiation Fees & Assessments _____		Certificates of _____
Investment Income* _____		Accounts receivable _____
Fundraising* (Gross) - Fraternal _____		Inventories for _____
Fundraising* (Gross) - Charitable _____		Prepaid expenses _____
Sales Tax Collected _____		Investments* _____
		Land, buildings & equipment @ cost _____
Other Revenues* _____		(attach schedule of property) _____
* TOTAL REVENUES _____ 0.00		Minus accumulated depreciation (_____)
		Other assets* _____
EXPENSES		a Total Assets _____
<u>Administrative Cost:</u>		LIABILITIES
Telephone and Utilities _____		Accounts payable & accrued expenses _____
Office Supplies and Expenses _____		Mortgages & other notes payable* _____
Taxes, Licenses & Professional Fees _____		Other liabilities* _____
Interest Expense on Indebtedness _____		b Total Liabilities _____
Building Operations & Maintenance (excludes depreciation reported below) _____		NET ASSETS
Social Activities & Meals _____		Balance, beginning of the year _____
Fraternal Meetings & Visitations _____		Surplus (Deficit) _____
Dues Paid (pymts to affiliates) _____		
Promotion & Publicity _____		c Balance, end of Total Liabilities & Yearend Balance _____
Charitable Contributions* _____		
Fundraising* (Gross) - Fraternal _____		d Net Assets _____
Fundraising* (Gross) - Charitable _____		
Member's Relations _____		
Transfer to Temple _____		
Other Expenses* _____		
TOTAL EXPENSES _____ 0.00		

Information is provided as an overview for 2025.

ago you were induced to Mr. Craig McGhee as the new Hospital Administrator. I am the new West Regional administrator, which cover all of the Western United States as he departs Chicago and the Midwest Region.

For the previous year, Total surgeries were 1,345, averaging at 112 per month. (1,331 or 1,652 per month, budgeted for 1,350. Telehealth saw 417 patients. Net 228 per month. All thought these numbers are good, especially since the budget goals to be seen.

Amount of donations for 2025 was over 23 million dollars, with the majority coming from stocks, and vehicles. Monetary donations to the Chicago Hospital in 2025 were exceeding the goal for the year of 7 million dollars. If you wish to donate to the hospital, please make your wishes known before you depart this world. Even though they seem large, realize the operational expense for Chicago is over 65 million dollars. The hospital lost 3 employees during the month of November and December, 2024. For the entire year as was the same number for 2024. There is a reasonable loss at the hospital.

Lag times is a concern for any health care facility. Lag time is defined as the time from the date an appointment is requested until actual date of appointment. We, in Chicago, within 10 days or less, there are always some factors that one can not control. The last appointment day on short notice, weather or patient transportation issues.

Seeing videos on social media with new people and patients sharing the same sentiment. Hospitals provide "The Most Amazing Care Anywhere"!

We start receiving 100th Anniversary flags, posters and pins for use in ceremonies.

The facilities crew is busy getting ready for the MRI/CT machine. Its location has some lines that need to be moved before the MRI/CT can be installed, and is now in the frame. The elevators are out of date. There is a company that will update all elevators within the building. Work is expected to start soon.

Cameras around the building will soon be replaced with cameras that can zoom out.

Please help "liking" the Shriners Children's Chicago Facebook posts as well as all other posts with your friends.



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**s who are veterans that are looking for a unit to belong to where you
at you experienced while you were serving in the military. The Kaaba
u. Not all Shriners are eligible to be a member of the Legion of Honor
Legion of Honor, first you must be a Shriner and second be honored
service of your country or presently serving in the military.**

**re or were First Responders (Police Officers, Fire Fighters, or Emer
(EMTs)), you are eligible to become an Associate Member. Associa
ame rights and privileges as an Active member and may participat
as an Active member.**

**of Honor is responsible for presenting the colors during the Installa
Shrine, Kaaba's Stated Meetings, the Iowa Shrine Bowl Recognitio
, and at the Iowa Shrine Bowl in July. The last major event of the y
or will be participating in the Davenport's Veterans Day Parade in
Honor meets every third Saturday of the month except for the mon
be dark. See attached schedule for location. Social gathering is alwa
n, and a meeting following dinner.**

**erested joining the Kaaba Legion of Honor or obtain further inform
the Officers; Commander David Nunn (Nunns2nunns@gmail.com)
Commander Brian Huff (Bjhuff62@gmail.com),**

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