



# HIGHLANDS SHRINE CLUB NEWS



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**MONDAY, MAY 28 - MEMORIAL DAY**  
**“INDOOR” PICNIC AT CLUB AT NOON (eat at 1 p.m.) - & HONOR OUR MOTHERS** We will have a fun afternoon eating delicious food, socializing, playing games -- corn hole, BINGO, etc. to celebrate this special day’s event. The Club will provide hot dogs and hamburgers; \$3/each to cover cost of picnic items. All attendees are asked to bring a side dish or dessert. Members, Ladies and guests are invited to attend – “the more the merrier”! Come out for an enjoyable time. Please phone the Club at 382-2208, and leave your message on the Club’s answering machine with the number attending, and the item you would like to bring for the picnic. Let’s all wear our patriotic colors (red-white-blue) in honor of this special occasion. SEE YA THERE!

Let’s not forget to honor our Mother’s at this time, too. Since Sunday, May 13 is Mother’s Day, please bring a photo of your Mom. There will be a table to display their lovely photos. We’ve done this activity in the past, but it will be just another opportunity to honor our beloved Mothers.

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*Nobles, there will be NO Board of Director’s meeting this month.*  
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## WEDNESDAY MORNING COFFEE & DONUTS

This is a great way to socialize with our members and friends at 8:30 a.m. to 10 a.m. This gathering is designed for our members who do not drive at night, but still want to keep up with the happenings around the Club. Noble Mike Byers and Lady Mary Jean (and Noble Joe Mize) make our coffee, and attendees bring in the goodies each week; thanks to ALL! A volunteer donation to cover the cost of the a/c and coffee is appreciated. Some of our weekly attendees will be returning to their northern homes. So more of our year-round members need to turn out; please plan to attend as the attendance gets much smaller in the summer time. Thank you for supporting this endeavor.

**May 2018**  
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**DINNER AND BUSINESS MEETING FOR THE NOBLES AND LADIES** - canceled this month  
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## **FREEDOM ISN’T FREE - Kelly Strong**

I watched the flag pass by one day.  
 It fluttered in the breeze.  
 A young Marine saluted it,  
 and then he stood at ease.  
 I looked at him in uniform  
 So young, so tall, so proud,  
 He'd stand out in any crowd.  
 I thought how many men like him  
 Had fallen through the years.  
 How many died on foreign soil?  
 How many mothers' tears?  
 How many pilots' planes shot down?  
 How many died at sea?  
 How many foxholes were soldiers' graves?  
 No, freedom isn't free.

I heard the sound of TAPS one night,  
 When everything was still  
 I listened to the bugler play  
 And felt a sudden chill.  
 I wondered just how many times

2018 Officers President Howard Craddock, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President Noble Allen Carr, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President Noble Dennis Koranda, Secretary Noble Sam Wilkin PP, Treasurer Noble Jerry Higginbotham PP, Chaplain Noble Bob Love

That TAPS had meant "Amen,"  
When a flag had draped a coffin  
Of a brother or a friend.  
I thought of all the children,  
Of the mothers and the wives,  
Of fathers, sons and husbands  
With interrupted lives.  
I thought about a graveyard

At the bottom of the sea  
Of unmarked graves in Arlington.  
No, freedom isn't free.

The best thing you can do for a soldier and a veteran  
is to pray for them and our country.

**THE PREPRESIDENT'S MESSAGE** – Dear Ladies and Nobles, Our Saturday morning breakfasts ended the last week of April; we've completed another seven successful months of fund raising! This could not have been accomplished without the hard work of Nobles Ron Hall and Bob Lockwood cooking the breakfasts with me each week. THANKS, NOBLES! Nancy Keaveny is a real God-send around the Club, she helps with all the cooking for the Socials, Business Meetings, breakfasts, and helps at the spaghetti dinners and summer picnics. Mike Keaveny helps with the cooking of the hamburgers and hot dogs at the picnics with me, too. THANK YOU! Ladies Audrey Young, Sallie Lesesne, and Connie Callihan faithfully help by setting up the dining room ready for breakfast customers. Ladies Jeannette Craddock and Sally Padron create lively entertainment at our socials. Noble Sam Wilkin does all the ordering and purchasing of breakfast foods, keeps the paper goods available for events. Noble Allen Carr empties our garbage cans, too. ANOTHER BIG THANK YOU! Lastly, I want to thank everyone of our members and their family and friends who supported the weekly breakfasts.

The summer months are almost upon us, and our events at the Club will be slowing down, and limited to picnics, dinner/lunch at local restaurants. We still want to keep up our friendships and close companionship that we are blessed with at the Club. Please keep us informed as to the good things going on with your lives (maybe the ones that are not especially good), too. My phone number is: (954) 304-4487, please feel free to phone me.

As mentioned in the past, our next project around the Club will be to renovate the Log Cabin. This will be a huge endeavor which hopefully many of our Nobles will help with. We will be meeting on Saturday mornings beginning at 9 a.m. Please let me know if you are available to help with this undertaking. WE NEED YOU! See you at the summer picnics, along with your family and friends. *Yours in Faith, Noble Howard Craddock*

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**CHAPLAIN'S REPORT - Noble Bob Love**

It is with sadness to let you know that Ill. Sir Charles (Chuck) Oakes passed away on April 12. Chuck was President of the Shrine Club in 2001 and 2002. He made it a point for the Shrine Club members to have "fun" during his term. Among his many activities: Club members took a "field trip" to Immokalee for casino night, traveling there in Chuck's motorhome. He also held a big auction, and country music nights were held as the Club's fund raisers. He was very well liked, and badly missed when he moved away.

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**SHRINE STORES** - Our Stores personnel in March have worked very hard to help build the Club's treasury. Noble Joe Mize PP, and Ladies Mary Jean Byers, and Jeannette Craddock are a real blessing to the Shrine Club! Pearl Williams was out having surgery; good news, she's feeling much better. Lady Phyllis is still in Hawaii with her family. We miss her.

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Our **Booster Club** was created to help defray expenses of our newsletter. Everyone (Ladies, too) is encouraged to participate in this endeavor. The cost is only \$10 each/year. The following names listed have contributed to the fund: John Alliston, Gloria Andrick, Pat Bartlett, Mike & Mary Jean Byers, Don Cains, Connie Callihan, Bob Coy, Allen & Sissel Carr, Miriam & Tom Chaffee, Howard & Jeannette Craddock, Angie Green, Wayne Hammond, John & Janet Harbaugh, Mary Hazen, Allen & Nancy Holmes, Jim & Theresa Keaveny, Bob & Sue Keller, Dick Kettering, Paula Kresge, Bob & Carolyn Love, E. Claire Pheasant, Harry Pierce, Ill. Sir Allen & Nancy Ratzlaff, Fran Ruffner, Lloyd Scherich, Verlin & Sylvia Shaffer, Shirley Shields, Russell Simmons, Joe & Bernice Snoll, Bonnie Thompson, Stormy Thompson, Eileen Whitten, Sam & Marilyn Wilkin, Pearl Williams, Audrey Young. In loving memory of: Gilbert Andrick, Hollis Bartlett, Rex Bond, Jim Callihan, John Hazen, Bob Hopper, Bobby Lesesne, Mo Murray, Bob Ruffner, and Marty Young. *Thank you to all who continue to support the Booster Club. Your donation helps defray the cost of the newsletter; and your name is mentioned as someone who cares about your Club. It's only \$10 a year for each participant. New members are always welcome!*

FYI: Shriner's Hospital Contacts: Noble Mike Byers PP (863) 453-0594 / Mobile (863) 368-1222,  
and Noble Jerry Higginbotham (863) 633-9023

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**A MOTHER'S DAY PRAYER** - Our Father in Heaven whose love is divine, Thanks for the love of a Mother like mine – And in Thy great mercy look down from above and grant this dear Mother the Gift of your Love. And all through the year, whatever betides her, assure her each day that You are beside her. *Helen Steiner Rice*

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**DART GROUP HAS GROWN, AND THEY ARE HAVING A LOT OF FUN!** If you are looking for a good way to exercise and hone in on your dart skills, there is a place just for you on Friday night at 7 p.m. at the Club. No experience is needed, it's on the job training! There's a large group of cheerleaders on the sideline; they are always looking for recruits.

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**STIX LADIES' CARD GAME** Takes place on Tuesday nights at 6 P.M. The group sends out an invitation for you to join them. They have a lot of fun.