



# Alzafar Shriners



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## Shriners International Feztivities

### News about Shriners



#### Greetings Noble!

*A message from Chairman of the Imperial Membership Committee, Imperial Sir George Mitchell, Rameses Shriners*

#### ISN'T IT GREAT TO BE A SHRINER???

#### It's FEZtastic!

We are the greatest fraternal organization in the world and as we continue to support The World's Greatest Philanthropy - Shriners Hospitals for Children - it is essential that we increase membership. We ask for your help by bringing in **JUST ONE** new member or restoring a former member. To do that, you have to **ASK!** **ASK** your sons, **ASK** your grandsons, **ASK** your co-workers, **ASK** you neighbors, **ASK** your friends to be a part of our great fraternity. You can download a petition under the Membership Links section in the right column of this newsletter or contact your Temple Recorder.



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#### Let Us Hear From You!

If you have any suggestions on what you would like to see in future "Feztivities", or if you know a Noble who would like to receive this

#### ShrineSaver Feature Benefit of the Month

[ShrineSavers](#) is our exclusive, members only benefits program. Each month, we will feature a different benefit or service available through our [ShrineSavers](#).



Do you need help hearing, but you've been putting it off because it was just too expensive? For years, hearing loss was considered only a disease of the aging population. Research has proven that hearing loss can strike anyone at any age regardless of background or occupation. Find out more about this and other services and benefits by clicking this link <http://shrinesavers.com/> and then enter your membership number and choose your Shrine temple from the drop down menu.

## International Shrine Awareness Day

Mark your calendar! JUNE 6TH each year has been designated INTERNATIONAL SHRINE AWARENESS DAY. This year will mark the inaugural event. On this day, each year, Shriners are asked to wear their fez, if appropriate, or a hat, shirt, pin or other item with the fraternal logo to help recognize fellow Shriners and increase awareness about our fraternity. Check with your temple to see if they might also be planning a special event to commemorate this occasion.



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## Our Kids



### Patient Ambassador a Shining Example

"It is my belief that the major problem in the world is the lowering of expectations," says 12-year-old Tampa Shriners patient Benjamin Carpenter. "Today, we reward people for 'trying' instead of 'doing'. The most obvious example of this is with education. If a student tries and fails, the student is still rewarded for the effort. Short term, this seems like a good idea, but does it really help the student? My answer is no, because once the student

becomes an adult and enters the real world, results are what matters."

This drive for results has paid big dividends for Benjamin. He has gotten straight A's on all report cards since he's been in school. Twice he finished in first place in his school's Accelerated Reader program. He was selected "AAA School Safety Patrolman of the Year" for the Southeast Region, and finished second in the Hillsborough County Science Fair. Benjamin has never missed a day of school and received a Chair Scholars Scholarship, which will pay for tuition and books for any 4-year college or university in the state of Florida.

What makes Benjamin's accomplishments all the more remarkable is that he uses a wheelchair for mobility. Diagnosed with Spinal Muscular Atrophy, a degenerative genetic nerve disease that does not allow his muscles to receive all the messages that the brain sends to them. "Many people have the misconception that people in wheelchairs are automatically not only physically handicapped, but also mentally challenged. Sometimes I think I do so well in school because I have to show that my wheelchair is not attached to my brain. My advice to people with disabilities is to not let what people say or think get you down. What matters is what is in your mind and heart."

Benjamin's tremendous heart is displayed in all that he does. He is already making life better for other people. As a Tampa Shriners Hospital patient ambassador, Benjamin recently presented the

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hospital with a \$1,000 check, a grant that he won through Nestle. Benjamin beamed as he handed over the check to Assistant Chief of Staff, Dr. Harry Kim and Egypt Shriner Frank Goldston. "One of the things I am most proud of is getting to help other Shriners patients. It is my way of saying thank you for all that Shriners do."

[If you know a Noble who would like to receive this newsletter, please forward it to him by clicking here.](#) Thanks for being a valuable member of the Shrine fraternity and for supporting the World's Greatest Philanthropy, Shriners Hospitals for Children.

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