

**AL CHYMIA CENTER**

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# ALCHEMIST

February 2004

## ★ CALENDAR of EVENTS ★

### F E B R U A R Y

<b>1 SUNDAY</b> Super Bowl Party 4 pm - till	<b>3 TUESDAY</b> Scottish Rite	<b>4 WEDNESDAY</b> Unit Head Meeting 6 pm RSVP
<b>5 THURSDAY</b> Musketeers	<b>8 SUNDAY</b> Tea Dance	<b>10 TUESDAY</b> Circus Workers Kick Off Party 6:30 pm RSVP
<b>11 WEDNESDAY</b> Stated Meeting Dinner 6 pm RSVP "Must" Meeting 7 pm	<b>12 THURSDAY</b> Pot Luck Clowns Host	

### M A R C H

<b>2 TUESDAY</b> Scottish Rite	<b>3 WEDNESDAY</b> Unit Head 6 pm RSVP	<b>4 THURSDAY</b> Musketeers
<b>4-7 THUR-SUN</b> 62nd Annual Shrine Circus	<b>7 SUNDAY</b> Tea Dance	<b>10 WEDNESDAY</b> Stated Meeting Dinner 6 pm RSVP "Must" Meeting 7 pm
<b>11 THURSDAY</b> Pot Luck Brass Band Host	<b>12-13 FRI-SAT</b> Scottish Rite Reunion	<b>24-25 WED-THURS</b> Grand Lodge

**SUSPENSIONS CONT**

Douglas A. Hunter  
David A. Jackson  
Aaron R.C. Jacocks  
Joe D. Jennings  
James A. Johnson  
Woodrow W. Kinchen, Jr.  
Junior O. King  
William E. Lucas  
Phillip D. Martin  
Farris Massengill  
Angelo Mattei, Jr.  
Joseph G. McCoy  
Richard L. Metts  
Henry Milton  
Brockton S. Owens  
Reynaldo U. Paguio  
Denny Parrott  
John T. Pearson  
Donald E. Pearson  
Thomas E. Perry  
Walter T. Person  
Theodore R. Pierce  
Edward L. Plunk  
William R. Redditt Jr.  
Danny L. Reece  
David M. Reeves  
Delmar O. Renolds

**HOSPITAL STAFF**

Romain R. Reynolds, Jr.  
William E. Ricketts  
Terry A. Rickman  
Dennis W. Russell  
Joseph F. Russell, Jr.  
Oscar D. Ryan, IV  
James E. Sharp  
Sammons Short, Jr.  
Albert A. Smith  
William P. Smith  
Daniel Spiva, Jr.  
James H. Stanford  
Jeffrey G. Stover  
John J. Sullivan, Jr.  
Ralph L. Thompson  
Michail S. True  
Charles J. Vergos  
Harvey L. Walden  
James W. Walker  
Rabon L. Weatherly  
Windel C. Whittle  
David P. Wiggins, Sr.  
Gerald M. Wilkinson  
Denzil W. Williams, Jr.  
John M. Williams  
Mark Wilson  
Ronald E. Wolf  
Joe David Wright, Jr.

**HOSPITAL STAFF**

The Hospital Staff would like to Thank all the Nobles and their wives who participated in the Paper Crusade. Your hard work has paid off and we will have funds to operate one more year. Please remember us for contributions or memorials. Every dollar goes to the transportation of patients with no administrative costs. Our drivers covered some 118,323 accident free miles in 159 trips. In addition we transported 487 patients, plus their parent or guardian, with 8 Air Ambulance trips. The 8 air trips cost us \$27,057. Total cost for all the above was \$66,965.92 for 2003. You can see how important your donations are.

**CABIRI**

Congratulations to Don Lefkowitz upon being elected Illustrious Potentate for the year 2004. As President of the Cabiri (Past Potentates) we would like to offer our support to you in all your endeavors. Most of our members understand the financial status of the temple, therefore, I have encouraged all of the Cabiri members to pay the full amount of dues, not just life member dues. I would also encourage all life members to do the same or make a donation of whatever they can afford.

Lets all pull together and make Al Chymia Shrine prosper this year.

Yours in the Faith:

Gene L. McDaniel, P.P.

**ELECTIVE DIVAN**

Illustrious Potentate...Donald N. Lefkowitz  
Chief Rabban .....Max E. Pass  
Assistant Rabban .....Billy Hicks  
High Priest & Prophet...Shelby G. Berryhill  
Oriental Guide .....Jimmy D. Norman  
Treasurer .....Jerry L. Archer  
Recorder.....Ralph F. Muench

**LIVING PAST POTENTATES**

George R. Holley .....1965  
Rufus E. Craven .....1970  
Raymond H. Sayle .....1972  
Roy C. Nixon .....1977  
Howard R. Winn .....1978  
Joseph W. Evans .....1979  
Robert I. Stacey .....1981  
Billy W. Miller .....1982  
Raymond E. Harvell .....1983  
William J. Jason .....1985  
Edward D. Morrison .....1986  
A.B. Williams .....1987  
Ernest E. Sutherland .....1988  
Thomas N. Dickey .....1989  
E.C. Jones .....1990  
Kermit C. May .....1991  
Thomas L. Brimhall .....1992  
B.W. Thornburg .....1993  
Gene L. McDaniel .....1994  
Oscar L. Gilchrist .....1995  
Albert H. Owings .....1996  
John B. "Jack" Rendall .....1997  
Charles M. Grisham .....1998  
Robert E. "Billy" Conn .....1999  
R. Roy Good .....2000  
Ernest E. Sutherland .....2001  
D. Randy Waddell .....2002  
Charles E. Moore .....2003

**IMPERIAL COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES**

Dr. Rufus Craven, P.P., Emeritus  
Robert F. Henderson, PGM, Emeritus  
A.B. Williams, P.P., Emeritus  
Donald N. Lefkowitz, Potentate  
Max E. Pass, Chief Rabban  
K.C. May, P.P.  
John B. "Jack" Rendall, P.P.

**S.E.S.A. REPRESENTATIVES**

Donald N. Lefkowitz, Potentate  
Ralph F. Muench, Recorder  
Charlie Grisham, P.P.  
J. D. Parks

**AL CHYMIA TRUSTEES**

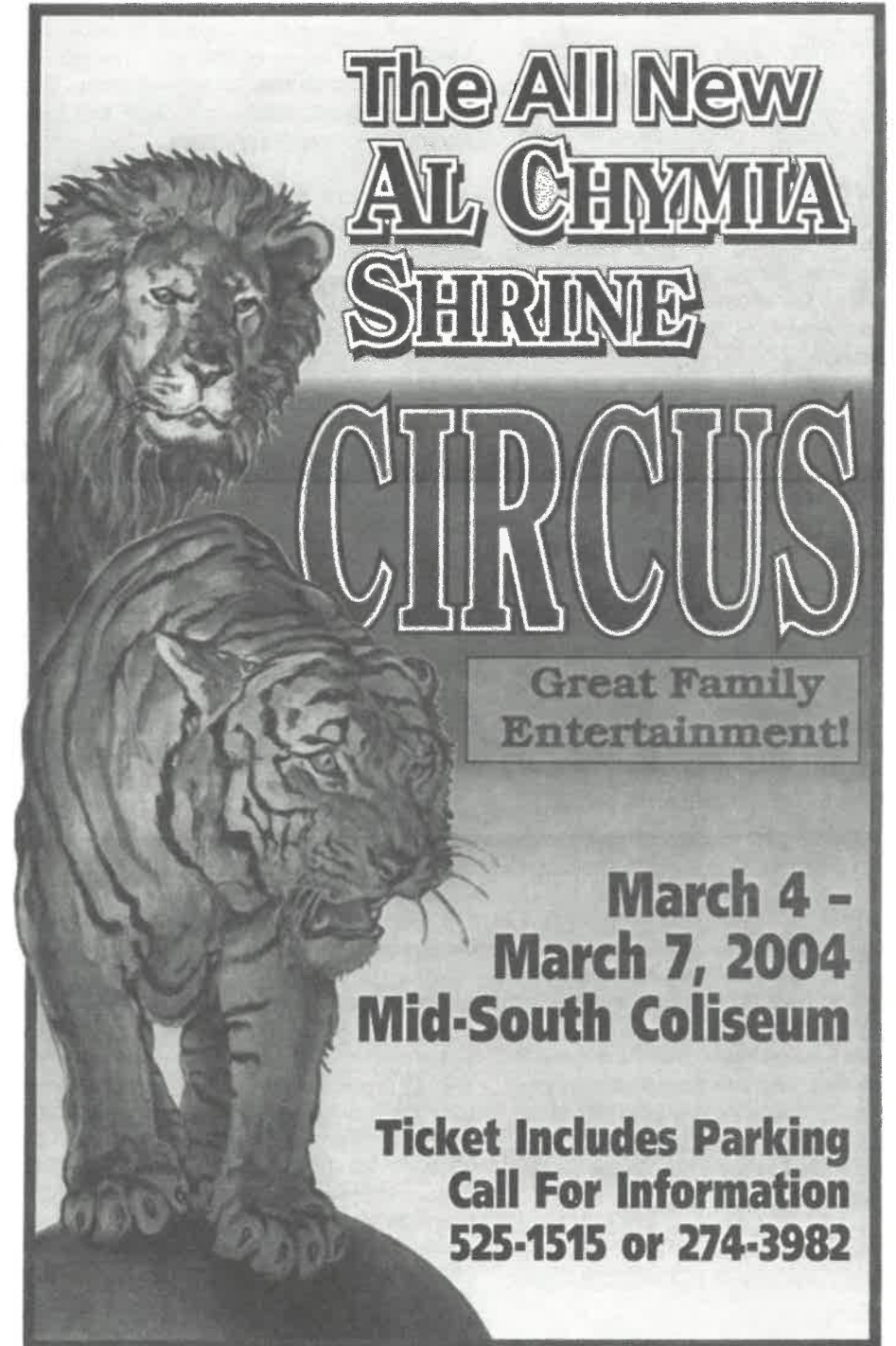
Bill Goss  
Ron Anglin  
Mickey Jones  
Randy Waddell, P.P.  
Charlie Grisham, P.P.

**BOARD OF GOVERNORS**

ST. LOUIS UNIT  
Robert F. Henderson, PGM, Emeritus  
John B. "Jack" Rendall, P.P.

**S.E.S.A. VICE PRESIDENT**

Robert E. "Billy" Conn, P.P.



**The All New  
AL CHYMIA  
SHRINE  
CIRCUS**

Great Family Entertainment!

**March 4 -  
March 7, 2004  
Mid-South Coliseum**

**Ticket Includes Parking  
Call For Information  
525-1515 or 274-3982**



In last months issue I advised you of this year's theme, "Lets Do and Be More in 2004." As your Potentate, this will be more then a temple them, it will be an actuality for all. Hopefully, soon you will see new social events, mini trips, units, numerous club visitations and a renewed Al Chymia spirit and enthusiasm.

Our social director is busy working on trips to Branson and a weekend to St. Louis with great food, a Cardinals game and a tour of our hospital. Our Yoshi group has now been reactivated. This will give our younger members and their families their own social membership, within this age group. Our Ambassador is working on his Shrine Club visitation calendar for our temple trips. Clubs be prepared to be entertained during future visits by your Potentate, divan members and special guests.

Plans are now being worked on to add a separate Ladies Night the same evening as our stated meeting. Offering dinner along with a program for "Ladies Only." Let us not forget our upcoming **all new Shrine Circus Production**, 3-4-04 thru 3-7-04. Nobles and Ladies this is your Shrine Center.....Enjoy!

Yours in the Faith:

Donald N. Lefkowitz



**BRASS BAND**

Some of us are glad the Holidays are over so that we can get back to "Normal." I may be an optimist, but I believe 2004 will be a good year for the Brass Band. All band members need to attend all rehearsals and business meetings of the band. I challenge every member of the band to get one new member this year. We, as a unit, ought to support our Shrine Center in every way we can.

Those of us who attended the installation dance had a great time. It was one of the best in recent times.

I address the following to the band: There's an old cliché, "When the going gets tough, the tough get going." If we are going "to do and

be more in 2004," that's what we need to do.

I close with a prayer for those sick, shut-in's or hospitalized

Charlie Freeman

*Recorder's Message*

By now I imagine the shock has worn off regarding the new Alchemist. Since I have been the Recorder, this is the third time the Alchemist has changed. This may be the smallest, however, it should contain more information. We will miss our advertisers and the small income it generated towards the overall cost. Those of you who missed the Installation Dance missed a great time. The music was great thanks to Moriah and they play music for everyone's taste.

I urge everyone to buckle down and support our annual Circus. Ad's, Candy and Banner Sales are very important. It doesn't take much energy to do any of the above. If everyone will forget the word "I" and work for the benefit of our beloved temple we will have an absolutely wonderful year.

As you can see, our membership has taken a drop because of demits. A lot of bad information has been put out especially to the clubs. This bad information in essence is that you can join any temple that you desire if you live in the western section of Tenn. THIS IS FALSE INFORMATION! If you reside within the boundaries of Al Chymia you must remain a member of Al Chymia. The only way you can join another temple and live in our jurisdiction is if you have never been a Shriner. Those members who have taken a demit and wish to return the total fee will be \$126. For each Affiliation the Imperial charges the temple \$6. which will be passed on. I hope this clears up the false information being put out.

Yours in the Faith:

Ralph F. Muench

**CIRCUS**

Nobles, The circus is coming March 4th thru March 8th. We need your help working, selling ads, banners and candy. The Circus Workers Kick-off party will be February 10, 2004 at 6:30 p.m., in the Dining Room. Please make reservations by the 5th of February so we will know how much food to prepare. Call the office at 377-7337. Your lady is invited if she is going to work at the circus. Let's all unite and work together in 2004.

Fred Sexton

Circus Director

**\$100 MILLION DOLLAR CLUB**

In Memory of J. Don Smith, Jr., by his son Don Smith.

In Memory of Ernest E. Crook, by Don Smith.

William F. Embrey

**Total Members 1084**

**NEW \$500 CLUB MEMBERS**

Jimmy D. Norman

Jimmy D. Norman

**Total Members 30**

**MEMBERSHIP REPORT**

Membership as of Nov. 30, 2003

**2538**

**GAINS**

Created 5  
Affiliated 1  
Total 6

**LOSSES**

Demits 151  
Suspended 98  
Deceased 15  
Associates Dropped 1  
Total 265

**Membership as of Dec. 31, 2003**

**2279**

**CREATIONS**

Brandon Arwood  
Alex S. Beloff, III  
George A. Gicale  
Roy C. Painter  
James L. Stiles



**THINK CIRCUS!**

*Thanks for Your Donation:*

**GALVESTON BURN HOSPITALS UNIT**

Larry & Bernie Arnett  
Lorene Ballome  
Joyce Binder  
Nancy Bright  
Robert & Ouida Brown  
Fran & Joe Costa  
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Mary E. Horne (3 donations)  
Bob & Betty Parrish (3 donations)  
Tech '52 Reunion  
Reginald Wurzburg Foundation

**ST. LOUIS ORTHOPEDIC HOSPITAL**

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Fullen Dock & Warehouse  
Laurie S. Holland  
W. S. Babe Howard, Sr.  
Kathryn McNeer & Family  
Ida L. Scott (2 donations)  
Evelyn & Tom Sharp  
Sara & Todd Strickland  
O. B. Williamson

**TRANSPORTATION FUND**

Jack Artman  
Asbury Methodist Church (2 donations)  
Mr. & Mrs. James W. Dickey, Jr.  
Marjorie Ezell  
Charlie & Jackie Grisham, P.P. (2 donations)  
Memphis, Inc.  
Sigmund Hiller  
Gladys Holcomb  
Don & Rochelle Lefkowitz, Potentate (3 donations)  
Albert E. McBee  
Jane & Toy McCrary  
Ralph & Sandra Muench, Recorder (4 donations)  
Jim & Sue Norman, Oriental Guide (3 donations)  
Joe & Shirley Nowag  
Perk Klub of Plough (3 donations)  
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Georgie Weyerbacher (3 donations)  
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Jimmy T. Wood, Inc.  
Rusty & Neal Yetter (3 donations)

**\*\*\*\*\*NOTICE\*\*\*\*\***

The Potentate's Ball will be held on Saturday, April 17th. No Invitations will be mailed. Order form will appear in the next issue.

**\*\*\* NOTICE \*\*\***

The annual Ladies Luncheon will be held on Saturday, April 24, 2004. Invitations will not be mailed out. A form will appear in the March Issue for reservations.

**2004 Al Chymia Aide's**

**Chief Aide**  
M. .S. "Mickey" Jones

**Ass't Chief Aide's** J. D. Parks  
Jerry Haynes

**Executive Aide's**  
Allen Smith Billy Dalton  
Frank James Buddy Bowles

**Potentate's Aides**  
Leonard Carroll John Schmidt  
Hunter Holley Bob Parrish  
Johnny Sanders Horace Davis  
Bill Lunamand Jimmy Walls  
M. H. Walls Steve Treat  
George Powel Sandy Sanders  
Harold Stephens Jim Connors  
Robert Embrey Al Ferguson  
Neil Krapels Wally Blocker  
Wayne Bonner Chip Callicutt  
Joey Williams Prentiss McPhail  
Randall Crews



*Passed thru the Unseen Portals*

**DEATHS**

Sherwin O. Blackburn  
Raymond A. Bratcher  
Roy Clark "Speck" Cooper  
Morton I. Epstein  
C. A. Evans  
Claude R. Fielding  
John Stephen Ford  
Joe William Hammers  
Talmie Harbour  
Lowell J. Meyers  
S. C. Pearl  
Earl L. Schackai  
Alton J. Shugart  
E. F. Spencer  
William C. Wilson

**DEMITs**

Dillard Franklin Adams  
T. J. Alexander  
Jackie N. Allen  
James K. Atkins  
Arnold Lee Austin  
Jeffrey A. Axley  
Richard Keith Belote  
Dale W. Blackwelder  
Robert N. Blurton, Jr.  
Robert N. Blurton, Sr.  
Richard L. Boehm  
Gary Ray Boehms  
Raymond S. Boudier  
James R. Boyd  
John N. Brasfield  
Elvin Lladell Breland  
Freddie R. Brock  
Nicholas H. Brock  
Ernest E. Brooks, Sr.  
Robert M. Brown  
William H. Buchanan  
Ted Waylon Buck  
Michael J. Burns, Jr.  
Morris D. Casey

Edgar E. Clayton, Jr.  
Billy Ralph Coleman  
Bayward G. Coleman  
Jackie C. Coleman  
Jimmy D. Conrad  
Marvin G. Cooper  
Salvatore Cottone  
Billy Joe Counsell  
Byron Francis Cox, Jr.  
Byron F. Cox III  
James W. Cox  
Gerald E. Cox  
Charles T. Cozart  
Norris L. Cranford  
William C. Cromwell  
Bobby Allen Crotts  
J. P. Crotts  
Jimmy L. Crotts  
Albert Lee Culbreath  
Bobby R. Davis  
Jack Ray Davis  
John Earl Davis  
Muriel D. Deatherage  
James L. Decker  
Sol DePriest, Jr.  
Robert S. Dunseath  
Richard H. Fink  
Ironn G. Franks  
William M. Frazee  
Andrew T. Garrett  
Gerry Gilliland  
Harvey L. Gipson  
David Brian Goforth  
Robert L. Goodall  
Bill W. Goodman  
Phillip O'Neal Gullledge  
Oscar E. Harrison  
Mark A. Holmes  
Donny R. Howard  
John Ed Howell  
L. C. Hudgins  
Luther A. Hudson  
Benjamin A. Hudson  
Bobby Lee Hughey  
Roy W. Hunt  
Robert M. Jelks  
Mack E. Johnson  
Rubin Johnson  
Charles R. Johnson  
Joe L. Johnson  
Ronnie D. Johnson  
Thomas M. Key  
John E. Leflar  
James B. Long  
Bradley K. Long  
Windell T. Love, Jr.  
Clarence R. Matheson  
Marion H. Maxwell  
Fred G. McCaw, Jr.  
Harold L. McCluey  
Cornelius S. McDonald  
Richard A. McIntyre  
Samuel McKee, Jr.  
Scott E. McKinney  
Joe D. McKnight  
Doyle B. McTurner  
Johnny L. McTurner  
Orlanda C. Milford  
Tarlton N. Montgomery  
James H. Moore  
Kenneth W. Moore  
U. A. Moore  
Marvin E. Myers  
James R. Neill, Jr.  
James R. Neill, Sr.  
Paul N. Neill  
William H. Odle, Jr.  
Charles E. Ogg  
Walter G. Owen, Sr.  
Larry W. Paulk  
Jimmy C. Peacock  
Wendell F. Pharris  
Raymond N. Phillips  
Melvin Pipes, Jr.  
Charles R. Poole

John B.illy Porter  
Charles E. Prince  
Joe L. Prince  
Marvin O. Rice  
Kenneth L. Roberts  
Terry E. Roberts  
James P. Robertson  
Jerry R. Robinson  
James A. Rose, Jr.  
Charles R. Rushing  
Oscar D. Ryan, III  
William Mayo Sain  
Kenneth L. Sanders  
Ralph E. Schaffner  
Robert E. Seay  
Ralph E. Shankle  
Robert A. Sircy, II  
Steven D. Sircy  
Billy Joe Smith  
Thurman J. Talley, Sr.  
Max Jerry Taylor  
Gregory Max Taylor  
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Randy K. Umphrey  
Jack R. Vinson  
John Ward Wade  
James Lindon Wall  
Robert W. Warmath  
Cloyas W. Webb  
Luther G. Webb, Jr.  
Scotty L. Webb  
Kirk D. Wenzler  
Jesse K. Whitesides  
Joe F. Whitesides  
Billy M. Williams  
Robert L. Winborn  
Terry H. Wiseman  
Johnny B. Young  
Jimmy Ray Nichols  
**SUSPENSIONS**  
James W. Arthur  
Robert S. Baker  
Charles H. Baker, Jr.  
William K. Barlow  
Arthur Lee Bartee  
John W. Bellis, Jr.  
David S. Bishop  
Pinkney R. Black, J  
James A. Boyd  
Richard H. Boyte  
Winfred O. Browder  
James D. Brown  
Webber L. Bryant  
Spurgeon Burroughs, Jr.  
Clark C. Butler  
George W. Byers  
Roger L. Cain  
James W. Campbell, Jr.  
Damon E. Campbell  
Amos H. Carmical  
Gary R. Cooper  
James L. Cooper  
Billy D. Cotten  
Larry W. Cotter  
Donnie W. Cox  
John W. Doles  
Michael A. Donnell  
Charles E. Durham  
Charles H. Estep  
Harold L. Fitts  
Jimmy E. Franks  
James E. French  
James L. Fulghum  
Gilbert L. Gardner  
Herbert S. Goldman  
Alex C. Graham  
James B. Grigsby  
Walter H. Hathcock  
William L. Hawkins  
Richard E. Henry  
Larry R. Hopper  
John A. Hostetler