



The Shriners' Legacy Program: Strengthening Our Fraternal Bonds

As Shriners, we are part of an international organization that strengthens us individually, enhances our families and makes us part of a history of brotherhood and camaraderie. And, as Shriners, we also have the opportunity to be legacies. The Legacy Program helps strengthen our fraternal bonds with those closest to us, and allows members to honor the many men before us who laid the foundation of our great fraternity.

Promoting both membership and the Legacy Program will help ensure the future strength of this great organization that has enriched our lives. Shriners International invites each of you to be part of the Legacy Program, and to encourage your family members to participate, as well.

Each February, which is now designated as Legacy Month, temples are encouraged to host Legacy Nights to promote membership and honor the members who have taken part in this program. Shriners International will also share stories of Legacy families in our various publications and on our websites in recognition of their dedication to the Shriners fraternity.

Start Your Family's Legacy Today: Register on Shriners Village

All family members, including: sons, sons-in-law, brothers, uncles, grandfathers, etc., are eligible to become part of the Legacy Program. To make the registration process easy, the membership development office only requires one member of the family's legacy to register on Shriners Village. When logging in to your account on Shriners Village (shrinersvillage.com), from the "Resources" menu at the top of the web page, select "Membership." From this page, select "Legacy Program" in the "Membership programs" section. If you have any questions about registration, please contact the membership development office at membership@shrinersnet.org or 813-281-0300.

To commemorate taking part in this exciting program, each Legacy can download a certificate signed by the Imperial Potentate and Imperial Recorder. Shriners and their registered relatives can also order online a special gold Legacy pin that represents the pride they have in their Shriner heritage.

For many men, being a Shriner is a family tradition that stretches across generations. The Legacy Program is a way to honor this special bond.



Russell Maxwell (center) surrounded by his five sons, Mark, John, Bob, Mike and Glenn (from left to right)

Families who are Leaving a Legacy: Meet the Maxwells

For the Maxwell family, being a Shriner is a way of life. Mark Maxwell is the administrator of Ainad Shriners in East St. Louis, Ill. He and his four brothers, John, Bob, Mike and Glenn, are also members of Ainad. Mark, his four brothers, his sister, and his son and daughter all worked at the temple as teenagers or young adults. Mark's father, Russell Maxwell, who started the family legacy, joined the fraternity after returning home from World War II.

Russell was the very first administrator of Ainad Shriners. He was an active member of many of Ainad's clubs and units, served as temple photographer and editor of the *Ainad Bulletin*, and played a major part in the temple's public relations efforts. He also spent several years serving on the Shriners Hospitals for Children — St. Louis® Board of Governors. With a reputation as a hardworking and dedicated Shriner, Russell was widely admired and respected throughout Illinois. According to Mark, Russell helped build the foundation for Ainad's position today as the seventh largest temple worldwide. Mark said, "My father was the greatest Shriner I've ever known."

Mark and his father have both been noted as being effective spokespersons for the fraternity. Of becoming administrator of Ainad Shriners, Mark said, "it was a natural progression." Mark has served his temple as administrator for 17 years now. "I truly enjoy being administrator of Ainad; I love every day of it."

The Maxwell brothers were among the first to formally join the Legacy Program. To them, the program honors the fraternal bond that is so tightly wound around them. "We are very proud to have a family with such a rich history in Shriners International and Ainad," said Mark.

We encourage all of our legacy families to join the



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