

# We Are Shriners International

*Who are the Shriners; What Does it Mean to be a Shriner?*

Shriners International has hundreds of thousands of members, hundreds of temples and thousands of clubs worldwide. Given that size and scope, sometimes it might be hard to really grasp "the bigger picture."

## **Every Shriner is part of Shriners International:**

Our fraternity is based on fun, fellowship and the Masonic principles of brotherly love, relief and truth, and has nearly 200 temples (chapters) in several countries and thousands of clubs around the world. Our fraternity is open to men of integrity from all walks of life.

## **Every Shriner Strives to Fulfill the Mission of Shriners International:**

- Be the premier fraternal organization for men of good character.
- Provide attractive, quality programs and services for its members, their families and their friends in a spirit of fun, fellowship and social camaraderie.
- Foster self-improvement through leadership, education, the perpetuation of moral values and community involvement.
- Serve mankind through the resources of its philanthropy, Shriners Hospitals for Children®.

## *Every Shriner Believes in:*

### **Brotherhood**

Shriners are a brotherhood of men committed to family, engaged in ongoing personal growth, and dedicated to providing care for children and families in need. Our backgrounds and interests are diverse, but we are bound together by our shared values and a desire to have fun, do good and build relationships that can last a lifetime.

### **Family**

Although Shriners International is a brotherhood, it is also an organization focused on bringing families together. Many of our fraternity's activities are designed to involve family members, promote our shared values and help develop the next generation of community and business leaders. A variety of affiliated groups for both women and children, emphasizing personal growth, fun and friendship, participate with Shriners.

### **Leadership**

Shriners count among our ranks presidents,



senators, local business leaders, professional golfers, country music stars, astronauts and racecar drivers. We believe it is also important to be a leader in your personal life. Our unique brotherhood helps good men become better – at home, at work and in business.

### **Giving Back**

Shriners Hospitals for Children were founded in 1922 with the goal of providing expert medical care for children with no financial burden to the patients or their families.

Today that philanthropic effort supports the health care system's 22 facilities across the U.S., Canada and Mexico, treating children up to 18 years of age who have orthopaedic conditions, burns, spinal cord injuries, and cleft lip and palate. Our advanced care is provided in a family-centered environment that is focused on maximizing a child's quality of life, regardless of the family's ability to pay.

*Be Proud to Be a Shriner!*



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