

Shriners

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took her to Shriners' Hospital. Her care there will continue until she is 21.

"It's hard to put into words what the Shriners have meant to us," she said reflectively. "They have been a Godsend."

Chris is forming a support group for parents of children with congenital amputation. She has found several around Scranton, where the family lives.

Wearing a prosthesis hasn't deterred Tina Pendergast from playing guard on her school basketball team, the Holy Spirit Flames of Holy Spirit Academy in Hazleton. She also swims, rides bikes and plays tennis.

"The prosthesis makes some things harder to do, but it's certainly a help," said her father, Tom. "With it, Tina can do things she otherwise would be unable to. Without the help of the Shriners, we couldn't afford Tina's prosthetics, therapy and training. The Shriners have been very friendly and extremely helpful."

Tina said she wants to found an NBA women's basketball league when she finishes school. Her favorite foods are pizza, fries and tacos.

She loves to tease older sister Tiffany, 14. "I hide her makeup," Tina said grinning.

Eric Jeffries, 5, was born with cerebral palsy and walked on his toes. His parents, Candy and Charlie Jeffries, took him to Shriners' Hospital when he was two. A back brace and surgery have helped him to walk.

Eric is a student at Helping Hands Preschool in Weatherly and loves to play garage in his backyard, where he also has a fort set up.



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Shrine Imperial Potentate Illustrious Sir Robert B. Bailey enjoyed a visit with Eric Jeffries, Tina Pendergast and little Kaitlyn Sledzinski September 2 at Irem Temple Country Club as part of Irem Temple's 100th anniversary celebration. The three children are patients at the Shriners' Orthopaedic Hospital in Philadelphia.

"I like to build stuff out of wood," he said.

He also likes to pick on older brother Kent, 13, who laughed and fired back, "I pick on him too."

"Without the Shriners, I would have to carry Eric around all the time," Candy Jeffries said. "He wouldn't be able to walk at all."

The Shrine is much more than a nice group of guys who wear maroon hats with tassels, march in parades, ride motorcycles or funny little cars and host circuses.

Members of the Shrine, formally known as the Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine of North America (A.A.O.N.M.S.) are part of the Masonic Order, which is dedicated to brotherly love, relief and truth.

Their philosophy of "Pleasure without intemperance, hospitality without rudeness and jollity without coarseness" illustrates their enjoyment of life while supporting the Shrine's hospitals for children.

"Our hospitals have helped nearly half a million children," Bailey said. "God has give us the opportunity to be of service to families of children with burns and orthopaedic problems, and we're grateful for that opportunity."

The Shrine operates 22 hospitals in the United States, Canada and Mexico, which provide quality orthopaedic care and burn treatment for children under age 18. Children need not be related to a Mason or Shriner to receive treatment, which they are never

charged for.

Shriners' Hospitals were among the first children's special orthopaedic hospitals in North America and have earned an international reputation for treating burns and bone, hand, back, limb and spinal cord problems.

"The Shrine couldn't exist without its hospitals, and the hospitals couldn't exist without the Shrine," Bailey said.

Often called the world's greatest philanthropy, the Shriners' Hospitals are supported wholly by Shriners, through fundraisers, parades, social events and the annual traveling Shrine Circus.

The Shrine has even had two pieces of music written about it - John Phillip Sousa's stirring "Nobles of the Mystic Shrine" march and country singer Ray Stevens' uproarious spoof, "Shriners' Convention," which Stevens has performed at the Grand Ole Opry in Nashville for - you guessed it - a Shriners' convention.

The Shrine is a Masonic organization. Originating during the Middle Ages, Freemasonry devel-

oped from the lodges (shelter houses) of the stonemasons who built the great cathedrals of Europe. These gatherings changed in many ways through the centuries, until formal Masonic lodges developed, with their members bound by their wishes to be fraternal brothers.

Master Masons, who have earned Freemasonry's third and highest degree, may receive additional instruction in Masonic teachings and symbolism through the Scottish or York Rites, then petition the Shrine for membership.

The first Shrine Temple was organized in New York City in 1872 by 13 Master Masons, who chose an Arabic theme as a backdrop for the rich pageantry illustrating their teachings. Today the Shrine of North America is 633,000 members strong.

Founded in Wilkes-Barre in 1895, Irem Temple has become the fraternal home of approximately 4,800 Shrine Masons from 17 Pennsylvania counties. Its landmark Mosque, with its distinctive domed roof and four minarets, was built on North

Franklin Street in 1908.

Irem Temple's founders were J. Ridgeway Wright, Edward F. Bogert, Benjamin F. Dilley, Alexander Dick, James H. Montayne, James N. Warner, P. Butler Reynolds, John W. Gilchrist, David O. McCollum, Charles A. Durant, James M. Wilcox and Walter S. Biddle. Irem was the 71st Shrine Temple chartered by the nation's Imperial Council.

While Bailey had lunch with the children, he shared a story he had heard.

"During a parade a little boy tugged on the jacket of a Shriner and said to him, 'Teach me to walk and I'll change the world,'" Bailey said. "We are changing the world - by helping kids to walk, run and do things they otherwise wouldn't be able to do."

Families with a child under age 18 who has either suffered burns or has an orthopaedic condition may obtain information about the Shriners' hospitals by calling Irem Temple at 825-3449. Shriners' hospitals never bill patients, their families or health insurance carriers for services.

Irem country club is one of a kind

By GRACE R. DOVE
Post Staff

DALLAS TOWNSHIP - Long a Back Mountain landmark, the burgundy fez known locally as "The Shriner's Hat" at the intersection of Route 309 and Irem Road points the way to the beautiful Irem Temple Country Club, located on 300 acres of the area's most scenic land.

The scene of many weddings, corporate breakfast or luncheon meetings and high school proms, Irem Temple Country Club is the only Shrine-owned country club in the northeastern United States.

"People in this area don't seem to know what they have here," said Mrs. Sarah Bailey, the First Lady of Shrinedom and wife of Imperial Potentate Illustrious Sir Robert B. Bailey. "This is a very lovely facility."

According to background material from the files of Dr. Max

Spelzman, a group of Irem nobles bought the Derr estate and adjoining Watkins farm in April, 1921, for \$53,500, to be used as a Shriners' summer home with swimming and sports. Irem Temple bought it from the nobles for \$200,000 in October, 1922.

The country club committee, appointed by Potentate E. Foster Heller, consisted of nobles Leo W. Long, Frederick J. Weckesser, Allen P. Kirby, Laning Harvey, William C. Keiber, George L. Low, Jerome W. Leverich, Fred J. Billings, Barton D. Freas and Cuthbert W. Smiles.

A PGA-rated 18-hole golf course, a portion of which was donated by Frederick J. Weckesser, was designed by Pilling-hast. Other facilities included a large swimming pool with a small adjoining wading pool, also donated by Weckesser, dining room, grille room, meeting rooms and guest rooms for members.

Behind the pavilion and its parking lots are a tennis court, gun club, shooting range and 13-space RV park - complete with a pavilion and hookups for water, electric and sewage - for visiting Shriners and their families.

Several area high school golf teams use the course for practice. The club's other facilities are also available to Masons and members of the Caldwell Consistory and the Eastern Star. The clubhouse and dining room are available to the public for weddings and corporate meetings.

Additional material for this article was obtained from Irem Temple's 1952 Yearbook, edited by Noble William Hughes, the Irem newsletter, edited by Nobles Fritz Chamberlain and Harold Snyder, and from the files of Noble Fritz Chamberlain, who handled public relations for the Temple's 100th Anniversary.

Weight Loss Surprises Researcher

WASHINGTON -- A nutritional researcher's plan to end world hunger became side tracked when people eating his "hi-tech" chewable food tablet lost weight. The reason for the weight loss is still somewhat of a mystery, but some results have been significant.

The original formula was developed by National Dietary Research and has now been improved with an appetite control ingredient along with a lipotropic (fat fighting) ingredient developed by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. The revolutionary new formula is called Food Source II and provides an effective way to lose weight fast.

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Dr. Morris says that he has received some incredible success stories from people who have lost 70 pounds or more with the Food Source Plan. One woman from Niagara Falls, New York lost over 70 pounds without giving up her favorite foods which included chocolate, pizza and chicken wings. Although her results may not be typical (individual weight loss varies), the FS Plan is an excellent way of confronting the problem of obesity. According to an article published in the *American Journal of Clinical Nutrition* you don't even have to reduce the amount of food you eat to lose weight, provided that you limit the fat.

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