

# WHO ARE WE?

The Ben Ali Shrine of Sacramento is one of 195 Shrine Centers throughout the United States, Mexico, Canada, Porto Rico, Phillipines and the Republic of Panama.

We are all 32 ° Masons, the oldest Fraternity in the World. The Nobles (as they are sometimes called) are men from all walks of life.....truck drivers, doctors, business owners and labors, movie stars, generals, clergymen, accountants, plumbers, etc.

We are the ones you see in those bright red funny hats, called a Fez maybe driving a go-cart, or a scooter or a Paddy Wagon or carrying the Flag of our country or just walking in a parade .

We have a membership of approximately 450,000 and serve our communities though our organization and/or it's affiliated bodies such as the Masonic Lodges, and the Scottish and York Rites. Our ladies and youth groups also have their organizations of such as the Ladies Shrine, the DeMolay, the Rainbow Girls and the Jobs Daughters.

In the 1870s, many Masons got together to form this new fraternity in which fun and fellowship would be stressed more than ritual work usually associated with Lodges. As a result of a party thrown by an Arabian Diplomat, which an elaborate play was performed. Shrinedom was born.

In the 1920, the idea was born for the membership to establish the "Shriners Hospital for Crippled Children" by a \$2.00 yearly assessment. This name was eventually changed to the Shriners Hospitals for Children. In 1922 we opened the first hospital. Over the years they have expanded but are still specializing in Burns, Orthopaedic , Spinal Cord problems. Here in Sacramento, we have a complete floor dedicated to Research.

The Ben Ali Shrine SUPPORTS AND PROMOTES the operations of this and the other 21 hospitals throughout the system.

BEN ALI SHRINE IS AN AMBASSADOR OF THE GREATEST PHILANTHROPY IN THE WORLD. Ben Ali is very fortunate to have within it jurisdiction the Flagship of all the 22 Shriners Hospitals for Children

The SHRINERS HOSPITALS FOR CHILDREN OF NORTHERN CALIFORNIA AT 2425 Stockton Blvd., Sacramento, CA 95817.

## HOW DOES THE BEN ALI SHRINE CENTER SUPPORT AND PROMOTE SHRINERS HOSPITALS?

Fund Raising is a big part of the operations of Ben Ali Shrine Center. Each year we hold a Shrine Circus, Golf Tournaments, a Run/Walk, Crab Feeds, Kid's Day Newspaper Sales and a variety of other events in which the PUBLIC and especially children can participate.

The Ben Ali Shrine Center of Sacramento is a big contributor to the Community and endeavors to reach out to all the children of the Sacramento Area by bringing the less privileged to the circuses, by promoting other events they can come and participate in.

Ben Ali Shrine has over 50 Units and Clubs, some of which many of you may have seen in the numerous parades we do each year. Through these parades we promote fun, good will and SHRINEDOM.

## HOW CAN YOU HELP?

First of all, get involved. You do not have to be a Mason or a Shriner to volunteer at the Hospital or participate in many of our fund raisers.

Ask a Shriner how you can become one? Be a Clown, or Keystone Cop, or drive a Go-Cart, or be in the Color Guard, or the Motorcycle Club or the Golf Club or the Sportsmen Club. You name it we've got it. Have fun and help kids , too!

Join us in our family oriented events, our fund raisers and enjoy the rewards of doing something great for a organization that believes in God, in helping children and in it's community.

Come visit, take a tour. Call us:

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