

Sudan Temple Plans Circus For November 11-14

RALEIGH—More than 40,000 circus tickets have been distributed to the nearly 10,000 Sudan Temple Shriners for next month's Pollock Brother Circuses and the sponsors are hoping for the most successful sale in history.

According to a local spokesman for the Sudan Temple, the annual circuses will be held in Raleigh's Dorton Arena on the State Fairgrounds, Nov. 11 and 12 and in Fayetteville's Cumberland County Memorial Auditorium, Nov. 13 and 14.

There will be matinee and evening performances each day.

"Making these shows available to deserving individuals is another activity that gives the Shriners a particular pleasure and a feeling that we are furthering our work for less fortunate and those worthy of our attention," offered Raleigh chairman Jack Howard. "We have made tickets available to every member of the Sudan Temple throughout Eastern North Carolina. We hope that those who can't attend the circus will tell a Shriner they would like to be a 'Circus Daddy' and buy tickets that will be given to a deserving child."

Last year, through the "Circus Daddy" system more than 5,000 underprivileged youngsters who might not have been able to see a circus otherwise, were extended free tickets. They included children from orphanages throughout the Eastern portion of North Carolina and from other institutions and clubs involving children's activities and also Golden Age groups.

Howard noted that the circus projects are utilized to underwrite the expenses of maintaining uniforms and equipment for 15 groups, including bands, clowns, and singers.

Other projects, the annual fish fries, football games and other activities, handled by the 35 local clubs within the Sudan Temple territory, have raised \$135,000 during the past 12 months for Shriner's Hospitals for crippled children and Burns Institutes.

Questions and Answers

The Constitution and Regulations of our Grand Lodge (THE CODE) spell out the Masonic law which governs Masons and lodges in North Carolina. Copies of THE CODE are furnished to each lodge; individual Masons may purchase copies from the Grand Secretary. Some readers may wish to score themselves on their knowledge of Masonic law with their answers to the following questions. The answers (references in parentheses) are at the end of the article—don't peek!

1. What Masonic authorities are recognized by our Grand Lodge as being superior to it?
2. Should aprons be worn beneath coats or outside them?
3. How many lodges must be represented at a communication of the Grand Lodge to constitute a quorum for the transaction of business?
4. If the Master and both Wardens are absent who can open the lodge?
5. If a Mason is acquitted of a charge in civil court is he still subject to Masonic trial on the same charge?
6. Under what circumstances does the Grand Lodge confer the three degrees?
7. Who determines whether or not a petitioner is in his dotage?



Thousands of tickets to Shrine circuses in Raleigh and Fayetteville next month were distributed this week throughout Eastern North Carolina, but the sale got underway before they cleared the local post office. Secretary of State Thad Eure (center) picked up Governor Bob Scott's tickets when the State's top official couldn't purchase his

own due to a touch of the flu. On hand to kick off what they hope will be the most successful sale in history are Shriners (from left) Jim Graham, Commissioner of Agriculture; Herbert Ruffin, Sudan Temple Past Potentate; Attorney General Bob Morgan and Raleigh Circus Committee Chairman Jack O. Howard.

8. Is an alien eligible for membership in a North Carolina lodge?
9. When is a member delinquent?
10. What percentage of a member's dues may the lodge automatically allocate to its building program?
11. If a deceased member is cremated does this rule out a Masonic burial?
12. Can a lodge operate a business in part of its building?
13. Is a lodge required to close by midnight?
14. What is the penalty for joking with candidates about degree work?
15. What happens if a check in payment of dues bounces?
16. Can a Mason's wife wear Masonic emblems?
17. Can a Mason or a lodge solicit other lodges for aid?
18. Is it permissible to tape record a lecture for practice purposes?
19. How many white balls and black cubes should be in the ballot box when preparing for a ballot?
20. Some lodges use robes and other regalia in conferring degrees. Is this legal?

The following answers to the foregoing questions are very brief they are subject to error, and they are intended only for general information. Members needing or desiring complete, lawful answers to these questions should consult THE CODE or other proper authority.

1. None. (Preamble to Constitution)
2. It's up to the Master. (REG. 95-05)
3. Ten or more. (REG. 21-04)
4. The junior Past Master in point of service who is present. (REG. 51-17)

5. Yes. (REG. 102-21)
6. None. (REG. 79-01)
7. The lodge. (REG. 94-03)
8. Yes. (REG. 47-19)
9. When he has not paid current year's dues on or before March first. (REG. 85-29)
10. None. (REG. 49-20)
11. No, not if the ashes are interred. (REG. 90-18)
12. No, but it can rent part of its building to a commercial enterprise. (REG. 49-04)
13. No. (REG. 51-28)
14. Reprimand for the first offense. If this does no good the offender may be expelled after due trial. (REG. 79-09)
15. The dues remain unpaid. (REG. 85-29)
16. Yes (REG. 82-12)
17. Not without proper approval. (REG. 95-09, 95-10)
18. No. (REG. 97-02)
19. As many of each as there are members present. (REG. 76-18)
20. Only if approved by the Board of Custodians. (REG. 79-32)

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