

CENTER RING AT MEDINAH

The GLSCUA Fall Convention, 2018



March 22-24, 2018 at Medinah Shrine Center
550 Shriners Drive, Addison, IL 60101

It is with great pleasure that we, the Medinah Shrine Clown Unit and Funny's Honeys cordially invite you to join us in Addison IL, for the 2018 GLSCUA Spring Convention. The theme of which is "Center Ring at Medinah". The convention will run from March 22-24, 2018 at Medinah Shrine Center, located at 550 Shriners Drive, Addison, IL, 60101. Hotel reservations can be made at Hilton Garden Inn, located at 551 N. Swift Rd. in Addison. For reservations, call (630) 691-0500 and tell them you're with the Great Lakes Shrine Clown Unit Association and receive the rate of \$95 per night.

Here are a few of the highlights of what we have planned.

Thursday at 12:30, we will be leaving Medinah by bus to take a tour of the Chicago Shriners Hospital for Children. If you've never been there, it's well worth the trip. If you have been there, then it's well worth a return visit, because they are always making it even better. The tour will be conducted by our Marshalls Unit. They have said that any clowns are welcome to come in makeup. Why not visit some patients and brighten their day while we are there?

Normally, I would not list a board meeting as one of the highlights of the convention, but; while the meeting is going on, the Funny's Honeys will be hosting a meet and greet in the hospitality room. It will be a great way to meet the Ladies of the other units and make new friends.

After the Board Meeting, our own Popcorn the Clown will be hosting a class entitled "The Secrets of Competing Revealed". Among his many awards, is a 2-time winner of the GLSCUA Clown of the Year Award, has taken second place in Skit and the Tramp category at World Clown and is a member of the Midwest Clown Association Hall of Fame. (He knows a thing or three about competing.) He'll be giving tips on how to compete and rack up the points. There's always a point or two that is useful for everyone, but; first timers especially are encouraged to attend.

Thursday night, we are packing up the buses again and heading to Medieval Times in Schaumburg for dinner. If you've never been there, check out their website at <http://www.medievaltimes.com>. It is a fun time.

Things will be off to an early start Friday morning with costume & makeup, face painting and balloon competition. Please note that if we complete costume & makeup early, we will go straight into the next competitions. In addition to the usual categories, we'll also have a Powder Puff category available to any of the clown's Ladies. All judging in this category will be handled the same as the First Timer's Category in the GLSCUA rules.

On a somber note; at noon, we will be holding the Black Camel Luncheon, where we remember and honor our fallen. We are requesting that the units contact us with the names of any passed brother clowns or their ladies from the past year. We also

request that you send a photo (preferably digital) as we wish to include their image in the memorial.

After the Black Camel Ceremony, the clowns will hold our general membership meeting while the ladies get to escape and do more fun things. The Funny's Honeys will be presenting, "Non Circum Me, Non Simias", better known as The Funny's Honeys Degree. It is a side degree specifically for the Ladies of clowns with its ceremony and symbolism derived from what it's like to be married to a Shrine Clown.

Afterwards they will have a painting and wine party hosted by If Walls Could Talk. The instructor will be starting with the assumption that nobody in the group has any experience with painting on canvas and will be starting from scratch. This type of event has been hosted several times at Medinah and everyone that has attended has had a fun time. At the end of the session, you will have a canvas painting suitable for framing, and along the way; there will be plenty of wine and laughs.

Friday night you are invited to join us for a Medinah fish fry, catered by Medinah Banquets. If you have never had the pleasure of experiencing a Medinah fish fry, I assure you that it is second to none. If fish really isn't your thing, the Oasis, which is also catered by Medinah Banquets, will also be available, or you can go out on your own experience the cuisine of Addison. (I'm not being sarcastic - we've got some good restaurants.) Mr. Ash, owner of Ash's Magic Shop and a Chicago legend in the field of magic will be providing entertainment at the fish fry. You will not want to miss this.

After dinner, we will be having a free-for-all. How is that different than the board meeting or general membership meeting you may be asking? A free-for-all is like a balloon jam, but not only will we be doing balloons - bring whatever you like. This is free time to get together with members with similar interests and share your knowledge, whether it is juggling, magic, scrap booking, face painting, or just conversing.

Saturday Morning at 9:30 is the main event. We are opening our doors to membership, their children and local youth groups for clown show that we (meaning all of us) will be putting on. Skit competition will be embedded into this in the following way; if you want your act to be part of the competition (i.e. judged), simply let us know beforehand. We will alternate competition and non-competition acts to keep the show moving while allowing the judges to do their work. The audience will have no idea who is competing or if anyone is competing. The goal is to entertain the children.

After the show, we'll be doing a walk-around to meet the kids. When the kids leave, they'll be cast a vote for "The Children's Choice Award". The criterion is simple; which clown did you like the most? Anything goes for the walk-around; parade gags, face painting, balloons, magic, or just a smile and a handshake.

Nothing works up an appetite like a performance. We are fortunate that the Funny's Honeys will be providing lunch for us that day in the hospitality room. They're awesome!

After lunch we'll be hosting a few more education sessions. Please refer to the schedule and watch for updates on the GLSCUA website (<http://www.glscua.net>) or the Medinah Shrine Clown website (<http://www.medinahshrineclowns.org>). We will be having sessions on face painting, magic, puppetry and parading. Ladies are absolutely invited to any sessions, however; if you prefer, we will have transportation available to Woodfield Mall in Schaumburg. It is the largest shopping center in the Chicago area with nearly 300 stores and over 2.2 million square feet of glorious shopping.

That evening we will be having our end of convention GLSCUA banquet hosted by Medinah Banquets and I can assure you that we are pulling out all the stops. Afterwards, the hospitality room will be open.

Sunday morning we'll have some donuts and coffee in the hospitality room and hope that you'll stop by before you hit the road.

We look forward to seeing you there!

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Cost

Hilton Garden Inn	\$95.00 per night
Convention - Clowns	\$85.00
Convention - Ladies	\$50.00
Painting and Wine (Ladies only)	\$35.00
Fish Fry (per person)	\$25.00
Medieval Times (per person)	\$60.00

Schedule

Thursday, March 22

7:00	
7:30	Volunteer's Breakfast / Setup
8:00	
8:30	
9:00	
9:30	
10:00	
10:30	
11:00	Registration Open / Hospitality Room Opens
11:30	
12:00	
12:30	Leave for Hospital Tour
1:00	
1:30	
2:00	
2:30	
3:00	Return from Hospital Tour
3:30	Board Meeting
4:00	
4:30	
5:00	Education / "The Secrets of Competing Revealed" - Craig "Popcorn" Short
5:30	
6:00	Leave for Medieval Times / Hospitality Room Closes
6:30	
7:00	
7:30	
8:00	
8:30	
9:00	
9:30	
10:00	Return from Medieval Times / Hospitality Room Opens
10:30	
11:00	
11:30	
12:00	Hospitality Room Closes

Friday, March 23

7:00	Judges Breakfast / Hospitality Room Opens
7:30	
8:00	Costume / Makeup Competition
8:30	
9:00	
9:30	
10:00	Face Painting Competition (5-10)
10:30	Balloon Competition (10-15-30)
11:00	
11:30	
12:00	Black Camel Luncheon / Hospitality Room Closes
12:30	
1:00	
1:30	Ladies Day Out (Non Circum Me, Non Simias (Degree) & "If Walls Could Talk" (Painting & Wine) / General Membership Meeting / Competition/Performance Meeting
2:00	
2:30	
3:00	Education Session – Magic Vendor / Hospitality Room Opens
3:30	
4:00	Education Session – Puppetry
4:30	
5:00	
5:30	Ladies Return
6:00	Fish Fry at Medinah / Hospitality Room Closes
6:30	
7:00	
7:30	
8:00	Free-For-All / Hospitality Room Opens
8:30	
9:00	
9:30	
10:00	
10:30	
11:00	
11:30	
12:00	Hospitality Room Closes

Saturday, March 24

7:00	Judges Breakfast / Hospitality Room Opens
7:30	
8:00	
8:30	
9:00	Center Ring at Medinah Begins!
9:30	Single & Group Skits Competition / Performance
10:00	
10:30	
11:00	Walk-Around and Children's Choice Competition
11:30	
12:00	Funny's Honeys Provide Lunch
12:30	
1:00	
1:30	Trip to Woodfield Mall
2:00	Education Session – Face Painting (Paula)
2:30	
3:00	Education Session – Parading (Jay Jay)
3:30	
4:00	Education Session – Magic (Mystopher)
4:30	
5:00	Cocktails in Banquet Room / Hospitality Room Closes
5:30	
6:00	Dinner Begins
6:30	
7:00	
7:30	
8:00	
8:30	
9:00	
9:30	
10:00	Dinner Ends / Hospitality Room Opens
10:30	
11:00	
11:30	
12:00	Hospitality Room Closes

Sunday, March 25

8:30	Donuts in Hospitality Room
10:00	Begin Breakdown

Schedule subject to change.

Vendors

Ash's Magic Shop

Ash's Magic shop is a full service magic shop for the amateur and professional magician. His amazing magic show has been serving Chicago's magic community for 33 years. Located at 4955 N Western Ave, Chicago, IL, call (773) 271-4030 or check him out on Facebook at https://www.facebook.com/pg/Ashs-Magic-Shop-105892782801903/about/?ref=page_internal. Not only will Mr. Ash be at Center Ring at Medinah with a spectacular selection of magic, and; not only will he be leading a class on magic on Thursday, but; he will also be performing on Friday night at our fish fry. I can assure you; this is a performance you will not want to miss!

Avon (Janice Short)

Hello, my name is Janice Short. I have a long history with the Medinah Shrine Clowns. I would like to invite all of the Shrine Clowns and their Ladies to visit with me at my Avon table in the vendor room. I will have a wonderful variety of Bath & Body, M & W Fragrance, skin care, cosmetics and beautiful jewelry items to purchase. Creative gift baskets are also available to make gift giving a breeze! All items are cash and carry. I do accept cash, checks and credit cards. I'm looking forward to visiting with you all. Have a beautiful Avon day!

Brody's Balloons

The name says it all. Everything balloon needed that you need! Located at 2415 Braga Drive, Broadview, IL 60155. <http://www.brodys8004balloons.com> or call (708) 483-6060.

Clown Mart by Jay Jay

Jay Jay the Clown will be at Center Ring at Medinah with a huge selection of clown shoes and hats. It is the perfect foot and headwear for the well-dressed clown.

Laugh It Up!

Paula "Stickers" Biggio presents...Clown Stuff. Check out her website at <http://www.clownstuff.com> for makeup, face paints, wild hats, play parachutes, puppets, magnets and clown shoes and of course, the "Old Lady" doll.

LipSense (Christy Kunze)

What is LipSense?

- a two part lipstick product that involves a gloss and a colored lipstick
- it molecularly bonds to your lips to give you a color that lasts 4-18 hours
- there is no wax in our lipstick so there is no drying! We actually have Shea butter and vitamin E oil to help nourish your lips throughout the day
- it is smudge proof, kiss proof and waterproof. You can eat and drink all day and it won't come off

- it is gluten-free, GMO free, not tested on animals and made here in the U.S.

Pretty much just the most amazing product in the history of lipstick!!!

Check out <https://www.lipsense.com>

Stella and Dot (Michelle Gaffney)

Stella & Dot is a boutique style accessories company offering flexible entrepreneurship for women. Bold statement necklaces, delicate layering pieces and the hottest on-trend jewelry & accessories are available exclusively through Independent Sylists at in-home or online trunk shows and online at Stelladot.com. Our mission is to give every woman the means to style her own life.

The Red Fez

The Red Fez is a store within Medinah operated by our Red Fez Committee. All of your Shrine, Masonic, and Rites needs in one location. Hats-Shirts-Ties-Jewelry-Gift Items and much, much, more!

Thirty-One

Sarah Landon of Thirty-One will be joining us! Check out the amazing selection of Thirty-One products at

<https://www.mythirtyone.com/Landon/shop/Catalog/BrowseCatalog>.

& More...

Check out <http://www.glscua.net> for more details and up to date information, or follow us on Facebook at

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