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Brother Nobles and interested parties,

Communication, timely and accurate, is one of the most critical aspects of what Shriners need to support our philanthropy, the Shriners Hospitals for Children and to keep members of our fraternity connected and informed. Mr. Randal Shepherd, (a senior DeMolay), and his company Veara, Inc. have provided exemplary service to us over the past two years, they have helped us construct our Internet website, which we believe is one of the best.

Veara originally structured our site and the navigation within it so we can easily expand as we grow, in a logical manner. The site is very user friendly, by using the latest technology in web site design. Mr. Shepherd just finished construction of a virtual tour of our Shrine Center, which provides visual information concerning our building rentals. In fact, we are now totally booked for the current year.

Veara assisted us in obtaining an events calendar, now used by a majority of our members to keep informed of upcoming events. Some months ago the program for the calendar was not performing correctly, Veara worked tirelessly, contacted the calendar software company and within hours, they solved the problem, recovered all data and immediately got the calendar back on line, at no expense to us.

Veara has worked with our "Oasis" newsletter editor, Noble Dave Johnson, who has extensive past experience. The "Oasis", is now published on-line monthly. Dave's experience with Mr. Shepherd has been nothing but positive. Our members no longer await the publication in the mail, but can now access it on our site and print out a copy if they wish, saving us time and postage costs. This has greatly increased its use as a tool of communication within our Center.

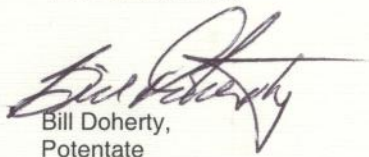
Membership is an ongoing concern. We are proud to report several new members have now joined as a direct result of visiting our website. We have a Shrine membership petition on the site which can be downloaded, printed and completed rapidly.

New, exciting ventures are becoming reality. Veara is in the process of developing an on-line store for our members, where they will make purchases and place reservations and pay for social events and even pay dues via a secure site.

If you need help with your existing website, or to develop your site, we give Mr. Shepherd and Veara our highest recommendation.

Please visit our website at <http://www.alkadershriners.org> to see what we are talking about.

Yours in the Faith,


Bill Doherty,
Potentate