

explained in a letter that there is no need for patient families to take any action or change any plans. Shriners Hospitals for Children — Twin Cities will provide all other services at the current location without disruption. If your Temple receives questions from families, please put them in touch with the hospital and the appropriate staff will assist in answering their concerns. We will need your help and support as these changes unfold. We commit to communicating information to you, as we garner it, so that you can share it with your Temples. We truly appreciate your support and will do all we can to grow the efforts of helping our kids through the greatest philanthropy in the world.

Gerald

**Membership
Director**
By Chris Hokenson



As members of the Shrine, we have all come together for a common cause to support Shriners Hospitals which help children and their families. Though we know what we do and why we do it, many times we lose the personal insight of truly what impact we make and why what we do is so

important.

Last month while I was in Tampa for the Oriental Guide School, I had the privilege to meet and hear the story of a past Shriner Hospital patient told by her and her mother. I can tell you that after hearing the story, I have had my eyes reopened and now better understand the impact each of us collectively have in the lives of so many we do not even know and may never meet. In this world that is filled with stories of tragedy, it warms the heart to know that the smallest of thing that we can do for someone in need, can make the greatest impact and change a life forever. Think back for a minute with me on how you became a Mason and a Shriner. You were probably influenced by someone in your community or maybe, by men in your family. Many of those men that influenced us in the past are now gone. I'm a only a couple of years into my Masonic journey and I often read about how our great fraternity has been in the past. The Shrine makes me think of a saying that "a wise man plants a tree he'll never be able to sit under". Brothers and Nobles that is us, this is our seed to plant. Freemasonry and the Shrine have survived for generations for many reasons but one of the main

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