



News from SHC - St. Louis

Ronald Risher Elected Board Chairman

New leadership and members of the Shriners Hospital - St. Louis Board of Governors for 2008 have been announced.

Ronald R. Risher of Manchester, MO was elected chairman of the Board of Governors. Appointed to the board in 2002, he was first elected to the executive committee in 2003, and has served as vice chairman for the past three years.

"I am humbled by the honor and privilege of being elected chairman of the Board of Governors," Risher said. "Being associated with such a talented, professional and caring staff is an experience that stays dear to your heart; after all, it's truly about the children we serve, providing opportunities for children beyond what others thought was possible."

In addition to Risher, elected to the executive committee were:

- " Ray A. Rohr, O'Fallon, IL - vice chairman
- " Mark W. Ringenberg, Springfield, MO - treasurer
- " Theodore D. "Ted" Dearing, St. Louis - secretary

New members-at-large appointed for 2008 include:

- " G. Gregory Foster, Poseyville, IN
- " John J. Schloot, Hallsville, MO

Risher was raised a Master Mason by his father in Walnut Lodge #588, Mystic, IA holding a dual membership in Kirkwood Lodge #484, Kirkwood, MO. He joined the Scottish Rite in 1972, presented with the Honorary Legion of Honor Degree from the DeMolay Supreme Council in 1989, Knight Commander of the Court of Honor in 1989, Venerable Master in 1991, and honored with the Inspector General Honorary, rank and dignity of the 33rd degree in 2003. Risher currently serves on the Scottish Rite Foundation. He has been a Moolah Shriner since 1972.

Active in the Moolah Shrine throughout the years, Risher is a member of the Ceremonial Cast, past president of the South County Shrine Club, captain of the South County Motor Patrol, a Moolah Temple ambassador and Potentate's aide, a member of ROJ Ct. 81, and has handled the patient applications for treatment at the St. Louis hospital for the Moolah Shrine since 1993.

Risher has worked in the Automotive Manufacturing and Transportation business for the past 43 years. He has been with Cassens Transport Company for 39 years, currently serving as vice president of operations and industrial relations. Cassens Transport Company, headquartered in Edwardsville, IL, is a family business believing in giving back to the community, thus allowing Risher the opportunity and privilege to serve as part of the Board of Governors.

Risher is a Vietnam Veteran and a "life member" of the VFW. He and his wife, Cathy, are members of Manchester Methodist Church. He has been blessed with a supportive family allowing for his active involvement in the Masonic fraternity. Ron and Cathy have three daughters - Suzanne (husband, Brian) Cox and grandchildren Samuel, Lydia, and Logan; Dyan (husband, Doug) Grooms and grandchildren Morgan, Jacob, and Emalee; and Robin (husband, John) Mohler and grandson Weston.

Kevin Miller named Development Director

Kevin Miller, a native of Belleville, IL, has joined Shriners Hospitals for Children-St. Louis as director of development.

Kevin brings more than 20 years of nonprofit operational and management experience -- including fundraising, legislative and community relations -- to his new position.

At the University of Maryland, Kevin led a capital campaign that raised more than \$25 million for new research facilities, and was also responsible for the start-up and ongoing operations of a University-affiliated, grant-making foundation. At the University of Indianapolis, he was part of a team that raised more than \$75 million for a successful capital campaign, and led reporting and stewardship for a successfully met \$4.5 million challenge grant.

Kevin is a graduate of McKendree University, St. Louis University, and the School of Journalism at the University of Missouri-Columbia. He is a former Washington Journalism Fellow from the University of Missouri-Columbia, and a former United States Senate Appropriations Fellow for retired Senator Paul Sarbanes (D-MD).