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Second Quarter 2021 - Acca Shrine



*Potentate Rick Marion
and Lady Carolyn*

Invites You To

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Honoring the Sweethearts and Gentle Sirs of Acca

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POTENTATE'S MESSAGE

Rick Marion

Ill. Sirs, Nobles and Ladies: Spring has sprung and I hope everyone is enjoying the milder weather. By the time you are reading this, we should have had at least one of our After-Hours Tailgate events outside by the Activity Center. This event is open to the public and stands to give Acca much needed community exposure. Watch for notifications of these as they are scheduled.

The Spring Ceremonial is scheduled for June 4th and 5th honoring our Acca Sweethearts and Gentle Sirs. COVID restrictions at the time will of course determine if we can have the Open House on Friday evening the 4th. On the afternoon of the 5th, we will have an Irish Tea at 4:00 p.m. in the Ballroom. This will consist of music, a lot of tasty things to eat, an Irish coffee bar, as well as, other liquid refreshments; and this is all free of charge. Please see flyer here in the Accaletter.

The Potentate's Ball is scheduled for July 17th. The theme for the event is "Celtic Nights". Dinner is to be provided by the Motor Patrol, followed by the Ball with music by The Trey Calloway Band. We saw these guys in Roanoke last year at the Potentate's Ball at



Kazim. They are a great up and coming Country act, and I know you will enjoy them. Again, see the flyer here in the Accaletter.

Initial legwork is in process for the installation of an elevator/lift at the Temple. We are currently getting the architectural documentation together for the building permit application with the city. Once the permitting process is complete, we can proceed with the installation. We have been receiving donations from several Units, the LOS, and individuals. We thank these folks for their generosity. We are still a little short

of covering the complete cost so any donations will be greatly appreciated. This installation will make access to the lower level of the Temple much easier for those who have difficulty with the stairs, who may otherwise avoid attending their Unit/Club meetings or other events downstairs.

As we continue to ease out of the COVID restrictions, it is my hope that we can once again gather together and have the fun Shriners are known for. So please plan to join us for the events listed above. It's time to put the last year behind us and "Shrine On"!

Please stay safe, and may God bless.

ACCA SHRINE -SHRINERS INTERNATIONAL OASIS OF RICHMOND - DESERT OF VIRGINIA

2021 BUSINESS MEETINGS ANNOUNCEMENT

Tuesday June 15, Tuesday September 21, & Tuesday December 14, 2021

ACCA TEMPLE HEADQUARTERS • 1712 BELLEVUE AVENUE • RICHMOND, VA.

THE PURPOSE OF THIS MEETING IS

To Act On Such Business That Might Come Before It.

Unless Otherwise Notified All Meeting, Times Are As Follows:

Social 6:00 PM - Dinner 6:30 PM - Meeting 7:30 PM

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Dennis W. Berry
Dennis W. Berry
Recorder



Rick Marion
Rick Marion
Illustrious Potentate

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FROM THE RECORDER'S PEN

Dennis Berry, P.P.



Nobles and Ladies, I hope everyone is doing well. It appears that the world is opening up again, as most people I have talked to have gotten the vaccination. With this, we as Acca Clubs and Units, are starting to meet again in person. It just isn't as much fun socializing on ZOOM as it is in person. So come on out to your next meeting and see everyone.

It would not be a Recorder's article if I did not mention dues. We still have some Nobles who have not paid their 2021 dues. Unfortunately we had to suspend over 50 members on December 31st for non-payment. Nobles, check your dues card, and if you do not have a 2021 sticker, please go online to the Acca webpage, click on the tab, and pay your dues. This past year, and the beginning of this year, has been tough on Acca financially, as we have lost all of our rental income. Once you pay 2021 dues, you can sign up to have a monthly charge for prorated dues for next year, so when they come due, you have already paid. We have several members taking advantage of this option already. If you have any questions, please contact the office.

We have the Spring Ceremonial coming up on June 4th and 5th. The Potentate is planning on an Open House on Friday night, and the Ceremonial on Saturday. I know that the Blue Lodges have not been meeting, but you must know a Master Mason that would make a good Shriner. ASK HIM! If you do get a petition, please turn it into the office as soon as you can, so we can get them registered and contacted about all the important information about the Ceremonial, and any business matters regarding dues and fees.

I am looking forward to seeing everyone again in person, and let's have some fun!

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Managing Editor
LR "Rusty" Brinkley

Welcome to the SS edition of the Accalette. No, not Social Security, but Spring & Summer.

With Easter just behind us and the flowers in bloom, it's such a wonderful time of year. Your Accalette Staff hopes you all are well and that vaccinations are behind us. So, we should be ready to hit the ground running with new events, fundraisers, and just good old fashion get-togethers.

By the time you read this, Acca will have already held their annual Easter Egg Hunt; check out the article and pictures by Mike Lott. Fortunately, many Units and Clubs are starting to meet again, and a few have even held a fundraiser or two. Check out the LOH article and photos depicting their spaghetti sauce fundraiser. You can also read the Golf Club article and see who was awarded the dubious honor of 2020's Player of the Year. Our collective caps are off to those members who have begun the work of returning our Temple, and way of life, back to normal.

As you read through this issue, you will see other events that are slowly returning to Acca. Presently, there are plans for a Spring Ceremonial on June 5th, and the Potentate's Ball on July 17th; both are discussed in the Potentate's and First Lady's remarks. A detailed Ceremonial schedule is highlighted in two separate flyers.

Our hope is that all of you will be able to return to your Unit and Club activities very soon, and reacquaint yourself with old friends. After all, we are a social group, and that's what we do best - socialize.

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Walk for Love



Fifth Annual Walk for Love

Currently in the initial planning stage. We are hoping for a different, in-person experience this year! More information will be coming soon.

Meanwhile, we are seeking sponsors to support the Walk. Companies, individuals, Clubs, Units, and organizations can sponsor the event for as little as \$100. Sponsors donating \$250 or more will be recognized on the Walk T-shirts and print materials.

Please support Shriners Hospitals for Children—Greenville and Philadelphia, and Acca Shriners Transportation Fund by sponsoring the Walk for Love. Contact Noble Dan Freye at dlfrey@comcast.net or mobile 804-240-7925.

CAVERNS SHRINE CLUB

Secretary Bill Dudley

The Caverns Shrine Club Nobles and guests met for the first dinner meeting of the year in April, at Doug Dofflemeyer's beautiful mountain cabin.

Since our last meeting in 2020, the Black Camel has taken four of our Nobles from us: Max Foltz, David Long, Robert Long, David Slye and Lady Dorothy, wife of Noble Allen Johnson. In their memory, the Caverns Shrine Club has made a donation to the Acca Transportation Fund.

Noble Kyle Miller reported at the meeting that a donation of \$330,000 was made to the Philadelphia Hospital from the estate of Lady Linda and Noble Phillip Hiers. The estate required that these funds be channeled through our Club to the hospital, as Noble Phil enjoyed being a longtime member of the Club.

Fundraising plans are underway to again host the "Caroling in the Caverns" musical event in the beautiful Luray Caverns. This major fundraising event was cancelled last year due to the pandemic.

The Caverns Shrine Club looks forward to a successful year of service to our Shrine children.

ACCA SHRINERS PHILANTHROPY IN 2020

Noble Mike Lott - Assistant Rabban

In 2020 Shriners Hospitals for Children received two large donations from the friends and family of Acca Shriners.

Noble George W. Humphrey was a member of the Acca Shriners Provost Guard. He passed away in 2004 and wanted a portion of his estate to be donated to the Shriners Hospitals for Children. His wife, Mary Lucy Humphrey, made his request come true after her death in 2019. She generously bequeathed \$172,541.24 to the Acca Shriners Provost Guard to be used for Shriners Hospitals for Children in memory of her husband, George W. Humphrey. In 2020 the Provost Guard followed Lucy Humphrey's instructions and sent \$86,270.62 to the Greenville Shriners Hospital for Children and \$86,270.62 to the Philadelphia Shriners Hospital for Children.

Noble Philip Henry Hiers and his wife Linda C. Hiers moved to Luray, Virginia from Northern Virginia when they

retired. They became friends with members in the Acca Shriners Caverns Shrine Club. After Noble Philip Hiers passed away in 2006, Linda continued her friendship with the members of Caverns Shrine Club. Noble Max and Lady Wanda Foltz, Noble Kyle Miller and others in the club kept her up to date on the club's activities and work to support Shriners Hospitals for Children. Linda Hiers died in 2019 and generously bequeathed \$330,687.37 to the Philadelphia Shriners Hospital for Children.

These two generous donations to Shriners Hospitals for Children in 2020 from the friends and family of Acca Shriners total \$503,228.61. The dedication, service and philanthropy of the members and friends of Acca Shriners is the foundation and strength of our organization. The leadership team at Acca Shriners express their sincere gratitude to everyone who supports our beloved hospitals and fraternity.

From the Desk of Lady Carolyn

Well, we have had a Zooming start to the year! The Divan Ladies have met by Zoom a few times, and in person with other Ladies at the **March Business Meeting**. We launched our Ladies Mentoring Program, Co-Chaired by our own Ladies Ethel Dawson and Joy Painter. They will be working hard to identify Mentors who will support our New Candidates' Ladies, and plant seeds for Acca's future as the new Ladies acclimate to our Shrine Family. Please let either Lady Ethel or Lady Joy know if you feel led to be a Mentor to our new Ladies. Lady Ethel and Lady Joy will be working closely with Noble Andrew Coelho, Membership Committee Chairman, to ensure success. Along with planting seeds to build a legacy, we also took time at the Business Meeting to make some fun Faerie Gardens. Everyone who participated tapped into their creative-selves and were pleasantly surprised by the finished gardens. Even Ill. Al Rock was inspired and had fun creating one, at home, with Lady Bette! It's a Must See! We hope to have some of our Faerie Gardens displayed during the Spring Ceremonial for The Irish Tea Reception, where we will honor our Sweet Hearts and Gentle Sirs. As an important part of our Shrine Family, it's essential that we continue to honor our connection to these amazing Ladies and Nobles despite the loss of their partner. Collectively, they have served in numerous roles over their many years participating in the Shrine. There are currently 139 Sweet Hearts and 17 Gentle Sirs. If you are one of our Sweet Hearts or Gentle Sirs, please be on the lookout for an invitation to attend **The Irish Tea Reception on June 5th** in your honor. If you do not receive an invitation in the coming month, please check with

the Shrine office to make sure we have you on the list, and have a current address for you.

Easter Weekend we enjoyed the chilly and beautiful weather for our **Easter Egg Hunt**. The Klownz did a great job organizing and executing the event, and the Divan Ladies were on hand to help out with snacks and drinks. Special thanks to Lady Dana Snead for making the prize baskets. Every child went home happy with a basket full! Upcoming for the **June Business Meeting**, I hope to feature the Child Life Program at the Philadelphia and Greenville Shriners Hospitals. Part of the funds I hope to raise for my First Ladies' Project will go towards supporting these programs. Be sure to come to learn all about this important component of our Shrine kids' treatment. It's special to me as it is very similar to the work I do with children in my field. In July, Rick and I hope you will be joining us at the **Potentate's Ball: Celtic Nights** on the 17th. We have hopes for a special evening of Celtic-themed entertainment, dinner and dancing.

Finally, I want to mention again my excitement about my First Ladies Project, **The Festival of Trees**. As I mentioned in my first message, I hope it is a successful enough event that other First Ladies will be interested in building on. It's not only been a proven successful way to raise funds in other Shrines, but it brings the Units and Clubs together in fellowship and fun (and maybe even a little bit of healthy competition!). I hope to kick off the organizing of the project with a "Christmas in July" meeting to get all the Units and Clubs on board with the plan. More information to come!

Your First Lady,
Carolyn



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Acca Shrine
Potentate's Ball
Saturday, July 17th, 2021

Celtic Nights

Cost Per Couple
\$80

Music by
"Trey Calloway"

Open Bar

Men Tuxedos
or Dark Suit

Ladies
Formal or
Cocktail
Wear



Honoring The Divan, Acca Nobles & their Ladies and
Ill. Sir Rick Marion & Lady Carolyn

Social 5:00 PM - Divan Introduction 6:00 PM
Dinner & Entertainment 6:30 PM - Introductions and Comments 7:30 PM
Dance 8:00 - 10:30 PM

Reservations for Hotel and Ball to be made with ACCA Business Office
Deadline Friday, July 2nd, 2021 804-264-0509



Hotel - Hampton Inn & Suites, 5406 Glenside Drive, Richmond, VA.
Room rate: \$136 per night



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DIRECTOR'S STAFF CORNER

Jim Deitrick

The Staff, like everyone else, is sick and tired of having to be restricted by this silly virus, affectionally known as Covid-19. Shriners are not in the habit of having persons or things hold them back from serving others, raising money, and having fun.

Have you recently heard the old expression "You can't teach old dogs new tricks"? Well, the virus restrictions have caused our Unit members (not that they're old, you know) to be a lot more creative than they thought they could. We searched our membership roster and finally found one member qualified to set up a Zoom meeting for our January 2021 gathering. The new Potentate had asked to join us, to install new Officers, so we wanted to be on our best behavior. Well, wouldn't you know it, several of our Officers forgot to bring their fezes for the installation ceremony. Oh well, remember those "old dogs"? Anyway, the remaining part of the Zoom meeting, according to an interested observer, was the attentiveness and/or relaxed attitude of the attendees. Some attendees were sitting at a desk intently watching the screen, others were in some type of semi-trance, while another was sprawled back in a huge easy chair intently absorbing the activity. Once the budget discussion was completed, the meeting came to a screeching halt. One or two members had to be awakened to tell them the meeting was over!

The February meeting was another one of those Zoom things, with sixteen Nobles participating. We had still not mastered the electronic meetings thing because in some cases you could hear the participant's voice, but not see their face; you could see their face but not hear their voice; you could not see their face but hear their spouse giving them instruction on how to properly operate the computer; see their name on the screen but not see or hear them for a few minutes and then poof, they're gone! Needless to say, it was difficult to maintain focus and get any business transacted. Fortunately, our restricted environment didn't give us much need for extensive discussion. The originally planned stew was cancelled, our Ladies Night was postponed, and our participation in the Spring NASCAR Race was uncertain based on



*Bill & Pat
@Ladies Night January 2018*

the Governor's mandate. Our Director decided to conduct an in-person for March, but attendance was sparse. We did determine that we were asked to usher at the April 17th Truck Race, albeit in smaller numbers and, consequently, with lower remuneration.

Our Staff was deeply saddened by the passing of one of our dearest friends, Lady Pat Ferguson, wife of Noble Bill Ferguson, in late February. Lady Pat lost her 17-year battle with cancer. She will be greatly missed because she always portrayed a beautiful smile, a contagious laugh, and a vibrant personality. She always seemed to be in a good mood, enjoying life, and positively enhancing any room that she entered. Her family requests that any donations in her memory be made to the Acca Transportation Fund.

Staff Murmurs

We continue to get reports from/about our Staff 'Gentleman Farmer'. Several months ago, one of his two cows named Louise was "artificially encouraged" to have a calf. Well, it didn't 'take', so Gentleman Gary took Louise to visit Ferdinand the Bull who lives next door. Stay tuned because I suspect we'll have some news in the near future. (it's exciting knowing you may soon be an uncle)

Members of the Staff continue to amaze the general public. Recently, two of our Officers went on a fishing trip together, in a rather serene lake setting. Well, after fishing for a while, one of the fishermen felt the "urge" to use the facilities on shore so he asked the boat captain to pull over. As the craft approached the shoreline, the fisherman stood up, leaned over, grabbed some twigs/small limbs to help guide the boat to land. The next actions included said fisherman pulling on the limbs, the limbs breaking off in his hands, said fisherman falling backwards into the boat using a somewhat awkward Olympic backward half-gainer with feet pointed toward the sky. Even in a pandemic, our members have entertainment in their bloodstream!

*Friends come and go, like the waves of the ocean,
But the true ones stick like an octopus on your face.*

ACCA SPRING CEREMONIAL JUNE 4th & 5th 2021

Honoring our Sweethearts and Gentle Sirs

Friday, June 4th, 2021

3:00 - 5:00 PM	Guests Check into hotel Hampton Inn & Suites
3:30 - 5:30 PM	Hospitality Room Hampton Inn & Suites
6:30 PM	Welcome Program ACCA Ballroom
7:15 - 9:30 PM	Open House ACCA Units and Clubs
10 - 11:30 PM	Hospitality Room Hampton Inn & Suites

Hotel Information:
Hampton Inn & Suites

5406 Glenside Dr. Richmond, VA

Breakfast included; \$136 per night, incl. tax

An Irish Tea & Hotel Reservations
must be made thru ACCA Shrine
Office.

Deadline Friday, May 21st , 2021

Saturday, June 5th, 2021

9:30 AM	Candidates and Candidate's Ladies report to ACCA Shrine Center
10:00 AM	Ladies Breakfast (All Ladies) Meeting Room 1
10:00 AM	Opening of ACCA Shrine Center Balloting
10:30 AM	Seven Sons 1st & 3rd Sections Ceremonial Cast The Old Red Fez Flag Oration (Ladies Welcome)
12:00 PM	Lunch - Activity Center (Nobles & Ladies)
1:30 PM	Introduction of Past Potentates And Guests
2:00 PM	Second Section Ceremony Directors Staff (Activity Center) Presentation to new Nobles: Membership Cards & Lapel Pins

Reception : An Irish Tea

Honoring our Sweethearts and Gentle Sirs

Saturday June 5th at 4:00 PM

ACCA Ballroom





ORIENTAL BAND

President Tom Colletti

The Oriental Band realizes that many people have been deprived of the sweetest music this side of Heaven, and have been in kind of a funk. Don't worry, as soon as we are able to parade, your needs will be met and you may even see a new "Genie" on the parade route.

The Fall Ceremonial was very good for our Unit, as we now have three new members chomping at the bit to play some music. I ask each of you if you aren't a member of a Unit yet, please look to get involved, as it only enhances your Shriner experience. I can tell you bluntly, the reason I am a member of the Oriental Band is because of the fellowship of the group and the ability to step outside your practical self and be a little goofy, and help children at the same time. As a member of the Oriental Band, you enjoy the opportunity to have fun and help children, and you don't even know how to read music or have played an instrument, prior to becoming a member.

We are also exploring reinstituting the women's group of the Oriental Band, The Arabells. We have actually turned one of our meetings/practices into a covered dish dinner, where the entire family is invited. We now have some very junior band members. Please let us know if you want any additional information on the Mystic Oriental Band of Acca.



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VALLEY SHRINE CLUB

Secretary Dan Perry

As with all aspects of our society, the limitations due to the Covid-19 pandemic severely restricted the activities of the Valley Shrine Club. However, our Club was able to have two successful fund-raisers, a 50/50 raffle and a silent auction, which allowed the Club to send a substantial donation to Acca for the Hospitals. Once restrictions were somewhat relaxed, VSC resumed its Wednesday morning breakfast meetings. During those meetings, plans were made to hold another 50/50 raffle, silent auction, and summer stag meetings. We will also resume our traditional 4th-Wednesday dinners with our Ladies, beginning April 28th.

Plans are coming together for a partnership with a local craft microbrewery in Harrisonburg for a fund-raiser in November. A special beer will be produced, with proceeds from the sale of the beer at an Open House going to the Club. Pub attendees will have the opportunity to make donations, bid on certain items, and receive information on Shriners' Hospitals for Children.

We encourage all Shriners to attend our meetings to enjoy fellowship with other Nobles, as well as voice their opinions on the business and activities of the Club.



Valley Shrine Club Breakfast

ACCA SHRINERS Provost Guard

Saturday - October 29, 2021

3:00 P.M.
TO 7:00 P.M.

\$12.00
PER PERSON
(Kids Under 10
Eat Free)



Oktoberfest Fundraiser

LOCATION

Acca Shrine Center
1712 Bellevue Avenue
Richmond VA 23227

TICKETS AVAILABLE

Acca Office 804-264-0509
www.accashriners.com

SERVING

Corned Beef Brisket
Bratwurst - Frankfurters
Sauerkraut
German Potato Salad
Soft Pretzels - Tea & Lemonade
Available for Purchase
Beer & Wine & Desserts

SPONSORSHIPS AVAILABLE

Proceeds are for the benefit of ACCA Provost Guard and are not deductible as charitable contributions.

MAY 2021

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1
2	3 Car Club Greeters Million Dollar Band	4 LOS Chanters Hospital Comm	5 Blue Ridge SC Caverns SC Ceremonial Cast C & W Band Legion of Honor	6 Sauerkrauts	7 Provost Guard	8
9	10 Chester SC Hillbilly Unit Million Dollar Band	11 BOD Meeting Chanters	12 Glen Allen SC James River SC Southside SC Directors Staff Mini Patrol	13 Sauerkrauts	14	15
16	17 Klownz South Hill SC Million Dollar Band	18 Danville SC Chanters	19 Cabiri Hopewell SC C & W Band Shooters Club	20 Hillbilly Outhouse Lake Country SC Sauerkrauts	21	22
23	24 Scottish Rite Million Dollar Band	25 CENTURY CLUB LUNCHEON Uniform Council Northern Neck SC Chanters	26 Heritage SC Manchester SC Petersburg SC Piedmont SC Valley SC Arab Patrol C & W Band Motor Patrol	27 Oriental Band Sauerkrauts	28	29
30	31 Million Dollar Band					

JUNE 2021

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 LOS Chanters Hospital Comm	2 LOH Old Timers Blue Ridge SC Caverns SC Ceremonial Cast C & W Band	3 Sauerkrauts	4 SPRING CEREMONIAL Provost Guard	5 SPRING CEREMONIAL
6	7 Car Club Greeters Million Dollar Band	8 BOD Meeting Chanters	9 Glen Allen SC James River SC Southside SC Directors Staff Mini Patrol	10 Sauerkrauts	11	12
13	14 Chester SC Hillbilly Unit Million Dollar Band	15 BUSINESS MEETING Danville SC Chanters	16 Hopewell SC C & W Band Shooters Club	17 Hillbilly Outhouse Lake Country SC Sauerkrauts	18	19
20	21 Klownz South Hill SC Million Dollar Band	22 UC Meeting Northern Neck SC Chanters	23 Heritage SC Manchester SC Petersburg SC Valley SC Arab Patrol C & W Band Motor Patrol	24 Oriental Band Sauerkrauts	25	26
27	28 Scottish Rite Million Dollar Band	29 Chanters	30			

JULY 2021

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 Sauerkrauts	2 Provost Guard	3
4	5 Car Club Greeters Million Dollar Band	6 LOS Chanters Hospital Comm	7 Blue Ridge SC Caverns SC Ceremonial Cast C & W Band Legion of Honor	8 Sauerkrauts	9	10
IMPERIAL SESSION - HOUSTON, TX						
11	12 Chester SC Hillbilly Unit Million Dollar Band	13 BOD Meeting Chanters	14 Glen Allen SC James River SC Southside SC Directors Staff Mini Patrol	15 Hillbilly Outhouse Lake Country SC Sauerkrauts	16	17 POTE'S BALL
18	19 Klownz South Hill SC Million Dollar Band	20 Danville SC Chanters	21 Cabiri Hopewell SC C & W Band Shooters Club	22 Oriental Band Sauerkrauts	23	24
25	26 Scottish Rite Million Dollar Band	27 UC Meeting Chanters Northern Neck SC	28 Heritage SC Manchester SC Petersburg SC Piedmont SC Valley SC Arab Patrol C & W Band Motor Patrol	29	30	31

AUGUST 2021

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2 Car Club Greeters Million Dollar Band	3 LOS Chanters Hospital Comm	4 Blue Ridge SC Caverns SC Ceremonial Cast C & W Band Legion of Honor	5 Sauerkrauts	6 Provost Guard	7
8	9 Chester SC Hillbilly Unit Million Dollar Band	10 BOD Meeting Chanters	11 Glen Allen SC James River SC Southside SC Directors Staff Mini Patrol	12 Sauerkrauts	13	14 TEMPLE PICNIC
15	16 Klownz South Hill SC Million Dollar Band	17 Danville SC Chanters	18 Past Masters Hopewell SC C & W Band Shooters Club	19 Hillbilly Outhouse Lake Country SC Sauerkrauts	20	21
22	23 Scottish Rite Million Dollar Band	24 UC Meeting Northern Neck SC Chanters	25 Heritage SC Manchester SC Petersburg SC Valley SC Arab Patrol C & W Band Motor Patrol	26 Oriental Band Sauerkrauts	27	28
29	30 Million Dollar Band	31 Chanters				

Easter Egg Hunt 2021

Noble Mike Lott - Assistant Rabban

The annual Acca Shriners Easter Egg Hunt was held on Saturday, April 3, 2021. It was a beautiful early Spring morning and a wonderful day to be outdoors. The event was sponsored by the Klownz and the Divan. Noble Steve "Sparky" Fuller, Noble Brandon Black, and Noble Al Mason planned the event and hid 4,000 Easter eggs on the grounds around Acca Temple. Adults, children, and Shriners Kids were in attendance.

When the signal was given, the youngsters enthusiastically searched for the hidden eggs. Lucky hunters found a Golden Egg or Silver Egg and were rewarded with a special Easter Egg Basket. All children walked away happy with a basket full of Easter eggs. The morning was delightful and a treat for both the children and the grownups.

Special thanks to everyone who attended and supported the event, including the Klowns and the Divan. Lady Dana Snead and Lady Bette Rock prepared the Special Golden Egg Easter Baskets. Past Potentate Illustrious Sir Tim and Lady Becky Southern donated the snacks. Past Potentate Illustrious Sir Dennis English gave an exceptional performance as the Easter Bunny. Thanks also to the parents, grandparents, and children who attended.

The event would not have been possible without the generous financial contributions from the membership of Acca Shriners. Thank you for supporting Acca Shriners so that we can continue Having Fun and Helping Kids.

Noble Mike Lott
Assistant Rabban



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Photos

1 - Acca Easter Egg Hunt 2021 Easter Bunny

2 - Acca First Lady and the Prizes

3 - Dad and son looking for eggs

4 - Looking for eggs

5 - Happy Child



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Nobles, Ladies and Sweethearts of Acca: At this writing, we are seeing the signs of spring and warmer temperatures. We are turning the corner, it seems, of this awful pandemic. We have just celebrated Easter, a renewal of faith and hope of better things to come.

It has been a very tough year for all, to say the least. Our normal routines of gathering have all but ceased, and raising funds has been tough. Our annual cornhole tournament, our largest fundraiser, has been postponed with no idea of when, or if, we will be able to reschedule. However, MSC has not been idle. Our members continue to come up with great ideas, and we were able to contribute a record in giving at the last Ceremonial.

MSC continues to grow, as well. As everyone now knows, we have moved into the Temple and have our own little room called the 'Cozy Corner 2'. This was in honor of the original Cozy Corner bar, where some of our "older" members first met. Our membership has grown as well. In the last year and a half, we have welcomed 12 new members. The new members have already jumped in to help, and have come up with even more ideas, and we look forward to the year to come. There is even talk of a whole new side to our Club. Maybe parades? Stay tuned, more to come...

We do have quite a few things planned for the year and hope to continue to support our Temple, so that we may also continue to support our children. We must

take care of the foundation so that the structure can stand. Here are a few things we are in the stages of planning:

Poker Runs at Greys Point in April and September. These are very popular at Greys Point, and have waiting lists for the host sites, because there are only five.

Greys Point Lot Raffle starting in July, with the drawing in October. Our first was last year, where the lucky winner had the lot's fee paid for the year, over \$5,000 dollars, and the Club cleared about \$8,000.

The TC Atkinson Memorial 50/50 Raffle starting in October. The lucky winner was from our Club last year, winning \$5,000, the second Club member in 3 years, and the Club raised \$5,000.

Our famous Brunswick stew is back this year, after a pandemic hiatus, on October 15th & 16th. Always a good time, and always a sellout most of the time before we finish cooking.

There are more in the works, and actual dates will be posted as soon as they are nailed down.

We look forward to getting back together without these crazy restrictions and doing what we do best, having fun while we help our kids. Come visit us, have a meal, help with fund raiser. You never know, you may want to become the newest member of the #1 club in Acca.

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Greetings all. We hope you are maneuvering well through Covid. Please keep Past Commander Bill and Peggy Sears in your prayers. Bill has been in and out of the hospital with kidney issues. He is back at home now. Recovery has been slow.

We have been having our monthly meetings and keeping in touch with our members. On March 19th, we had a very successful Spaghetti Sauce sale. Past Commander Walt Trower, our resident Chef, took the helm. Members got together two days before to purchase and prepare the ingredients. Our Ladies were also a big help with packaging and distribution. For the first time, we pre-sold the sauce, and due to Covid, did not have our usual Spaghetti Dinner. It was a great success. Next year I think we'll make more sauce!

On April 7th, we had our monthly meeting. Commander Goldie Tomlin provided delicious Brunswick Stew made by Manchester Lodge #14. Rebecca Ernouf brought great cornbread, and our Ladies made tasty desserts. No one left hungry!

Last but not least...We're celebrating the new floor in our Arab Patrol/LOH meeting room. It looks great and I'm sure we will enjoy it for many years to come.

Until next time, remember Faith means:
Forward All Issues To Heaven
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PHOTOS

- 1-Noble Sparky Fuller and Frankie Sheridan
- 2-Lady Dana Snead, Lady Sara Tomlin and Noble Walt Trower
- 3-Commander Goldie Tomlin
- 4-Nobles Walt, Rodger, W.E. and Commander Tomlin
- 5-Noble Easley Spencer & Nobel Scott Fielding

ACCA CEREMONIAL CAST

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Cast Officers 2021

The Ceremonial Cast held its Election of Officers on December 2, 2020. Those elected are From left to right: Noble Vernon Korb; Asst. Secretary, Noble Donnie Korb; Secretary, Noble Bruce Smith; 1st VP, Noble Rodney Gallagher; President, Noble Bill Bond; 2nd VP and Noble Bill Eddeilton; Treasurer.



Cast New Members 2021

The Ceremonial Cast recently welcomed several new members to membership From left to right: Nobles Jeremy (Boomer) G. Calhoun, Bruce Smith; (Recommender), Robert (Bobby) L. Smith Jr. Clayton (Clay) W. Farmer and Wallace (Billy) O. Farmer.



Ashlar Award Grandmaster

Recently Noble Nelson Bryant a member of the Ceremonial Cast received the prestigious Perfect Ashlar Award which was presented by MW Douglas V. Jones, Grand Master of Masons in Virginia. Pictured from left to right are: MW Alan W. Adkins, Bro. Nelson Bryant, MW Douglas V. Jones, Grand Master and MW Fred G. Martin.

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ACCABA COURT

Lady Sharon Heard, PHP

Greetings from Accaba Court: Here it is 2021, and I'm not sure it's any better than 2020! We're all pretty much in "lock-down", but with the Covid vaccines out now, there may be light at the end of the tunnel.

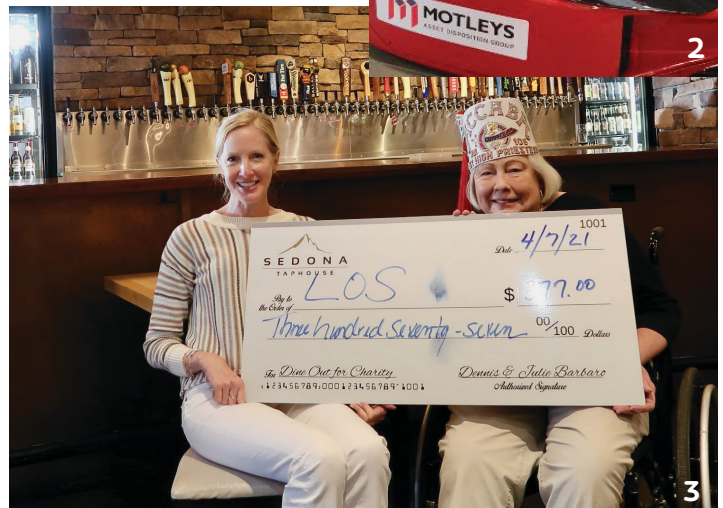
The Ladies of Accaba Court would like to congratulate the newly elected and installed Potentate of Acca Shrine, Ill. Sir Rick Marion and his newly elected and appointed Divan members. We wish you safe travels during your journey as Potentate.

Thank you, Lady Nancy Corker and "thank you" to Lady Nancy's Officers. It was a challenging year, to say the least. Our Court had to do some "first of its kind" this year, and you did a super job planning and carrying out those "firsts". Your year was nothing like you had planned, but you were able to rethink your plans and do your job. You truly have earned the title of Past High Priestess (PHP). You did a terrific job, and I was honored to be your page for the past two years. Again, thank you and congratulations for a job well done!

Our High Priestess had many "first of its kind" this year; one being able to bring two new members to our Court by, what else, Zoom. We welcome Lady Amy Shifflett and Lady Carol Moorman to Accaba Court. Our members look forward to seeing you in person and working with you in our organization. Welcome to Accaba Court ladies!

Even through our Court didn't get to have many "regular" meetings, we did have Zoom meetings, and we continued to raise money for Shriners Hospitals for Children. Last year, we chose the Greenville Hospital "Shoe Fund", and also again this year. (The "Shoe Fund", as we call it, is a special fund to purchase shoes to wear with orthopedic devices.) This year we will have given over \$4,500 to that fund, thanks to individual contributions, and money received from Sedona Taphouse's "Dine Out for Charity". In addition, we gave over \$900 in support of Shriners Hospitals. Part of the \$900 was a donation to the Acca Transportation Fund in memory of the late Noble Larry Sneide, who was part of the "Roadrunners" Team. We also gave \$1,000 to Acca Shrine. Thank you, Nobles from Acca Shrine, for the things you do for us and the Shrine Hospitals, and for always being there to support us.

Lady Pamela (Pam) Brooks, becomes Accaba Court's twenty-third High Priestess. In 2021, Lady Pam started her year with a first for Accaba Court, and maybe the first for the Ladies' Oriental Shrine of North America, to hold her installation of Officers on Sunday, March 7th, by Zoom. It would have been nice if Lady Pam could have done it in person, but by having the installation on Zoom, there were Grand Officers participating, who would not have been able to otherwise attend. Lady Pam, Accaba Court will have a terrific year under your leadership and



the leadership of your Officers. Again, congratulations to you and to your Officers. You should have an "interesting and exciting" year. Lady Pam held her first meeting on April 6th by Zoom, but is looking forward to being able to hold our monthly meetings in person. Hopefully, very soon! Note of interest: Lady Pam was given donations from the Ladies of our Court and from our Clubs and Units in honor of her becoming High Priestess. Lady Pam asked that all the funds contributed, in her honor, be given to the 'Elevator Fund' at Acca Shrine. Thanks to Lady Pam, we were able to donate over \$700 to the Acca Elevator Fund.

Two special Ladies of our Court, Lady Christi Colletti and Lady Barbara Doyal are currently part of the Acca Transportation "Roadrunners" Team, and have driven multiple times to Greenville and Philadelphia Shrine Hospitals this year, along with their Nobles who are also part of the "Roadrunner" Team. Ladies, thank you for taking your time to help our Shrine Children, and being a part of this very special team, and thank you Ladies in our Court who have driven in the past.

Some of our Ladies are volunteering on Friday mornings at the Motley Auto Auction. Thank you, Lady Barbara Doyal and Lady Joan Sneide, for taking your time (and talents) to go to Motley's. Lady Barbara has also recruited her sister, Patricia Hamaker, to help on Friday mornings. These three ladies have raised over \$1,800 for this activity. Congratulations ladies, keep up the good work! Even our High Priestess, Lady Pam Brooks, joined our ladies.

ACCABA COURT CONTINUED

Thanks to the LOS members, Nobles and their families and friends, for helping us raise money in support of Shriners Hospitals by dining out at Sedona Taphouse. Accaba Court shared the month of December 2020 with Manchester Shrine Club at the Midlothian location, and raised over \$375. Colonial Heights Sedona Taphouse donated the month of February 2021, and we raised over \$850. Both of these amounts are included in the \$4,500 amount stated previously.

Calling all family and friends, it's happening once again! "Dine Out for Charity", for the month of June 2021, at Sedona Taphouse (Midlothian location), will be for Shriners Hospitals for Children, with Accaba Court getting the credit for the donation. The Officers and members of Accaba Court extend an invitation to everyone in Acca Shrine, all their family and friends, to come to Sedona Taphouse (Midlothian) every Monday in June, for lunch or dinner, and help us raise money for Shriners Hospitals for Children. What an easy way to raise funds for the Hospitals and enjoy a meal with family and friends and, at the same time, helping our wonderful philanthropy. Helping our children is what brings us together.

ACCABA PHOTOS LEFT

- 1-Nigel Whiteneck, GM Sedona presenting a check to Ida W.
- 2-Motley Auto Auction Joan, Pam and Barbara
- 3-Julie Barbaro of Sedona Taphouse presenting a check to Sharon H.



MEMBERSHIP

Chairman Membership Committee Andrew Coelho

Greetings Nobles. As we're finally reaching the light at the end of the lockdown tunnel, this next year is likely the best opportunity we've had to pick up new candidates in a generation. Folks are clawing at the doors to get out of the house and fellowship with others again.

Right now, the Membership Committee needs your help. We're sending out flyers to Lodges. We're running digital campaigns on social media targeted at Master Masons. But the number one advertisement we have is a proud Noble in the Lodge.

I'm asking you to go to your Lodges and talk to at least one Brother about the Shrine. Invite him to our Open House on June 4th to see what he's missing. And either hand him a petition or direct him to BeAShrinerNow.com to fill out a petition online.

Let's make the Spring Ceremonial on June 5th a smashing success.

Once again, the prestigious ACCA Membership Champions belt will be on the line. Will any Cub or Unit be able to challenge the current champions in the Ceremonial Cast?

Due to some drama that could only occur around a wrestling belt, we're tweaking the rules for this Ceremonial's membership contest. Only the top line signer's unit or club will receive credit towards the Membership Championship.

The unit or club president with the most top line petition signatures will walk away from the Ceremonial with the "10 pounds of gold" around his waist as the new ACCA Membership Champs.

Fraternally,
Andrew Coelho

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GOLF CLUB

President Larry Koon

Last year was mostly a success for the Golf Club. Like everyone else, we suffered thru the anxiety of the virus. We wore our mask, did social distancing, and avoided large crowds. Many went thru the trauma of trying to get vaccinated. I guess you could say that it was a very chaotic year. Still, we were able to play all the courses on our schedule. The first few months we had to use individual golf carts, then they put a plastic partition between us and toward the latter part of the year we were able to share a cart. Certainly, there was a downside. We were not able to go on our out-of-town golf trips, and we had to cancel our annual Ladies Night at the end of the year. This is a special evening where we honor our Ladies and select our "Player of the Year". We overcame this by having a presentation of the award at the Social following the Acca Business Meeting on March 23rd, two days prior to our first golf outing at Stonehenge on the 25th. The winner was Noble Ken McSpadden. He was overcome with delighted emotion. He was required to wear his trophy while driving off the first tee at Stonehenge. A most impressive display.

This year looks very promising. Our schedule is complete, we added a few courses that we haven't

played recently, an out-of-town golf trip to the Roanoke area is scheduled in the fall, and a special golf outing at Spring Creek in Zion Crossroads has been added per our member's request. Of course, Ladies Night will be the highlight at the end of the year.

Since the first of the year, we have played our first outing at Stonehenge, then in April it will be Hunting Hawk; May-Mill Quarter; June-Brookwood; July-Meadowbrook; August-Brandermill; September-Sycamore Creek; October-Hollows, and in November we return to Meadowbrook. Our monthly outings are played on the fourth Thursday of each month, with the exception of November, which is played on the third Thursday. We also plan to play in the Grand Masters Tournament along with the Scottish Rite Tournament.

Our focus is based on Shrine Principles - Fun and Fellowship. The golf format is designed to support both very good, and not so very good, golfers. It is open to not only Shrine members, but also to the guests of Shriners. If you haven't played with the Golf Club, come join us for a fun day, and bring your friends.

Be Nice-Keep the Sunny-Side Up.

Larry Koon



Harry Moore



*AL & Brian
at Stonehenge*



Ken at Stonehenge



Lin Spears



*Ken McSpadden Receiving
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at Stonehenge*

PHILADELPHIA HOSPITAL REPORT

Dan Freye - Board of Governors - Philadelphia

By the time you are reading this, Noble Dave Eells and I will have resumed our monthly road trips to Philadelphia. It has been 14 months since the COVID-19 travel restrictions were put in place. While the essential Board of Governors business continued virtually, we have missed the fellowship of our Board members, the enthusiasm of our doctors and staff, and most of all, the energy of the patients and families we get to meet. With apologies to Willie, it is great to be 'On the road again'!

Sadly, two chairs that have been occupied for many years in the boardroom are vacant. As a Board, we mourned the loss of Emeritus members Illustrious Sir Fred Imler and Illustrious Sir Ed Roth. We are also deeply saddened by the death of our former administrator, Brother, and friend, Noble Ed Myers, who lost an eight-week battle with COVID. Our prayers go out to the Imler, Roth, and Myers families.

On to happier news. While it was a bit of a slow start, I am happy to report that as of the end of the first quarter, key hospital metrics are back to, if not exceeding, pre-COVID numbers. March appears to be the turning point with surgical, clinical, and inpatient rehabilitation volumes on the rise. At year end, SHC-Philadelphia ranked third in the system for fundraising. To date, the hospital has received over \$1.7 million, already achieving 25% of the 2021 goal. Through March, we have had 484 new patient intakes compared to 418 from the same period last year. Acca has referred 8 new patients. The Doylestown Clinic continues to be successful, welcoming 72 new patients since it opened last October. Finally, discussions are underway with the Veterans Hospital in Puerto Rico to see if resuming our outreach clinic schedule in October is feasible. Given the pandemic, we will not be able to see the 200 to 300 kids on one day as we have done in the past.

Chairman Kuo and I participated in the three-day Winter Leadership Conference virtually in January. The conference theme was "Eyes on 2035". Imperial Sir Jim Smith opened the conference and Imperial Sir Jerry Gantt shared his vision of having one to four full-service hospitals or centers of excellence and 200 points of entry into the Shriners system. The highlight of day one, if not the whole conference, was meeting the new patient ambassador, Mia. You will get a chance to see her in the coming months and I'm sure you'll agree that she is a



special young lady. We received updates on the Houston/Galveston consolidation, the Cincinnati to Dayton move, and a new model of delivery being piloted by Chicago, Saint Louis, and Twin Cities. Exciting things are happening throughout the Shriners system!

Noble Dave Eells and I are honored to serve on the Philadelphia Board of Governors and represent Acca Shriners in that capacity. Please let either of us know if you have any questions

about the hospital and especially if you know of a child who could benefit from Shriners' care. As always, thanks to all Acca Nobles and Ladies for your continued support and commitment to Shriners Hospitals for Children-Philadelphia and the World's Greatest Philanthropy.

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We honor family. We respect our parents, wives and children. We should instill in our children the tenets of this creed, and the heritage from which it emanates.

As individuals we pledge ourselves to integrity, virtue and nobility of character. Our intentions will be honorable, our relations will be trustworthy and our spirits forgiving of each other.

As brothers we offer each other fraternal affection and respect. Together we will support each other in adherence to this creed, so that we and our communities will be the better because of our fraternity and its principles.

As Shriners we look beyond ourselves to serve the needs of others, especially children who cannot help themselves. We believe Shriners Hospitals to be the world's greatest philanthropy, and we covenant with each other to support its "temples of mercy" with spirit, time, talent and means.