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POTE'S NOTES

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This has been a remarkable month. We just returned from SASA in Myrtle Beach and

ACCA did great! We return with 18 trophies. This is a reflection of the dedication and devotion of the nobility to the cause of the World's Greatest Philanthropy. The Divan, along with ACCA Past Potentates, Nobles, and their Ladies, attended the SASA Memorial Service which memorialized 37 former members who have completed their earthly labors. The SASA Business meeting featured several members of the Imperial Line along with the Imperial Potentate, Ill. Sir Chris Smith. After the parade, the Victory Party was held with what seemed to be a record turn out. There was a special guest who had been a patient at Shriners Hospital for Children. Her name is Ivey and she told the group about her care and how it had made a difference in her life. Hearing this story brought home the great work Shriners do for Children. Spring SASA 2017 will be held in Columbia, SC. Fall SASA 2017 will again be held in Myrtle Beach. If you missed this year, please plan to attend next year, you won't be disappointed.

On October 29, ACCA will have of a return of the Halloween Dance. We haven't held this dance for several years, but by high demand, it is returning this year. Music will be provided by Floyd

Spencer. It is not required, but it will be more fun if you come in costume. You never know who you might see.

On November 9th from 8-10 am., we will again hold a Veterans Breakfast to honor those who have defended our nation. Please contact ACCA Business office for reservations.

On November 18 I have been afforded the privilege to lay a wreath on the Tomb of the Unknown in Arlington. A bus is being made available. At the time of this writing, the cost has not been finalized but is expected to be less than \$50 per rider. Please contact the ACCA Business to reserve you seat. Payment is required to reserve a seat on the bus. The cost includes a breakfast box meal. Our time to present the Wreath is 0915. and I have just received a message for the Cemetery advising me that beginning November 1, security will be increased and there will be random checks for all entering. We MUST be at the assembly area by 0845. , so, we must depart ACCA at 0545 in order to arrive at Arlington at the mandatory 0845 meeting. Cut off for this trip is Close of Business November 9 2016.

The fall ceremonial is being held to honor a group who tirelessly keep ACCA looking festive and appealing. Under the guidance of Noble Bill Sears and Lady Peggy, the decorating staff transforms ACCA into a rendition of every season and holiday. Please see the Ceremonial Notice in this issue for information regarding reservations to attend the event.

Thank you for your continued efforts and commitment to Shriners Hospitalf for Children and affording Donna and me to represent you and ACCA Shrine at the many functions this year.

Yours in the Faith, Jimi Duke, Potentate 2016

From The RECORDER'S PEN



Nobles, Ladies, and Friends,

Now that MASA and SASA are history we move into the final months of 2016 and start thinking of the holidays are around the corner. My congratulations go out to the Units and Clubs that won trophies at Myrtle Beach. Participation in parades is so important to the well being of the temple units and clubs.

Printed in this issue of the ACCALETTE you will find a "Suspension List". There are 31 names on the list. Please take a look at the names and if you know someone on the list please contact him and see if we can save the Noble. Membership is everyone's responsibility and has to be addressed very seriously if Acca is to succeed. We have more going out the back door than we have coming in the front door.

We should be receiving our dues notices soon. With the cards and stickers being sent from the home office it is imperative that you reply quickly in order to have your credentials at the beginning of the year.

There are several events coming up for the members and the public to enjoy. Take a look at our web site to view the happenings. Our last Friday of the month socials are going well. Invite a non mason or a mason to join us in the fellowship. Please try to support these events and enjoy the fellowship and fun with our shrine brothers and ladies.

Please remit your sportsman's raffle tickets and money as soon as you can in order to facilitate the accounting in the business office.

As always, let me thank those of you that are participating in our fund raising events, our hospital van drivers, committee chairmen, and the supporting nobility. You all do so much behind the scenes but trust me, it doesn't go unnoticed.

Fraternally,

Pete

Ben D. "Pete" Holder, PP, Recorder

From The EDITOR'S DESK



The Accalette is your magazine. It is an important tool for use in communicating with you about Acca and our Clubs, Units, Nobles and Ladies. It's also used to keep you informed about our Fraternity and our Hospitals Stories, meeting notices, Temple, Unit and Club sponsored events, opportunities of special interest and advertisements. They all are intended to keep you informed and make you feel like you are involved in what's happening. We receive a lot of pictures and they really add to the magazine, but please understand we cannot always print every one you send.

Congratulations go out to all our Nobles and Ladies that were able to attend and participate in our annual convention the South Atlantic Shrine Association (S.A.S.A.) in Myrtle Beach, SC. ACCA Shrine Units and Clubs did quite well. Manchester Shriners and Ladies on Thursday night had a Potato Bar Party for all nobles and ladies and on Saturday night the Victory Party took place. We thank all for their support and participation.

Nobles and ladies as we move through the next few months we ask all to get involved in Acca Shrine activities and participate in your Temple, Unit or Club activities. If you are a noble and not in a unit and/or club join one, and to all our out of town nobility, we ask you to come to YOUR Temple frequently, participate, take part in its deliberations and be an active, integral part of its proceedings. You and your lady are a vital part of ACCA Shrine.

Lastly as we move into November and December and this special time of the year let each of us remember those that are serving in our armed forces both near and far and those families and individuals that may be less fortunate than us.

Nobles, as in any organization the key words are involvement and participation. Acca Shrine will be just what you our Nobility make it-no better, no worse.

Sincerely Yours in the Faith and Fraternally,

Paul W. Lanier, PP, Managing Editor

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Flag Ceremony



Pledge of Allegiance

The Military Salute is used when reciting the Pledge of Allegiance and during the playing or singing of the National Anthem.

"I pledge allegiance to the flag, of the United States of America, and to the republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all"

The Potentate or designated individual will cause the Nobility to come to attention and salute at the proper time.

With the audience standing silently facing the platform the color bearer, followed by escort, marches to the front and faces the audience. Escorts take positions on either side of the Flag bearer. The audience may then recite the pledge of allegiance and sing the national anthem. Flag bearer places Flag in its stand. Audience is seated. Flag detail departs.

From the Chaplain

What does Freemasonry offer that is exclusive to us? Why should men join our Fraternity? What is in it for them? The short answer is ACCOUNTABILITY. We live our lives one decision at a time. We are Sons, Husbands, Fathers and Brothers. We have chosen to live our lives a certain way, bound to each other by a most solemn obligation. We are our Brother's keeper. There is no



doubt that help, a confidant, sounding board is just a call away. We drop what's on our schedule to lend a hand to a Brother in need. What would you withhold from a Brother in dire circumstances? We are to be a lighthouse to anyone that may be lost, shining toward a safe path. We should aim to be the good example of how to lead a rewarding life.

The converse is also true. We should seek the counsel of more informed, well-travelled Brethren. When we go astray, we should return to the point of where we first went wrong and then walk a different path than before. We should be able to hear kind, constructive criticism from our Brethren without feeling picked on. We are taught to treat each other as we wish to be treated. My trouble is yours and yours are mine.

People tend to put labels on everything; how great would it be if the label on you was "the best person I have ever known"? Decisions that we make will define us. We are a compilation of all the choices we have made throughout our lives. Make good choices, have love in everything you say and do, go the extra mile, do the right thing always help when you can, and be the best you you are capable of being.

Jonathan Turner

Acca Nobles Subject To Suspension

Note - List includes those in arrears as of September 26, 2016

Our by-laws require us to suspend members whose dues are in arrears. In accordance with Acca and Shriners International By-Laws, the following Nobles have been notified that they are in arrears and will be suspended on December 31, 2016, if payment or arrangements are not made before that date. They have been asked to notify the Temple of any hardship that might prohibit or unduly impair paying their dues. Please review the list. While we make every effort to insure our membership records are current and correct, errors are possible. If you find that you are on the list in error, please notify the Acca Shrine office at once, phone (804) 264-0509. It is not our purpose to embarrass any Noble by including him on this list. It is our concern that we do not suspend a Noble in error.

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First Lady's Thoughts_

Happy Fall Everyone! This is one of my favorite seasons. There are several things that come to mind when I think of fall. For example: The brilliant colors of orange, red, yellow, and browns. Pumpkins, pumpkin spice latte, the crunch of leaves underfoot, s'mores, crisp apples, and comfort foods. It is a time to reflect and be thankful for the many blessings bestowed upon us.

The 4th Annual Divan Ladies Red, White and Brew was held on Sept. 10th and boy was it a "Hot" day! I have so many to thank for coming to my assistance in making this event the best it could be! I would like to thank all the units and clubs of ACCA that paid for ads in our program, Steve Fuller and his staff for providing delicious foods for all who attended, Noble John Fetty for generously being a sponsor, the Ladies of ACCABA Court, The Lady Slippers and The Klown Arounds for their paid ads in our program, the ACCA Car Club for bringing their beautiful vehicles to share with our event attendee's, the Divan Ladies and Nobles for coming out early the day of the event and working in the heat and humidity, all who bought a ticket to attend, Lady Virginia for keeping the books and last but certainly not least, Lady Debby Holt and Lady Carol Jellie for the countless hours of planning and working to make this event a success. I am grateful and thankful to you all!

We just recently returned from Myrtle Beach where we attended Fall SASA. What a blast it was! We had so much fun that we did not even realize Tropical Storm Julia was lingering off the coast. Haha. She did not rain on our parade! I would like to thank Manchester Shrine Club for the delicious potato bar party they provided for us all to eat and enjoy! They really know how to throw an awesome

party! I am so proud of ACCA's Nobility! ACCA received 18 trophies for their commitment and hard work that they put forth in the various competitions and the parade. The Victory Party was well attended and most enjoyable. The food was awesome; the bartenders (David Eells and James Sadler) were busy serving up their various drink recipes! Thanks to Steve Faszewski and his music that kept everyone tapping their toes or up dancing! Thank you to the Divan ladies for helping me with the decorations and keeping the food rolling. Special thank you to Lady Theresa Fifer for letting me borrow her beautiful decorations and table centerpieces for the party! They went perfectly with the room décor!

By the time you read this, several events at ACCA would have been held. I hope you had the pleasure to attend at least one if not all of these events. Please put the following events on your calendar and come out and join in on the fun: The Halloween Dance on Saturday, Oct. 29th, the Sportsman Raffle, Saturday, Nov. 5th, the Veterans Breakfast, Wednesday, Nov. 9th, the Laying of the Wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldiers, Tuesday, Nov. 15th, and ACCA's Fall Ceremonial the weekend of Nov. 18th and 19th

There are so many that have worked tirelessly and continue to work for the betterment of the ACCA Shrine Center, Shriner's Hospitals, and the Shrine children along with their families, and I thank you! Shriners are such a special group and I am grateful to you for letting me be a part of this great philanthropy in a small way.

Love you all, Lady Donna

Oriental Band



Well SASA was a big success, your Oriental Band took first place for small bands, our own Ellis Abrams was honored by being selected as the Bandsman of the year. As always thanks to everyone for the hard work in getting ready for SASSA, I would like to especially thank Sandy and Steve Meagher for hosting the band's hospitality room, a good time was had by all, great job than guys. Well the holiday season is fast approaching and that means PARADES, the band will kick off the parade season with the first parade at the Masonic Home of Virginia on October 8, 2016 then comes four different Christmas parades busy time of the year for the band. And as always if you want to be part of one of the most active colorful and fun unit come join the Oriental Band no musical experience required. My you and your families have a safe and blessed holiday season.

Respectfully, Buddy Small, *President*

Legion of Honor

After a quiet August, the Legion hit the ground running in September! What a great SASA! We had a good group of Legionnaires who helped maintain the Hospitality Suite and participated in the parade. For the parade, two golf carts were rented, and then decorated by Ladies Peggy Sears and Bette Rock. Flag poles were mounted on each side of each cart so that the LOH could "carry" four flags. A special "Thanks" to Carl Harrell and TC Lawson for their "Safety and Quality Control" efforts to keep me from bending the flag poles as WE Childrey and I were mounting them to the carts In the basement garage deck Which had a very low ceiling Need I say more?! Seven Legionnaires donned their white shirts and gray slacks and proceeded to win Third Place in the parade!

Great job, Guys!



Unfortunately, I failed to take pictures of the hospitality room; but, those who were there will not soon forget the fried chicken on Saturday prior to the parade, the hot dogs for lunch on Friday, nor the pancake-sausage breakfast on Saturday morning. Everyone pitched in to help keep the food available and the beverages flowing. My Lady Rebecca and I extend our "THANKS" to all who helped!

As normal, the SASA Legion of Honor had its Commander's Banquet Friday evening. Our own Larry Sneide was the retiring SASA Commander with Paul Pennybacker from Khedive going in as the new Commander. As you look at the picture of the new SASA LOH officers, take special note of the 1st Lt. Commander... our very own Al Rock! The other officers are, left to right, Commander Paul Pennybacker (Khedive), 1st Lt. Commander Al, 2nd

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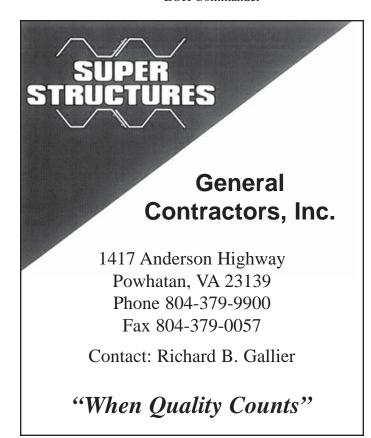
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Lt. Commander James Cone (Amran), 3rd. Lt. Commander Robert Smith (Jericho) and Adjutant Peter Gordan (Khedive). Al, you have our Best Wishes for a great journey!



As we look forward to the rest of the year, please look for new Acca/LOH members. The Fall Ceremonial is November 18 & 19. Let's see if we can get some new Veterans to join. I do have some calendar changes I would like to pass along: (1) the Veterans' Breakfast has be moved from Nov. 11 to Nov. 9 so as to not conflict with Grand Lodge and the LOH will be providing the manpower; (2) the Commander's Banquet is being moved from Jan. 21 to Friday, Jan. 27, so as to not conflict with the Acca Potentate and Officers Installation. More information on both events will be forthcoming.

Ed Ernouf LOH Commander



Mini Patrol - Gifts, Gratitude, and Grace



Life does not always play fair but if we keep our eyes open we may be surprised by grace and granted gifts that will satisfy and delight us. On September 7 the Mini Patrol represented ACCA Shriners at the Gordonsville Fireman's Parade. In the all too familiar hurry up and wait before the parade, we were approached by a Culpepper Fire Department firefighter and asked if we would be willing to parade in Culpepper. We were delighted to take their contact information and give them our contact information but the big surprise came when we were enjoying dinner together later. A young man (in the picture he is in one of our cars) Cason Dulaney saw us gathered in the restaurant and asked for our autographs! We were more than happy to comply and then our Director Ed Currin left the table, took his car out of his trailer, and let Cason sit in his car in the parking lot and take pictures. We immediately decided to make Cason an honorary Mini Patroller. He will have a certificate of membership, a cap, and a lapel pin. We were honored, humbled, and excited that this young man appreciated what we do and how we do it. His family was grateful and other people in the restaurant joined in the fun by taking pictures of us huddled around the table with our ladies.

Our gratitude continued at SASA this year. We continued our tradition of excellence in competition. We had some new drivers, some experienced drivers, and a dedicated Director who got our team ready for competition rapidly and competently. Three trophies were collected at SASA this year. First place for drill competition, a cup for total points awarded, and a first place trophy for the parade, our second in a row. In concert with the Motor Patrol we hosted in style all visitors and Shriners in our hospitality room and everyone returned home safely. In gratitude, we







applaud our members who make our unit operate smoothly even when the Commander is conducting a wedding in Waynesboro!

Shriners are visible in parades, in competition, and while eating dinner after a parade. We may never know the effect we have on others but sometimes, oh sometimes, we are awarded for our dedication and hard work. The next time we decide to not parade, or not go to that next meeting because we are tired, or upset with something or someone, remember Cason Dulaney and his family. Not Shriner Kids or Masons, just people who see us in public and think we are wonderful. It opens the door to discussions about becoming a Mason and a Shriner. We are able to connect people to our hospitals and a byproduct is that we are rewarded for our hard work in practice and meetings during the year.

As my year as Commander draws to a close, I am grateful for every member of the Mini Patrol, the Motor Patrol who help us in fund raising and fun, and especially, I am grateful for all those who came before me in the Mini Patrol. We have vaunted traditions which makes us step up to the challenges of our day.

"Mini Cars Run So Little Legs Can Walk"

Kim Webster, Commander 2016

Provost Guard



Well, this summer has been unusual with a record amount of rain in May and then the dog days of heat in July, but we have all survived and enjoyed each day. At the last ceremonial, the Provost Guard was enriched with the addition of several new members. Welcome aboard new Nobles, we look forward to your participation in our activities and fundraisers.

The Major's Party on August 13th was outstanding. We were so sorry that Major Charlie Gilbert could not be with us because of injuries suffered in an auto accident. However, Lady Marty, was there on hand to lead us into the bus parked at ACCA Shrine Center where over 60 Nobles and Ladies hopped aboard. We arrived in Tappahanock to embark on a real seafaring adventure upon the boat, the Captain Thomas. The group was excited about the cruise up the Rappahanock with beautiful scenery and a view of an eagle sanctuary with many gorgeous birds. The trip ended at Ingleside Winery and we all participated in a tour of the winemaking facility followed by a delightful wine tasting and then lunch was served. The cruise back to the dock at Tappahanock was not as hot and again the scenery was magnificent. We arrived back at ACCA with so many special memories of the trip and the great comradery of friends, fellow Nobles and Ladies. Thanks Major Charlie and Lady Marty. It was truly an extraordinary day.

SASA was held in Myrtle Beach from Sept 13-15. Initially, it appeared that the weather was going to be rain, rain, rain, but that did not happen. Those of us who attended had, as always, a really fun time. Our own Steve, Mr. Beach, Faszewski opened his room as our hospitality suite and we all gathered around for



fun and fellowship. Steve also provided the music and entertainment for the ACCA Victory Party held on Saturday evening. It is with great pride that we can announce that ACCA Provost Guard won the First Place Trophy in the annual parade for participating marching units of the Shrine temples .

The next fundraiser on the agenda for the Provost Guard was our third annual October Fest held on October 7th in the activity center. It was a great way to kick into gear the many fun activities of the fall. German music provided by ACCA's own renowned Sauerkraut Band is invigorating and led us into really enjoying the German beer and food. If this event was as invigorating, like years in the past, it was enjoyed by all!

We are looking forward to the many scheduled activities of the fall. We are counting on getting more new members so that we can continue our work to support the Children's Hospitals and Transportation fund. We continue to need drivers for the hospital van and drivers for Motley's auction one of ACCA's foremost fundraisers.

Isn't it great to be a Shriner! Ill. Billy Jellie, PP, *Reporter*



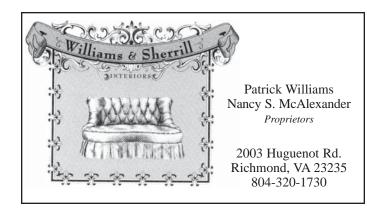


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Hospital Committee Report

ACCA Business Meeting 9.76.16

We are still sending children currently, to 11 different Hospitals. The full time screening clinic being held at Dr. Richard Redman's office is producing screenings with applications forwarded to the appropriate Shrine Hospitals. The Richmond Follow-up Clinic seems to be progressing slowly. We have heard through the grapevine that there is also a clinic of some sort that has been started in Danville and are trying to find out more about it.

Expenses 2008 through 2015:

(Expenses for 2015	 	 .\$67,769)
(Expenses for 2014	 	 .\$62,765)
(Expenses for 2013	 	 .\$66,039)
(Expenses for 2012	 	 .\$91,129)
(Expenses for 2011	 	 .\$75,368)
(Expenses for 2010	 	 .\$60,159)
(Expenses for 2009	 	 .\$61,545)
(Expenses for 2008	 	 .\$92,078)

Average cost per month, YTD, is \$4,097.46. We currently have 22 Shrine Drivers and 6 Ladies with several members and their ladies working on their paperwork. We have had 37 trips with 39 patients, through August. Trips YTD is 15% below 2015 but we have seen a significant increase for September. Thanks to all of the drivers for allowing us to take care of our shrine kids and stepping up to drive for last minute trips. All of our air flights are to Boston or Cincinnati so far this year, and are both Charitable and Commercial flights. One patient has previously had to go monthly although it has slowed down a bit now and is a little farther between appointments but we have picked up a second child transferred to our area by Tampa and their trips are very frequent. (2) Trips so far in September.

John Larson, who has done fantastic work for the Hospital Committee for the past 15 years, has retired from the Committee. Ill. Sir Dennis English has taken over a substantial portion of John's duties along with David Eells and Ralph Heard, through the end of the year.

As mentioned numerous times before, the Hospital Policy and associated documents have been revised with the changes approved by the Board of Directors at the end of 2015, as stated previously and remember that we can now have Master Masons as a driver when paired with a shrine driver. Nobles please talk to your Units, Clubs and Blue Lodges about this. It can be a "winwin", whereby we can possible get new shriners from this program....and we certainly need these as well as drivers.

Our new Van was put into service at the end of July. The old van has been sold.

We still need additional drivers (both Nobles and their Ladies. Please consider driving for the Transportation Team. Ralph Heard would like to have more drivers to choose from. We have lost some of our drivers due to aging out, illness or family illness....and please take this back to your Unit and Club Membership and mention it. Have them contact Ralph or myself if they are interested.

If you would like to help the Hospital Committee, the meetings are held the first Tuesday night of each month at 7:30pm in the Trophy Room and are open to all Nobles and their Ladies. You are welcome and encouraged to participate.

James A. McAllister, PP, Chairman 2016

ACCABA COURT NO. 105

Ladies Oriental Shrine of North America (LOS)



Greetings from ACCABA Court,

Well summer is over and fall and football are here. I hope everyone is enjoying the cooler weather and cheering on their favorite football team. Before we know it the holidays will be here. As we prepare for Thanksgiving, let us remember to give thanks for all the time and talent our Ladies, and their Nobles, devote to Shriners Hospitals for Children. The patients in the hospitals are very special and we are so proud to be a part of this great organization to help these children.

September brought SASA in Myrtle Beach and many of our Ladies were present supporting their Nobles. There were other ACCABA ladies there who are not in the picture. SASA is always fun because you get to renew friendships with members of other Shrine Temples.

Our Court will have a pillow/pillow case drive in November and December will bring our Christmas party and toy drive for the Shriners Hospitals. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the "Roadrunners" for all their help delivering the articles from our drives to the hospitals. Not only do they deliver pillow and pillow cases and all those toys, they also deliver all the tabs we collect. That's right, we are still collecting tabs. If anyone has tabs they would like to donate, please get in touch with a member of the LOS and we will make arrangements to get them.

Sedona Taphouse has again selected Shriners Hospitals for Children as their charity for the month of December "Steakout for Charity" program. Every Monday come enjoy an eight ounce flatiron steak for \$6.00 and a dollar of each steak will go to the Shriners Hospitals for Children. What an easy way to raise money for the Hospitals, enjoy an evening with family and friends and a great steak.

Our Ladies wish you a Happy Thanksgiving!

Lady Sharon Heard, PHP



Nobles, Do You Have Your 2016 Dues Card?

OFFICIAL CALL OF THE POTENTATE CEREMONIAL SESSION AT

ACCA SHRINERS HEADQUARTERS • 1712 Bellevue Avenue • Richmond, Va.

THE PURPOSE OF THIS MEETING IS THE BALLOTING AND OBLIGATING OF CANDIDATES.

A Ceremonial Session of the Temple is hereby called for Saturday, November 19, 2016, at 9:00 a.m. for the balloting and obligating of Candidates who wish to gain admission to ACCA Shriners.

FOR ADMITTANCE • Wear Your Fez

YOUR 2016 CARD WILL BE NECESSARY

ATTEST:

Ben D. "Pete" Holder, P.P.

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James H. "Jimi" Duke

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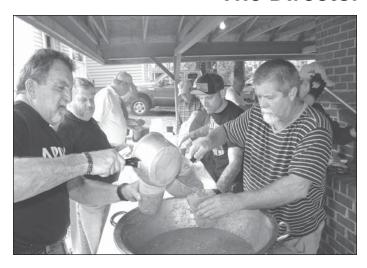
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The Director's Staff Corner



As we approach the fall season it is not without fond memories of the spring and summer past. So many activities on the part of the staff and never have so many contributed in countless ways. From hard work, participation in events and contributions the staff has been active.

The season really started to roll in March when the staff gathered at Midlothian Lodge 211 for the Spring Brunswick Stew. The day was brisk and the turnout was even better. The stew came off around 2: 00 p.m. and when it was all said and done there were nearly 400 quarts for sale. Legend has it that this was one of the best stews in the history of the staff. Noble O.P. Martin might disagree but maybe a great Brunswick stew cook off could be in order if we would bring one of the ole timers out of retirement.

Next came the Spring NASCAR Race which was well supported by the staff and being an afternoon race everyone was in and out in short order. It appeared the powers to be were satisfied with the Staff performance since we were invited back for the fall race. A couple of Nobles deserve recognition for their tireless work at these events. They came early and stayed late, namely Nobles Tom Williams, Bobby Gordon, Paul Lanier and Steve Clark however their efforts would be meaningless without the support of a large number of staff members.

The Spring Ceremonial was a stately affair with all the pomp and circumstance that could be mustered to celebrate this event. The Staff in keeping with tradition attempted to bring some levity to the proceedings with the presentation of the Second Section and the traditional crossing of the "hot sands." It would appear



that the high light of the day was the visit to the Staff room after the ceremonial by the candidates who had an opportunity to meet and greet the Staff members who so rudely had herded them through the stunts. A great time was had by all and several new Nobles indicted their desire to join the Staff.

Old Timers night in July provided an opportunity for the Staff to honor those legends of the Staff who had come before and brought the unit to where it is today. A number of our senior members were in attendance including Ill. Sir John Hannah who celebrated his 93rd birthday at the same time. The wonderful food and beverage was only exceeded by the fellowship which was in great abundance. A great event to honor those who have given so much in the past.

The Carytowm Watermelon Festival is always a fun event. Not only is it s fund raiser for the Hospitals but it provides an opportunity for the Staff to meet and greet a large number of visitors to the festival. One could only guess at the size of the crowd but if you counted all the dogs and children it easily exceeded a hundred thousand folks. It was hot that day and the workers paid the price especially those who worked the entire day. A big thank you to all who participated.

What another NASCAR Race? Yes the second weekend in September presented the Staff with another opportunity to usher at the race track. Being a night race the day was long and hot but the members stepped up and pulled it off with success. Due to a lack of numbers the supervisors were still able to cover all the posts and another successful race was in the books. Again

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The Director's Staff (Continued)



thanks to those Nobles who stayed the entire day and labored in the stands to make the effort successful.

The September meeting was not well attended due to a conflict with SASA but the lack of numbers was made up for by the quality of attendees. Plans for the fall Brunswick stew were announced and orders taken. A report on a new committee, "The Communications Committee" was discussed. This committee has the goal of improving communications in and among the staff as well as seeking greater participation among all the members. Noble Eddie Brown is the chairman of the committee and appealed to everyone for their support for this effort. Noble Assistant Director W.T. Parrish asked for the floor to present a challenge to the members to become more active in the activities of the Staff and the Temple. His comments were greeted in a positive manner and he asked for the support of all in this effort.

The 2016 SASA has come and gone and Myrtle Beach was a little wet early on but that too ended well. The Staff short in numbers but contributed to a successful SASA. Led by Noble Charles Allen, PD and Lady Ro the entourage had a great time. They participated with Manchester Shrine Club in the hospitality and it worked well. Another SASA adventure has been put to bed and again the Director's Staff was in evidence in all corners.

The fellowship report reflects Nobles III. Sir John Hannah, Bill Hershey, Ernest Lee McGregor, Doug Jones, Jim Deitrick, Dr. Sam Abrash, and John Hayman who lost his wife Ramona September 10, 2016. Lady Ramona had suffered severe health problems for some time. Services were held in Ormond, Florida where they lived. Our thoughts and prayers are extended to the



Hayman family in their loss. Ladies Pat Ferguson, Patti Williams, Ruta Goodwin, Angela Woods, and Rachel Griggs warrant our best for a quick recovery from health issues. Too Noble Sgt. Lucas Parrish stay safe on your deployment and return home soon.

Director's Staff Whispers: Who was that Past Director who allegedly took a nose dive in his kitchen and the floor won. Score: Floor 3—PD 0. Rumor has it he back talked his lady and took one on the kisser from a frying pan. Does "Rare Old Times" have any relationship to this saga? Further investigation is in order. The September meeting was noteworthy for the absence of Past Directors. My how smoothly things went. Even the VW escaped the scorn of the crowd. Why has W.T. been silent for so long? He and EB make a good combination. Wow the Staff cleared \$3000 for the Hospitals from the Watermelon Festival. Great Work. Who is the PD who invested in a hundred year old house not realizing age does something to everything? Look around if you are in doubt. Who is the PD who was seen speeding down the street in Myrtle Beach on a new scooter? Only the Shadow knows.

"Es Salamu Akleikim"

Frank Bishop, Staff Columnist





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Manchester Shrine Club



"Sparky" Fuller, chief aid, and a clown, (I mean he's in the Klownz Unit), prepared and served a delicious chicken cordon bleu dinner with all the fixings at the August meeting. It was a first class meal. SASA was discussed and it was announced that a red, white and blue scheme would be used. The club voted to obtain a 100 Million Dollar Certificate to honor JoAnna Gammon for all of her many contributions over the years to the club. The drawing for the 100 Million Dollar Certificate was won by Carl Harrell.

Before they melted and died in the heat, our Club crew sold \$2948 of Watermelons less a cost of \$259. Not as good as last year, but still good. All five tents sold \$15208 for our kids. Great job Nobles, ladies and friends. How hot was it? Ask one of them.

Our hospitality room was a winner again. Due to medical problems the Director's Staff had a small turn out. They threw in with us and donated some refreshments and a generous check. A tip of the Fez to them for their co-operation and brotherly love. They were unable to have their Friday night party. Our Thursday night "Potato Party" was a big success. There was not a potato left over. We were honored by a visit from the entire Imperial Divan. Our units brought home a bunch of trophies. Congratulations Nobles. All that hard work paid off. The victory party



Saturday night was a fine affair. A basket of booze was raffled off. It was won by Past Potentate Tim Southern's wife Becky. The raffle netted \$1063 for our hospitals and our kids. Good idea and good work Tim Ford and Terry Nall. Next year some consolidating may have to be done. Only Manchester and the Potentate had Acca parties. Thanks to my roving reporter who kept me updated on SASA. Give him a couple of beers and he roams all over the place. We are still looking for him. I hope we find him.

Try to attend the Potentate socials and dinners for Acca. Come meet, greet, and eat to help the Temple. See you there. I will report on the stew next time.

Thank goodness there are no deaths to report. Health issues continue. Sweetheart Raye Johnson is in Chippenham Hospital in the critical care unit. She is Judy Poegl's mother. Jamie, Mike and Steve Poegl's father is recovering from surgery at St. Mary's Hospital. Lady Carol Atkinson is having back surgery in the Philadelphia Laser Spine Center. She is the wife of Noble T. C. Atkinson, the mother of Noble Chris Atkinson, and grandmother of Matthew Atkinson. Please keep all of the above in your thoughts and prayers. Remember "We are a Beacon of Hope".

Maurice "Moe" Duling, Reporter





Glen Allen Shrine Club



Picnic



Noble Red Williams and his Lady Martha at SASA



Noble Willis Sheffield

"A Woman is like a tropage 5.20

Ruth Trower, First Lady Donna Duke and Debby Holt attended the SASA Ladies Luncheon

I hope you have had a great summer. It has been busy! Our Club was well represented at the August Family picnic and the September Red, White and Brew. It was a hot day but we all had

Our Club picnic was also in August. What a spread! At that time we recognized Willis Sheffield, who received his 70-year plaque from Glen Allen Masonic Lodge No. 131. What a faithful Mason and Shriner. Well done, Willis!

You know summer has come to an end with our trip to SASA. Our members had a great time. Hospitality, fun, food and fellowship were certainly on everyone's agenda.

There are events in October that should be on your calendars. Masonic Family Day at the Masonic Home on the 8th. Our covered dish dinner is the 12th. In November, the Veterans Breakfast is on the 9th. All veterans and active military are invited. Bring a friend. That's one way to introduce them to the Shrine. Last but not least, don't forget our Open House and Ceremonial begining on the 18th.

Thanksgiving is also just around the comer. Take time to reflect and give thanks.

Please keep our Nobles and Ladies who are coping with illness or loss in your hearts and prayers. Safe travels to you all.

Until next time, Al Rock, *Reporter*



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The Telehealth Care Network

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Shriners Hospitals for Children has 22 locations that provide care for children living primarily throughout the U.S., Canada and Mexico. With today's communication capabilities, it is becoming much easier to provide follow-up and other appropriate types of care in alternative, approved locations that are closer to patients' homes, easing the burden and cost of traveling, while providing the same level of excellent care and attention.

EXPERTS CONNECTING FOR CARE

In the simplest terms, telehealth is a form of videoconferencing, allowing the patient, a family member and a medical professional at the affiliate site to talk with the patient's Shriners Hospitals physician in real time. Our health care system has initiated a telehealth pilot program in order to serve our current patients more efficiently and increase our ability to reach more children in need of our expert care who may not live near our hospitals. Our Salt Lake City and Philadelphia locations were selected as pilot sites for telemedicine involving patients receiving orthopaedic care, and our Galveston hospital was selected to pilot this program for our burn patients.

"The Telehealth Care Network is wonderful because it takes new technology and uses it in a way that



doesn't inconvenience the patient and their family," said Teresa Hennessey, telehealth physician champion at Shriners Hospitals for Children — Salt Lake City.

FIRST CLINICS TO INITIATE PROGRAM In 2015, many of the foundational pieces for the telehealth program were put into place, and eight affiliate sites were

identified. The first of our new telehealth

clinics are located in Monterrey, Mexico; Fort Worth, Texas; and Rock Springs, Wyoming. Additional locations in Mexico, Idaho, Arizona, Puerto Rico and Virginia are currently in development.

Once the program has been proven valid and effective, we hope to be able to add new affiliate sites and continue to improve the services we provide our current patients, and our ability to reach and serve new patients.

All About Telehealth

Here are some facts about how telehealth works and how it can help improve patient care:

- Telehealth is a clinic where your child can be seen for a scheduled appointment with the Shriners Hospitals medical team without traveling to the Shriners Hospital.
- Telehealth uses special cameras with live video and audio to connect your child to our Shriners Hospitals for Children medical team.
- The medical team examines your child from a private telehealth room at a Shriners Hospitals location.
- Once you arrive at the partnering clinic, a medical professional will take your child's clinical measurements, including weight and height, just like any other clinic visit.
- When it is time to talk to the Shriners
 Hospitals medical team, your child will
 be taken to a private exam room at
 the partnering clinic. At this time, you
 and your child will be communicating
- with the Shriners Hospitals medical team through a large computer screen with a camera.
- Once the exam is complete, you will have the opportunity to talk with a medical assistant or nurse to make sure your questions are answered. You will be asked to wait a few minutes while your discharge paperwork is faxed to the partnering clinic.
- Your discharge papers will have follow-up information about your next visit.

Shriners Hospitals for Children - Philadelphia Celebrates 90 years of Caring for Kids

Patient volume is a critical issue for all of our hospitals and I'm pleased to report that we have had a 22% increase (1421 compared to 1159) over last year for the first nine months of 2016. This is the result of great work on the part of our staff and Shriners.

SHC-P has been designated as one of the pilot hospitals to implement a Telehealth Program. Telehealth is a form of videoconferencing, allowing the patient, a family member and a medical professional at a site away from the hospital to talk with the patient's SHC-P physician in real time. It's another initiative to help us find and serve new patients and at the same time, make it more convenient for the child and his family. The University of Puerto Rico Pediatric Hospital and here in VA, the Danville Orthopaedic and Athletic Rehabilitation Center are the pilot organizations with whom we are working. You'll hear much more about this in the future.

Several new surgeons have joined our staff including Dr. Steven Hwang, MD who filled a much needed position as a pediatric neurosurgeon.

Work is continuing to simplify the patient referral process at SHC-P. All it takes is one call to our patient line **215-430-4140**. Referrals are welcome from any source, Shriners, parents and medical professionals. Once we receive a referral our patient intake coordinator will contact the family in one or two business days. When appropriate, appointments will be made and written confirmation sent to the families. We are committed to doing all we can to improve the lives of children in our care.

As mentioned in the last Accalette, two Nobles, Associate board member David Eells and another candidate Dan Freye want to assure continued representation from Acca on the Board. I congratulate both of them for their interest and wish them well. Recommendations have been sent to the Board of Trustees who will make appointments for all Boards at their meeting in November.

Ray Goodwin, PP Member and Past Chairman Board of Governors

Petersburg Shrine Club



Left side of table: Bill Brockwell, Ginger Peters, Carole Dobbins. Right side of table: Lena and Ed Rivers, David Comer and Heidi Dance.



President Tommy Peters and Harless Dobbins discussing the world's problems and preparing for the business meeting WITH FULL STOMACHS.



Left side of table: Robert and Rusty Tatum, Clayton and Nell Collins. Right side of table: Pat Cawthorne and Dot Bobbit.

Did you miss the Petersburg Shrine Club article in the last Accalette? Guess Why? The Club Reporter dropped the ball, but we are back this time.

The Club was dark in June, July and August. We held our Annual Picnic on Wednesday, September 21st at White Bank Park in Colonial Heights, where we enjoyed a big crowd and excellent hot dogs and hamburgers cooked on an open fire by Ralph Bartley, Secretary-Treasurer and Harless Dobbins, Past President. Our members brought side dishes of potato salad, congealed salads, fruit, etc. and "goodies". Everyone went home full after having a good time.

The pictures above show our members enjoying themselves:

A Nominating Committee was appointed by President Tommy Peters to select new Officers in 2017.

The Petersburg Shrine Club will be back at the Colonial Heights Moose Club in October.

W. B. "Bill" Brockwell, Club Reporter

Million Dollar Band



As promised in the last ACCALETTE, the MDB's Sauerkraut band was well represented at the August 18th "Music on Malvern Variety Show" at the Saints Helen and Constantine Church, presented by the Thomas Jefferson Cadet Corps Alumni Band. In fact, they let us open the show with a stirring rendition of the famous "Under the Double Eagle" march. Our players were Steve Beverly, Bill Hudson, Ray Hummel, Allan Mills, Nathan Holdorf, Larry Haake, soon-to-be Shriner Roger Comley and your humble scribe, all assisted on drums by TJ member Randy Woodson, and old friend of the Sauerkrauts. Other MDB members augmenting the Band were PP Paul Lanier and Fred Paul with his marvelous Baritone Sax.

The Sauerkrauts were again on public display in the Powhatan Labor Day Parade. Riding on the Moose float were Steve Beverly, Bill and Ashby Hudson, Roger Comley, Nathan Holdorf and yours truly.

We always have a good time at SASA but this year was particularly sweet as we, and our newly decorated trailer, took FIRST PLACE for Riding Bands. Maybe it was our rousing performance of "Hoop-Dee-Doo" for the judges that did the trick.

If it seems like most of this report is about the Sauerkrauts, it's only because we have been so active lately. We played our first event in Virginia Beach on September 24th at the Sandler Center Oktoberfest with Allan Mills, Steve Beverly, Bill and Ashby Hudson, Ray Hummel, Dan Freye, Larry Haake, Roger Comley and Nathan Holdorf. With all parts covered Director John Sten-





strom, who normally mans the Baritone Horn part, was able to conduct the Band for the first time in public. The jury is still out on that performance.

Sorry, have to talk about the 'Krauts again; we played for the 2nd Annual Trice's Lake Oktoberfest on Oct 1st. With the gigs so far we have already raised almost \$2000 in donations. We currently have another 12 gigs scheduled in Oktober with room for more, so we're well on the way to our \$10,000 goal for this year.

In non-kraut news, the MDB is preparing for our annual appearance at the Masonic Home of Virginia on Homecoming day, Oct 8th. Following that, our appearance in the Sounds of ACCA on Oct 14th will wind up our activities until the Christmas season. You'll read more about that in the next Accalette.

Sadness came to MDB player Art Moore and the Band when his Lady, Emma Branch, passed away on September 15th. She was a faithful companion for Art at Band events and will be sorely missed.

In these uncertain and trying times, SUPPORT OUR TROOPS however you can, especially the ones who have suffered injuries and are struggling to carry on. They are what protects our precious freedoms which so many are trying to take away.

John Stenstrom, MDB Secretary, 2016



Greeters Unit

Noble John W. Harrington reached the ripe age of ninety-nine (99) on September 6, 2016. John is a resident of the Masonic Home of VA. A surprise birthday party was given to him by his good friend Judy Burton. Secrets can be kept even at a place like the home. I must add that he did not know about it and was completely surprised when he was ushered in the home's dining hall. Besides his son, Jeff and wife Kim, other invited quests were residents of the home, and the Greeters and Greetettes. John is a longtime and faithful member of the Greeters Unit. After a time of congratulations and shared memories by various members, everyone was served a slice of birthday cake and ice cream.



John Harrington



L to R: Judy Burton, John Harrington, Jeff Harrington, Kim Harrington.

Thanks to Lady Bette Rock for these pictures

Upcoming Event:

Remember, the Greeters Unit Annual Yard Sale will be held on October 28 and 29, 2016 (Rain or Shrine) in the Activity Center. If you have anything you wish to donate, please call Noble Arnes Diaz (804-266-2300) or PP Wayne Fifer (804-746-3765). Please tell all your friends and neighbors to come as we currently have lots of items for sale.

Continue to support your Blue Lodge and other Masonic Organizations.

Jacob H. Hattan, Jr., Reporter

From Shriners Hospitals for Children - Philadelphia

Tommy Morrissey: Showing the World that his Limb Difference Makes No Difference

Five-year-old Tommy Morrissey is inspiring millions with his "no limits" attitude.

Tommy was born without a right forearm. His parents, Joe and Marcia Morrissey, both enjoy playing golf, and Tommy showed his affinity for the sport at a very young age, preferring videos of the PGA TOUR's finest to animated children's programs. He received his first set of clubs when he was only 18 months old. Since age 3, Tommy's enthusiasm for both life and golf has led to opportunities to interact with and receive lessons



from some of golf's greatest players and attend numerous PGA TOUR events, including the 2015 PGA Championship. Through media events, like being on *The Ellen DeGeneres Show*, Tommy has demonstrated his skills and determination, while his parents emphasize their focus on what he can do, not what he can't. Concerned about the potential for Tommy, and other children, to be bullied, Tommy's parents also hope that his example of resilience will change attitudes toward children with disabilities and inspire all children to chase their dreams.

The Morrissey family has relied on the expert specialty care of Shriners Hospitals for Children since Tommy was 4 months old, especially the leadership of Scott Kozin, M.D., chief of staff of Shriners Hospitals for Children — Philadelphia, a renowned expert in pediatric upper extremity conditions.

"Tommy has been a patient of Shriners Hospital for Children since he was an infant. His family is loving and supportive with regard to his aspirations and goals. Tommy has worked hard to become a phenomenon in golf and the first child with a limb deficiency to qualify and compete for the US Kids Golf World Championships," said Dr. Kozin. "The team at Shriners Hospital for Children has worked with Tommy and his family to optimize his strength and balance to maximize his golf swing. Strengthening his shortened right upper extremity and maximizing his core strength have been the major emphasis to ensure balance and power. Tommy has become a mentor for other children with limb differences. His determination and drive is an example of the accomplishments possible for children with these conditions provided they have the backbone of a supportive family and Shriners Hospitals for Children."

Whether a child's limb deficiency is present at birth (congenital) or the result of an accident or disease (acquired), it is important to get the right care as soon as possible. Shriners Hospitals for Children offers innovative and advanced treatment options combined with the expertise of multidisciplinary teams.

Tommy will be featured this year at the Shriners Hospitals for Children Open in Las Vegas, Nevada, which will be held Oct. 31 – Nov. 6 at TPC Summerlin. Tommy and his parents will share lessons in life and golf with children from the community, other Shriners Hospitals for Children patients and several of the PGA TOUR professionals participating in the event.

Ceremonial Cast



Lady Pretal in the Hospitality Room.



Seeing the sights in Myrtle Beach.

Dear Nobles, Ladies, and Friends,

Fall is upon upon us and it couldn't of at a better time as we just came back from SASA! We had a great time this year as always! Of course, the Ceremonial Cast won First Place in the parade in the Ritualistic Cast category, proving once again that we are the best Cast in all of Shrinedom! I'd like to say a BIG thank you to the Cast ladies for all their help with the hospitality room! Also, thank you to the whole Cast for all the work in set-



Putting the float together at SASA.

ting up and breaking down the float. The parade day was hot but we got through it...with a mighty pretty trophy too, I might add! It was a great time and I can't wait until next year!

Now, I would like to take this opportunity to encourage all Acca Shriners to attend our Fall Ceremonial to see us in action. These guys on stage do the best job around at learning, practicing, and performing their parts. It would be so awesome to look out from the stage and see a packed audience for our ceremony. Let's not forget that this ceremony should leave an everlasting impression on our new nobles. I think that their memory of the event would leave in even greater impact if they saw the Nobility in the audience there to watch their ascent into the Shrine. Activity breeds activity, If those new nobles see a bunch of empty chairs why should we think that they would be excited about joining a unit or club and getting active? Let's get out there and show those newly made shriners that they have an entire Temple to support them and engage with them! See you there!

Danny Muldoon







Membership Committee



Greetings Nobles! It's hard to believe S.A.S.A. is already behind us and that fall is here. Personally, I welcome the cooler days and the splendor of the changing seasons and know many of you do as well. Acca Shrine ended the month of September with 18 Gains and 49 Losses for a current total of 1,355 members. This is a net loss of 31 members (or 2.2%) for the year. These membership numbers are not the worst we've experienced, but there is certainly a lot of room to improve.

The Acca Divan has made a true commitment to membership at the Temple this year and is working with the Committee and Unit and Club Leaders to improve our current status. Together, we had a fantastic August meeting - full of open discussions, new ideas, success stories and experiences learned. I am confident we are now working as one core team, ready to take on membership and restore Acca Shrine!

The Committee would also like to thank all the Units, Clubs and Nobles who have requested Shrine membership promotional banners and materials or a Blue Lodge program script. There has been a noticed increase in Shrine participation and involvement in the Masonic Lodges this year and that will definitely help us to promote our philanthropy, encourage growth and build fraternal unity.

Please do not forget about the Fall Ceremonial and Open House in November. We would love to see you there with a Novice to welcome into our fraternity! As always, if you have any questions or would like the Membership Committee to help your Unit or Club in any way, please take the time to contact us. Take care and God Bless!

Sincerely and Fraternally, Ross C. Morland, *Membership Chairman*

Valley Shrine Club

The Valley Shrine Club met on September 28, 2016 at Pano's Restaurant. Noble Peyton Yancey opened the meeting. Noble David Burrough opened and closed the meeting with a prayer. Noble Rodney Good led the pledge of allegiance.

Noble Don Bosley reported that the power point presentation was shown to Rockingham Union Lodge 27 and he anticipates showing it at the Elkton and Bridgewater Lodges. It presents a compelling argument as to why every Mason should join the Shrine. He reported that on February 11, eight new members would be initiated into the Valley Shrine Club. Secretary Bill Crouse will be supplied the names, phone numbers and e-mail addressed to add them to the communication lists. The ACCA Temple Potentate and Divan will attend. On October 10, Nobles Bob Puffenbarger and Don Bosley will meet at ACCA Temple to discuss plans for the initiation ceremony with the incoming Potentate.

Noble Peyton Yancey reported that the Blue Grass Festival raised over \$9,000 for the Shriners Hospitals for Children. Due to this good result, it was voted to continue staging the event. Nobles Peyton Yancey and Julian Fisher will receive more assistance in arranging and preparing solicitation letters to sponsors. The solicitation will be divided among volunteers. Shriners will also be solicited to contribute to the Hospitals.

On November 6, the Potomac Shrine Club will be hosting a Ladies and Sweethearts event at Michie Tavern in Charlottesville. The cost would be \$38.00 with the Valley Shrine Club provided ten dollars to our Shriners and Ladies attending to defer some of the expense.

Noble Peyton Yancey appointed Nobles Dee Layman, Don Truslow, and William Vigar to the committee to nominate the officers for 2017. He also appointed an audit committee consisting of Nobles Ken hoes, Julian Fisher, and Dee Layman. The membership committee will be Nobles Don Bosley, John Jackson, and Dan Perry.

Noble Chandler Thomas will make plans to hold a Cornhole Tournament fundraiser. The Rockingham County Fairgrounds will be approached for the site. All members are encouraged to volunteer to help with the planning and execution of a new event.

Noble Peyton Yancey stated that more raffle books are available for the P Buckley Moss Print that will be raffled at the Christmas Party. He encouraged all to sell their book and take another and sell it.

Noble Rodney Eagle had volunteered the use of his hall for six meetings in 2017. Noble Peyton Yancey announced that the Board of Directors thank Noble Eagle for his generous offer but have decided to continue to hold nine meetings at Pano's in 2017.

The November meeting will be the election for 2017 and the Ladies will hold a Silent Auction to raise funds for the Shriners Hospitals for Children. December will be the Christmas Party, with both events held at Pano's.

The Club wishes to thank the Hardee's Restaurant on Martin Luther King Drive for their generous donation of Biscuits and Gravy for the Rocking R Tool Show food booth. Lady Pat and Noble Irving Byrd were thanked for the eleven pounds of chili that was used on the hot dogs.

The two food booth events at Rocking R raised \$1,419.34. The Donation Jar for the Shriners Hospitals for Children garnered \$48.36.

Noble Don Bosley thanked all who were involved and stated Rocking R as pleased with the results of both events. The Valley Shrine Club commended Lady Terri and Noble Don Bosley for their outstanding efforts.

Noble Bill Crouse reminded the membership that Noble Forrest Tolson is in Sentara RMH. He asked that every member visit this outstanding Shriner and that his family be included in all prayers.

Motor Patrol



SASA-Go-Cart inspection



This is the group that worked the Ameila County Fair. Money made went to Motor Patrol and was donated to Transportation Fund. Pictured are Ronnie Wray, Ashley Williams, Julia Williams, Julie Dyer, Cindy Crowder. Not pictured is Brenda Robinson. We hope to have it again next year. Thanks, Cindy.

A phenomenal transition has transpired in the Motor Patrol. Some of the Harley-Davidson Bike Riders are now riding gocarts in some of the parades. If a parade is scheduled for the unit and movement is minimal, then the go-carts will be used. This is due to the overheating of the air-cooled engines on the bikes. The Harley's will still be in those parades where the bikes are in constant motion.

After a couple of practices with the go-carts, the Harley Go-Cart riders participated in the Powhatan parade. It was a lot of fun and the bikers didn't make too many miscues. Our next venture with the go-carts will be the Masonic Day parade.

We had a good number of members travel to Myrtle Beach and participate in the SASA Convention. The Mini Patrol joined with us to host a hospitality room. Good food, great fellowship, what could be better. Better still, we came away with a few trophies. The bikes won second place in the parade competition and second place in the slow-roll. In the Go-cart division, the unit won second place in the obstacle course.

The Motor Patrol was again asked to provide the meal for the second Acca dinner meeting. The first was a real success. Although our specialty is a steak dinner; that evening, we served Spaghetti with all the expected sides, and a little wine was available for sure.



Ronnie Wray at start of obstacle course.



First time Ill. Koon ever in tow.

Our next Business Meeting for the Temple is the middle of October. Very important for everyone to attend. Changes in the Temple By-Laws will be discussed.

We still have members with various health problems. Recently, Wayne Powers had surgery and Tom White is still having respiratory problems.

At a recent service for a fallen member, it was inspiring to see the fraternity acknowledge his good work and support the family. This is but one of the reasons that our fraternity is special.

Be nice-Keep the sunny-side up.

Larry Koon, Reporter



Nobles, Do You Have Your 2016 Dues Card?

Donations to ACCA Temple

July 23, 2016 - September 26, 2016

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Arab Patrol receives \$25,000 donation from Highland Springs High School Class of 1971 for Shriners Hospital

Linda "Buckshot" Ford Manchester Shrine Club Joanna Gammon Manchester Shrine Club Carl Harrell Manchester Shrine Club



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ACCA SHRINERS FALL CEREMONIAL

HONORING ACCA DECORATING COMMITTEE

Open House ~ Initiation ~ Dance A COUNTRY CHRISTMAS

FRIDAY EVENING NOVEMBER 18, 2016

3:00 pm. Guests check into hotel

3:30 pm. Hospitality Room open, Hampton Inn

6:30 pm. Welcome Nobles, Guest and Candidates in Acca Ballroom

Noble Jerry Miles, 2nd Ceremonial Master

7:00-10:00 pm. Unit & Club Hospitality Open House 10:00 pm. – till Hospitality Room open, Hampton Inn

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 19, 2016

8:00am Candidates report to Acca Shrine Center

8:30am Instructions to Candidates

Million Dollar Band, and Oriental Band providing music

9:00am Opening of Acca Shrine Center

9:15am Welcome to Candidates

III. Sir James H. Duke, 111th Potentate of Acca Shrine

9:30am Seven Sons and Obligation of the Candidates

9:240am First and Third Sections

Noble Richard A. Neely, Sr., Ceremonial Cast, Director 10:00am Introduction of Divan, Past Potentates and Special Guests

Noble Jerry Miles, 2nd Ceremonial Master

10:15am Introduction of Ceremonial Honoree

III. Sir James H. Duke, 111th Potentate of Acca Shrine

10:30am The Old Red Fez

III. Sir Samuel E. Dunn, 101st Potentate of Acca Shrine

10:35am Flag Orientation

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11:00am Ceremonial Lunch, Activity Center

12:00pm Second Section Begins

Noble Thomas A. Williams, Director's Staff, Director

1:00pm Presentation of Membership Cards and Pins to New Nobles

1:15pm Hospital Donation Presentations From Units and Clubs

2:15pm-5:30pm. Hospitality Suite opens at Hampton Inn

SATURDAY EVENING NOVEMBER 19, 2016

6:00pm Reception/Cocktails -Acca Shrine Center

6:30pm-8:00pm Dinner and Fellowship

8:00-11:00pm Ceremonial Ball "Country Christmas"

With Music by DJ N 4U

Dress: Casual Dress, Christmas themed if possible. 10:30pm Hospitality Room open, Hampton Inn

Registration Form

Name:	Unit/Club:	
Address:	Phone:	
City:	Zip:	

Saturday Evening Reception, Dinner and Ball Reservations: \$40 per couple (non-tax deductible), Total: \$



Must be made through Acca Shrine Office (804) 264-0509

Mail checks to Acca Shrine, 1712 Bellevue Avenue, Richmond, VA 23227
or pick up tickets at Acca Shrine Office no later than November 18, 2016.

Hotel reservation (s): Hampton Inn & Suites, 5406 Glenside Drive, Richmond, VA \$112.79 per night Friday and Saturday, Total: \$______

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ACCA Golf Club



The weatherman is not a friend of the Acca Swingers Golf Club. Our June outing at Sycamore Creek was a total wash-out; then in July at Mill Quarter, the weather was unbearably hot, although we did end up playing; the weather abated and we had a great day of golf at Brandermill in August, but this past month, our September outing scheduled for the Pendleton course was again cancelled because of heavy rains and storms.

But in-between all of the bad weather, we did manage to play a little golf. The club supported the Scottish Rite Conference Tournament at Mill Quarter in September and also played in the annual Scottish Rite Tournament at the Sycamore Golf Course in October.

Our remaining schedule for this year. On October 27th, we will play the Brickshire course and then close out at Meadowbrook on November 17th, which is a week later because of the Thanksgiving holiday.

Put this date on your calendar. On November 7th, we will join with the Kazim Golf Club and play the Poplar Grove course in Amherst, Va. This course is one of the best in the state. Tee time is 10am. We generally stop for dinner on our return to Richmond. It is a fine day of golf and fellowship-especially with nobles from a different Temple. It you have never played with the Golf Club, this would be a special time to get involved.





February 1, 2017 is our Ladies Night at the Meadowbrook Country Club. If you have attended in the past, you are aware of what a special evening it is for the golfers and ladies. The meal is superb and the atmosphere and service is excellent. It is always held after the holiday season as we are busy and committed to other events during that time period. The ladies are appreciative and have had a part in the scheduling. So, along about February, they are looking for a special night out. Do not disappoint. I would like to make clear that anyone who has played with us during the year is invited. You do not have to be a member. A short program is held after dinner. Highlights of the past year (maybe an exaggeration or two), then projections for the coming year are discussed. Hopefully, the 2017 schedule will be completed at that time. The major item on the agenda for the evening is the crowning of the "Player of the Year". You certainly would not want to miss this most prestigious ceremony. Already some members are campaigning for the title so that they can add it to their resume.

Remember to never make derogatory remarks about people, it doesn't build your character or reputation, plus you may be upstaged by the response. Example: Abraham Lincoln was told he was two-face—his reply: It I were two-face, do you think I would be wearing this one.

Be nice-Keep the sunny-side up.

Larry Koon, President



Caverns Shrine Club Sends More Love To The Rescue



On August 4, 5, and 6, 2016, the last Blue Grass in the Blue Ridge was held at the VFW Park in Page County. It was a well planned event as always, produced and managed by Kyle Miller and the hard working Nobles and Ladies of Caverns Shrine Club. There were many top name performers that the fans thoroughly enjoyed.

To add to the money collected from the gate and from the sales of weekend camping spots, a great deal of money was raised from the sale of tickets for CD baskets, 50-50 tickets, and a guitar drawing. Of course we can't forget the hard work of Alva Bible who was responsible for collecting over \$600 for the transportation fund just by coaxing people to attach money to our hospital transportation van. Over the past years, Alva is responsible for

collecting well over \$3,000 for the Acca Hospital Transportation Fund, which is used for the sole purpose of transporting children to and from our hospitals. The transportation fund has an annual budget of between 60 - 90 thousand dollars to ensure patients and their parents have reliable transportation.

Over the past twelve years Caverns Shrine Club has been a key player in helping to provide money for the transportation of children. In addition, all the hard work of the Nobles and Ladies at Caverns has provided more than \$207,000 in donations to our hospital in Greenville. As most of you know, money donated to our hospital goes to the care of the children, except for about two percent which goes to administrative costs. Needless to say, Caverns Shrine Club is responsible for affording many children superior treatment and making a difference in many children's lives.

This year the Blue Grass in the Blue Ridge Festival had an overall total of \$15,600, making it possible to donate \$14,000 to Shriners Hospitals for Children, Greenville and \$1,600 to the Acca Transportation Fund, which includes the \$600 collected by Alva Bible. On behalf of Shriners Hospitals for Children, Greenville, we salute each of you at Caverns Shrine Club for SEND-ING YOUR LOVE TO THE RESCUE.

This may have been the last Bluegrass in the Blue Ridge Festival; however, the Nobles of Caverns Shrine Club and their Ladies are pursuing other avenues to raise money to continue their support of medical treatment and transportation to Shrine patients.

The picture shows III Dennis English presenting a \$14,000 check to the Board of Governors at Shriners Hospitals for Children, Greenville for patient care.

Good News From Greenville – Thank You Shriners

At Shriners Hospitals for Children — Greenville, approximately one third of the patients we care for with progressive infantile scoliosis can be cured. Virginia's Jackson Heath is proud to be part of that statistic.

At four months old, Jackson was diagnosed with progressive infantile scoliosis, a curvature of the spine. Jackson's mother, Jennifer Heath, a pediatric nurse, immediately sought treatment at Greenville Shriners Hospital.

"We chose the Shriners Hospitals for Children network because they are the 'gold standard' for treating progressive infantile scoliosis," Jennifer said. "We wanted our son to be treated in a place with a large case load of kids like him, and where successful outcomes are routine."

At 16 months old, Jackson was placed in his first cast. The Mehta cast is made of plaster and applied in the operating room from the patient's collarbone to the bottom of the spine. When the cast is applied, pressure is placed on the cast causing the spine to straighten. When the cast hardens, it holds the spine in this position. Each subsequent cast progressively straighten the patient's spine. Jackson wore each of his Risser casts for two to three months, and then had a one week break before having the next cast put on.

At 3 years old and nine casts later, Jackson's spine is completely straight.

"When we began casting at 16 months, Jackson's curve was around 50 degrees. Now, he is at 0 degrees at 37 months," said

Jennifer. "Jackson's straight spine feels like a new beginning. Jackson's future is unlimited. It's difficult for me to imagine what his future would have been without Risser casting and Shriners Hospitals for Children — Greenville."

Jackson will maintain his perfectly straight spine by wearing an orthosis, or brace, for several months and will be continually monitored at the Greenville Shriners Hospital to make sure his spine remains straight as he grows.

"Now, I feel like Jackson's incredible spirit won't be hindered by a physical limitation," said Jennifer. "He has been through a lot in three years, but now the story has a happy ending."





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When 12-year-old Kylie isn't winning the Pacer award at her school for running the most laps in gym, she can be found wearing colorful dresses as she glides across the pageant stage. When she receives feedback from the judges, they are always sure to note one thing that they notice, her beautiful walk.

For Kylie, the ability to walk alone is a tremendous gift, and the added praise she receives from judges is something that was once unimaginable.

Born with toe to toe club feet, or feet that are turned down and in, Kylie became a patient at Shriners Hospitals for Children — Greenville as an infant.

"Shriners has given Kylie the ability to walk and have the life of a happy child," says Kylie's mother Stacy. "If it was not for the numerous surgeries and treatments she would not be walking today."

As one of the most common conditions treated at Greenville Shriners Hospital, expert physicians knew exactly what treatment method to follow to give Kylie the ability to walk. When she was just weeks old, she began receiving a series of casts, named the Ponseti method, which allow for stretching of the feet while the ligaments, joints and tendons are the most flexible. By combining movement and massage with a different cast each week, progress was achieved in both of Kylie's feet.

To further release the tightness in her limbs, a heel cord tenotomy was then performed on each heel, followed by braces in the form of Dennis Browne Bar shoes. The shoes, used to hold the feet and hip in the proper position during sleep, further aided in allowing Kylie to walk today.

With many surgeries and treatments behind her, she is now flourishing. Whether lacing up her tennis shoes for gym class or wearing a crown on a stage, it is clear that nothing can stop Kylie.

"The joy of seeing my child walk across the stage normal after all the years we saw her struggle with her club feet is amazing and heartwarming," says Stacy. "Without Greenville Shriners Hospital I do not know where her life would be today."

Your gifts help kids, like Kylie, live their best possible lives.





Hillbilly Unit









Howdy thar Cuzzins! Summer has come and gone and fall is here. It's time for football, hunting and planning for holiday parades. The Unit has stayed busy parked cars at the Frontier Culture Museum in Staunton to raise money for the fraternity and our Hospitals for Children. The museum has hosted multiple events including an Independence Day celebration, a food truck battle, a local home school fundraiser and an upcoming Oktoberfest.

At the August Augusta County Fair at Expoland, the Hillbillies reserved a booth to sell Acca Sportsman's Raffle tickets and ended up selling 43. We then assisted the Valley Shrine Club with ticket sales at the Rockingham County Fair. From there, we headed to Richmond to cut, slice and serve watermelons at the Carytown Watermelon Festival with the Band, Ceremonial Cast and Southside Shrine Club. September was busy with the Bluegrass in the Park festival in Grottoes. The music was great and the Unit, Caverns and Valley Shrine Club had a fun time together for a common goal. A huge "thank you" to all the Nobles that helped at these events!

We also thank Cuzzin Ray and Mary Alice Drumheller for their generous hospitality for hosting us at their homestead for our August meeting and picnic. The Divan came all the way up from Richmond and a perfect evening of delicious food and warm fellowship was had by all. Illustrious Tim, Captain Rick and "Rip" Willis represented the Hillbillies in the Fall S.A.S.A. parade in Myrtle Beach. The new pickup made its S.A.S.A. debut, ran great and was well received! No trophies were won by the Hillbillies, but we had a ball! Next year, we hope to have enough participation to take more vehicles. As Captain Rick says, "May the good Lord bless ya and all ya hold dear! Sit back and enjoy this beautiful season!"

HONOR THE COB! Ross Morland, *Unit Reporter*

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ACCA Shriner's Breakfast with Santa

for Nobles, Ladies, their Children and Grandchildren Hosted by the Greeters Unit and ACCA Shriners







Saturday, December 17, 2016

Breakfast - 9:00 - 10:00 a.m. Festivities will start at 10:00 a.m. Santa will Arrive at 10:00 a.m. ACCA Shrine Activity Center







ACCA SHRINE CALENDAR OF EVENTS November 2016



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		LOS A/R Hospital Comm. T/R	2 Cast # 1 M/R Legion of Honor	3 Arab Patrol Oriental Band Steel Drum Band A/C Saurkrauts B/R	4 Provost Guard Arab Patrol Chili Party A/C	5 Sportsman Raffle A/C Kazim Ceremonial
6	7 Band B/R Greeters #1 MR Car Club	8	9 Veterans Day Breakfast Mini Patrol Glen Allen A/R Director's Staff James River	10 Ducks Unlimited Rental B/R, Kit, A/C Grand Lodge of VA	11 Legion of Honor Her- itage Dinner A/R Kit Grand Lodge of VA	12 Grand Lodge B/R, Kit Ball.
13	14 Band B/R Chester Shrine Club	15 Board Mtg. 4:00 pm. Divan Mtg. 5:30 pm. Council Mtg. 7:30 pm.	16 Manchester A/C Hopewell Shrine Shooters Club #1	17 Hillbillies Clan 17 Motor Patrol C/W Band Oriental Band Steel Drum Band A/C Saurkrauts B/R Golf Club	18 Acca Open House	19 Acca Ceremonial
20	21 Klownz A/R, Kit Band B/R	22	23 Acca Closed	24 Acca Closed Thanksgiving	25 Acca Closed	26
27	28 Band B/R	29	30 C/W Band	1		
	Accalette Deadline					

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ACCA SHRINE CALENDAR OF EVENTS December 2016



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				I Arab Patrol Oriental Band Steel Drum Band A/C Saurkrauts B/R Motor Patrol	2	3
4 Band Election of Officers & Christmas Party A/R, Kit	5 Band B/R Greeters #1 MR	6 LOS A/R Hospital Comm. T/R	7 Cast # 1 M/R Legion of Honor	8 Oriental Band Steel Drum Band A/C Saurkrauts B/R	9	10 Provost Guard Christmas Party A/R, Kit
11 Manchester Christmas Party A/R, Kit	12 Band B/R Chester Shrine Club Accalette Mail Date	13	14 Mini Patrol Glen Allen A/R Director's Staff James River	15 Hillbillies Clan 17 Outhouse # 1 C/W Band Oriental Band Steel Drum Band A/C Saurkrauts B/R	16	17 Breakfast with Santa A/C & Acca
18	19 Band B/R Klownz A/R, Kit Christmas Party	20	21 Hopewell Shrine Shooters Club #1	22 Oriental Band Steel Drum Band A/C Saurkrauts B/R	23 Acca Closed	24
25 Christmas	26	27	28 C/W Band	29 Oriental Band Steel Drum Band A/C Saurkrauts B/R	30	31 New Year's Eve Dance B/R, Kit