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Potes Notes

Thornton L. Holt, Jr.

Illustrious Sirs, Nobles, Ladies and Sweethearts, Welcome all New Nobles and their Ladies.

I hope this Issue of the Accalette finds each of you in good health, good family and having great Shrine fun and fellowship. I find it very hard to believe how fast this year is going right on by.

The First Lady and I are having a lot of fun. We have been to many events so far and are looking forward to many more. Thanks to everyone for all of your support.

If there is anything you need, the Divan is ready and available to help. Each Divan member is dedicated to help the ACCA Shrine family. Our Divan has been busy, and is determined that every day they will continue to work hard, and keep ACCA No.1.



I wanted to share some feelings with you:

"If you feel passionate about something in your soul, continue to pursue it. Pursue it with all the love you have."

Common

The men who came forward to build the Mosque in Richmond had a dream for ACCA Temple. When the Mosque was lost 60 years ago, the men "got together" and created

the building that is located today at 1712 Bellevue Street, as ACCA Shrine. During those 60 years, a few changes have been made. Today ACCA Shine needs to make a few more changes to keep up with the times, and your help and support for ACCA Temple is needed. Ill. Sir Jimi Duke, and his Lady Donna, worked hard toward making these updates a reality. The new updates are going to help ACCA Temple go forward and attract new members. These changes will also help with the rental of the ACCA Temple building in the future, to generate income. They will also provide a place where Shriners can continue to meet, in a more updated version, for fun and fellowship. And most importantly, to continue to raise money for Shriners Hospitals for Children, as we are the greatest philanthropy in the world. The updates will provide the new members and their families a building to come to and have fun and fellowship for years.

I AM PROUD TO BE A SHRINER

ACCA SHRINE - SHRINERS INTERNATIONAL

OASIS OF RICHMOND - DESERT OF VIRGINIA

**BUSINESS SESSION TO BE HELD
SATURDAY - AUGUST 19, 2017**

Donuts and Coffee 9:00 a.m. - Meeting: 10:00 a.m.

ACCA TEMPLE HEADQUARTERS - 1712 BELLEVUE AVENUE - RICHMOND, VA

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FOOD

"GREAT"
FELLOWSHIP

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ATTEST:

Ben D. Holder

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



BY ORDER OF:

Thornton L. Holt, Jr.
Thornton L. Holt, Jr.
Illustrious Potentate

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From The Recorder's Pen

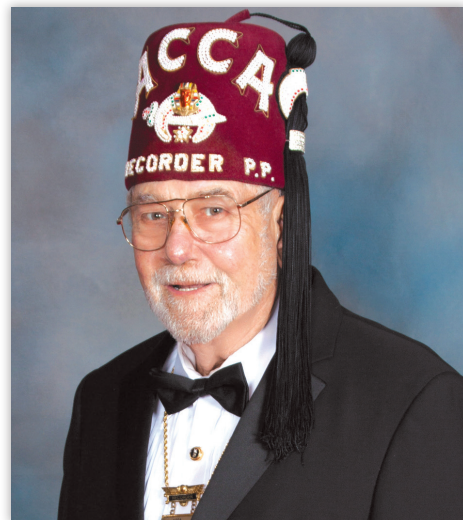
Ben D. “Pete” Holder, PP

Dear Nobles and Ladies, Now that we are into the summer months, and we have had one cold sands and one Ceremonial, we can look forward to the upcoming events. Soon you will be getting your letter, announcing the Sportsman Raffle, which will include five tickets. Please try to sell the tickets and get the funds, with the ticket stubs back to the Business Office as soon as you can. We will also be putting on the Pork and Music Festival in September. This is always a fun event. Then there is SASA to prepare for, and make sure you have your hotel reservations completed, as well as your registration. If you have any questions about the events at SASA, go to the website where all the events, times, etc. are listed. Another important event is the Acca Business Meeting to be held on Saturday, August 19th, followed by our annual picnic.

The Representatives to the

Imperial Session are making preparations to attend the session for 2017-18. We have not received the call as of now, so I can't pass on to you what is on tap, however I will let you know what happened. The session is being held in Daytona Beach this year and will start later than usual.

I will update you on WebFez, since it is a constantly changing program. Currently there is a total of 10,000 plus registered in the program. Of those, 117 are registered on the Acca part. There are so many things you can take care of in your record by being registered on the site. You can make corrections to your data, and you can enter data that may not be included, such as your Lady's email or cell phone number. Club and Unit presidents can maintain their rosters, to keep them up to date. Don't worry about letting the Business Office know of your adjustments, because we get notification when any record is



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changed, as well as who changed it.

We strive very hard in the office to help answer your questions, and help solve any problems that you may have. Many of you are very apologetic, and think you are bothering us; that is not the case. We are here to serve the membership of Acca Shriners, and feel honored to do so. Thanks to all of you for what you do for all of us.

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First Lady's Thoughts

*H*appy Summer!

Oh my goodness, here we are getting ready to head to Imperial Session in Daytona Beach, and before we know, will be heading to Myrtle Beach for S.A.S.A.! The time is flying!

Since the last Accalette, Thornton and I went to the Northern Neck Oyster Roast. We got there a little late, at 7:00 p.m., because we had to get two tires fixed. Thanks to Lyn Spears for letting us enjoy the last hot dog, and getting that very special one-half bushel of steamed oysters just for us. Then we headed off to Columbia, South Carolina to Spring S.A.S.A. for two days of fun and fellowship. Al and Bette Rock, thank you so much for hosting the Hospitality Room; it was wonderful.

We started the month of April with the Potentate's Trip to Jamaica, and we are still relishing in the afterglow of the best vacation EVER! Now, I know we made a pact, and said "What Happens in Jamaica Stays in Jamaica", but I have to share a few things.

There were forty-two of us that ventured off on that cool Sunday morning, April 2nd, from the ACCA Shrine parking lot at 3:30 a.m. From that moment on, until April 8th, we had so much fun; we laughed, we cried (from laughter and joy), we celebrated Dave Comer's 60th birthday, and we celebrated a wedding made in Heaven. It was beautiful. Thanks to Frankie & Kris Sheridan for letting us share that special moment with you. Thornton and I came away with friendships that are near and dear to our hearts, and for that we are very grateful.

Now the biggest THANK YOU EVER! To Kathy and Doug Williams for being the best, and I mean the best Host & Hostess ever. I remember that day sitting in Kathy's office at AAA and Thornton saying, "I want to go to Jamaica", and seeing the smile on her face. She said, "You will have a great time", and how right she was. Rest assured that there will be a Part II to this episode. If you go on the ACCA website, you can see some of our pictures.

With that wonderful trip fading a little, the "back to reality feeling" was quickly setting in. Our nights and weekends have been filled with great events.

Thank you to the Provost Guard for the delicious Fish Fry, and to the Klowns and Divan for the Children's Magic Show and Easter Egg Hunt. I was almost Miss Dogwood at the Dogwood Parade in Charlottesville, but she got the Crown back. We were mighty proud of all the ACCA Shrine Units that participated. Thanks to the Piedmont Shrine Club for the wonderful picnic lunch you prepared for all of us afterwards. The rain held off for the parade and long enough for us to get to the shelter! I had never seen so many deviled eggs! (ha ha!) Afterwards, some of us headed to Kena's Potentate's Ball, and a great time was had by all. Thank you Kena Shrine for always being so



Lady Debby

thoughtful. Others headed to the Southside Shrine Club Catfish Supper. As always, it was fantastic. It was so organized, and the food was the best! The music was the best, and the dancing was the best!

We had a wonderful time being at Kazim, and attending Russell & Linda's "Past, Present and Future" Potentate's Ball and Spring Ceremonial. Thanks to everyone at Kazim for your gracious hospitality.

The ACCA Million Dollar Band's Showcase was so much fun! What a wonderful way to spent a Sunday afternoon listening, singing along, and dancing to the Big Band. The music put smiles on everyone's face, from the beginning to the end. Thank you ACCA Million Dollar Band, and congratulations on 102 years in ACCA Shrine. My vote is to have the same program next year!

We enjoyed being with so many folks at the Southside Regional Meeting at Sheldons. The first annual Cinco de Mayo was well attended. Great job Glen Allen Shrine Club! We traveled to Khedive for their Spring Ceremonial; hats off to all the new Nobles and their Ladies, and to Khedive's continued success. After we left Chesapeake, we did a quick turnaround into formal attire, and headed to the Legion of Honor's Commander's Ball. It was a lovely evening, with great people, and good food. It was so wonderful to be in Ms. Peggy Sears company again. We missed you Bill Sears; and thank you Sweethearts for always making us feel so special.

Theresa Fifer, we cannot thank you enough for the guest speaker you arranged for the Ladies get together at the Business Meeting. Ms. Jeannie Welliver, Project Development Manager for the City of Richmond, gave a presentation about the Mosque, which built in 1926 and was the home of ACCA Temple. We are looking forward to having her speak again.

Recently Thornton and I, along with Sonny and Brenda Conner, had the pleasure of attending Petersburg Shrine Club's monthly meeting. They Honored Bill Brockwell, with his lovely Lady Betty Jo by his side, for his many years in the Petersburg Shrine Club, and for raising money for Shriners Children's Hospitals.

The "COMMUNICATION NETWORK of LADIES of ACCA SHRINE NOBLE'S" is making remarkable strides to be ready by mid-summer. If we do not have your information, and you would like to share, email me at tljr999@aol.com, or call me at 804-937-7097.

I want to thank everyone that has been so kind and gracious to Thornton and me.

Volunteer Nobles & Ladies; become a part of this wonderful organization, and continue helping Shriners Hospitals for Children! Keep smiling!

From The Editors Desk

James S. “Jim” Deitrick
(Assistant Managing Editor)

Psssssst! Don’t tell Rusty! I saw that he had vacated the Editor’s Desk for a little while, and I figured this was my opportunity for editorial fame. I’ve never tried this “writing thing” before, so I thought I’d give it a shot while he was away on business.

The Units and Clubs have done a good job in this issue by providing information on their recent and upcoming activities. It gives you a warm spot in your heart when you read about all the activities that go on at ACCA Temple that contribute to the enjoyment of its members and help support the Shriners Hospitals for Children. If you currently aren’t a member of a Unit or Club, find out when they have their monthly meetings and visit with them, ask some questions about their fun and fundraising activities, and

determine which one fits your particular interests. Becoming a member of a specific Unit or Club will give you that feeling of “family” and intensifies the enjoyment you get out of your Shrine membership.

(How am I doing? I hope I can finish this article before he returns. He can “push an attitude” sometimes and I don’t want to endure the wrath of an angry Managing Editor!)

Have you seen all the vendors’ ads scattered throughout the Accalette? There are quite a variety of businesses represented and they serve as a personal directory for many of your family’s needs. Please consider contacting these folks whenever a need arises at your home or business. I have personally used the services of several of the currently listed vendors, and was thoroughly pleased with the quality



of work and the reasonableness of their prices. I have even contracted with one of the rather well known vendors listed herein to help me when my editorial writings are over!

Well, I think I may be pushing my time limit with this “editorial fame opportunity” and should get out of Rusty’s office before he returns. I would appreciate it if you wouldn’t tell him that I “sat in” when he wasn’t looking. I’m sure if he found out, I would be relegated to the area out back of the building to push old typos, worn-out flyers, and faded pictures into the editorial dumpster. Anyway, I hope each of you have a great summer!

Ceremonial Cast

Nobles, Ladies, Friends,
Greetings! Hopefully everyone is enjoying their summer. As with every year, before the end of Spring the Ceremonial Cast did what it does best, perform the Ritual for our incoming Novices. To the right is the cast of the 2017 Spring Ceremonial with much appreciation.

Thank you to all of the Cast Member’s for their great performances! I hope everyone is having a great summer.

Take care, treat each other with love, and always be grateful.

Sincerely, Danny Muldoon

Illustrious Potentate
Chief Rabban
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Ken Whirley
Ray “Couch” Crouch
Rodney Gallagher
Ill. Sir Sam Dunn
Galen Gallagher
Floyd Maxey
Daniel, Galen,
and Rodney

From The Chaplain

Russell "Russ" Wood

GOD IS WORKING IN
AMAZING WAYS

We are constantly hearing stories concerning friends, family, community, church, our country, and our world. We are given glimpses of all God is doing, in and through us as His children. Many stories are still unfolding. What about you? What's your story?

What is the value of stories that so move us? Stories compel us. They help us see certain truths more clearly, and offer fresh insights that can change us. Jesus knew the power



of stories. He filled His teaching ministry with them to make His lessons come alive. Examples of this include the prodigal son, the rich man and Lazarus, the sower of seeds, and many others.

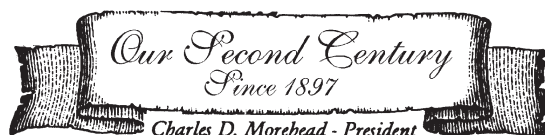
Stories challenge us. Most of us think of our own story as we listen to stories. But as we hear about those who overcome, we also see possibilities for overcoming.

Stories connect us. God is the

one who is creating opportunities, opening doors, and giving us dreams of how we can be on mission with Him. We are all connected as we follow His path.

Many people do amazing things for God. But many are just at the starting point. Maybe some feel stagnant or stuck. The summer is a great time to take a break, rest, and re-evaluate. The summer is also a great time to try new connections. Try a new hobby – painting, bowling, or fishing. Get to know others with similar interests. Be alert for opportunities to share your faith.

The beautiful thing about connecting stories is that God uses it. God shows up in amazing and unplanned ways. What a privilege to walk with Him through life and be blessed as we take steps of faith. May God continue to bless us, as we trust in Him.



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Drawing to be held on **October 25, 2017** at the ACCA Shrine Center

1712 Bellevue Ave, Richmond, Virginia 23227

You do not need to be present to win. Donation is tax-deductible.



Save the Date

Acca Shriners Walk for Love

Saturday, September 30, 2017
9 a.m.

One Mile Walk, Roll, or Stroll

Create a Team

Become a Sponsor

Register To Walk

Become A Virtual Walker

Whatever option you choose, don't miss out!

Acca Shrine Center
1712 Bellevue Avenue
Richmond, VA 23227



Visit:
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A Taste of Acca

COOKBOOK



Please share your favorite recipes with us, and they will be published. We are looking for everything from appetizers to your favorite beverages. All Units and Clubs, as well as all Ladies and Nobles are welcome to participate. We would like to have a Section for all the different Units and Clubs, including their events, if possible. You can include any pictures from events of the Clubs and Units, such as the Stews, Fish Fry, BBQ, etc.

There is a small grocery cart on a table in the front hall of the Temple for you to leave your recipe, or recipes. Please contact any Divan Lady, email tljr999@aol.com, or send your recipe to ACCA Shrine Center, c/o Divan Ladies Cookbook, 1712 Bellevue Avenue, Richmond, VA 23227.

This cookbook will be published and for sale in the fall of 2017, just in time for great Christmas presents. The deadline for the submission of your recipes is July 31, 2017.

Please be a part of this wonderful project for the ACCA Shrine Divan Ladies. We appreciate all of your support, and all the work you do for Shriners Hospitals.



Hot Sands Steel Drum Band

Hot Sands Steel Drum Band Looking For Members

"We keep the beat to help little feet"

As the famous quote by American icon Mark Twain states:

"The reports of my death are greatly exaggerated."

The rumored demise of the Acca Hot Sands Steel Drum Band also has been greatly exaggerated. We are alive and well; back to practicing, working on our trailer, and planning to participate in the Colonial Beach parade on June 10th. Unfortunately, with the departure of our past Potentate Jimi "the Bass Man" Duke, we not only lost a key member that sustained us for many years, but also a friend who kept us motivated. Jimi, we miss you, and look forward to the next time we can play "Rocky Top" together. We are fortunate however because we have found a great replacement to fill Jimi's shoes. We are happy to welcome Rob Deel on the bass to the band. If you don't already know Rob, you soon will. He's loud and proud, with a great wit and full of fun, which is what this band is all about.



If you would like to become a member of the Hot Sands Band, please contact our Director Rusty Brinkley at 804-350-1396, or by email at rbrinkley@gmail.com.

PUNTA CANA
APRIL 22-28, 2018

Chief Rabban Dennis Berry and Lady Toni are hoping you will join them in Punta Cana at the Hard Rock Hotel and Casino Resort next April!

Trip Presentation at ACCA Shrine Center
Sunday, September 24, 2017 at 3:00pm

Christmas in July

Silent Auction Food & Drink

Presented by ACCABA Court #105
The Ladies Oriental Shrine of North America

Saturday, July 29, 2017

Ballroom - ACCA Shrine Center
1712 Bellevue Avenue

Tickets are available at the ACCA Shrine office or from any LOS member
Advanced ticket sales only

Admission \$20 • Doors open at 6 pm

The Ladies Oriental Shrine of North America Grand Council 2019

Million Dollar Band

Secretary Dave Bishop, P.P.

Well they say “April showers bring May Flowers”, but I think it has been more like “May Extended Rain Showers.”. Whatever it takes to move closer to summer and warmer weather, please bring it on. No matter what the weather brings, we are all thankful for each day that we are allowed to go to bed in the evening and wake up in the morning, to spend another day in this glorious country that we live in.

Since the last article, several big events have occurred. The Potentate’s Ball, Temple Leadership Seminar and Temple Easter Egg Hunt/Magic Show; all were well attended and, most importantly, everyone in attendance had fun and enjoyed themselves. In addition, the following events occurred; the Potentate’s Trip to Jamaica, Northern Neck Shrine Club annual Oyster Roast, and of course the Million Dollar Band’s Twenty-Fifth Edition of Showcase 2017. As far as the Jamaica trip, you all know the saying, “What Happens in Jamaica Stays in Jamaica,” but not necessarily in this case. It was rumored two of the individuals in the Temple’s party were going to “tie the knot”. To my surprise and sincere honor, I was asked to “Give the Bride Away.” Not having any daughters of my own, I was deeply blown away with this opportunity. When the Minister asked the question, “Who gives this woman to be married?,” I replied, “Her Shrine Family and Friends.” I am sure by now you all certainly know that Chris Palmer and Frankie Sheridan are the lucky couple beginning a

new and lasting journey for years to come. Chris has been very close to the Band, Bina and me for many years, and I have known Frankie for quite a long time. God speed to the newlyweds in their forthcoming adventures and happiness. The Twenty-Fifth edition of Showcase by the Band was held on Sunday, May 7th, 2017 in the Ballroom of ACCA Temple. We tried something new this time around rather than just a typical concert. The Ballroom was set up in a Cabaret atmosphere rather than typical theater style seating, thus creating closer relationship to the Bands who would be performing. Also refreshments were available for consumption during and after the performances by the Bands. Of course the Bands performing were the Million Dollar Band and The Northern Neck Dance Band. This Band consists of School Band directors from the Northern Neck, retired music professionals, as well as several individuals currently active in the community. The Million Dollar Band had the pleasure of having several musicians from the Thomas Jefferson High School Alumni Band sitting in and helping fill some gaps in instrumentation to improve the concert. Members of the Northern Neck Band were also invited to join in, and several participated. What a wonderful sound this combined Band offered to the audience. The Band played a variety of audience friendly songs from Marches, Jazz, and Concert, thereby presenting a variety of musical selections for the enjoyment of everyone. While the Northern Neck Band was playing,

some of the audience got up from their seats and danced to their music, led by our own Potentate, Ill. Sir Thornton Holt, Jr. and First Lady Debby. A dancing area was provided by the Cabaret set-up. What a wonderful time was had by all present.

As we all know, the Band, as well as other units/clubs of ACCA cannot have a successful event without the help and support of their Ladies. What a wonderful group of Ladies they are, and the members of the Band are so proud and thankful for their hard work and dedication. All the table decorations, flowers, desserts and beverages were supplied and setup by the Bandaides, and we are ever so thankful and appreciative of each and every one of the Ladies. A job well done Ladies, and we salute you one more time for all you do to support the Million Dollar Band.

In the coming months the Band will be preparing for SASA, and hopefully playing at various Retirement Living Centers, Assisted Living Centers, and other venues as the opportunity allows. We love to showcase our talents to those who will listen. As for the “sick and wounded:” Buddy Kirby has undergone eye surgery; President Fred Paul has suffered an acute attack of diverticulitis; Art Moore has suffered from various falls; and John Conover has also undergone eye surgery. I’m happy to report that all are recovering.

We continue to pray for the safety and speedy return of our service members, especially those in harms way. May God Bless each and every one of them and return them home safely. God Bless you, and the United States of America. “May Peace Be With You, and Upon You Be The Peace.”

MILLION DOLLAR BAND PHOTOS



Thank You

I am proud and thankful to be a "Lady of a Shriner."

Thank you for all the cards, phone calls, visits, words of encouragement and prayers.

I am much better. Hope to be back with everyone soon, but still need your prayers and support.

Thank you so much.

Peggy Sears

Danville Shrine Club

Danville Shrine Club will have its 63rd Shrine Football Game on Friday night, September 22, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. Chatham High School will play Gretna High School in Chatham, Virginia. These two teams have been rivals for years and always play an exciting game. Come on out on a Friday night and enjoy a great football game. Buy a Shriners football program and support your Shriners Hospitals for Children.

Glen Allen Shrine Club

Ill. Billy Jellie, P.P.

The Glen Allen Shrine Club held its first ever Cinco de Mayo Fiesta Party at the ACCA Activity Center on Friday, May 12th. Many of our members worked very hard to make this event a success, and it was truly achieved. In spite of the terrific downpours that occurred during most of that day and evening, the show did go on. Because of the weather, the entire event was held in the Activity Center. The crowd came in wearing tarps and raincoats, instead of ponchos and sombreros. The food was hot and spicy and the sangrias, margaritas and Mexican Modelo beer created much frivolity throughout the evening. Amid much laughter and entertainment, there was dancing and fun! The Pinata drawing was held at intermittent intervals and many prizes were won. Between sets of mariachi music played by our own Shriner DJ, Mexico Man, Juan Steve Faszewski, over 50 prizes were awarded throughout the evening. So mark your calendars and join us next year for Cinco de Mayo, 2018.

The Spring Ceremonial was different this year, and was a unique way to say we are open to growth and change. Many of the members of the Glen Allen Club were there in support of the ACCA Divan, and as part of the other units of ACCA Shrine. Congratulations to our Potentate, Ill. Thornton Holt and his Lady Debby, for their forward thinking and innovative ideas!

The Glen Allen Club has more ideas for fundraisers, yet to be announced, to support our Children's Hospitals. Our annual picnic will be held in August.

The Glen Allen Shrine Club fully supports the mission of our organization, that is, caring for the children for whom we provide medical services. We hope to continue



Carol & Billie at Cinco de Mayo



Nancy & John Sharing Time with Charlie

to raise monies for that endeavor, as well as to support the ACCA Shrine Center. If we do not provide funding to maintain our facility, we will not have the resources needed to make services available for our children and our local community.

The Glen Allen Club always welcomes visitors and guests at our regular meetings, which are held the second Tuesday of every month, starting at 6:00 p.m. in the Assembly Room. We are known for our good food, good fun, and good fellowship, as well as our commitment to each other, our members, our Shrine Center, and our hospitals.

Thanks to everyone for your hard work and support of Cinco de Mayo! Isn't it great to be a Shriner!

ANNOUNCEMENT TO ALL MEMBERS

Town Hall Meeting
August 24th 7PM
Acca Ball Room

Purpose to discuss future facility plans.



Nobles,
Do you have your
2017 Dues Card?

Motor Patrol

Larry Koon

It seems that the Motor Patrol is getting a lot of publicity as a first-class caterer. The unit is staying pretty busy fulfilling commitments to events throughout the local area. We recently provided the meal for the Grand Master's official visit to both the Manchester and Glen Allen Lodges. We also catered The Fairmount Christian Church on Creighton Road, and prepared and served over one hundred and fifty meals. We received good reviews from all involved. If you would like our services, contact either Noble Ronnie Butler or Noble Charles Hanbury.

Did you know that the Motor Patrol was formed in 1966 by a group of twelve Nobles headed by Noble Russell Craig. He was elected



President of the Unit in 1966 and 1967. The first Unit formed consisted of twelve 90cc Honda Motorcycles. They performed in their first parade at the Charlottesville Ceremonial. In 1971, a second Unit was formed that consisted of 450cc Honda's, and the following year, a four wheel Unit was established. Then in 1974, the smaller 90cc Honda was traded for the larger 125cc Honda. A Unit of 1200cc Harley-Davidson

motorcycles was then added, making a total of four Units in the Patrol. Today we operate with two Units; the go-carts and the Shrine Edition Harley-Davidson Motorcycle. Both are favorites with spectators at parades.

The Motor Patrol has supported the Shrine Center throughout the years by filling key positions. A number of our members have served as Potentate; Ill. Russell Craig (1977), Ill. Marion Dawson (1995), Ill. Bud Perry (1996), Ill. Marvin Green (1999), Ill. Larry Koon (2005) and Ill. Bill Painter (2007). This year, we have Nobles serving in some key positions.

A lot of activities will keep the unit busy during the summer and fall seasons. The Shrine was formed for fun and fellowship, and that has always been our focus.

Be nice - keep the sunny-side up.
Larry Koon

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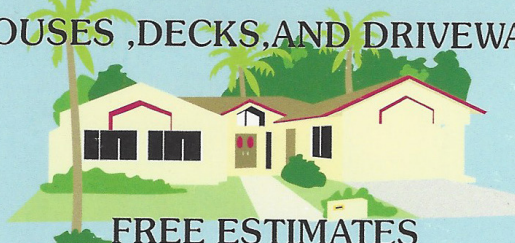
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The Director's Staff Corner

Frank Bishop

Spring fever is upon us and it was evident at the Directors Staff meeting on April 12, 2017. What a meeting it was between the numerous comments from the floor to one Past Director banging on the chair with his cane it was a memorable experience. At one point it became evident that divine intervention was necessary therefore the heavens opened up and brought forth wisdom and light to the group and the agenda was dispensed with in an orderly manner. Much remains to do since the race is imminent, and next is the Ceremonial which both command workers to support the events. Noble Director W.T. Parrish, of Goochland fame, supported by his trusty assistant Noble Craig Ellwanger, kept the group focused, while there was an all out effort to recruit workers for the race. Thanks to Noble Gary Westerhouse for his suggestions to meet the worker challenge. As usual the Staff will prevail, and be ready on the 29th. Noble W. T. Parrish was very complimentary of those members who worked the stew. It was excellent, and good profit was made. Since most members were quite worn out from the exercise, the meeting was adjourned on motion.

The Spring NASCAR Race at Richmond International Raceway was a great affair. The dawn brought the promise of a long hot day. The workers were at the track by 8:00 a.m., and for the longest time outnumbered the spectators. Noble Director W.T. Parrish and Noble head supervisor Paul Lanier PP, led the charge with the golf cart brigade. Noble Assistant Director Craig Ellwanger worked the command post and made all the important decisions regarding usher assignments and sorting through questions from Staff. All went well especially with the food and water, which was made available

to all. By late afternoon the race was completed and another event was successfully in the books. The Director extended his thanks to all who helped usher the race. A real fun day for the staff.

The Director's Staff family picnic was held on the second Saturday in May at Little Boy's Farm, home of Noble Director W. T. Parrish and Lady Joyce. To say the least it was a great event attended by many, who took full advantage of the fellowship, good food and beverages. Even though a few drops of rain fell, that did not dampen the enthusiasm of the group. Thanks to Noble W. T. and Lady Joyce for the basics, and Staff Ladies for side dishes. The affair was graced by some long time members such as Noble Roger Dickinson and his Lady. As the sun set in the late evening all that could be heard were the Whippoorwills, and Noble Rob Deel on the ukulele.

The May staff meeting went off without a hitch, even though a modern day record was set for the length of time for the roll call. Noble Director W. T. Parrish thanked the staff who worked the race, and provided a letter from track officials complimenting the staff for their service. A discussion was held regarding the Spring Ceremonial and the changes associated with the same. Noble Assistant Director Craig Ellwanger provided an update on the stunts and made staff assignments. The Communications Committee, chaired by Noble Eddie Brown, provided an update on their important work. In conclusion, the members gave a big hand to the Director and his Lady, thanking them for their work on the picnic. The monthly staff meetings are always interesting affairs since no one knows what will happen next.

The Director's Staff Corner Continued

The fellowship list reflects the following members, Ladies and families who should have our thoughts and prayers. Nobles Doug Jones, William Hershey, W. T. Parrish, William Ferguson, John Hannah, PP, Shanon Berry, and Ladies Pat Ferguson, Ruta Godwin, Angela Woods, and Bev Brinkley who had major surgery in April.

DIRECTORS STAFF WHISPERS: A new word has been introduced into the DS vocabulary. The work is "Huge", and it appears that it was offered after any salient comment during the meeting. Good to see Bill K. sitting across the room during the meeting. The hero of the month is Noble Shanon Berry who is going through some challenging health problems, and you never hear him complain. TW was a big hit at the race with the wide variety of sandwiches for the staff. DW, we are still looking for the half price kiosk at the racetrack. Bobby Kestner has done such a good job on the bar; maybe we should nominate him as head bartender and allow him to leave the tile. What's with all the phones going off in the meeting? One Past Director almost disrobed trying to find his cell phone. Does DW know anything? Only the shadow knows. Let's offer a big salute to the Director's Staff members. A real fun group.

"Es Salamu Akleikim"

Frank Bishop

Staff Columnist



Oriental Band

President Buddy Small

Please join us in congratulating Vince Bobrosky for receiving his 50 years in Masonry certificate. We are all proud of his contributions to our craft, as well as his untiring and devoted service to the Shrine and our Shriners children.

Folks, you should check the accashriners.com web page. A lot of good things are happening at your Shrine Center, and if you don't attend, you're missing out.

The Spring Ceremonial will have come and gone by the time this edition is published. Congratulations to our new Nobles and their ladies, and we suggest that they get involved in a unit or club. And speaking of units, why not consider the most colorful unit in ACCA, the award winning, nationally known, ACCA Oriental Band! I promise that you will have a great time and enjoy the best music this side of heaven. Don't hesitate because you may have no musical experience, we don't either, so come on out and visit us. We meet in the band room downstairs on the second and fourth Thursdays each month.

As the old Irish saying goes, "May The Road Rise To Meet You, May The Wind Be Always At Your Back, May The Sun Shine Warm Upon Your Face, And The Rains Fall Soft Upon Your Fields, And Until We Meet Again, May God Hold You In The Palm Of His Hand."

Respectfully,
Buddy Small
Band President

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Well, Mother Nature played another big factor in the Golf Club's latest outing. It was scheduled at the Queenfield Course and we were able to play in-between two days of solid rain. The course was playable, but not in the best condition. Cart paths only, and standing water in many locations, plus a short time frame to get the round in before the rains returned. We had two foursomes to brave the weather and the course. You really must have a love for this game.

I must recap from the last article in the Accalette and tell you of some of our events. We did play the Quinton Oaks course, and later attended the Oyster Roast which was sponsored by the Northern Neck Shrine Club. A very nice day for golf, and the oysters were superb.

Our next event was our out of town trip to Roanoke. We played three very fine courses. On the first day, we played Ashley Plantation, very nice, then on the second

day we played the Hanging Rock course. Both of these courses are in mountainous areas; for people in Roanoke I guess they are just hills. Putting on these two courses was an adventure. If you were putting up hill, you were always short; if you were putting down hill, you went by the pin by at least six feet. And yes, every green was either uphill or downhill. We did calm our nerves each evening by partaking of a refreshment that seemed to



help, then going to some very nice restaurants to satisfy our palate with local cuisine. The last day, we played the Lexington Golf Course. It was not as hilly, but my putting didn't improve. Frustration set in. In a weak moment, I purchased a new putter. As golfers, we realize that when the putting is bad, it is always the club. This new putter will solve all of my problems.

The next outing was the Grand Master's Tournament at the Kiskiack Golf Course near



Williamsburg. A good turn-out and a fun day for everyone. My putting improved, although I did not use my newly purchased club. A gift of a new putter from a friend, who had noticed my raving tantrums about missing putts, was appreciated and I was anxious to try it out. Love the club. We have another out of town trip planned in the fall. We will go to Pinehurst, NC. It will probably be in late October. We have gone to Pinehurst twice before and everyone seems to like the courses and the layout of the facilities. Will keep you informed.

The Golf Club has a very inviting schedule for the rest of the year. Come join us; we play the fourth Thursday of each month. Just for your information, I have a very nice putter for sale, reasonably priced, although it does not do well on uphill and downhill putts.

"Baffling late-life discovery: Golfers wear those awful clothes on purpose"

Be nice - keep the sunny-side up.



Valley Shrine Club

April Minutes

The Valley Shrine Club met at Pano's Restaurant on April 27. Noble Don Bosley welcomed the gathering and opened the meeting. Noble David Burrough offered the invocation, and Noble Bill Vigar led the Color Guard in presenting the flag for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Secretary Bill Crouse read names of the new petitioners for membership, and the Club accepted the petitions of sixteen new members.

The Club was asked to remember Nobles Bob Moss and Ray Drumheller as they undergo treatments for their current health problems. A Moment of Silence was observed in remember of Noble Rocky Swisher who passed on March 28.

Treasurer Ken Hoes reported that the President's Raffle has already raised \$940.00 for the Shriners Hospitals for Children through ticket sales, and that the drawing will be held on September 27th. He stated the checking account balance, and indicated that an unscrupulous individual attempted to defraud the account, but was thwarted. However, as a precaution, the account was deactivated and a new account opened.

Noble Chandler Thomas sent brochures and information relative to his planning for the Cornhole Tournament to be held on June 24th at the Rockingham County Fairgrounds. This is our first Cornhole event and every member is urged to support the effort. There is a video on Facebook, and more information on our website, www.valleyshrineclub.weebly.com.

The location of the June meeting is still undecided, but Noble Rodney Eagle has been asked to be the sponsor. A reply is expected shortly.

The Bridgewater Parade is July 21 and the club will participate. Other parades will also be entered under the direction of Noble Dan Perry, who is gathering information.

Noble Bill Vigar reported that sales of the P. Buckley Moss print have increased. The print celebrates the 75th anniversary of the Blue Ridge Parkway, and the drawing will be held on December 16.

Noble Julian Fisher reported that the Bluegrass Festival has raised over \$70,000 for the Shriners Hospitals for Children during the last six years. Plans are progressing for this year's event that will be held at

the Grand Caverns on September 7th, 8th, and 9th.

Noble Bob Puffenbarger stated that the Club would hold a picnic on September 30 at the Ruritan Park on Route 33 West. Every local Masonic Lodge and Shrine Club will be invited, and a good turnout is anticipated.

Noble Don Bosley announced a goal of 25 pounds of aluminum can tabs to be collected for the Shriners Hospitals for Children. The tabs are recycled to provide items for the children that are not included in the budget. So far, we have collected over 12 pounds. At the next meeting, a more detailed accounting of the money raised will be presented.

Lady Myra Yancey made the closest guess to the number of jelly beans in a jar, and was awarded a Jim Shorr Angel. Noble Kirk Sheap won the door prize of a cake, baked and donated by Lady Terry Bosley.

A volunteer was requested to handle the storage of the liquor used at the Club's bar on meeting nights. That person will also be charged with seeing that it is available before the meetings.

Noble Don Bosley reported that Second Vice President Michael Reagan is relocating to Texas, and fulfilling a lifetime ambition. His dedication to the Masonic Lodge and the Shrine was enormous, and he will be missed.

During a lighter moment, Nobles Don Bosley and Dan Perry told a couple of jokes. No danger of either appearing on the Tonight Show anytime soon.

Following the meal, former Rockingham County Administrator, Joe Paxton, gave an excellent report on his 38 years' service with the County. He witnessed the annex of land, growth in businesses, addition of schools, development of agriculture rules, and numerous other events that made Rockingham County an example for other counties to follow. He also told how the county landfill collaborated with the hospital to help with the removal of methane from the landfill, and put it to use by the hospital.

Noble David Burrough gave the benediction, thanking our Heavenly Father for his help and guidance to the Valley Shrine Club.

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JUNE 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 Saurkrauts B/R C/W Band	2 Acca Ceremonial A/R,B/R, Kit	3 Acca Ceremonial A/R,B/R, Kit
4	5 Band Greeters #1 MR	6 LOS Hospital Comm. T/R	7 Cast # 1 M/R Legion of Honor	8 Oriental Band Saurkrauts B/R	9	10 John Marshal Rental B/R, Kit
11	12 Band	13	14 Mini Patrol Glen Allen A/R Director's Staff James River	15 Hillbillies Clan 17 Outhouse # 1 C/W Band Saurkrauts B/R	16 Manchester State Cornhole Tour B/R, Kit. Arab Patrol Golf Tour	17 Manchester State Cornhole Tour B/R, Kit.
18	19 Band Klownz	20	21 Hopewell Shrine Shooters Club # 1	22 Motor Patrol Oriental Band Saurkrauts B/R Acca Golf Club	23	24 Kazim 100 Year Celebration Dance Masters Rental B/R
25	26	27 Divan Mtg Uniform Council Mtg	28 LOS Official Visit A/R, Kit Manchester A/C,	29 LOS OFFICIAL VISIT A/R	30	

JULY 2017

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9	10 Band	11	12 Mini Patrol Director's Staff James River	13 Oriental Band Saurkrauts B/R	14 Provost Guard Fish Fry A/C	15 Rental B/R Emily Piercy Wedding
16	17 Band Klownz	18	19 Hopewell Shrine Shooters Club # 1 Past Masters A/R, Kit	20 Hillbillies Clan 17 Outhouse # 1 C/W Band Saurkrauts B/R	21	22
23	24	25 Divan Mtg. Uniform Council Mtg	26 Manchester A/C C/W Band	27 Motor Patrol Oriental Band Saurkrauts B/R Acca Golf Club Spring MASA	28 Christmas in July LOS B/R Set-up	29 Christmas in July LOS Silent Auction B/R, Kit
30	31 Band					

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20	21 Band Klownz	22 Divan Meeting Uniform Council Meeting	23 Arab Patrol Manchester A/R Kit	24 Motor Patrol Oriental Band Saurkrauts B/R Acca Golf Club	25	26
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			MASA - Virginia Beach			
10	11 Band	12	13 Mini Patrol Glen Allen A/R Director's Staff James River	14 Hillbillies Clan 17 Outhouse # 1 C/W Band Oriental Band Saurkrauts B/R	15	16 Rental B/R Kit Coleman Wedding
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24	25	26 Divan Mtg. Uniform Council Mtg	27 Arab Patrol Ladies Night A/R Kit	28 Saurkrauts B/R Oriental Band Acca Golf Club	29	30
GREETERS - Yard Sale						



Steve Poegl

Dear Nobles, Ladies, and Sweethearts of ACCA, Cheers to you all from “The Manchester Shrine Club” of South Richmond, Virginia.

As is our habit and very nature, we are enthusiastically focused upon our future while never forgetting our past and those whose vision accurately foresaw where we would be today. MSC never takes a single step forward without remembering and honoring its members who are intern, in distress and in need of comfort, and those who have left us, waiting on the other side in the beyond. In life and fellowship these things come and pass with the favor of our God in heaven, the Supreme Architect of the Universe.

I suppose it only fitting for us to memorialize our fallen while our nation does so for its countless heroes who made the ultimate sacrifice to ensure our freedom and liberty as Americans, to bind us with the singular strength and fortitude that keeps us whole, united, and moving forward. We have fought for and defended every inch we have, and therefore know how important it is to give support to those less fortunate; we do not take anything for granted.

As I write, we are preparing for another much anticipated successful Cornhole Tournament event in July. Our noble brothers and ladies work so hard to make this fundraiser bear hearty fruit for our continuing efforts in support of Shriners Hospitals for Children. We are also in the throes of a new fundraising campaign, our first annual 10K 50/50 raffle and it is going well so far thanks to the efforts of hard-working and devoted members. I could not be more proud of our club and sincerely thankful to be a part of it.

Manchester endeavors to support the efforts of every club and unit for we are all working toward the same goal, making life better for “Our Kids”.

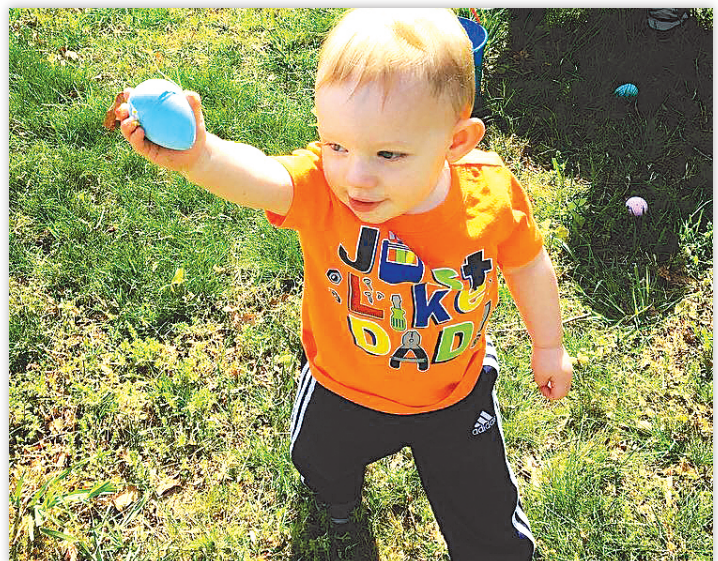
So long for now and may God bless you all.

Steve Poegl

The Manchester Shrine Club



Our Grey's Point Golf Cart Patrol, “The River Gang” sporting 10K Raffle Flyers on their windshields. What a great job they do for our club...



My beautiful grandson, Connor Matthews, son of Noble Brandon Matthews and Lady Jennifer. Is this

Southside Shrine Club

Secretary Jacob McDonald

April was a busy month as we finalized our plans, and held our 29th Annual Virginia Catfish Festival on April 22, 2017, at the spacious STEPS Center in Farmville, Virginia. At first things looked a little grim, but by all accounts it was a success. Funds are still coming in and bills are being paid, so tune into the next Accalette for the final totals.

Thanks to all our sponsors and businesses that donated products and monetary contributions, and a host of wonderful people working together to make it an enjoyable event for all who attended. This includes the support we received from ACCA Shrine, Delta Sigma Pi Fraternity of Longwood University, Hampden-Sydney Delta Kappa Epsilon Zeta Gamma Chapter Fraternity, our club members, members of the Divan, friends and families who came out to help before, during and after the event with setup, cooking, serving and clean up. All agreed it was a lot of hard work, but well worth it. We were working together with one goal in mind, and that is supporting our Shriner kids. Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

The Southside Shrine Club attended the Regional

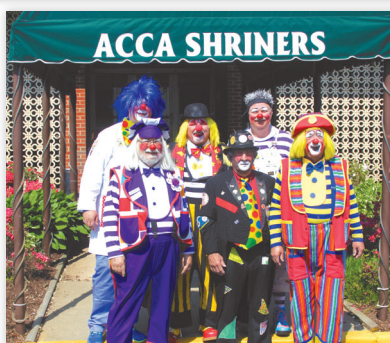
Shrine Club meeting at Sheldon's Restaurant in Keysville on May 10th. An enjoyable meal and time was had by all, as we met with the ACCA Divan. Lake County Shrine Club also attended the event. President, James Casey provided an update on our club's activities, and Noble Robert Llewellyn gave a summary of the Catfish Festival.

Representatives from the ACCA Divan provided updates on membership, stressed the importance of the new website and WebFex program, as well as gave reports on the upcoming activities and fundraisers that will be held this year. .

Our next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday June 7th at 7p.m., at Amelia Lodge 101, Amelia, Virginia. This will be a cookout where our chefs, Lady Nancy and Noble Robert Llewellyn, will grill us up some delicious hamburgers and hotdogs. Club members will provide side dishes and dessert. If you don't have a home club, we would love to have you be part of ours.

We continue to keep our club members who are dealing illness in our thoughts and prayers, and ask that you do the same.

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Legion of Honor

Commander W. E. Childrey

Nobles, Legionnaires, and Ladies,
It is an extreme honor to serve as Commander of the Legion of Honor for 2017. I have an honorable list of Officers, past and present, to provide me with the experience, support and guidance to serve and guide this Unit. As Commander, I need the support of every Legionnaire, and with your continuing support we can achieve great things in this Unit.

I hope every member will renew his obligation, not only to his country, his God, and to the Legion/Color Guard, and perform to the best of his abilities. Any effort made does not go unnoticed, and the service you give is always appreciated. Thank you for allowing me to serve as the Commander, and I look forward to our fellowship as Brothers, Masons, and Shriners. Thank you and God Bless, and God Bless the United States of America.

W. E. Childrey
Commander



LOH Chicken Dinner



Legion of Honor



Mark Moore and Commander



Ladies Dana Snead and Bette Rock

Accaba Court No. 105

Lady Sharon Heard, PHP



Greetings, As I am writing this, some of our Ladies are in Sandusky, Ohio attending the Ladies' Oriental Shrine of North America 103rd Grand Council Session. In addition to meetings most of the week, I'm sure they are having fun, and maybe a little time for partying too! I would say one of the most exciting things they did while they were there, was to see our own Lady Kristine Sheridan become Grand Princess, on her journey to becoming Grand High Priestess in Hawaii next year. Lady Kris, we are so proud of you! My plan will be to write the LOS article from Hawaii next year and be sending you Aloha wishes.

During Grand Council there is an afternoon event called Exhibition Drills, where the units of the Courts perform. This year Accaba's Klow'n Aroun'ds performed "The Mickey Mouse March", and from what I have heard, did a great job. Congratulations Ladies!

This year's Grand Council was very special for our High Priestess, Lady Joan Sneide. She was able to see her Grand Officer, Lady Janet Larson, become Grand High Priestess, and begin her journey visiting all the courts in the United States and Canada, in addition to visiting the 22 Shrine Hospitals.

Speaking of visiting courts, Lady Janet will be here in Richmond on June 28th and 29th to make her "official visit" to Accaba Court. We are preparing to make her feel welcome and receive some good "Ole' Southern Hospitality." We will host a dinner, in her honor, on Wednesday evening in the Assembly Room at Acca

Temple. While she is here we will give her the grand tour of Acca Temple. We are so proud of the beautiful facility where we hold our meetings. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all the Nobles of Acca for allowing us to meet there. On Thursday, the Past High Priestess Club will host a luncheon for her at my favorite place, Sedona Taphouse. While we are there, Lady Janet will be able to see our High Priestess, Lady Joan, and receive the check from Sedona Taphouse for Shriners Hospitals for Children, which is Sedona's Charity for the Month of June. Thursday evening she will attend a Court meeting.

Our Court, in addition to preparing for the official visit, is busy getting ready for our silent auction, "Christmas in July" to be held in the ballroom on July 29th. Right now we are selling tickets and obtaining gifts. This event will raise funds to host the 105th Grand Council Session in Richmond in 2019. Tickets are available from any LOS member, and through the Temple office. We are going to have a special guest attend the auction. If you want to know who that will be, you'll have to be there. It's a secret!

August will bring a much needed rest for our Ladies before we meet again in September and start our fall activities.

Christmas in July Acca Ballroom
Saturday – July 29th
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Hillbilly Unit

Ross Moreland

Howdy y'all! Spring dun finally sprung and we are busy, busy, busy. Over the past few months, the Hillbillies have conducted several new fundraisers by selling ham sandwiches and 50/50 raffle tickets at various community events. Over Memorial Day weekend, the Unit was invited to make a showing at a Hillbilly Horseshoe Tournament at the Shenandoah Valley Campground in Verona. It was a great time, and all the proceeds and raffle ticket sales went to the Shriners Hospitals for Children. Also this spring, as we have done for many years now, the Hillbillies parked cars for festivals at the Frontier Culture Museum in Staunton.

The 2017 parade season is off to a great start, with two big parades already this year. The first was the 68th Annual Dogwood Festival Parade in Charlottesville, on April 22nd. Two weeks later the Unit participated in the 90th Annual Apple Blossom Festival Parade in Winchester, on May 6th. The old truck is really coming along with new "accessories", and we look forward to Colonial Beach, and the local Firemen's parades staring in June.

The Clan traveled down to Khedive Shrine on May 13th to help Outhouse No. 2 confer a Hillbilly Degree at their Spring Ceremonial. You have never seen such a group of poor, befuddled, flat-land Shriners and Ladies in all your life (well, not since the last group). But not to worry; we helped them find enlightenment and hospitality among our order. Members of the Outhouses in Richmond and Chesapeake are really doing a great job with fundraising and learning the Hillbilly Degree parts, so please support them when you get the chance.



Apple Blossom Parade



Hillbilly Degree

So you know, all three groups will be working together to confer the Hillbilly Degree at S.A.S.A. this year. It's gonna be great!

Until next time, y'all take care and God bless!

HONOR THE COB!

Ross Morland, Unit Reporter



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Mini Patrol

Commander Frankie Sheridan

Eight Mini Patrol members went to Negril, Jamaica on the Potentate's trip in April. We had a fabulous time, which started when we boarded the bus at 3:30 AM at Acca Temple, and ended when we returned to Acca Temple 6 days later. Everyone set their own schedule, and relaxed as they wished. Lady Kris and I were married on the beach while we were there, and enjoyed having Shrine Family around us!! Ill. David Bishop walked Lady Kris to the beach, and Noble Ed and Lady Rebecca Ernouf were the witnesses for our ceremony!!

On April 22nd, five Mini Patrol cars and two wreckers thrilled the crowds at the Dogwood Festival Parade in Charlottesville, VA. Several children were very interested in our little cars and were excited to sit in them!! We were so relieved that the rain stopped long enough for the parade to proceed so the guys could drive fast up and down the streets. The parade was broadcast by a Charlottesville TV station and they gave the Mini Patrol, and all of the Acca Shriners, wonderful coverage. At the end of the parade the Piedmont Shrine Club furnished lunch for all of us. Many thanks to them for the food and the wonderful fellowship! After unloading the wrecker at home, Kris and I headed to the Southside Shrine Club's Catfish Festival to support our friends. As always, the food was great and we had fun helping serve hotdogs and talking with everyone.

All of our officers attended the Uniform Council Meetings, and many serve dual roles as officers of the Mini Patrol and of the Uniform Council. On April 29th, two cars and two wreckers were at a local church to promote the Shriners and our philanthropy. We were thanked several times for what we do!!

The Montpelier Wine Festival was held on May 6 and 7, 2017 and, as usual, it was raining. Past Commander Jerry Cyrus, Lady Ann, and Assistant Adjutant Garry Corker mowed grass for us on Thursday. On Saturday we arrived early to set up our site, and then organized the parking. Although we had light rain for most of the day, and lots of mud, we had 24 members and ladies helping. Adjutant Gary Prock and Lady Donna organized our lunches for the weekend, and everyone added something of their choice. Although our uniform



**“Mini Cars Run So
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was a rain suit, we stayed dry as possible, parked a lot of cars, and enjoyed being together. Sunday's weather was a little better with no rain, and 18 members and ladies helped park all the cars. A special thank you to all our Ladies, because without you we could not have collected the donations. You also provided some very tasty food!! It was a great weekend, and we raised \$3,000 for the Shriners Hospitals.

The Mini Patrol is planning to participate in parades this summer, including at Colonial Beach and Irvington. We will also be practicing for competition and the parade at SASA. Thank you to our Ladies who support us when we participate in parades and events. We always keep in mind our motto, “Mini Cars Run So Little Legs Can Walk.” If you are interested in joining us, please contact any member of the Mini Patrol. We would enjoy sharing our fun and fellowship with you!!

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Petersburg Shrine Club

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Our April meeting was held at the American Legion Post #2, in Petersburg, Virginia. We had a large group who enjoyed a delicious meal, served by our favorite Moose members, who followed us to the American Legion. Thanks to Robin, Ted, Dottie and Earl.

Our guest speaker was James A. “Jim” McAllister, PP, who talked about the Shriners Hospital for Children in Greenville, SC. Ill. Jim has served for many years on the Greenville Board, and also served as the Chairman. He has also served many years on the Acca Transportation Committee, and as Chairman since its beginning. Ill. Jim was very informative about the workings of the Greenville Hospital. If your Club or Unit has not had a hospital board member speak at a meeting, you should. Something new is happening all the time. We, as Shriners, need to support our hospitals.



Members: Lady Frances Saval, Wallace Saval
and Forrest Dance

We also enjoyed the visit of Chief Rabban Dennis Berry, who had some good words for us. President David Comer welcomed all of our guests.

At the May meeting I was presented with a plaque stating: “In Recognition and Grateful Appreciation of His Life-Long Devotion to Shriners Hospitals for Children and the Petersburg Shrine Club”. This was a total surprise. They also presented me with a cake, and a substantial donation was made to the Shriners Hospitals For Children – Greenville in my name. I was very proud to receive this honor. Our President, David Comer, made the presentation and stated this was in recognition for our successful 13 years with the Outback Steakhouse fundraiser, my being the Club Reporter for the Accalette articles for almost 20 years, and other endeavors. Potentate Thornton Holt and his Lady Debby along with Outer Guard Harris “Sonny” Conner, Jr. and his Lady Brenda were there for the presentation. “What a Night!”

The Petersburg Shrine Club does not meet in July or August but we will be back on September 20th with our annual picnic.



L to R: Dennis Berry, Chief Rabban; David Comer, President; and Ill. Jim McAllister, PP



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Piedmont Shrine Club

Brian F. LaFontaine

On Saturday, April 22nd, the Piedmont Shrine Club held a picnic and social for the Nobles and their families who participated in the Dogwood Festival Parade in Charlottesville. Although the day was rainy and cool, the fellowship was warm and the food plentiful. The Piedmont Shrine Club thanks all Units of ACCA Temple who participated in the parade.

Piedmont Shrine Club is partnering up with the Draft Tap Room in Charlottesville for a special in the month of July. The Draft Tap Room leases the ground floor space from Widows Sons Masonic Lodge on the Downtown Mall in Charlottesville. They have 60 beers on tap, wine, non-alcoholic drinks, and food service. The Draft Tap Room has become a highly frequented place of refreshment. Unlike your normal taproom, the Draft Tap Room sells their beverages by the ounce, so you can try as little, or as much, of a brew as you desire. The Draft Tap Room has a

'Charity of the Month' program that donates all gratuities for the month to the sponsored organization – the average donation is \$8,000 – \$9,000. The Shriners Hospitals for Children will be promoted in the month of July 2017. Piedmont Shrine Club will have promotional materials throughout the month of July in the Draft Tap Room, including posters, table tents and a manned 'information' table on Saturdays from 12 – 2 pm. We ask for your support! It would be wonderful to see groups of fellow Nobles make a

trip to Charlottesville, have dinner, a beverage and leave a generous tip! Friday and Saturday nights can be extremely busy, and may be hard to find a table, but weeknights normally offer plenty of opportunity. If a group comes, please let us know, because we would like to join you! For more information, or to let us know that you would like to bring a crew of Nobles, family and friends, please contact either Club President Goldie Tomlin at ddgm2017gwtr@gmail.com or Brian LaFontaine at pddgm17@embarqmail.com.



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Provost Guard

Ill. Billy Jellie, P.P.

The ACCA Shrine ProvostGuard has had a very busy spring season, with many reasons to celebrate. The first event was our annual Ladies Night that was held in March at Anna's restaurant in Mechanicsville. This event was very well attended by our Nobles. All of the Ladies and Sweethearts looked fine, and were duly honored for their many contributions toward making the Provost activities successful.

Our annual Fish Fry was held in April, and once again the food and the music were great. This is always a fun time for everyone, and we all work diligently to make it successful. We have recently had folks who did not know about it this year, and were asking when it will be held. Next year we need to get the word out early.

A number of Provost Guard members and their Ladies attended the Provost Guard SASA in Greenville, South Carolina. It was an especially unique experience because some of us again traveled in the “Blue Bomb” through traffic enroute, and it rained the entire way home. We all had a grand time, and we agreed that Greenville is a wonderful town on the move. Hajaz had an agenda that kept us busy and entertained. The pictures reflect just some of the moments in town. Lady Carol and I won the dance contest. Ask us about our prize – we may be able to trade it, if you have a timeshare –HA! Steve and I sang our favorite songs in the karaoke. We were not winners, but the competition was very limited so that about says it all. On Saturday we spent the entire afternoon walking, riding the trolley and touring the town – it was so comfortable and had a safe feeling. We went to the ballpark of the Greenville Drive, which is just like the Green Monster at Fenway Park. The group

also toured the beautiful waterfall park. All in all, it was a lovely weekend and must be put on everyone's agenda in the future. Remember that the Provost Guard mini-SASA is in Richmond, with our own Steve Faszewski serving as Colonel next year.

The Charlottesville Parade went on without a hitch. It rained before the start, and again afterward, but we were blessed with a sunny day during the march. The Provost Guard team carried the banner and preceded the Divan as they marched and waved to the crowd. Good work guys. We need to get more Nobles involved so that the Provost Guard can march as a unit and be recognized throughout the communities and the state.

The upcoming Major's Party will be held on Saturday, July 22nd, in the ACCA Activity Center, so all Nobles, Ladies and Sweethearts mark your calendars. There will be music, games and fun, as well as food catered by one of my cronies who is a master cook. Looking forward to seeing you all there!

By the time the ACCALETTE is published and sent out, the Spring Ceremonial will be over. We should continue to recruit new members for the fall ceremonial and encourage other Nobles to join our unit.

The commitment to continue being involved in building management has kept some of our hard working members very active, and we each owe of them a special thanks. This was a commitment made by the entire unit, and the responsibility needs to be shared by all of our Nobles. Please respond when a request for participation is sent out so we can all enjoy the Shrine, as well as our families. This is an opportunity to educate the community about the mission of the Shrine as well as encourage young men to become Masons and Shriners.

Don't forget to sign up for SASA in Myrtle Beach at the Coral Beach! Isn't it great to be a Shriner!

Ill. Billy Jellie, PP, Reporter



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Acca Shrine Hospital Information For 2016

Hospital Committee Chairman
Bill Ferguson

The ending balance for the Hospital Transportation Fund for 2016 was \$67,555.61. The Van Savings Fund balance was \$13,507.61.

The new van has less than 20,000 miles, and the old van has less than 150,000 miles, so we will not have to purchase a van until late next year at the earliest. We started renting a van when more than two vans were needed, but will consider purchasing a third if it becomes cheaper to buy than rent. Our total transportation expenses for the year 2016 were \$52,552.75. The average monthly expenses for 2016 were \$4,379.40, and average monthly expenses for 2017 thus far are \$5,481.00.

The definition of a Shrine Drive is when a Shrine Team drives the patient, and pays all approved expenses. A Patient Drive occurs when the patient drives themselves,

and submits approved receipts for reimbursement. We also provide airline tickets for patients going to Boston and Montreal hospitals, or when the hospital requests it for medical reasons. Sometimes transportation to and from the airport is provided as well. We do have patients on our list that provide their own transportation, and do not request any reimbursement.

Due to Federal Privacy Act and HIPPA regulations, hospitals are not required to provide information about appointments and visits. We have some patients that are on our “inactive lists” and do not require any aid, so we are not notified about their visits. We have one patient in Honolulu that has relocated there, but is still on our list. Additionally we have two patients in Houston on whom I have received information from the hospital. We move patients back and forth between the active and inactive list as we get information from the hospitals. Normally patients are from infants to 18 years of age, but we have had follow ups conducted up to 30 years of age. Patients some time go as long as five years between visits, so we maintain a large list of inactive patients. We have a total list of 468 names at this time, with 339 “inactive” and 129 “active” patients.

The number of Shrine Drive trips in 2016 was 66, or 5.5 trips a month, which was down from 2015 by 15%. We provide Shrine Drives to Philadelphia, Greenville, and Cincinnati, and air trips to Boston and Montreal. There has been an increase in trips for 2017, and they break down as follows:

January 2017:

5 Shrine Drives, 7 Patient Drives, and 3 Air Fares.

February 2017:

4 Shrine Drives, 7 Patient Drives, and 4 Air Fares.

March 2017:

8 Shrine Drives, 6 Patient Drives, and 2 Air Fares

We are in need of drivers! We have 32 Shrine Drivers on the list, but 18 drivers are carrying the load. If you are interested in becoming a Shrine Driver, contact the Shrine Office.

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Greenville Hospital Report

Richard D. Redman, MD
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Why we must never tell our patient's family that our care is “free”

About six years ago the Shriners Hospital System started taking insurance. Prior to that, all services were provided free of charge. The insurance companies forbade us from using the term “free”, because they were now paying the bill for their covered patient. Instead, we adopted the phrase “regardless of the ability to pay”. Patients were billed for co-pays and deductibles, as required by the insurance companies, but were not expected to pay it. Some did, and some did not. Those without insurance were provided the same services at no charge.

Things have again changed. The partnership with Niswonger Pediatric Hospital in Johnson City, TN, is a pilot program using another hospital for surgical services for our patients. Dr. Green, a Greenville Shriner surgeon, has a full time clinic there and does some surgery in the hospital on the Shriner children. There is no charge for Dr. Green's services, but the Niswonger hospital does charge for co-pays and deductibles, and the patients are expected to pay. This is required per their contract with the insurance carrier. If these surgeries are brought to Greenville, there are no charges. Parents are advised of this prior

to scheduling surgery. Ancillary services such as MRI and CAT scans done in separate facilities are also billed to the insurance companies, and the families are billed for co-pays and deductibles. Originally the Shrine was paying for these, but the insurance companies would not permit that, and we had to stop.

If we continue to tell families that our services are “free” and they receive a bill, we lose our credibility, and will wind up with some very angry parents. Remember we provide services “regardless of the ability to pay.”

The letter from Randy Risser, Director of Business Development at Greenville, explains the situation.

I am asked from time to time about special projects which need funding. Greenville needs donations to the Shoe Fund. Children with braces need special shoes, and these cannot be found at the usual shoe stores. These specially made, quite expensive, shoes are supplied by the Hospital. Donations to this fund would be appreciated, and the benefits go directly to the patients. Donations can be made directly to the Shoe Fund with fraternal funds.

The 90th anniversary of the Greenville Hospital will be held on September 24th. More information on this will be provided in the next Accaletter.

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Dear Fellow Nobles:

We have been working hard to ensure every family receiving care at our orthopedic clinic in Johnson City understands the financial implications. Education begins before they show up for their first appointment (in a new-patient packet) and continues throughout their journey.

For many of these families you are on the front line, transporting them to and from their appointments, discussing our care and fielding questions. We know you care deeply about these patients and want to provide the families the most accurate information. So we thought we'd share with you a brief description of the collaboration and the financial policies associated with it.

We're a Collaboration

Shriners Hospitals for Children Orthopaedics Clinic at Niswonger Children's Hospital represents two organizations working together to serve children with a wide range of orthopaedic and neuromuscular conditions. The child's office visits will take place in Shriners Hospitals for Children's office in the 410 building with Dr. Brandon Green and his staff. If the child requires other services such as x-ray, MRI, or CT scans, Johnson City Medical Center or Mountain States Medical Group is available to provide that service. If that child requires surgery, Dr. Green will perform that surgery at Johnson City Medical Center. We also may refer that child to other providers in the community for additional care such as physical therapy, occupational therapy and prosthetics & orthotics.

Financial Information**Does Shriners Hospitals for Children accept insurance?**

Shriners Hospitals for Children Orthopaedics Clinic at Niswonger Children's Hospital (Shriners Orthopaedics Clinic) accepts most insurance providers, to include but not limited to Blue Cross Blue Shield, United Healthcare, Cigna, Aetna, Tennessee Medicaid, Virginia Medicaid and Medicare.

What if a child does not have health insurance?

Shriners Orthopaedics Clinic, Johnson City Medical Center and Mountain States Medical Group all have different financial and charity care policies. The family should contact us before their first visit to discuss this with our financial counselor. They can reach our financial counselor at **864-240-8184** or email questions to financialcounselor-grn@shrinenet.org.

Does a patient/family have an out-of-pocket cost?

- Shriners Hospitals for Children will send the family a statement for the remaining balance of their clinic visit (physician services) after the insurance company has processed the claim.
- If the child receives services from a different provider than Dr Green and his staff that other provider (Mountain States Medical Group, Johnson City Medical Center, Niswonger Children's Hospital, etc.) will bill the patient's insurance. Their insurance plan may require co-pays and deductibles and they will receive a bill from them for any unpaid balance.
 - Examples of services NOT provided or covered by the Shriners Orthopaedics Clinic are: x-ray, CT Scans, MRI, rehab, prosthetics and orthotics
- If the child requires surgery and that surgery is performed at Johnson City Medical Center or other local facility that facility will bill their insurance and they will be responsible for any copays and deductibles.
- If the patient receives services from any provider other than Shriners Hospital for Children and the copays and deductibles cause a financial hardship to the patient/family, they should check with that provider to understand their financial assistance policies.

Thank you for your continued support and please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Randy Risser

Director, Business Development



2017 NFL Draft prospects visit Shriners Hospitals for Children—Philadelphia for an all-ability event

Starting off an exciting week of 2017 NFL Draft event, 22 of the prospects came to Shriners Hospitals for Children—Philadelphia to visit the patients for a very special event. As a part of the NFL Play 60 initiative, kids of all ability levels are encouraged to be active for 60-minutes each day. The patients and draftees interacted and played with the patients throughout various all-ability activities including ultimate football, fitness stations, a photo booth and football-themed art projects.

“We are fortunate, that the Chicago Shriners Hospital has taken part in the same event for the last two years, when the NFL announced the draft was coming to Philadelphia, we hoped we would benefit from a Play 60, too.” Stated Ed Myers, administrator of the hospital.

Through our growing relationship with a partnership with the NFL, they have created the NFL Play 60 All-Ability Guide that offers ideas for interactive adaptive play activities for children with varying physical abilities to live an active lifestyle. The NFL Prospect visit to our hospital reinforces and demonstrated the PLAY 60 movement’s commitment to ensuring that no child get left sitting on the sidelines.

“Our kids really had a lot of fun, said Mary Ann Roberto, child life specailist. “You could feel the excitement the air for the patients and the prospects. They really seemed to interact and bond with each other, providing an experience I think neither would ever forget.”

In addition to facilitating this amazing opportunity for our patients and the NFL prospects, the Philadelphia Shriners Hospital also acted at the main media hub for the day. Over 100 media outlets were able to capture footage of the event and interview several of the prospects on our special media floor. Thus far, coverage has included ABC, FOX, CBS Philly and the USA today.

We were honored to have Alec Cabacungan, an aspiring sports broadcaster and Chicago Shriners Hospital patient, who interviewed draft prospects. 14-year-old Alec has osteogenesis imperfecta (brittle bone disease), has starred in several Shriners Hospitals for Children commercials over the last 18 months.

We were happy to know that some of the top prospects spent part of their special experience at our hospital leading up the Draft. The prospect included: Corey Davis (Western Michigan) Leonard Fournette (LSU), Solomon Thomas (Stanford), and Mitchell Trubinsky (North Carolina).

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