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Honoring Noble Floyd Maxey and Lady Beverly

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Pote's Notes

Thornton Holt



Illustrious Sirs, Nobles, Ladies, and Sweethearts:

Our Divan has traveled with other Temples this year, and they have a lot of respect for ACCA and we have a lot for them.

Blue Lodges need our visitations and help. Visit as much as you can, and as many as you have time for, and let the Blue Lodges know they have our support as Master Masons. We all need to support each other as Masons first.

Your Divan helped the Ladies of the Shrine at their Annual Christmas in July event. Ladies, thanks for asking us to participate.

The Watermelon festival was a lot of fun and hard work. I have to say that the look on the faces of the people that pay their \$1 for that bowl of deliciousness is what keeps ACCA coming back, along with the money that is raised for Shriners Hospitals. The ACCA "Nobility" at the last Units and Council meeting voted not to

participate in this event anymore. However, since that meeting, I have had Nobles step up and say that they would like to put a committee together to campaign for manning the 5 booths, and not give up this Shriners Hospital fundraiser. The whole day, from 4:00 a.m. to closing and clean up, needs about 125 volunteers. That would give each of the 5 tents 2 shifts. So please keep this event in your thoughts and hearts, and let me know if you can help. Get on this bandwagon, and let's continue to raise money for Shriners Hospitals and keep the Cary Street Watermelon Festival running smoothly. ACCA Temple has this day serving watermelon to everyone down to a science.

The ACCA August business meeting went well. We voted in two new Nobles.

Our Family Picnic was a lot of fun. Thanks to Sparky, the Aide Staff, and our Divan members for all their hard work.

Our Town Hall meeting was very informative, and we would like feedback from you about this meeting. So please remember to fill out the forms you were given, and send them in.

We had a great turn out for the SASA hurricane party, and we all enjoyed it. We would like to have been in Myrtle Beach, but that wasn't in "Irma's" plans. Thanks to everyone who attended, and for those who could not attend - we missed you all.

We have visited many Unit and Club picnics and events so far, and are looking forward to many more. I will let you all know I have tasted just about everything that was prepared to eat. I was told I would gain 20 pounds, but I think I am up 25 pounds. I have enjoyed

every pound! I now have a new treadmill, and will start using it in February 2018.

We have traveled with the Grand Master some this year, attending the official visits to the districts in ACCA's area of Virginia. Our Grand Master supports ACCA and Shriners 100%. We have enjoyed his talks, the fun and fellowship, and of course the delicious meals that are prepared for his visits.

Our Assistant Rabban, Ed Ernouf asked Ill. Sir Dennis English to cut a Virginia map out of a piece of wood. Each district that falls under the ACCA Shrine area was cut out like a puzzle piece. The pieces of the puzzle were presented to the Grand Master at each district visit. The Grand Master will be presented the last piece at his home district, and then presented the whole map for the year. Thank you to Ill. Sir Dennis English for the map and to Ed Ernouf for his travel to the districts as part of our support to the Grand Master and Masonic Lodges.

Please sell Sportsman's Raffle Tickets! This is our largest fundraiser for ACCA Shrine. WE NEED YOUR HELP!

ACCA's Fall Ceremonial needs a lot of new candidates. Please bring the petitions in as soon as possible.

Come and enjoy the FUN and FELLOWSHIP.

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SHRINE CODE OF ETHICS

210.7 Code of Ethics. The officers and directors of Shriners International, an Iowa corporation, and all who may be elected or appointed to positions of authority, in order to discharge the responsibility bestowed upon them by the Representatives, and to maintain the integrity of the Order, and all Shrine temples, their elected divan members, their appointed officers and all Nobility, shall abide by this Code of Ethics.

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- (b) Demonstrate the highest standards of personal integrity, truthfulness and honesty in all their fraternal activities; administer the Order's affairs with impartiality, efficiency and effectiveness and in a manner that enhances its good name and mission.
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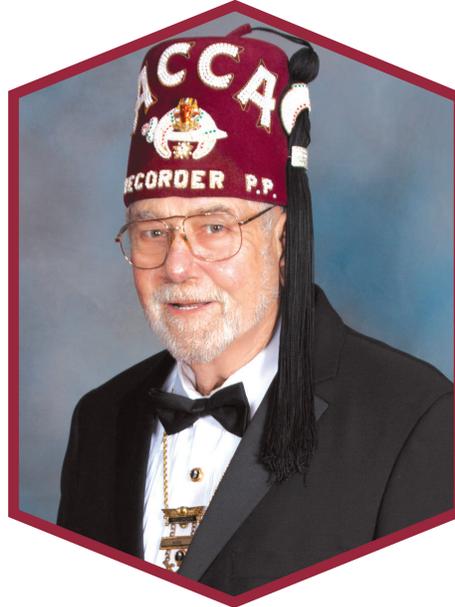
C. Bryan Martin - President

From the Recorder's Pen

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

Dear Nobles and Ladies:
 Usually in this issue we are reporting on the trophies and fun events that have taken place at the South Atlantic Shrine Association annual meeting. Thanks to a lady named Irma, that is not the case. However, we have had, by the time this issue reaches you, our annual meeting. We basically set the budget, elect a 5th year Vice President, and install the officers. I will inform you in a future issue if anything earth shaking takes place.

The unit and club membership numbers are decreasing along with temple membership. As of this writing our active members have decrease to 1301. This is alarming to say the least. I implore each of us to seek out that one person we know that is a Mason and we know that he will enjoy being a Shriner. You will find a list of Nobles who have not paid their dues, and will be suspended for non-payment, printed in this issue (page 10). Take time to look at it and see if you know someone on the list, and contact him. Lets try to save as many as we can. The 2017 year started with 1312 active members. We have created 30 new Nobles, affiliated 7, and restored 1, for a total of 38. The down side is that we have 1 suspension, 16 demits, and 32 expirations, for a total of 49 losses to date. We all care for our fraternity and our hospital system; therefore



we need to do all we can to ensure their continuation.

You will find in this issue on page 4 the "Shriners International Imperial Bylaw, Code of Ethics." We all know what makes us a Mason That, along with the code of ethics, is our guiding principle. I ask each of you to read the code of ethics and apply the code to your daily lives, as well as Shrine dealings. We have to remember that the Nobility gets no paycheck for dedication and hard work to our fraternity and philanthropy.

Another area of concern is our ability to get participation for the many hospital fundraisers, such as the Watermelon Festival and others, due to lack of participation from our Unit and Club members. The Temple membership is made up of many elderly members and it is difficult to participate, to which I personally can identify. It gets to be a chore to jump in and help, and we know you do, and you have our thanks for doing so.

In closing, let me remind you that I am here to serve you, the Nobility of ACCA Shriners. My door is open to all who would like to come in and talk about a problem, or just to share ideas.

With Fraternal Regards
 Pete



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"Dominic loved to do yard work and cut the grass with his grandpa and plant flowers with his grandma," said his mother, Shelley. "On June 8, 2007, our family learned very quickly just how dangerous a lawn mower can be to a small child."

His grandpa had just finished cutting the grass and sat Dominic down on the porch while he put the lawn mower away. The young boy decided he would playfully hide from his grandpa, ducking behind the lawn mower where he was out of view. When his grandpa went to reverse, it accidentally ran over the small child.

"Dominic's left foot was completely severed, he had a huge blade cut to the upper right thigh, and multiple cuts to his small body," said Shelley.

After undergoing multiple initial surgeries, he became a patient of Greenville Shriners Hospital, where he received his prosthesis for his left leg. Now a teenager, Dominic still has his limb, hips and stability checked at the hospital. Despite his trauma, he is thriving.

"The lawn mower accident was very upsetting to me because I was so worried about what was going to happen to Dominic in the future," said Shelley. "Now I know that Dominic will be fine. He has family and friends and the support of Greenville Shriners Hospital."

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

Dominic is a Shriners Kid



From the Chaplain

Russell "Russ" Wood

PATIENCE AND PERSEVERANCE

Psalm 56:8 says God keeps a record of our tears. This action lets us know God notices and cares deeply about what happens to us. Nothing takes Him by surprise. Yet when we respond to suffering and sorrow with faith, we are shaped to become more like His son, Jesus.

Deliverance or healing of any sort comes in God's timing and from His hands, not ours. He can turn our trauma, grief, and hurt around, and use what we've learned to help others.

Life is about the journey, not just the destination. Reactions to experiences in life shape who we are, not the events themselves. Each of us can choose to be positive or negative about something, because happiness is a choice, not just a state of mind. If we want to be happy, then we can be. We can allow God to soothe our souls, or we can be swept away with the storms.



Pain and suffering will always be a part of this life. Suffering is not fair and we will never understand why some people endure more than others. However, pain is not our focus; living totally for God is. Once we redirect our attention to Him, everything can come together in our lives. This is not new information or late-breaking news. God has the power to heal massive trauma, unspeakable horrors, and post-traumatic stress disorder. He may choose a variety of ways for that healing to occur, and His timetable may not fit what we had in mind.

Yet, we know He will give us grace to handle whatever comes our way.

We all have choices to make. We must choose to stop clinging to the past – the suffering we've encountered. We need to open our arms wide to embrace the future with hope. Let us all choose this day to fight, choose this day to win, and choose this day to accept the victory from Christ.

NEXT ACCALETTE DEADLINE - NOVEMBER 19TH

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DESIGNING LADIES

Christmas Luncheon

**December 2, 2017
ACCA Shrine Ball Room**



*Social Starts at Noon
Luncheon: 1:00 P.M.*



**\$22.50 per Lady or Buy a Table
for \$180.00 (8 people per table)**

Acca Nobles, professionally trained, will be your servers. They will be working hard to provide the best service available to earn "TIPS." Please be generous with tips as they will go to Shriners Hospitals for Children.

Groups are encouraged to use their "Designing Ladies" skills to decorate their tables based on the group's personality or special interest. We hope all Ladies and Sweethearts from all Clubs & Units will join us! Please consider helping us to celebrate Christmas for the Shriners Children by bringing an unwrapped child's gift to put under the Christmas Tree. Gift's will be taken to the Greenville Shriners Hospital.

There is a Silent Auction & Fashion Show by Fashion Gallery from Verona, Virginia

Please make checks Payable to:
ACCA Shrine and note
"Designing Women Luncheon"
in Memo Section

**RSVP BY
NOVEMBER 24, 2017**



All proceeds will go to Shriners Hospitals for Children.

First Lady's Thoughts

DEBBY HOLT

A happy Fall everyone:
The 2017 Atlantic hurricane season began on Thursday, June 1st, and ends on Thursday, November 30th. This has been a year of a lot of "FIRSTS" for ACCA Temple, and S.A.S.A. being canceled sure was a "FIRST." ACCA made the best of the situation and the S.A.S.A./Irma Hurricane/Victory Party was awesome. It was a great turn out for an impromptu get together. It takes "everyone" to make things happen! And "everyone" was working together for a great cause. Thank you all for joining in on the fun, fellowship and great food. The ACCA Divan, Peggy, Sparky, Denise and Bryan jumped right in and pulled it all together; we love you all! What a team! A lot of great minds made this work!

Thornton and I had the honor of touring the White House and The Eisenhower Executive Building with the Imperial Potentate Gary Bergenske and Lady Anne, along with Ill. Mike Gordon and Lady Vanessa. We had lunch at the Old Ebbitt Grill on 14th Street where Thornton and I used to go when we started dating, just a few years ago! Almas Temple in Washington D.C. hosted a dinner that night for the Imperial Potentate's visit and invited a table full from ACCA. We left D.C. and headed to Baltimore, Maryland for a Crab Feast weekend with Boumi Temple and with Ill. Mark Hartz and Lady Kathy.

Thank you, thank you, thank you to all of the Clubs and Units that have invited the Divan to your Summer Picnics and events. We are looking forward



to all of the upcoming events. The "First" "Walk for Love" at ACCA Temple (please sign up), Lots of More (come with an appetite), the Sounds of ACCA (clap your hands and stomp your feet), the Fall Ceremonial (shine up those dancing shoes), Michie Tavern (a great Fund Raiser for the Piedmont Shrine Club), and so many more will be happening. Thank you everyone for your continued support for ACCA Temple, and everyone who helps Thornton and me along the way.

Now for an update on the "Taste of ACCA" Cookbook. Thank you everyone who contributed their recipes for this project. Our goal is to have the Cookbook ready for sale around October 1st. We will send out an email as soon as it becomes available.

Our Ladies' Communication Email Project is up and running and we hope you are enjoying the emails. Thank you Brenda Conner for your continuing hard work! If you have an event coming up, please let us know and we can post it. If you have any questions, or would like to be added, please email me at tljr999@aol.com or call 804-937-7097.

Ladies, in this issue of the Accalette, you will find the invitation for the "Designing Ladies Luncheon" on December 2, 2017. Please, please come join us for this event. This is another "FIRST." We are excited and looking forward to a great time.

Until next time, keep smiling, and may your heart be filled with love.

I am very proud to be a Shriner's Lady.

2018 DUES
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Where Member Owes 2 years or more in Arrears as of 9/18/2017
Total Balance > 0 and Arrears Balance > 0 and Arrears Balance > Charge Amount**

<u>Dues Class</u>					
<u>Member Number</u>	<u>Full Name</u>	<u>Home Phone</u>	<u>2018 Charge Amount</u>	<u>Arrears</u>	<u>Total Due</u>
Permanent Contributing Member					
13275	Warren G Hopkins	(276) 328-1206	\$130.00	\$260.00	\$390.00
		1 Permanent Contributing	\$130.00	\$260.00	\$390.00
Regular					
24201	Gerald G Bates		\$135.00	\$270.00	\$405.00
25098	Brian A Burnette	(804) 641-1833	\$135.00	\$270.00	\$405.00
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24990	Timothy M Hill	(804) 529-7345	\$135.00	\$270.00	\$405.00
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25479	Timothy P Lansberry	(540) 860-8423	\$135.00	\$270.00	\$405.00
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23874	Howard L Lynch	(804) 746-8411	\$135.00	\$270.00	\$405.00
22057	Deane Maury	(804) 275-9099	\$135.00	\$270.00	\$405.00
25285	Joseph McMillian	(434) 292-4343	\$135.00	\$270.00	\$405.00
24566	Kenneth W Stone	(804) 798-1568	\$135.00	\$270.00	\$405.00
19129	Clarence N Taylor Jr	(704) 904-4594	\$135.00	\$270.00	\$405.00
25211	Brian P Wagner	(804) 314-0778	\$135.00	\$270.00	\$405.00
20714	John T Wood	(804) 526-4144	\$135.00	\$270.00	\$405.00
25368	Christopher E Wray	(804) 920-2723	\$135.00	\$270.00	\$405.00

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		35 Regular Subtotal:	\$4,725.00	\$9,450.00	\$14,175.00
		Grand Totals:	\$4,855.00	\$9,710.00	\$14,565.00

Total Record Count 36

From the Editor's Desk

L.R. "Rusty" Brinkley and James S. "Jim" Deitrick

Greetings from the Editorial Staff of your Accalette: You can almost feel the touch of fall in the air, and you know what that means; Oktoberfest, spaghetti dinners, band concerts, Brunswick stews and Ceremonials are all not far away.



Be sure and mark your calendars to attend the festivities honoring this great couple.

As you peruse the pages in this issue, you will find references to a multitude of events happening at Acca this fall. Please plan to attend as many as your cable tow will allow.

And when you mention Ceremonials, you immediately think of initiating new candidates, our Open House receptions, and spectacular dances in the Ballroom. We also start to reflect on members of Acca who have made significant contributions to our fraternity. This issue will honor a couple who has contributed greatly to the many accomplishments at Acca. What a great picture of Noble Floyd and Lady Bev Maxey on our cover. We are honoring them at the fall Ceremonial this year for their strong support, and many years of significant contributions to the Temple.

Also, please invite your friends and neighbors to come with you so you can show them all the fun things Acca participates in. Who knows, a new member or two, or ten, may come out of such invitations! Do you have a favorite mechanic, handyman, yard guy? Ask them to purchase an ad in our magazine; for a small \$25 ad they will reach a new group of potential customers.

Have fun with this issue, it's designed to be informative, and let you know what's happening in your organization. Happy reading!

Rusty & Jim



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Honoree Noble Floyd
Maxey and Lady Bev

ACCA SHRINE FALL CEREMONIAL NOVEMBER 17-18, 2017



Candidates, Ceremonial & Open House Schedule at ACCA Shrine

FRIDAY NIGHT OPEN HOUSE AT ACCA NOVEMBER 17TH

- 6:00PM – Candidates check in at ACCA
- 6:30PM – Opening Remarks
(Unit Rooms Closed)
- Attire: Business casual for Men - no jeans
- Introductions of Candidates and their Ladies
- Introduction Honoree- Shriners Hospital
Program - Unit Rooms Open

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 18TH

- Attire: Business casual, no jeans
- 8:00AM - Candidates arrive
- 9:00AM - Temple open for Business and Ceremonial
- 9:30 AM - Ceremonial Begins
- 11:30AM – Men's Lunch
- 12:30PM – Ladies join their Nobles for Ceremonial
- 1:00PM – Units & Club donation presentation

Acca Ceremonial Dinner & Dance

- The New Nobles and their Ladies and Noble
Floyd Maxey and Lady Bev
- 5:00PM - Social Hour (Open Bar)
- 6:00PM – Dinner
- 6:45PM – Introductions
- 7:15PM – 10:00PM – Dance
- Attire Nobles: Black Tie or Business Suit
- Attire Ladies: Formal or Cocktail Dress or Pants

Hotel & Hospitality

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 17TH

CHECK-IN 3:00PM

- Hospitality Room opens for a weekend of fun,
fellowship and great food by ACCA's
Hospitality Team
- 2:00PM - 5:00PM – Hospitality Room open
- 6:00PM - Leave for Shrine Center
- 6:30PM - Program begins
- 9:00PM - til Hospitality Room open

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 18TH

- 2:00PM – 4:30PM Hospitality Room Opens
- 9:00PM – until

Ladies Schedule

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 17TH

Attire: Business casual, no jeans - Ladies we look forward to the fun, fellowship, and great food! New candidates' Ladies will have a great opportunity to meet many members of the Acca Shrine family. The Hospitality Room is also a place to meet Shriners and their ladies from other Temples.

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 18TH

All ladies are invited to a brunch, being held in the Hotel Hospitality Room, starting at 10:30 am to honor the new candidates' Ladies, and Honoree Lady Bev Maxey. Attire is business casual (dress or slacks). We will leave the hotel and arrive at Acca Shrine Center by 12:30 pm to join our Nobles for the Ceremonial. If a ride is needed we will be happy to make arrangements.

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Attire - MEN: Black Tie or Coat and Tie LADIES: Formal, Cocktail or Pants Suit

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Acaba Court

Lady Sharon Heard, PHP

Dear Nobles and Ladies:
Usually in this issue we are reporting on the trophies and fun events that have Greetings from Accaba Court:

Well, the "Christmas in July" silent auction was a great success. The Ladies of Accaba Court would like to thank friends and family, as well as all the Nobles, and their Ladies, from Acca Shrine, for coming out and supporting us at this fundraiser for Grand Council 2019. From all reports I've heard, everyone had fun attending this event. We even had a surprise for those who were there; Santa arrived with a "little" gift for everyone. Santa also had one of his helpers with him, "Elf Rebecca."

A special thank you to Ill. Sir Thornton Holt, Potentate of Acca Shrine, for being the auctioneer for the live auction. Ill. Sir you did a fantastic job, and thanks also to all the Divan members who attended and helped. It was a surprise for the Ladies of Accaba Court when the members of the Divan came in wearing white dinner jackets. You made quite an impression on us, as well as those who attended the event.

Thank you Santa, a.k.a. Noble Wayne Parent. Noble Wayne volunteered for this job and I quickly said yes! Noble Wayne is one of the "Roadrunners," those great Nobles who drive patients to the hospitals, in addition to delivering all the gifts and tabs our Court sends in the vans with them.

Now it's time to start on our pillow/pillow case drive in November, and the toy drive we hold in December. These collections we hold every year are very special to us, and all our ladies love doing it. It won't be long before we'll be calling the "Roadrunners" saying, "We have more stuff to deliver." They are always there for us.

Mark your calendars for December, when the Sedona Taphouse's "Steakout for Charity" at the West Chester Commons location is again donating to Shriners Hospitals for Children.

Again, thank you everyone who came to our silent auction, and thank you for supporting the LOS.



Ill. Sir Thornton Holt, Auctioneer



Santa Wayne Parent and Elf Rebecca Ernouf



Welcome from High Priestess Joan Sneide and Grand Princess Kris Sheridan

Acca Car Club

Ed Johnston Jr.

The Acca Car Club has been busy this summer. Several members attended car shows during the summer months. A very nice one was held at The Crossings Retirement Home, off Midlothian Turnpike, which featured 30 or more vintage cars and a couple of more modern ones. Guess what, they all were running just fine! Best of all a great BBQ lunch was provided!

Our annual summertime Car Club picnic was held at President Michael Poegl's home in North Chesterfield County. Lady Margaret was a gracious host and the food was plentiful and very good. Our long time Secretary, Matt Williams, who had announced his retirement from that office earlier, was presented a Certificate Of Appreciation for his loyal and diligent duty in this office. Vice President Ed Johnston Jr. presented the Certificate, and I must say that Matt was very humbled. He said this was the first award he had ever received for anything. Les Gillenwater has graciously agreed to assume the duties of Secretary, and we all thank him for accepting the challenge. We will give him our full support.

The Car Club again manned a watermelon tent at the Carytown Watermelon Festival in August. We worked the first half of the day and, this year, the Provost Guard took over the second part of the day. The weather cooperated by giving us all a decent day without too much heat. Usually this is one of the hottest days of the summer. Publix grocery stores supplied the watermelons, taking over for the departing Martin's grocery stores. I believe the melons were some of the best I've seen and tasted during my time working the festival.

The Car Club is planning to participate in some of the outdoor events still to be held at the Shrine during 2017. We are working to get more participation from our members at these events, since many of our members have really special antique cars.

Member Russell Graves is still suffering with eye issues, and has trouble getting around due to problems with his knees. He is currently at home, but is now using a wheel chair to move about. Most of our other members are doing pretty well, even though we are not getting any younger. Our charter member and Past Potentate, Ill. Frank McAllister, is the most amazing. He still drives cars up and down the east coast for dealers, and attends almost every meeting and function at The Shrine! If you ask him how he's doing, the answer is "I'm slowing down"! I'd hate to see how fast he was going when he was younger.

We continue to enjoy the newsletter President Michael prepares every other month for our club. We also would like to invite non-members to one of our meetings, to hopefully become a member and get involved. Our Ladies always have a good pot luck dinner available at our meetings.

Lastly, I would like to encourage any and all to contribute to the relief efforts going on to assist the recovery in Texas and Florida due to two devastating hurricanes, Harvey and Irma. So many people lost everything or had their homes severely flooded and damaged. Already many of our Virginia volunteers have gone to these areas with food, supplies and other necessities. Our hats are off to them.

Our club is always looking for new members, so we welcome all to contact President Michael Poegl, Ed Johnston Jr., Les Gillenwater or Tom Daughtrey, or any member with questions or information about our club. We will be happy to get your motor started!



Car Club Picnic



Car Show



Watermelon Festival



Watermelon Festival

OCTOBER 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2 Band Greeters #1	3 LOS Hospital Comm.	4 Cast # 1 M/R Legion of Honor	5 Acca Roadrunners Saurkrauts B/R C/W Band	6 Kena Open House	7 Kena Ceremonial
8	9 Band	10	11 Mini Patrol Glen Allen A/R Director's Staff James River	12 Oriental Band Saurkrauts B/R	13 Ceremonial Cast Lots-A-More A/C Sounds of Acca B/R	14 Rental Wran Wedding B/R, Kit Masonic Home Family Day
15 Acca Memorial Service A/R	16 Klownz	17 Acca Business Mtg. B/R, Kit, A/R	18 Hopewell Shrine Shooters Club # 1 Past Masters A/R,Kit	19 Hillbillies Clan 17 Outhouse # 1 C/W Band Saurkrauts B/R	20 Manchester Stew A/C Khedive Open House	21 Manchester Stew A/C Khedive Ceremonial
22	23	24 Divan Mtg. Uniform Council Mtg	25 Arab Patrol Manchester A/R, Kit C/W Band	26 Motor Patrol Oriental Band Saurkrauts B/R Acca Golf Club Date selection 2018 Chief Rabban	27 Provost Guard Oktoberfest A/C	28 Acca Sportsman Raffle A/C
29	30 Band	31				

NOVEMBER 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 Cast # 1 M/R Legion of Honor	2 Saurkrauts B/R C/W Band	3 Provost Guard Kazim Open	4 Kazim Ceremonial
5	6 Band Greeters #1 MR	7 LOS Hospital Comm. T/R	8 Mini Patrol Glen Allen A/R Director's Staff James River Acca Veterans Breakfast	9 Ducks Unlimited Oriental Band Grand Lodge	10 Arab Patrol Chili Dinner A/C. Grand Lodge	11 Rental Wedding Reception B/R, Kit Grand Lodge
12	13 Band	14	15 Manchester A/C Hopewell Shrine Shooters Club # 1	16 Hillbillies Clan 17 Outhouse # 1 C/W Band Saurkrauts B/R Motor Patrol Acca Golf Club	17 Acca Ceremonial A/R, B/R, Kit	18 Acca Ceremonial A/R, B/R, Kit
19	20 Band Klownz	21	22 Arab Patrol	23 Acca Closed THANKSGIVING	24 Acca Closed	25
26	27	28 Divan Mtg. Uniform Council Mtg	29 C/W Band	30		

DECEMBER 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2 Divan Ladies Designer Luncheon B/R, Kit
3 Band Inst & Christmas Party A/R, Kit	4 Band Greeters #1 MR	5 LOS Hospital Comm. T/R	6 Cast # 1 M/R Legion of Honor	7 Motor Patrol Ladies Night/ Inst.. Saurkrauts B/R C/W Band	8	9 Provost Guard Christmas Party A/R, Kit IBEW Rental B/R Kit
10 Manchester Christmas Party A/R, Kit	11 Band	12	13 Mini Patrol Glen Allen A/R Director's Staff James River	14 Oriental Band Saurkrauts B/R	15	16 Breakfast with Santa A/C, B/R Christmas Dance
17	18 Band Klownz	19 Divan Mtg. Uniform Council Mtg	20 Hopewell Shrine Shooters Club # 1	21 Hillbillies Clan 17 Outhouse # 1 C/W Band Saurkrauts B/R Motor Patrol	22	23
24 31 Acca New Year's Dance B/R, Kit	25 Christmas Acca Closed	26 Acca Closed	27 Arab Patrol C/W Band	28 Oriental Band Saurkrauts B/R	29	30

JANUARY 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2 LOS Hospital Comm. T/R	3 Cast # 1 M/R Legion of Honor	4 Saurkrauts B/R C/W Band	5 Potentate's Appreciation Party B/R, Kit	6
7	8 Band Greeters #1 MR	9	10 Mini Patrol Glen Allen A/R Director's Staff James River	11 Oriental Band Saurkrauts B/R	12	13 Director's Staff Inst and Ladies Night A/R, Kit
14	15 Klownz	16 Acca Business Meeting and Election B/R, Kit, A/R	17 Hopewell Shrine Shooters Club # 1	18 Hillbillies Clan 17 Outhouse # 1 C/W Band Saurkrauts B/R	19	20 Acca Installation of Officers B/R, Kit, A/R
21	22 Band	23 Divan Mtg Uniform Council Mtg	24 Arab Patrol Manchester A/C	25 Motor Patrol Oriental Band Saurkrauts B/R	26 Manchester Cornhole Setup B/R	27 Manchester Cornhole Tour. B/R, Kit
28	29	30	31 C/W Band			

Acca Golf Club

President Larry Koon

Our official schedule for 2017 is quickly running out. We have played the Mill Quarter course in July, the Brandermill Course in August, and will have played the Pendleton Course up in Ruther Glen in September.

A good turnout at Mill Quarter. Weather was fine and the course in great shape. Rusty Brinkley had an exceptional round, but of course he has an advantage. He is at the course part of each week. This is just a comment to soothe the pain for those who struggled during the round.

What a good day at Brandermill. We had close to five foursomes to play. It was good to have "Smitty" Hutchinson's group from Amelia to join us. The course was in as good a shape as any we have played this year. Many stayed around afterwards and had lunch. Re-telling the great shots was of course, due to the talent of the individual. Re-telling of the bad shots was understandably due to equipment failure.

We have looked forward to playing the Pendleton Course. It was highly recommended by our semi-pro golfer, James Sadler, who is a member of the Club. It is rumored that he gives private lessons to the membership. It will be the first time the Acca Golf Club has played the course. It was scheduled last year, but rained out. I will give a summary of the event in the next issue.

The Grand Master's Tournament was held in early August at the Lexington Golf and Country Club. A good turnout and good participation from the Acca Golf Club. Grand Master Stuart Cook played, but unfortunately was not in the same foursome as Acca Golf President Koon, who could have improved his round with timely suggestions. The Club also sponsored a golf hole. Proceeds went to the Masonic Home of Virginia.

We will have also participated in the annual Scottish Rite Tournament during the first week of October at the Sycamore Creek Course. The Club will also sponsor a hole, as we do each year. Proceeds will go to the Childhood Language Center.

We will close out the year with two remaining events. On October 26th, we will play the Brickshire



Grand Masters Tournament- Golf President Koon shows GM Cook the location of his wayward putt

Course in Providence Forge, and on November 16th, the Hollows Golf Course in Montpelier.

Two other events are in the planning stages. An out-of-town trip to Pinehurst, NC, if enough members are interested, and a one-day trip to Amherst, Virginia to play the Poplar Grove Course.

The last official function of the year will take place on January 17, 2018. We honor our Ladies by having a special evening at the Meadowbrook Country Club. It will be a great evening with cocktails, delicious food, superb service and an unbeatable atmosphere. The highlight of the evening will be announcing our "Player of the Year." Members of our Club are on the edge of their seats, waiting in anticipation.

If it is a beautiful day, and you are looking for a way to get away from the list of "honey-dues" given by your wife, call one of the members. They are more than willing to help you out. Who could refuse a round of golf with friends, and maybe a libation afterwards?

Be nice-Keep the sunny-side up.

Caverns Shrine Club

Secretary Allen D. Johnson

Our President, Dennis Fleming, extended an invitation for the Club to meet on Peach Orchard Lake, Wednesday, August 2, 2017. The invitation was graciously accepted, however, only seventeen out of an enrollment of sixty Shriners were in attendance. Those who were absent were deeply missed, but more importantly, they missed the camaraderie, the delicious food, and the sense of belonging to the "World's Greatest Philanthropy". If you take the time and trouble to attend, we are sure you will find that "the juice is worth the squeeze". The event was enjoyed by all in attendance.

Following the event, President Dennis called the meeting to order and requested Chaplain J.D. Cave to offer a prayer, which he did with dignity and great respect. His prayer requested that we give humble and hearty thanks for all our blessings, and especially remembering the great Valley in which we live, the children we strive to help, the doctors and our hospitals, and the food for our nourishment. An unusually delightful meal consisted of a beef brisket entrée, along with potato salad, coleslaw, and Martha's hot peach cobbler topped with ice cream. Helping with the meal were Mark Dofflemeyer, Brad Holsinger, Mark Janney, Brian Plum, and Paul Price.

The business followed, and began with a report from our Treasurer. He indicated that "Voices for the Children" has a balance of \$12,599.10, and on the fraternal side more than \$9,000, and we will decide next month how much to send to the Hospital.

Eulogy and Remembrance Alva Weaver Bible - 1935 to 2017

The shadows of gloom spread rapidly over our community, Wednesday, July 26th, with the awareness of the sudden passing into the great beyond of one of the Shriners great friends.

Alva grew up in West Virginia, and lived most of her life in the Harrisonburg area. She was an inspiration to all who knew her. "She made a difference," with the possession of an extraordinary mental capability and exceptional abilities. "She made a difference" to the Broadway High School Band. "She made a difference" to the Caverns Shrine Club. "She made a difference" to all who knew her.

Her remains were conveyed to her little church, Greenmount Church of the Brethren, in the wildwood near Linville. An overflowing capacity of family, friends and neighbors were in attendance. Pastor Roger Sager performed a beautiful ceremony, and Alva was lovingly eulogized by many friends and relatives. As her requested special music was played, we thought about how gratifying it was that she had passed away peacefully. Her last request was for memorial contributions to be made to the Shriners Hospitals for children.

Like a shadow thrown softly and sweetly from a passing cloud, death came upon her, and lifetime friends laid her to rest beneath a wilderness of flowers in the sacred soil she loved.



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Glen Allen Shrine Club

President Ill. Billy Jellie, P.P.



The Glen Allen Club held its annual picnic in August, with our great team of cooks preparing a wonderful picnic dinner in the Assembly Room. Many thanks to Charlie and Beth Hansbury, and to Al and Betty Rock, for manning the grill and the kitchen in order to make the picnic so successful. The food was just what you need for a summer event, and it was a relaxed and laid-back evening. We hope all of you Nobles and Ladies appreciated their efforts, and told them thanks!

Summer has come and gone, and we were all saddened by the cancellation of the SASA conference in Myrtle Beach. However, we have absolutely no control over the weather. In spite of our disappointment, we were blessed by the fact that neither Harvey nor Irma created much havoc in Virginia. Unfortunately, the states of Texas and Florida were left in pure devastation. Our hearts and prayers, as well as hopefully our many gifts of supplies and money, are being sent to those

so hurt and demolished in the paths of those horrific hurricanes. Hopefully, we will be blessed this year and future disasters can be avoided by shifts in winds and other natural elements.

Although we did not have a regularly scheduled meeting of the Glen Allen Club in September, many of our members did attend the ACCA Hurricane get-together in the Ball Room of ACCA Temple. There was an overwhelming response to our Potentate's call for covered dishes and drinks. The music was lively and a fine time was had by all. So now we just have to gather ourselves up by our bootstraps, and make plans for the beach and parade for next year. All of the clubs were well represented, and making plans already for September 2018. We did receive via Facebook one picture, of someone we all know and love, looking out the hotel window at the vacant, but beautiful beach.

I want to encourage each of you Glen Allen members to enthusiastically support the fundraisers of other clubs. Lady Debby sends out a reminder of the activities to all the Ladies on her list of ACCA unit and clubs activities, and you can always check the website for details. It is important that each of our units and clubs be successful in their fundraising efforts in order to maintain our Shrine Center, as well as contribute to the resources needed for our Hospitals and our children.

Please plan to attend the Fall Ceremonial scheduled to be held on Friday, November 17th – Open House, and Saturday, November 18th –in the morning will be Initiation of new candidates, following lunch annual donations and in the evening a formal dinner and dance. Again, it is important that we each participate in the Shrine activities as much as possible in order for our Shrine Center to maintain a vital representation of the Shrine organization, and spread our mission to others.

I am looking forward to nice weather and vibrant fall colors, as well as many enjoyable times together. Thanks to all for your continued enthusiasm for our Shrine activities, and pride in our accomplishments.



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The Director's Staff Corner

Frank Bishop

The busy season is upon us, and the Director's Staff is no exception. With so many activities, it is hard to keep account of them all. First, the Carytown Watermelon Festival was a resounding success. A beautiful day, large crowd, and plenty of support; the Staff was able to realize over \$4,100 for the Shriners Hospitals through the sale of watermelon. It was a modern day record fundraiser. Thanks to all those who helped with this effort, especially the ACCA Mini Patrol, who supported the staff in this activity.

What, another busy Staff Day?

Yes it was; NASCAR Race time on September 8, 2017, at Richmond Raceway. The Staff was out in force, lead by Noble Director W. T. Parrish and Noble Assistant Director Craig Ellwanger, and a load of supervisors and want-to-be supervisors. After lunch at the Shrine Center, prepared by Noble Tom Williams and others, the ushers descended on the track and were ready for action. The entire event went off without a hitch, and the coffers of the Unit were flush with revenue. Thanks to everyone who assisted with this activity, including many volunteers.

The sunshine report is rather extensive so, rather than provide a long list, we offer our thoughts and prayers to all those who are encountering an illness or distress. Two long-time members passed away during the month of September, those being Noble Ernest Lee McGregor and Noble Doug Jones. Both of these Nobles were legends in the Director's Staff and will be sadly missed.

Rarely in the annals of the Director's Staff have we been challenged to pause and pay respects to a member, as we have for Noble Ernest Lee McGregor, who passed away on August 26, 2017. It was a sad day for all of us because we knew we would not see Noble Ernie's smiling face and quick wit at Staff functions. He meant so much, and contributed so much with

ERNEST LEE MCGREGOR



"He meant so much, and contributed so much with his giving attitude."

his giving attitude. His love for the Shrine and the Director's Staff was legendary, and was only exceeded by his love for his family, especially his late wife Lady Marge McGregor. He held a variety of public service positions, including service in the U.S. Navy during World War II, Richmond Police Department, and the Richmond Sheriff's Office, where he retired as a Captain. He was a 50-year member of Midlothian Lodge 211. He entered the Director's Staff in 1967, and was a member until his death. His funeral was held on August 31, 2017, and was attended by a large number of Staff members, as well

as members of ACCA Shrine Center. A reception was held at the ACCA Shrine Center after the services were concluded.

Noble Ernest Lee McGregor will live in memorial. One has only to stop and try to list his contributions to Masonry, Shrinedom, and his fellow man, to realize that they are too numerous to mention. His strength and wisdom were always on display in a very caring way. Noble Ernie, you have left us for that celestial house in the heavens, not built with human hands, and you will be forever watching over us. God Speed Noble Ernie.

Director's Staff Whisper

Did we run out of everything at the Watermelon Festival? Resourcefulness prevailed, thanks to our Director. Who was the PD who had to break into his own home? Senior moment. A big shout out to the newest members of the Staff. Noble Michael Salisbury was voted in at our July meeting as a probationary member and Noble Mike Atkins was voted into the unit as a probationary member at the August meeting. Noble Mike is Past Master of Midlothian Lodge 211.

"Es Salamu Akleikim"



Steve Poegl

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

As we move into fall, we hope that you all have had a wonderful and fun-filled summer. It went by quickly. We were hoping to bring you a report and photos from SASA but the weather kept us away from Myrtle Beach this year.

Since we last talked, our club donated the funds to have a life-saving defibrillator placed in the activity center at the ACCA Shrine Center. As mentioned in our last article, we sold out our 1st annual 50/50 10K raffle and plan to invite all those who purchased a ticket to attend the drawing as a huge thank you. It will be held in the assembly room at 6:00pm on October 25th and we will be serving our famous MSC Brunswick Stew. We are looking forward to a fun-filled evening and a happy prize-winner!

Our Fall stew will be prepared this year on Thursday, October 19th and sold on Friday the 20th. We're hoping to have it pre-sold by then so please let one of us know if you'd like to reserve a quart or more for yourself or a friend.

Our club's summer picnic was held in the activity center on July 26th and I want to end this communication by telling you about something special which touched the hearts of every single noble, lady,

and sweetheart in Manchester Shrine Club. During our picnic we got the opportunity to welcome home our very own Noble Chris Atkinson from military deployment overseas. Our ongoing prayers were answered as he returned safely to us from Kuwait. As Noble Tim Ford led us in the pledge of allegiance to our flag, we asked all club members who were military veterans to join Chris up front in the shadow of the flag of The United States of America so they're service could be honored. I must say it was one of the most humbling moments of my life.

Chris presented our club with an American flag that was flown over the region in Kuwait where he served. It was framed along with a certificate of authentication and presented to our president on behalf of the club. It Read: "This is to certify that this flag of The United States of America was carried on Kuwait Naval Base, Kuwait, on 9 January 2017, on behalf of the Manchester Shrine Club, in support of Operation Spartan Shield and Operation Inherent Resolve. It symbolizes the sovereign power of the American People and the unshakeable resolve to keep our country safe." LTC Chrystor L. Atkinson, 29th Infantry Division, Task Force Spartan, Division Engineer.

He then spoke poigantly to the club and his family members about his time away and delight in returning home, there was not a dry eye in the house. We thank Chris and every veteren for his or her service to our country and never take our freedom for granted by not recognizing your sacrifice.

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". Hope to see you at the Walk for Love.

So long for now and may God bless you all.

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MSC military veterans honored during the pledge of allegiance.



ARTICLE PHOTOS



Noble Chris Atkinson carrying the flag of the United States of America in Kuwait.



Certificate of Authentication



Noble Chris Atkinson (l) presents club president Noble Steve Poegl (r) with flag flown in Kuwait.



Noble Chris Atkinson thanks family and friends for their prayers and warm wishes.



Plaque presented to Manchester Shrine Club by returning member, Noble Chris Atkinson.

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James River Shrine Club

Tom Snead

As the old country music lyric goes, "Ain't it funny how time slips away." This seems to have been a whirlwind summer for James River Shrine Club.

We started things off with our Christmas picnic in June at the home of our President and First Lady, Noble Jim and Carolyn Doyle. As usual, there was more food and refreshment than you could have possibly eaten, not to mention the great time we enjoyed socially. A big thanks to Carolyn and Jim for hosting this event.

We continued meeting throughout the summer months at the Bella Sicilia Restaurant in Goochland. It seems that this has become a favorite spot for most of our members; the food is good, and they really appreciate our business and support.

While we have not had a fundraising project this year, we are making plans for a large project for possibly next spring. We have been busy as a club promoting the Sportsman's Raffle for ACCA, and supporting the activities of the Shrine Center.

I am happy to report that our membership is in good shape, for the shape we are in health-wise.

The club participated in the Labor Day Parade in Powhatan, and was well received with a standing ovation as we passed the Reviewing Stand. One of our crusty old members remarked that it brought a tear to his eye with the show of appreciation we received. As you see from the photographs, we were honored to have Ill. Sir Thornton

Holt riding on the float with the membership.

While the parade was going on, Nobles Jim Metcalf, Roger Epperson and I set up a table and sold 47 Sportsman Raffle Tickets, in addition to spreading the word about Shriners and the Childrens Hospitals we support.

I also need to mention we had outstanding attendance from our Ladies who were there to cheer us on. They were led by First Lady Debby Holt, the head cheerleader. I don't care what we do as a club our Ladies are always there to support us in any way they can. THANK YOU LADIES!

After the parade, Noble Karl and Lady Jean Hawk hosted a fantastic cookout at their home. The food was great, as always, and there was plenty of it. It was a great time to sit and enjoy each other's company. We were also happy to see some of our members who have been absent recently. I won't name names this time, but you know who you are. We miss you guys and need you back active in the Club.

The big disappointment of the summer was Hurricane Irma cancelling SASA at Myrtle Beach. Even though Myrtle Beach did not get the storm that was expected, I think the right call was made to cancel the event. Not to be outdone, we had a small taste of SASA at the Victory Party held at the Shrine Center on September 13. Again, lots of food, socializing, and dancing made for a memorable evening.

That about covers it for the James River Shrine Club. We invite



James River Powhatan Parade



Pote Thornton Powhatan Parade



James River Powhatan Parade



James River Powhatan Picnic

you to come join us, if you like to eat, drink and be merry. Even if you don't want to join, just come and have dinner with us at one of our meetings on the second Wednesday of each month.

Million Dollar Band

Secretary Dave Bishop, P.P.

Now wouldn't you just know it, somebody, or something, had the nerve to cancel our parade and stay during SASA at Myrtle Beach, S.C. What nerve! Well, at least sufficient notice was given so that all could avoid the long drive down and back. Oh well, not all is lost; we can start planning for next year, and I understand SASA at Myrtle Beach will be a week later than usual.

Since last writing, the Band has performed at Pemberton Retirement Living Center, Lucy Corr Retirement and Assistant Living Center, as well as spending the day in Carytown for the Watermelon Festival. I must say that performing at the Living Facilities was a lot easier than handling watermelons for ten hours. Glad to report that the Band did better in funds this year (2017) than last year (2016). As far as what is coming up in regards to the Band performing, it is scheduled to return to Pemberton Living Center, participate in the Masonic Home Family Day events, and the Shrine famous "Sounds of ACCA" on October 13th at the Shrine Center. In addition to the Million Dollar Band's events, the Saurkrauts will be very busy with many Octoberfest gigs, too many to mention, but will mention the big one in Richmond and the one at the "Center of the Universe" in Ashland. For good sounds and entertainment don't miss the opportunity to attend.

Before you know, it will be time for the many Christmas parades. The Band, as of this writing, is planning on participating in the Ashland Ole Time Christmas Parade on Nov 19th, the Dominion Parade on Dec 2nd, and the MacArthur Parade on Dec 9th. It's never too early to begin or plan for the Christmas spirit.

As for the "Sick and Wounded"; Floyd Puryear had a heart attack and is recovering according to plan; Art Moore has been suffering with abdominal problems and is scheduled for surgery; "Ole" Harry Seeley continues with his breathing problems but is still hanging in there; and Allan Mills is slowly recovering from his knee replacement. Please pray for a speedy recover for all of our Band members.

Again I ask for all to continue to pray for our Country, "The Good Old USA", and for the safety and speedy return of our service members, wherever they may be deployed. God Bless the United States of America.

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Valley Shrine Club

Secretary Bill Crouse
August Minutes

Noble Peyton Yancey hosted the regular meeting on August 24 of the Valley Shrine Club. Noble President Don Bosley welcomed everyone. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance, and Noble David Burroughs offered the Invocation.

A delicious meal and scrumptious desserts was served. Don and Teri Bosley, David and Carolyn Burrough, Bill and Pam Crouse, Julian and Joann Fisher, John and Lynn Jackson, Dan and Jo Ellen Perry, David and Jennifer Siever, and Peyton and Myra Yancey prepared the meal.

The meeting began with Nobles Don Bosley, Dan Perry, and Peyton Yancey telling a couple jokes. Noble Bosley thanked Nobles Ken Hoes and Mike Fitzwater for bringing the drinks for the meeting. The gathering observed a moment of silence for Noble Steven Starick. Noble Bill Crouse reported that he sent Mrs. Cathy Starick a letter expressing condolences for her loss. The letter also acknowledged a contribution to the Shriners Hospitals for Children, in remembrance of Noble Steven Starick from Donna Kisling. Noble Ken Hoes gave a Treasurer's report and stated that \$3,710 in donations was sent to the Shriners Hospitals.

Noble Matt Frakes is gathering information on shirts and hats for the Valley Shrine Club. Information is to be available at the September meeting. Members were encouraged to wear their attire, featuring the Valley Shrine Club, to let people know they are Shriners and are able to offer information on how to refer a child for treatment. A woman whose

child has mobility problems approached members selling raffle tickets at the Rockingham County Fair. She now has an appointment with a specialist in Richmond for evaluation, and a determination of which facility is best for the child's treatment.

Noble Julian Fisher stated that the \$13,290 in contributions and sponsorships of the Blue Grass Festival surpasses the amount raised last year. More sponsorships and contributions are expected. Golf carts, tents, food vendors, etc. are shaping up very well. More information is available at 804-264-0509, or www.bluegrassingrottoes.com. Noble Julian also stated that he would take an afternoon off during the event to attend his mother's one-hundredth birthday. Noble Peyton Yancey stated that he would give a eulogy at Saturday night's concert for Alva Bible. She was instrumental in the successful running of the event for many years. She was always available to lend help where needed.

Noble Don Bosley said that the pull-tab total stands at 60 pounds, and he encourages everyone to collect and turn in the pull-tabs to benefit the children at the Childrens Hospitals. He also said that the September meeting at Pano's will be member recognition night, and the drawings for the President's Raffle held. Prizes are a 55-inch television, a five-burner grill, and a Turner ham.

The October meeting will feature Doctor Ken Rutherford from James Madison University. Doctor Rutherford is a well-respected speaker on foreign issues.

Noble Robert Puffenbarger thanked the Club for the success of the sales of Sportsman's Raffle tickets at the Rockingham County Fair. The one hundred fifty-eight tickets sold surpassed last year's total. Many P Buckley Moss and President's Raffle tickets were sold. He needs to know, by October 22nd, how many are planning to attend the October picnic at the Ruritan Park on Route 33. All Masons are invited. Noble Robert also stated that the ACCA Temple is holding a Walk for Love fundraiser on September 30th in Richmond. Entry fee is \$25.00, and includes a shirt, games, and food. You can sign up online at the ACCA Temple website. If you cannot attend, donations are appreciated.

Noble David Burrough closed the meeting with the benediction.

Motor Patrol

Larry Koon

The highlight for this slow and hot summer was the annual Cary Street Watermelon Festival. The Motor Patrol established and set up at their usual location and with help from a number of others had the best year ever. Thanks go to those who came and helped out.

Even though the annual SASA Convention was cancelled this year, there was not a lot of interest from the members in attending. The main concern was with the hotel. We have had trouble for the last few years concerning parking our trailers in the underground deck. It also appears that the hotel rate is rather steep compared to what other Temples are paying. Maybe next year will be better.

We have a few parades planned for the fall season. It appears the Go-Carts will be available and possibly the Shrine Harleys. Due to some health issues and a little aging, some of our members are sidelined.

We look forward to the Fall Ceremonial. Having a good crowd at our hospitality room is always enjoyable. Maybe we might get a new member.

We will again have our annual Christmas Party at the Renaissance. It is always the first Thursday in December. It is a delightful evening with good food, fellowship and great atmosphere.

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Oriental Band

President Buddy Small

Recently, family and friends gathered to wish our own Bland Wade a very Happy Birthday. It was a great celebration and a good time was had by all those who attended. We are certainly glad to have Mary and Nolan Stanley safely back home after their over 8,000-mile motorcycle adventure, which carried them to the beautiful, cool landscape of Death Valley California! Yes California, and Mary was a real trooper, riding the whole way out and back. The Stanleys represented American Legion Post 2 in the annual legacy ride, which raises funds for the children of fallen military personnel. This year's ride carried them all the way to Nevada. Mary and Nolan kept going all the way to California and back to Virginia. Welcome home Heroes!

Well, before we know it, the holiday parade season will be in full swing. It's not too late to join the most colorful unit at ACCA. We meet on the second and fourth Thursday of each month, downstairs in the band room, so come on out and enjoy the best music this side of Motown. Please keep our Armed Forces and their families in your prayers. The sacrifices they make every day allow us to enjoy the freedoms that this magnificent country offers us all. Until we meet again, may God hold you in the palm of his hand.



Oriental Band



ACCA Oriental Band members enjoying time in Nashville during the South Atlantic Shrine Oriental Band Association meeting

Piedmont Shrine Club



Puffenbarger trying to tell a joke



Rodney Eagle and right is Noble Don Bosley presenting him with 100 Million Dollar Plaque.

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Provost Guard

Ill. Billy Jellie, P.P.

Summer has now come to an end, and it was a delightful one. The Major's Party happened to fall on the hottest day of the year, but our great Major planned wisely and had the site changed to the air-conditioned ACCA ballroom. It was a great crowd and included the Potentate and First Lady. The camaraderie was spontaneous, the food and drink were plentiful, and a grand time was had by all.

For the first time, the Provost Guard participated as a unit in the Carytown Watermelon festival. It was not as hot a day as in the past, and the Major wants to thank all the Nobles, Ladies and friends that showed up, cut, served, and collected the donations for the delicious melons. A special thanks goes to Billy and Carol Jellie's young granddaughters, who worked throughout the entire afternoon hustling and smiling. Their energy was contagious and inspiring.

One big disappointment of the year was the cancellation of SASA at Myrtle Beach, but we can't control the weather. Our thoughts, prayers, and gifts of supplies and money are with those individuals and families who lost so much during Harvey and Irma. We can't know what it is like to go home and find your life turned around, with the loss of your home, or car, or loved one. In the spirit of the event, ACCA held a Hurricane Party in the ballroom and many Nobles and Ladies showed up with food and drinks. The music was great and everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves. So now, on to planning for SASA and the parade and fun for next year. Speaking of next year, our own Steve Faszewski will be serving as Colonel and Chief of the Provost Guard at Spring SASA, which will be held in Richmond at ACCA. He was introduced by our Potentate at the party. Colonel Steve will bring lots of fun and frivolity to the spring meeting, and we all look forward to supporting him in this endeavor.

The Provost Guard has continued to provide Building Maintenance services throughout this year. Many of the members of our unit have served, but we need active participation by all. If you have not yet been on duty, please contact Chris Schwartz, or the Major, and let him know when you will be available. This project was endorsed by the entire group and is our major fundraiser to support our children, and the

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hospitals, as well as our transportation fund. Manning the door continues to provide an opportunity to share knowledge of our mission and to find other children that might benefit from our help. One of our more ambitious events has been the Motley's Auction annual party for their employees. This is a way to show our thanks and to encourage more drivers to sign up.

The next event to be held by the Provost Guard will be the annual Oktoberfest to be held in the Activity Center on October 27th. Music will be by our own renowned Sauerkrauts Band, and there will be great German food, beer and "chicken dancing". Tickets are \$20 per person, with children under 10 years old free, and can be obtained from any Provost Guard member, as well as from the Temple office.

Don't forget the ACCA Fall Ceremonial will be coming up. Dates are: Open House – Friday, Nov 17th, and the initiation of new candidates – Saturday, Nov. 18th. There will be a program for all Ladies in the morning, and they are invited to the presentation of donations after lunch. There will be a formal dinner and dance starting at 6:00 p.m. that evening. Please plan to attend to support your Shrine Center and our Potentate, Thornton Holt and First Lady, Debby.

Thanks for continued support of our efforts on behalf of the kids! Isn't it great to be a Shriner!

Petersburg Shrine Club

Bill Brockwell

The Petersburg Shrine Club has been "dark" for the summer months, but we always have our hearts and minds on the children at our Hospitals.

Thanks to some friends, we were able to send a very nice donation to the Greenville Hospital. Another check given by a member of the Petersburg Shrine Club was sent at the same time, designated for the "Shoe Fund" at the Greenville Hospital.

On August 30, 2017, Enterprise Rent-A-Car of Colonial Heights made their seventh donation in support of Shriners Hospitals For Children. In

this photo, Ms. Kathleen Hollinger, Branch Manager is presenting a \$1500.00 check to David Comer, President of the Petersburg Shrine Club, as others looked on. Mr. Abernathy, owner of Battlefield Park Body Shop, is the Chaplain of Blue

Knights VA XVII, Law Enforcement Motorcycle Club, and a strong supporter of Shriners Hospitals for Children. Several years ago, some of the employees of Enterprise Rent-A-Car participated in a Blue Knights motorcycle ride to support Shriners Hospitals, but wanted to do more than just pay their fee to participate.

They contacted the Enterprise

Holdings Foundation, which was established for donation purposes. They then contacted Mr. Abernathy, who coordinated with the Blue Knights and the Petersburg Shrine Club, and the donation was given by the Enterprise Holdings Foundation.



Left to Right: Lee Pulley, VP Blue Knights VA XVII, Shriners Bill Brockwell, Ed Rivers, Tommy Peters, Larry Hatton, David Comer, Ms. Hollinger, Enterprise Manager Wilson Abernathy and Shriner Robert Tatum.



Commander Frankie Sheridan

The Mini Patrol has continued to stay on the go, even though we greatly missed going to SASA this year! On July 29th we participated in the Richmond Police Department's National Night Out Kickoff at the Target on Forrest Hill. We had cars and a wrecker to share with everyone. Although we weren't able to run the cars due to the rain, we still enjoyed being with the folks, and a special thanks to Ill. Sir Frank McAllister for coming to support us! Our newest member, Dr. Richard Banker, tried to get in a car but decided it was too wet!

We enjoyed working with the Directors Staff at the Watermelon Festival, and thrilled that the tent brought in over \$4,100 for our Shriners Hospitals. Although the festival is hard work, there is always fun, such as the

Directors Staff's Director sending a Past Director and me into Babe's for a drink of water.

Our officers and members have continued to attend Uniform Council, Acca Business meetings, and the Family Picnic, and several were at the special called Acca Town Hall Meeting. We did not have our September Unit meeting as we were scheduled to be at SASA. Unfortunately Irma prevented that from happening. Noble Ed Currin, our Director had held three practices as our Drivers worked to defend their titles from last year. I attended the practices and the Nobles looked very good, and I was confident they would make us proud once again. We had new shirts ready to wear, several members going to support the drivers in all the activities, and plans for our Hospitality Room. We did the best we could, and many of our Nobles and Ladies attended the Acca SASA party at the Temple. Thank you to our Assistant Adjutant, Garry Corker and his Lady Nancy, for preparing the decorations for our Hospitality Room, which included pictures of all of our mini car and wrecker drivers! We all enjoyed good food and being together, as you can see in our group picture.

We are making plans for our fall activities and you are welcome to join us. We continue to have our "Mini Cars Run So Little Legs Can Walk."



Philadelphia Hospital Report

Dan Freye

Greetings from Philadelphia! First, I'd like to share some of the statistics we discuss at our board meetings. Not the most exciting stuff, but these are the metrics that drive the decisions we make and upon which the hospital is evaluated by Tampa. I'm happy to report that the hospital is doing very well! Overall, we have had 779 surgical procedures this year, which is up 65 from this time last year, and we are under budget by 96. Our operating expenses, year to date, are \$25,217,151 vs. a \$25,879,494 budget, meaning we under spent by \$662,343. Volume is up; expenses are down; that's good news! The bad news: patient revenue (cash) and donations are down 6% from last year. But, we are working hard to increase income from third party payers and the 4th quarter is usually when the most donations to the hospitals are made.

Now, on to the fun stuff! For those who attended the Imperial Session, I believe you saw First Lady, Anne Bergenske's, "Love Grows Miracles" video. Philadelphia Hospital is prominently featured for its work in nerve regeneration. You can view Lady Anne's video at Lovetotherescue.org/first-lady-program or search First Lady Anne Bergenske on YouTube.

While on the theme of social media, Dr. Amer Samdani, our Chief of Surgery, starred in a live Facebook video introducing a new app designed to help detect possible early signs of scoliosis in children. Developed by Shriners Hospitals for

Children, Spine Screen is a free app that detects curves in the spine as the cell phone is moved along a child's back, giving parents a quick and informal way to regularly monitor their child's spine. The app is an educational tool for parents to make them aware of the signs of scoliosis and treatment options, and help them to schedule annual reminders. It is available for download at the App Store and Google Play.

On the home front, Noble Dave Eells and I are making the rounds of charity fairs for the United Way, Combined Virginia Campaign, and Combined Federal Campaign, spreading the word of Shriners Hospitals for Children to people who are making their charitable contribution decisions for 2018.

Finally, I want to thank all of you who participated in or donated to our Walk for Love. This was a big undertaking for ACCA and I'm already excited about planning for next year!

Noble Dave and I are honored to serve on the Philadelphia Hospital Board of Governors and to represent ACCA Shrine in that capacity. Please feel free to contact either of us if you have any questions, would like to visit the hospital, or more importantly, if you know of a child who could benefit from the wonderful care provided by Shriners Hospitals for Children.

Daniel L. Freye, Member
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Shriners Hospitals for Children - Philadelphia

CARE

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I've been told we can no longer use the word "free" in describing Shriners Hospitals for Children's care. Why is that?

The words we choose make a difference! One of the keys to successfully raising awareness and increasing understanding of both Shriners International and Shriners Hospitals for Children is consistency and clarity in our messages.

Accordingly, we stress the importance of having "one look, one voice" and of using approved phrases, definitions and descriptions. This is not done to limit anyone's creativity or to enforce some sort of rigid format. Consistency is an important element in successful marketing and branding, and can make a substantial difference in the effectiveness of campaigns.

An Important Distinction

One of the phrases we continue to try to eliminate is "free care" – and here is why:

While, because of the generosity of Shriners, corporations and the general public, Shriners Hospitals for Children is able to provide expert, quality care to our patients, regardless of their ability to pay, this care is not free – it has a huge cost. Providing free care is not our mission. Our official mission is to provide the highest quality care to children. Approximately 85 percent of the organization's multi-million dollar operating budget is spent in direct support of the

organization's three-part mission of patient care, research and education.

For many people, the phrase "free care" means charity care, which may be considered sub-standard. This is not a concept we want to be associated with; we want our patients to choose our hospitals because they believe they will receive the best care possible.

It is critically important that everyone use our official messages and phrasing, especially as we are accepting third party pay for our care. We must be able to communicate that while the way we conduct business has changed, our mission has not. It is imperative that we stress the expert, quality care provided at Shriners Hospitals for Children, rather than the cost. The consistent, continuous references to free care can lessen the value of our services in the minds of referring physicians and potential patients, and be detrimental to the clarity of our mission of improving the lives of children.

Using the correct words and phrases will help you to be an effective participant in an exceptional mission and give you the ability to directly contribute to changing the lives of children around the world. Each and every one of our small actions becomes amplified when joined with thousands of others who are communicating with One Look, One Voice. And in that way, our mission – and your role in it – becomes much bigger than a brand.



Timothy Quann

A SUCCESS STORY

It is with a great deal of happiness and Shrine pride that I write this article about Timothy Quann. The first time I met Timothy, he was just an infant. His Mother, Vickie, had just given birth to a wonderful son but he had been born with several broken bones including his femur (the upper leg bone which is the largest bone in the body.) She was very concerned about his well-being and was looking for the best medical care for her young son. Someone had told her about Shriners and she came to me for help with Timothy's medical issues and any other help Shriners could offer. At that particular time, a patient had to be sponsored by a Shriner to get into the hospital and she was looking for a Shrine sponsor. I was more than happy to do that.

After clearing a few hurdles, Timothy was accepted into the Shrine Hospital System and it was decided that he would benefit most from getting his treatment at the Montreal, Canada hospital. For the last 18 years, they have been treating him for osteogenesis imperfecta, or OI, a condition in which the collagen in the bones is deficient. Collagen is to bones what mortar is to a brick builder...it basically holds the bones together and gives them strength. He has been treated at our Montreal hospital with amazing results and, in spite of just turning eighteen years old, has just been entered into a five-year study program there.

Timothy is an amazing young man in many ways. He has never looked at himself as being disabled so the people he comes into contact with have never viewed his condition as anything but a slight inconvenience. He has won many and various awards, served as President of the Junior Eagles organization, played the trumpet in marching band in his high school and has been accepted to George Mason University where his brother Benjamin will graduate after overlapping Timothy by one semester, just enough time for big brother to show him the ropes at school. The support system Timothy has is really incredible, his brother Benjamin; his Dad, Greg; his Mom, Vickie, along with his grandparents have all been there to support him in every endeavor.

When he goes off to George Mason, he will drive in his own 2016 Chevrolet pickup, modified and rebuilt to allow the driver's side of the truck to slide out with a platform that will drop down to ground level and Timothy can drive on with this wheelchair. The wheelchair will lock in place and the platform will lift him up and place him right under the steering wheel of the truck. He drives his truck while sitting in his wheelchair. Of course, many modifications had to be made to allow this to be possible, but having his own mode of transportation allows him to be self sufficient.

Timothy has made it possible to write an awesome success story. During his life, he has had more broken bones than we could even begin to imagine, but he has never given up. Gathering strength and courage from his incredible support group, he has always kept moving forward, even when sometimes, he had to take two steps back. He is living proof that great things can happen in spite of severe obstacles that are placed in the road. Because of his strength and courage, along with the great organizations known as Shriners Hospitals for Children and Acca Transportation Fund and the many Nobles and Ladies that pour their love and support into the caring of our Shrine children, Timothy is an on-going success story that will only continue to grow as he lives life to the fullest. Eighteen years ago when Timothy was born, "Love to the Rescue" wasn't the catch phrase, but nevertheless, Timothy experienced it firsthand and it has contributed to him being the man he is today.

Fortunately, Timothy Quann and his family are just one of the many success stories associated with Shriners Hospitals. Thanks to all the Nobles and Ladies who strive to give our children a better quality of life in the midst of circumstances that are seemingly insurmountable. That is what "Love to the Rescue" really is!

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