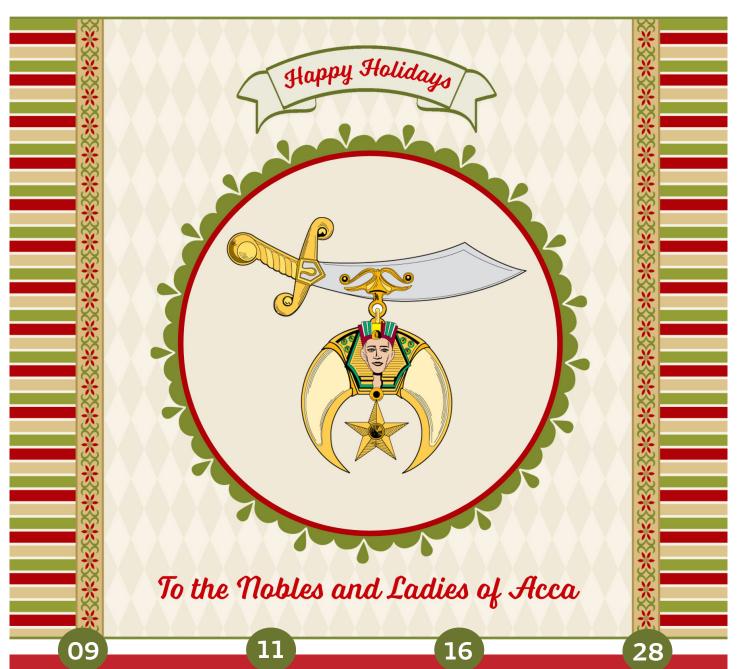
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# **Pote's Notes**

By Thornton Holt



Il. Sirs, Nobles, Ladies and Sweethearts. What a year so far! The Sportsman's Raffle was one of our best fundraisers for ACCA Shrine for years. Thanks to all that were involved. This year we had record sales. Whether you sold one ticket or six hundred tickets, you all mean the world to ACCA Shrine. Every Noble, Lady and friend worked very hard to make this happen. A special thank you to everyone.

We have visited other Shrine Ceremonials this fall and enjoyed the variety of events at each one. ACCA Shrine has shined all year. With all the different fundraisers and get-togethers. We love the excitement and smiles. We all should be excited about having 3 ceremonials and over 40 new Nobles. If you were a first line or second line signer, I encourage you to stay in touch with our new Nobles.

We just finished our Fall Ceremonial, and what a great weekend it was. Honoring Floyd & Bev Maxey and the new Nobles could not have gone any smoother. Thanks to everyone who helped, and also to Buddy Small, our Ceremonial Master, for a job well done. Donations were great for our Hospitals and van funding.

Thank you for the donations for the new Handicap Ramp. This has put us over halfway of the total cost.

I hope you all had a great THANKSGIVING.

Now it's time to get into the Christmas spirit, and we hope you all enjoy the time with your family and friends. Don't forget that Breakfast with Santa is on December 16th. Please contact your Blue Lodges, family and friends.

Lets bring in the New Year together at ACCA's New Year's Eve Dinner and Dance. Please contact ACCA's business office for reservations.

The Potentate's Appreciation Party is on January 5, 2018. Lady Debby and I are looking forward to seeing your smiling faces there.

This has been a great year for us. We have enjoyed being with old friends and meeting so many new friends this year. We will never forget the year, and what all of you in ACCA Shrine means to Lady Debby and me.

Thanks to everyone.
I AM PROUD TO BE A SHRINER,
Thornton L. Holt, Jr.
POTENTATE 2017



Potentate Thornton Holt and Lady Debby Entering the Ceremonial Dinner and Dance



Potentate Thornton Holt and Lady Debby with Ceremonial Honorees Floyd Maxey and Lady Beverly

# From the Recorder's Pen

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

Nobles, Ladies, and Friends, Thanksgiving is behind us and we are moving into the Christmas Season. We still have many events on the calendar for this year, the New York trip, a Ladies Luncheon, Breakfast with Santa, the Christmas Dance, followed by the New Years Ball. We certainly hope that you will be able to come out and enjoy the entertainment.

Thanks, to all of you who participated in the Fall Ceremonial honoring Noble Floyd and Lady

Beverley Maxey. They both are well deserving of this honor. We created fifteen new Nobles due to the efforts of members recruiting new Shriners. Also, thanks are given for the support supplied for our Sportsman's Raffle, and congratulations to the committee for a superb effort this year by raising over \$132,000.00. That is the record for sales!

We have a new look in the "Memorial Garden" thanks to A. J. Dale. This was his Eagle Scout project, and since he is a Shrine patient at the Greeneville Hospital, he wanted to pay back the Shriners. The garden will be beautiful next spring thanks to his efforts.

I would like to remind you that membership card date stickers are mailed from the home office in Tampa. Many of you should have them by now. We also have the date stickers in the office and can give you one if you desire. Home office only mails the stickers



on certain days, and not on a daily basis. The earlier you pay your dues the earlier you will your sticker.

As the year comes to the end let me express my appreciation to all of you that do so much to make our Shrine Center and the Fraternity keep going. Without your efforts it would be a different picture here at Acca. We have had both good and bad events and you have all met the challenges to each. It has been my honor to work along with you for the betterment of our Shrine

Center and the Hospitals, through the good times and the bad times. Thank you for allowing me to serve as your Recorder this year.

We will soon be starting a "new year" here at Acca and we have to face new challenges, as well as new adventures. I encourage each of you to make every effort to seek out potential members for both the Blue Lodge and the Shriners.

As we begin our Christmas celebrations let us not forget what it is about. Let us think of our members and their families that can't be out with us, due to sickness or other reasons, by keeping them in our prayers. And may each of you have a very "Merry Christmas and a prosperous and Happy New Year".

Fraternally Yours,

Pete

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# From the Chaplain

By Russell "Russ" Wood

#### **Obeying In The Dark**

We are called to obey the will of the Father, even as did Jesus. In the early part of His ministry, Jesus clearly defined what it took to be His disciple. "If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me" (Mark 8:34). Years after Jesus' death, resurrection, and ascension, inspired by the Spirit, Peter would write, "To this you were called, because Christ suffered for

you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps"(I Peter 2:21).

Being a devoted follower of Jesus is not about building a life of ease and comfort. While there are glorious, eternal joys that come with obedience, those joys are not always expressed in circumstances marked by ease and comfort. Sometimes the Father may call us to serve Him and His children in places and ways filled with pain, sorrow, and difficulty. There will be joy in the middle of the storms, but the storms will yet be real and sometimes unrelenting. We may find ourselves crying out, "Father, You can do all things so in Your great power, take me out of this horror and make my way lighter." He may respond to such



pleadings and bring us into easier times, but He may not. When He does not respond to our cries for deliverance from the painful road, what we do next reveals the depth of our commitment to Him. We are to be as willing to say "yes" to His will when it leads into the darkness, as when it leads into the sunshine. Comfort and ease are not tests of the Father's will.

However, we also share this with Jesus: if, when the Father chooses not to deliver us from the painful

road and we remain committed to obedience and faithfully do His will, He gives us a deep peace and quiet assurance, even as He did for His Son.

If, as like the disciples in the night of Jesus praying, we fail in our obedience, Jesus neither rejects nor condemns us. He simply calls us to begin following Him again. In the hours and days ahead of them, the disciples would fail Jesus in many hard and terrible ways. Jesus responded to each failure by calling them back to a life of obedience. This is His gracious, loving response to us when we grow weary and fail to obey.

Jesus shows us that we may freely offer our cries for deliverance up to the Father but He also shows us how to obey when the Father's gracious answer is no.

# **Piedmont Shrine Club**



Ladies Night dinner held on Sunday 11/12/17 at Michie Tavern where Piedmont SC received the \$8,000 check form the Taproom



III. James McAllister- Acca Treasurer, Noble Andy Keller, Lead Noble on the Fundraiser with The Draft Taproom, Noble Goldie Tomlin - President of PSC and III. Thornton L. Holt - Potentate Acca

# First Lady's Thoughts Debby Holt

o all Nobles, their Ladies, Sweethearts and Friends:

Thornton and I thank you for your support, your advice, and your wisdom this year, but most of all the love we have felt. Earlier in the year I quoted a song from the movie, Annie, "I think I'm going to like it here, yes, yes." Well, being First Lady for ACCA Shrine has far surpassed anything I had ever dreamed it would be. It has been an honor and a privilege to be beside my husband, Thornton, through this journey. We have loved every minute. However, Thornton and I know it would not have been

possible without the dedicated teams we have had the honor of serving with. All new Nobles and Ladies are told, "You will get back exactly what you put in it." Thornton and I have gotten back more than we ever knew was possible from everyone along the way, including the Grand Lodge, Imperial, and from all of the Shrine families every place we have traveled.

This past weekend's Fall Ceremonial topped off everything that everyone has worked so hard for this year. Seeing the Ballroom filled with all the new Nobles and their Ladies was awesome. The formal attire, the Big Band music, the food and the decorations were spectacular! We were fortunate to have the DeMolay, the Jobs Daughters, and their families serve as our Wait Staff at Saturday night's dinner. It was a huge task, and you all did a great job.

A highlight of the weekend was getting to spend time with Sophi, Emily and AJ listening to them tell their stories about the experience they have had with Shriner's Hospitals for Children. That is why we are here to do what we do. AJ, every time we visit the Memorial Garden we will think of you, and not just for all your hard work, but for what you went through to be able to say thank you in this way. The fun and fellowship throughout the whole weekend,



along with all of the compliments Thornton and I have received, just said it all about ACCA's hospitality.

I would like to thank all of the Ladies who joined us Saturday morning for the Ladies Brunch honoring Bev Maxey and the new Nobles' Ladies. It was a wonderful event and a nice way to start the day's activities. Bev and Floyd, it was so nice getting to meet your family, and to have them join us throughout all of the weekend's festivities made it that much more special. Oh my, and Christina singing our National Anthem was just simply breathtaking.

To the Hotel Hospitality Staff, John, Judy and Sam, thank you for doing such a fantastic job welcoming our out of town hotel guests. Everyone loves you! Kathy, Patti, Linda, Tom, and Doug, there are just no words that can explain how we feel about what you have done for ACCA all year. Thornton and I want to give a very special thank you to Judy and Phil Johnson for taking time out of their busy schedule this whole year to transform the Hotel Hospitality Room into the chosen theme.

Ladies, as you stand beside your Noble, know that the strength and support that you give them goes a long way. I encourage you to get to know everyone at ACCA Shrine. You will have such an amazing variety of personalities that will enrich you with different views. It takes many great minds to make things work. I give you all my heartfelt thanks for the great time we have had this year, and we are looking forward to continuing to be a part of our ACCA Shrine. Our thoughts, prayers, hope, love and support are with everyone on the Divan, with all the Clubs and Units, and to all of the ACCA Family. Keep Smiling!

So Very Proud to be a Shriner's Lady, Debby

# **Acaba Court**

#### By Lady Sharon Heard, PHP

reetings from Accaba Court,

I would like to take this opportunity to wish Ill. Sir Dennis and Lady Nancy English a Happy 50th Wedding Anniversary, celebrated in October. Welcome to the "Golden Years"!

Members of The Lady Slippers and The Klown Arounds attended the Mid-East Unit Meet held in West Virginia in October and, as you can see, they had fun while they were there. October also brought Masonic Day. Some of our ladies marched in the parade, while other ladies were selling items at our tent. We always enjoy this event and are happy to be invited to participate in the activities.

November brought Acca Shrine Ceremonial. Lady Joan Sneide, High Priestess of Accaba Court made the presentation for our court giving \$14,678.00 in support of Shriners Hospitals for Children, Acca Transportation Fund and Acca Shrine. Congratulations ladies!

Now our ladies are getting ready for the holidays and looking forward to spending time with their families. We're planning our Christmas party and working on gifts to send to Greenville Shriners Hospital. We have received word they do not want toys this year, so we are working on something special to send for the patients.

Sedona Taphouse has once again chosen Shriners Hospitals for Children as their charity for the month of December at the West Chester Commons location. While you're out Christmas shopping, stop by, have dinner and help support the hospitals by just eating steak. Can't get much easier than that.

Our ladies wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy New Year.

Lady Sharon Heard, PHP



LOS Mideast



Lady Joan Ceremonial with Potentate Thornton



LOS Ceremonial



LOS Masonic Day



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# From the Editor's Desk

We are approaching the end of our first year with the revised Accalette publication and we would like to express our gratitude to several important people who help make this document happen.

As each of the six issues has been produced and sent out to the members, we have frequently received accolades such as, "Great Job," "the new Accalette looks awesome," "you are really doing a good job on the Accalette," etc. We certainly appreciate all the kind words, but we did not do this singlehandedly.

A huge thank you needs to be given to our current Chief Rabban Dennis Berry, who took the time last year to comparison shop for a more affordable setup and printing service. Good Job "Almost Illustrious." Then there is the very important setup help that we receive from Anne Harriman of Khedive Shrine Center in Chesapeake. Thank you Anne for your guidance, advice, and the professional product you create.

The printing is done with the assistance of Aaron Worsham at Conquest Graphics, who prints the magazine. Terry Holt, brother of our Ill. Potentate, provides the labels and mails the Accalette, at no cost for his services. Of course nothing happens without the office staff and our Recorder, Ill. Pete Holder. They provide content, meeting notices, calendar events, and of course pay the bills. We definitely want to offer our sincere appreciation to Ill. Paul Lanier, who has provided guidance from his many years as the previous Editor. He also continues to provide photos from many events and functions.

Thank you to all who continue to contribute articles, notices and pictures to this new version of a historical publication. "You're doing a great job!"

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! Your Editorial Staff



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### **ACCA'S WALK FOR LOVE**



Acca Shrine sponsored its inaugural Walk for Love to benefit Shriners Hospitals for Children in Greenville and Philadelphia, and the Acca Transportation Fund on September 30th, on the Acca grounds. It was a lot of fun and a real success. Over 300 walkers participated in a one-mile walk, roll, or stroll while wearing their bright safety green T-Shirts. After the walk there was an opportunity for fellowship and fun with games, barbeque, hot dogs and soft drinks.

There were also many virtual walkers, donors, and sponsors that supported the effort. Several of our Shrine patients and their families participated, and we were glad to welcome them as our honored guests.

The approximate \$20,000 that was raised will be divided equally between the two Hospitals and the Transportation Fund.

The members of the "Walk for Love" Planning Team want to thank all of those who supported this inaugural "Walk" in Virginia, and helped to make it a success. They ask that all Nobles, their Ladies, families, and friends who read this article to put Saturday, September 30, 2018 on their calendars and join them for an even bigger and better Second Annual Walk for Love. It's a fantastic way to bring everyone at Acca together as a team for fun, while raising money and generating public awareness about our Hospitals, and the services they provide to children without regard to their families' ability to pay.

# Caverns Shrine Club

#### By Dennis English, PP

y Lady Nancy and I, along with Richard Redman Land his Lady Susan, had the honor and privilege of attending the celebration for the 90th birthday of Greenville Shriners Hospital for Children, at 950 West Faris Road, Greenville, SC, on September 24, 2017. The celebration consisted of great food, fellowship, hospital patients and staff, and hospital patient ambassadors, to include 2017 ambassador Emily Mellish, and Alec Cabacungan, National Media Ambassador. As most of you already know, Alec has been instrumental in making the media campaign for the hospital system a total success...raising millions of dollars by appearing with the many Shrine patients that the hospitals have treated. He has raised awareness for Shriners Hospitals like no other person. Emily, just by selling beaded bracelets, ties, and pins has already given the hospital system close to, if not over \$100,000. This is just one little twelve year old girl. How awesome is that!!!

All eighteen Shrine Temples that support Greenville Hospital were represented by Potentates, Clubs, Units and Board of Governor members. A couple of the Temples even brought bus loads of their members for this event. One of the events was a "Walk for Love" which netted about \$40,000. There were many other donations from Temple Clubs and Units totaling about \$75,000, bringing the grand total to over \$130,000.

I am very honored to be a part of one of the Clubs

that took part in those donations during the birthday celebration, namely Caverns Shrine Club in Luray, Virginia. Caverns Shrine Club President, Dennis Fleming and his Lady Martha, attended the 90th birthday celebration and Walk for Love at Greenville Shriners Hospital for Children to donate \$15,000 to the hospital. The money was made through the "Voices for the Children" fundraising event held in Luray, VA during the spring and summer.

Dennis, and Caverns Shrine Club as a whole, has donated many hours to support our hospital over the years. They have made very generous donations for many years; many of those donations coming from their annual "Bluegrass in the Blueridge" festival for ten years straight. In so doing, they have provided special treatment and care to many children in need. On behalf of Shriners Hospitals for Children Board of Governors and Acca Temple, we give you a huge THANK YOU for the many years of hard work and donations to our children.

Because of the small size of the Caverns Shrine Club, it is very commendable to have raised so much money. You made Acca Temple proud, and you certainly made this Board Member very proud not only to be a part of your Club, but a part of Acca Temple. We thank you for your tremendous hard work and support to the world's greatest philanthropy.



D. Fleming Presents Check



D. Fleming, D. English, Alec and Emily



#### — Acca Shrine -

# **VETERAN'S BREAKFAST**

Each year the Acca Shriners have a breakfast in the Assembly Room for the Veterans. It is open to any veteran, not just those who are Shriners. This year it was held on November 8th, and a good crowd was in attendance. After a well-performed presentation of the flag by Specialist 5th Class Walt Trower-US Army and Seaman 1st Class William Childrey-US Navy, Staff Sergeant Al Rock-US Army led everyone in the pledge of allegiance to the flag of our Country. You can always recognize veterans by their ridged stance and crisp salute.

After a very nice breakfast prepared by Chief Aide Sparky Fuller and members of the Legion of Honor, a program was conducted by Specialist 4th Class Larry Koon, who served in the US Army. As each branch of the Armed Forces was called, those who served were asked to stand and be recognized for their service.

The main focus of the program was having two members of the Shriners tell of their service experience. The first was Lance Corporal Les Gillenwater, who served in the US Marine Corps, followed by Command Master Chief Pete Holder, who served in the US Navy. Both presentations captured the attention of each present.

There were many small group conversations as each recalled special times, both good and bad, during their military service. It was evident that each was proud to have served his country.

Hopefully, we can continue this special recognition of our veterans. It is a day when you stand tall, give a crisp salute, and proudly say "I served."



Command Master Chief Pete Holder-US Navy



Lance Corporal Les Gillenwater-US Marines



Specialist 4th Class Larry Koon-US Army



# The Director's Staff Corner

#### By Frank Bishop

The Director's Staff members are off and running with all the events during the fall season. The ACCA Shriners Walk for Love was an extraordinary event, which was held at ACCA Temple on September 30, 2017, with the proceeds benefiting the Greenville and Philadelphia Hospitals for Children. The mile walk was well attended, and the proceeds are estimated to be over \$20,000 through donors and corporate sponsors. It was a real carnival affair with food, beverage and music on a beautiful fall day. The Director's Staff was very much in evidence setting up tents and assisting with the event. Ill. Sir Ray C. Goodwin PP, PD, organized this first event, and it was very successful. Thanks to the Shriners, Ladies, friends, and guests who made this event a success.

Next came the Fall Brunswick stew which was held at Midlothian Lodge 211. From the gathering on Friday night where the veggies were prepared for the stew on Saturday, everyone had a great time and the pot realized 435 quarts of stew. The stew master, Noble Gary Westerhouse, performed ably with the assistance of Noble Rusty Brinkley. The stew was excellent and sold out in short order. Thanks to everyone who participated in this event.

The October Staff meeting got off to a rousing start with the roll call, which is a highlight of the meeting. New names appeared on the roll that no one knew. A mystery to be solved. The Director offered appreciation to all who participated in the Walk for Love and the Staff Brunswick stew. Both were successful by any stretch of your imagination. Plans were discussed for the upcoming ceremonial with a new set of stunts. Tiege Bailey, son of Noble Eddie Brown, was commended with a certificate of recognition for his work on Staff projects. This

certificate was presented to him at the Open House at the Fall Ceremonial. Do we have a future Shriner in our mist? I would say yes, since Tiege seems to have it in his blood. After additional discussion and bloviating by some Past Directors, the meeting was adjourned on motion.

The month of November is very busy for the Staff. The monthly meeting was very fruitful with the planning for the Ceremonial and the election of officers. The officers were elected in due form for 2018 and will be Noble W.T. Parrish. Director: Noble Craig Ellwanger, Assistant Director; Noble Eddie Brown, Secretary; Noble Mike Colley, Treasurer; and Noble Robert Deel, Quartermaster. The Staff wishes these Nobles well as we move into the New Year. As usual, the meeting was not without some controversy, in that great discussion was generated by the determination of how much money needed to remain in the treasury at the end of the year, and what to do with the surplus. With the assistance of several Past Directors, order was restored and the question was solved much to the satisfaction of our Director W. T. Parrish. After this work, everyone was exhausted and the meeting was adjourned.

The Fall Ceremonial at ACCA Shrine Center was an outstanding affair. From the program and Open House on Friday night, to the ceremony on Saturday, there was constant activity with a large attendance. The Director's Staff was very much in evidence. Every event reflected a Staff member working hard for a successful Ceremonial, and a success it was. Thanks to all who worked hard on this event.

The Sunshine Report reflects Nobles Shannon Berry, Charles Allen, Ill. Sir John Hannah, O.P. Martin, Bill Ferguson, and Frank Bishop, with Ladies Pat Ferguson, Kathy Halliday, Angela Wood, and Ruta Goodwin. Our thoughts and prayers go out to each one.

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# The Director's Staff Corner Continued

Staff; along with some levity to keep order in what some would say is a chaotic group. On the other hand, there is no greater group of people to serve than the Director's Staff. From the old timers, some of whom have passed on, to the new members on the tile, you have made my job a pleasure. It was easy, since there are so many characters of different persuasions that appear on the roster from time to time. They take no prisoners, however, a brother in need is always met with support and a kind word. For these reasons I will miss being able to chronicle the happenings in a fair and balanced manner. To those who made my job easy, I owe a sense of gratitude, and to those I might have offended, my sincere apologies. This has been a delightful journey and I offer my sincere appreciation to everyone who traveled with me. All of you are reminded that the Director's Staff is a very special unit with very special members who have an enduring legacy to maintain. I look forward to continuing my support of the Staff activities. As I now pass the writers pen to the very able Noble James Deitrick, a true friend, I offer my best and Godspeed with the ACCALETTE.

#### **Directors Staff Whispers**

Has anyone seen the new member named "Gasaul"? Only the Shadow knows. Who fell into the potato pot at the stew preparation? Who was the long lost masked man at the same event? Was it SS? Did anyone see the lonely hawk in the tree waiting for the mice which never came? Who is the Director's official scribe? Does DW have an alter ego in the staff?

Frank Bishop Staff Columnist





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#### By 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 the season of holidays, we hope you've had a joyous and seasonable Fall with all the colors and delights it brings once again, what a beautiful time of year. Sight-Seeing in your own backyard while Halloween brings Trick-Or-Treaters to the front in all their regalia with the pure and innocent joy and excitement you once had and get to re-live while looking upon their faces. You cannot help but think of "our kids" who are so blessed to have us do our magic and wonder all year long. They love us, I know it for sure; I've seen the miracles we bring to them and their mothers especially, first hand through sheer love, devotion, and good works.

Our Fall Brunswick Stew was prepared this year on Thursday, October 19th and sold on Friday the 20th. It was a complete sell-out and total success. A hearty thanks to our "Chicken-Pickin' Ladies" and those who could help and sell, nice job! A special thanks to our stewmaster, Noble Tim Ford who made a delicious batch.

MSC's October meeting was a really nice event as we pulled our 1st Annual MSC 10K 50/50 rafle and hosted an Appreciation Dinner for all who bought and sold tickets. One of our guests, Ms. Gracie Tingle won and it was fun having someone in attendence win.

We had a very special guest speaker for this event, Dr. Richard Redman accompanied by his Lady Susan.



III. Sir Billie Jellie, PP and Lady Carol Jellie at Acca Fall Ceremonial Ball November 2017



Noble Steve Poegl, President, Manchester Shrine Club 2017 (I) presents club donations to Shriners Hospitals For Children to III. Sir Thorton Holt, Potentate 2017 (r) at Acca Shrine Fall Cermonial November 2017

He delivered an engaging address on the history of Shriners and Shrine Hospitals which was well received and enlightening. What a wonderful treat and honor it was to have him there and we cannot thank him enough for all he has done over the years for our cause. After his speech, Dr. Redman spun the tumbler and Lady Susan pulled the winning ticket.

Our 2017 potentate, Ill. Sir Thornton L. Holt was was also there along with Lady Debby and he honored our club with some very kind words of thanks and praise for all we do year after year for Shriners Hospitals for Children.

It was my honor to represent The Manchester Shrine Club on stage for the Units and Clubs presentation of funds earned though the labor of love for Shriners Hospitals For Children in 2017. We initiated and welcomed a new group of Nobles and their Ladies to the Acca Shrine and look forward them joining us as we endeavor to make better the lives of those who need our love.

Merry Christmas to you all and may God be ever present in your hearts.



III. Sir Clay Chaney, PP and Lady Anne Chaney at Acca Fall Ceremonial Ball November 2017



# Glen Allen Shrine Club

By Ill. Billy Jellie, P.P.

By the time this article is presented in the ACCALETTE, Thanksgiving will have come and gone. We hope that everyone had a full and festive day and enjoyed your family and friends. We have so much to be grateful and thankful for at this time in our lives. We have been so enriched by being members of the Masonic and Shine organizations, and should continue sharing our story of hope and love for the children.

The honorees at this year's Fall Ceremonial were our very own team of Noble Floyd and Lady Beverley Maxey. It was a grand weekend and everyone who attended had a delightful time. The Glen Allen Club was proud to make a sizeable contribution to the Shriner's Children's Hospital, the ACCA Transportation Fund, and to the ACCA Building Fund. The renovation of the building, to include a handicapped accessible entrance, is the goal of the Center for this year, and our donation will support that endeavor.

For the next Shrine year, the Nominating Committee has developed a slate of officers that will help our Club to continue to grow and prosper. The nominees are: President – Jonathon Turner; 1st Vice-President – John Fetty; 2nd Vice – President

- Ill. Thornton Holt; Treasurer – John Butler; and Secretary – Brian Barnes.

At the next meeting of the Glen Allen Club in December, we will hold our annual Christmas celebration. We always celebrate with good food, holiday spirit and lots of cheer. This year there was a surprise, planned entertainment that bought joy into the room. It put everyone in the right mood to move forward and spread the positive word about our Club, ACCA Shrine, and the efforts of our groups to continue to provide for our hospitals, and all the children that are in our care.

I hope that each of you and your family have a fantastic Christmas and a Happy New Year! This past year has been a memorable one, and quite successful for our Club. I want to thank each of our Nobles, Ladies, and Sweethearts for their hard work and consistent support. Each of you has made the Glen Allen Club an outstanding and thriving part of the ACCA Shrine family. Thanks for your continued enthusiasm for our Shrine activities, and the pride that you take in our accomplishments. Lady Carol and I want to send best wishes for 2018! Next year will be bigger and better for our Club and our Shrine! Good Luck Jonathon and team!



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#### - **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
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	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31 ACCA NEW YEAR'S DANCE	MERRY CHRISTMAS Acca Closed	Acca Closed	Arab Patrol C/W Band	Oriental Band Saurkrauts B/R		

#### - JANUARY 2018 -

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 NEW YEARS DAY Office Closed	3 Hospital Committee LOS	3 Caverns SC Legion of Honor Ceremonial Cast	4 C/W Band Saurekrauts	5 POTENTATES APPRECIATION PARTY	6 Kazim Installation
7 Kena Installation	8 Hillbilly Unit Chester SC Million Dollar Band	9	James River SC Southside SC Glen Allen SC	11 Saurekrauts	12 Provost Guard	13 Directors Staff -AR-Ladies Night & Inst. of Officers
14	South Hill SC Klownz - AR Inst. of Officers	16 ACCA BUSINESS MEETING & ELECTION Danville SC	17 Past Masters Club Hopewell SC Heritage SC	18 Hillbilly Clan #17 C/W Band Saurekrauts	19	20 ACCA INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS
21 Divan Orientation	22 Million Dollar Band Chanters	23 Board of Directors	Valley SC PETERSBURG SC - OV Manchester SC	25 Saurekrauts Motor Patrol Oriental Band	26 Manchester Cornhole Setup BR	MANCHESTER CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT BR
28	29 Chanters MILLION DOLLAR BAND—OV	30 Divan Uniform Council Northern Neck SC	31 C/W Band			

#### - FEBRUARY 2018 -

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 C/W BAND -OV SAUREKRAUTS -OV	Z Kid Smile BR FOUR TEMPLES	3 DeMolay Lunch AC <b>FOUR TEMPLES</b>
SUPER BOWL PARTY	5 Chanters CAR CLUB—OV Greeters Million Dollar Band	6 Hospital Committee LOS	7 Caverns SC Legion of Honor Ceremonial Cast BLUE RIDGE SC-OV	8 Saurekrauts	9 Fredericksburg #4 POTENTATES HOMECOMING	VALENTINES DANCE BR
11	12 Chanters Hillbilly Unit CHESTER SC—OV Million Dollar Band	13 Board of Directors	James River SC Southside SC Glen Allen SC Directors Staff Mini Patrol	15 Hillbilly Clan C/W Band Saurekrauts Lake Country SC	16 LOH SPAGHETTI DINNER AC	17 Leadership Training Seminar
18	19 Chanters <b>SOUTH HILL SC -OV</b> Klownz Million Dollar Band	DANVILLE SC—OV	21 Hopewell SC HERITAGE SC—OV Shooters Club	22 Saurekrauts MOTOR PATROL -OV ORIENTAL BAND -OV	Z3  KHEDIVE POTENTATE'S BALL	24  KHEDIVE POTENTATE'S BALL
25	26 Chanters Million Dollar Band Greenville Board Mtg Scottish Rite	27 Northern Neck SC Divan Uniform Council	Z8 Valley SC Petersburg SC MANCHESTER SC—OV Arab Patrol C/W Band			

#### - MARCH 2018 -

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 C/W Band Saurekrauts VALLLEY SC—OPEN	PROVOST GUARD -OV	3
4	5 Chanters Car Club Greeters Million Dollar Band	6 Hospital Committee LOS	7 Caverns SC LOH—OV CEREMONIAL CAST-OV Blue Ridge SC	8 Saurekrauts	9 GREENVILLE HOSPITAL ANNUAL MTG	10 GREENVILLE HOSPITAL ANNUAL MTG
LOS INSTALLATION BR/AR	12 Chanters HILLBILLY UNIT-OV Chester SC Million Dollar Band	13 Board of Directors	James River SC SOUTHSIDE SC—OV Glen Allen SC Directors Staff Mini Patrol	15 Hillbilly Clan C/W Band Saurekrauts LAKE COUNTRY SC-OV	16	17
18	19 Chanters South Hill SC Klownz Million Dollar Band	20 ACCA BUSINESS MEETING Danville SC	21  HOPEWELL SC—OV  Heritage SC  Shooters Club	22 Saurekrauts Motor Patrol Oriental Band SPRING SA	23 SA - NEWBERN, NC	24
25	26 Chanters Million Dollar Band Scottish Rite	27 Northern Neck SC Divan Uniform Council	VALLEY SC—OV Petersburg SC Manchester SC Arab Patrol C/W Band	29	30 PROVOST GUARD FISH FRY AC	31 EASTER EGG HUNT & MAGIC SHOW



# Valley Shrine Club

By Secretary Bill Crouse

The Valley Shrine Club held a miniature golf event at Mulligans Golf Center in Harrisonburg. Twenty-three players enjoyed a beautiful October day, a delicious lunch, and raised \$735.68 for the Shrine Club, including funds from thirty-one hole sponsors. Each participant received a door prize ranging from a turkey caller to gift certificates.

At the October meeting, Doctor Ken Rutherford, a Professor at James Madison University, mesmerized the gathering as he recounted the roadside bomb that claimed both legs. His experiences while working with the British Royal Family and Princess Diana on the problem of getting all countries to pledge to not use landmines, and step up the effort for removal of the devices that claim appendages and lives every day, was extremely enlightening.

Doctor Rutherford received a membership in Acca Temple's One Hundred Million Dollar Club from the Valley Shrine Club. \$800 was raised at the meeting and donated in Doctor Rutherford's name. The Presidents Raffle tickets were drawn at the October meeting. \$3,500 was raised for the Shriners Hospitals for Children. A Turner's ham, propane grill, 55 inch color television were the prizes.

Nobles Don Bosley and Bill Crouse attended the Memorial Service at Acca Temple. The bagpipes, speaker, and entire service were outstanding. The white carnations remembered seven members from our club.

At the November meeting, Nobles Irving Byrd, Julian Fisher, Kyle Miller, and Peyton Yancey were thanked for their seven years guidance of the Caverns Blue Grass festival. During that period, over \$90,000 was contributed. An empty chair and table were set

up to salute the MIA/POWS that they may never be forgotten. Noble Don Bosley and Noble Bill Vigar explained the symbolism of each item. The Board for 2018 was elected and the silent auction raised \$1,383 for the Shriners Hospitals. The plaque that the Club received for second place in the Grottoes Fire Department parade was shown to the club and those who participated were thanked.

Nobles Don Bosley, Ken Hoes, and Peyton journeyed to the Temple on October 18th with over 175 pounds of can tabs. Good things happen when good people band together.

The Nobles also contributed a check to the Shriners Hospitals for Children for \$30,000.

This is the largest amount given by the Virginia Clubs and Units.

On December 9, the Valley Shrine Club will participate in the Bridgewater Christmas Parade.

The Christmas Party will feature a visit from Santa Claus, widows, and children receiving treatment at the Shriners Hospitals.

William Crouse, Secretary



L to R. Noble Don Bosley looks on as Nobles Julian Fisher, Kyle Miller, and Peyton Yancey receive certificates from Illustratious Robert Puffenbarger



The last scheduled outing for the Golf Club was held on November 16th at the Hollows Golf Course in Montpelier, Va. We had a good turnout; the weather was a little chilly, but doable. I was fortunate to play in a threesome with two fine gentlemen? One was named "Dimples", strange name for a man. He mentioned that he had cleaned out his golf bag and it had forty-four golf balls in it, that he removed. Don't understand the reasoning, he normally uses that amount during his round.

Although our scheduled events are done for the year, you can always find members of the club swinging a club on any given day that weather permits. After the first of the year, some of our "snowbird" members carry their clubs to Florida and then have the audacity to call and tell us what a great round they enjoyed, how beautiful the weather is, and how the course was in such great shape. With a snow shovel in hand, it is hard to seem thankful for their call, when you know the ribbing is intentional. Maybe an alligator will devour their ball.

One last event will close out 2017, although it will occur in 2018. We will have our annual Ladies Night at the Meadowbrook Country Club. The date is January 17, 2018. Right now, at this moment, go put it on your calendar. It is always a grand evening. The holidays are over and the Ladies are looking for a special evening to be pampered. What could be better than an evening at Meadowbrook. Cocktails at 6pm and dinner at 7pm. Cost remains at \$25 per person. Great food (it's always great, when the Ladies don't have to prepare it), wonderful atmosphere and excellent service. If

you elect to not attend, I will send a personal note to your Lady and tell her what a great evening she missed. A short program will follow dinner. The past year's activities will be recapped and plans for 2018 will be revealed. Of course, the highlight of the evening will be announcing the "Player of the Year." As the list narrows, those still in the running should be on their best behavior; you are being watched. You know who you are, well maybe not. Also remember that Santa is watching and you do need additional golf equipment for the coming year, since the ponds and woods took many of your golf balls and the twisted clubs you destroyed will need replacing.

This time of year is special for the many things for which we are grateful. Veteran's Day is when we get the opportunity to honor those who served, and those who gave their lives to defend our great country. Thanksgiving is always a time to really appreciate living in the United States of America, and Christmas is coming when we can honor our Savior on his birthday. We are blessed and have so much to be thankful for, each and every day.

Have a Merry Christmas and a joyous Holiday Season. Be Nice-Keep the Sunny-Side Up.

Photo Top Left: November Outing at The Hollows

Photo Top Left Bottom: Scottish Rite Childhood Language Center Golf Tournament

Photo Top Right: Scottish Rite Childhood Language Center Golf Tournament

# **Mini Patrol**

#### By Commander Frankie Sheridan

My year is winding down but the Mini Patrol is still going non-stop. We had a great time at the Midlothian parade with four cars and three wreckers. The police made sure we had room to do our maneuvers. Everyone was thanking us and inviting all of the Acca Units to come back next year!

The Mini Patrol officers and members have continued to represent the Unit at Acca's meetings, including Business Meetings, Uniform Council and Acca Town Hall. Once again the Mini Patrol made me proud when 13 of us showed up to support, and vote on, how the Temple would fund the ramp for the front door. I want to thank every one of our members for selling Sportsman's Raffle tickets. I understand the Temple made even more than they had predicted!

We traveled to Urbanna for the Oyster Festival parade, and welcomed by the Khedive and Kena Shriners for a great parade and fellowship. We had six cars and two wreckers. We would like to see more parade units from ACCA join us.

At our last Unit meeting, we voted to help the Klowns with the Valentine Dance on February 10, 2018. To my knowledge this is one of two dances the Temple has now, so please come and help us make this successful. Tickets and flyers are ready to be picked up.

We had a busy weekend with the Acca Ceremonial. There was a great crowd and we all had a wonderful time. Thank you to all who helped set up and decorate the room, brought food to share, bartended, and visited with all the new candidates. We have one completed application and check to be voted on at our December meeting and others who were very interested in our Unit. We hope they will also be joining us. I was honored to present the report of our annual donations to the Potentate of \$8,394, which included \$4,700 to the hospitals, \$1,250 to Acca Transportation Fund, \$1,250 toward the Front Entrance work, \$330 to Acca and \$864 received from Motley's Car Auction.

The Christmas parades have begun. We had nine cars and a wrecker at the Ashland Parade. We are scheduled to participate in several parades between now and Christmas. We included a picture of our



Great Director, Noble Ed Currin, AKA The Pilot. He has done a fantastic job over the last three years in preparing us for parades and competitions and organizing all the line ups and maneuvers for the parades. We want to let him know how much we appreciate his skills and dedication to the Mini Patrol! Also included are pictures from some of our parades.

We are looking forward to our Unit Christmas party. We truly enjoy the fellowship and joy of spending time together.

I want to wish you all a great 2018. Remember, we continue to have our "Mini Cars Run So Little Legs Can Walk".

# **Million Dollar Band**

By Secretary Dave Bishop, P.P.

Ho, Ho, 'tis almost that time of the year, and in all probability will be by the time you receive this edition of the Accalette. As of the day that I am composing this masterpiece of information, the weather feels like Christmas time. Maybe the previous several days of warmth spoiled my heart and brain into thinking winter is farther away than it is.

During the past months the Band had a returned performance at Pemberton Living Center and, as usual, we played loud enough to keep the residents awake. The residents showed up in good numbers, and by their comments afterwards, it appeared the Band performed well and they really enjoyed the musical selections. Eleven days later the Band participated in the Shrine's famous "Sounds of ACCA" musical festival. The Band opened the show and was followed by the Oriental Band, Sauerkrauts, and Country Western Band. All performed well even though the crowd was very sparse. Prior to the "Sounds", the Ceremonial Cast had their annual "Lots-A-More" dinner, and from what I observed early, it appeared they had good attendance. Not sure why after eating dinner those attending did not stop by the ballroom and enjoy some fantastic music. Oh well you can't win them all, and maybe next year the Temple, Cast and musical Units of ACCA can do something about the poor attendance of the Temple's function. Next on the list of events was the Masonic Home Family Day, and would you believe the rain held off, much to the delight and surprise of the Band and the other participants present. The event was great and the food was sufficient and good. Our Band presence was less than expected, however, the sounds that flowed in the air were welcome by all listening or paying attention to the events prior to the parade. Three days later the Band supported the Temple Business meeting and, as usual, played prior to the start of business, as well as several items during the session. Once again the Band returned to the Masonic Home to perform an outstanding selection of musical songs that the audience appreciated throughout the evening. We added a little different approach this time by having the Sauerkrauts perform after the Band had concluded. Nothing like a little "German" music to change the atmosphere. What a great evening it was, and the residents appeared to be pleased and appreciative of the guys coming and playing until their lips and hands became numb. Prior to reading this article, the Band will have participated in the Temple Open House, Temple Fall Ceremonial honoring Noble Floyd Maxey and his Lady Beverly (both of whom have given much hard work, love and dedication over the years), Ashland Old Time Christmas Parade, Million Dollar Band's Installation of 2018 Officers and Christmas Dinner and the MacArthur Christmas Parade. I will report on these activities in the next edition of the Accalette.

I would be remiss not to mention the upcoming ACCA's famous "Breakfast With Santa" event scheduled for December 16th at the Temple. I am sure that by the time you read this article the children will be having dreams of sugar plums, gifts and Santa in their heads every night. The Band always looks forward to this event, not only to participate by playing holiday music, but also to observe the children screaming, singing and dancing, anxiously awaiting the time to go visit the old man himself, "Santa Claus". What a wonderful Saturday morning this will be for all who come and enjoy the food, music and fellowship.

As for the "Sick and Wounded;" Floyd Puryear has recovered from his heart attack but has had additional surgery on two discs, and is recovering as planned. Art Moore has had extensive abdominal surgery and on the long road to recovery. Buddy Kirby continues to have vision problems and is under the advisement of several doctors as to what steps are needed. To the best of my belief, I know of none of our Ladies having any health problems; it appears they are much tougher than us guys. Please keep these guys in your thoughts and prayers for a speedy recovery and return to our Band.

During this Christmas Season I ask for all to please pray for our Servicemen and Women both stateside and around the world, wherever they may be deployed, and return all of them safely home to their loved ones. God Bless them, their families and the United States of America.

"May Peace Be With Each of You this Christmas Season"

# **Provost Guard**

By Ill. Billy Jellie, PP

The holidays are fast approaching, with celebrations galore on the agenda. This year's Provost October Fest was held on one of the prettiest days of the year, and a good time was had by all. Thanks to the Sauerkrauts for their wonderful "oom pah pah" festive music, and the fantastic dancing of all the beautiful "chicken" dancers. Our very own chef, Past Major Nick Williams, and his crew did themselves proud with the yummy German food, and everyone seemed to have a good time. A special thanks to the Provettes for individually providing tasty desserts, and also for serving in the food line "dishing out" the chef's specialties.

The Provost Guard was proud to make a generous donation of monies at the Fall Ceremonial to the Hospitals and the Transportation Fund. We also contributed to the ACCA building fund, which will be used to revamp the main entrance so that it is handicapped accessible. The Provettes' contribution was included in the total donation of the Provost Guard. This was probably the largest donation by the unit in quite some time. Thanks to you Nobles for your hard work in raising these big bucks. As we know, every little cent counts.

The nomination of officers was held at our November Stated meeting, and the nominations are: Major – Bob Senghas, Captain – Mike Lott, Lieutenant – Mark Jones, Sergeant – James (Dickie) Butts, Secretary – Chester Sienko, and Treasurer – David Eells. This is an outstanding group of Nobles. The officers elected will be installed in January.



The Provost Guard Christmas party is always a fine affair and will be held this year at the Pickle Barrel Restaurant, with good food and holiday spirits. We are looking forward to celebrating the Christmas season together.

Major David Lloyd has had a great year and wants to thank all of the Provost Guard Nobles, Ladies and friends for their assistance in making it so successful! He also has expressed his best wishes for a joyous holiday season to all, and their families.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to everyone. Enjoy yourselves and share your love with our children and their families! Thanks for your continued support on behalf of the kids! Isn't it great to be a Shriner!



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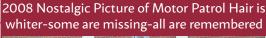
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### **Motor Patrol**

Well, we are into the last month of the year and preparing for holiday commitments. We have some catering events lined up, and of course seasonal parades.

The Fall Ceremonial was a fun weekend. On Friday evening, we had our hospitality room well stocked with great food, drinks and a spirited greeting for everyone. It seems the chocolate covered cherries were a favorite, they seemed to be intoxicating; you couldn't eat just one. A steady crowd was in and out all evening. The Saturday Ceremonial was well attended and we had a sizable number of new Nobles to join the Shrine. Honoring Floyd and Bev Maxey was special and well deserved.

Our annual Christmas Party and Ladies Night at the Renaissance was held on December 7th; it is always on the first Thursday in December. Santa made an appearance and was well received. It certainly set the mood for the holiday season. We also installed our incoming officers for 2018. The Renaissance is a great place for the party. Good food, fellowship and a delightful atmosphere.

If you are considering an event that needs to be catered, contact our Secretary, Noble Charles Hanbury or President, Noble Ronnie Butler. We have a number of commitments from outside of the Shrine, so call and reserve your date.

Some of our members are recovering from either health issues or mishaps that they are reluctant to discuss. It seems healing gets slower as age increases. But Instead of referring to age, we like to use the term of just maturing graciously. But it is well to remember "Today, you are as young as you will ever be".

Have a nice Christmas and enjoy the Holiday Season.

Be Nice-Keep the Sunny-Side Up.

# **Oriental Band**

#### By President Buddy Small

If you did not attend the 2017 Fall Ceremonial Ball you missed a great time, as you can see from the photos.

We started the holiday season off on 11/18/2017 with the Ashland Parade. It was a wonderful parade with lots of people. We then traveled to Waynesboro, followed by a visit to Colonial Heights, and ended with the MacArthur Street parade.

I'd like to welcome the newest members to the Oriental Band: Tommy & Christie Colletti, and kids. We are so happy to have them, and they are a great addition to the band. So please join us in welcoming not only a newest Noble to ACCA, but to the band as well.

On behalf of the members and ladies, we wish you and your families a blessed holiday season.

Buddy Small President

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# The Sauerkrauts Band

By Bill Hudson,

As I sit here at the keyboard thinking back over this past Kraut season, it seems now only a blur. Fortunately I maintained my copy of our lengthy schedule of gigs and can bring it all back into focus. Yes, the Sauerkrauts were indeed very busy again this season but

believe me, that was a very good thing. The busier we are, the more satisfaction we derive. When we are out there entertaining, we are being warmed by the satisfaction that, with each note we play, a little more support goes towards our great philanthropy, the greatest in the world.

Although we play end entertain throughout the year, our real season typically begins towards the end of September. We were scheduled to perform at the Coral Beach poolside on two evenings during SASA, and were to be the highlighted entertainment on that Friday night at a local Austrian restaurant. In fact the owner had been advertising our performance for several weeks prior to the scheduled event. But, as we all remember so sadly, the hurricane had other plans. There is, however, next year. We kicked off the season in earnest on September 29th, playing two, same day, back-to-back gigs. We had set a goal for ourselves to raise \$10,000 this year and we knew we were off to a great start. The following weekend we again played two, same day back to back gigs, the Walk for Love and, again this year, for my neighborhood's Oktoberfest (Steve Beverly enjoys time at his family's place there on the lake as well). The crowd at the lake this year was smaller than in the past, approximately 30 people, but they made up for their small size in enthusiasm and fun. At the night's end we found \$1,137 in our fez hanging next to our hospitals' poster. What a generous group of people, those friends and neighbors of ours. We played back-to-back performances, Friday and Saturday, at the Center of the Universe craft brewery in Ashland again this year, five hours each day. Yes it was very grueling, but very enjoyable at the same time. That weekend resulted in around \$1,500, including roughly \$500 in the fez, again showing



the generosity of the spirited folks we perform for. For the seventeenth year in a row we performed at the Richmond Oktoberfest both Friday and Saturday nights. As part of a promotion for this event we appeared on WTVR 6's Good Morning Virginia show. After

seeing myself on TV I knew "A Star is Born", ha! Rounding out the season we played for the Provost Guards' Oktoberfest, another tremendously fun event that we look forward to every year.

The highlight of the season, for me personally, is the annual Powhatan Oktoberfest. This was the fourth annual, held on October 14th. This gig is very special to me because I was somewhat instrumental in getting it off the ground. This event is hosted by the Powhatan Moose Family Center 1840 for the benefit of Shriners Hospitals For Children, and various Moose Charities. Each year the crowds have grown and the event has become more successful. The Krauts typically perform for about three hours and the proceeds are split fifty-fifty. This year we only played for two hours and the Moose split the proceeds sixty-forty, with the Shrine getting the larger cut. On Tuesday evening, November 7th, a check was presented to Illustrious Sir Thornton Holt, with me present, in the amount of \$2,100. Each year, just like the event itself, the monetary contribution grows. It would not be possible however, if not for the hard work, tireless volunteerism, and generosity of the ladies and men of the Powhatan Moose. Next year we, members of the Shrine, intend to help out with some of the behind the scene things, making this indeed a joint effort between two fraternal organization for their mutual support of Children. The t-shirt we designed four years ago for this event says it all. On the back of the shirt is the Shrine logo on one side and the Moose logo on the other, and in between are the words "United for Children".

In closing, we fell a little short of our \$10,000 goal but, as I said before, there's always next year.

Bill Hudson,

Reporter



# A SHRINE KID GIVES BACK



lexander, known as "AJ", was born in Belarus, in Eastern Europe, in 2001, and was placed in an orphanage for the first 17 months of his life. He was adopted by Carrie and Tim Dale in 2003 and brought back to the United States. The pediatrician that examined AJ detected an abnormality in his lower legs, affecting the way he stood and walked. After various tests, AJ was diagnosed with a mild degree of cerebral palsy.

In 2006, AJ became sponsored by the ACCA Shrine Center and was seen by doctors at the Greenville, South Carolina Shriners Hospital. He was fitted for ankle-foot orthotics every six months to help his lower legs. In 2008, AJ had major surgery at the Shriners Hospital on both of his legs. The family spent a week in Greenville during the surgery, and AJ came home with two casts on his legs for eight weeks. When the casts were removed, AJ and his family spent another week at the hospital while he underwent a vigorous physical therapy rehab.

The surgery, called a rotational tibia osteotomy was a success. AJ has a much better walking gait, and no longer needs to wear ankle-foot orthotics. He will always have a mild cerebral palsy affecting his legs, but the surgery that the Shriners Hospital performed gave him the opportunity to lead a normal, healthy life.

AJ still attends clinic at the Greenville Shriners once a

year and always enjoys going to the hospital. His memories of the hospital are good ones: the game room with pool tables, ping pong tables, video games, and always a toy to take home!

AJ is currently a sophomore at Clover Hill High School. He swims on the varsity swim team, works as a lifeguard, plays piano, and is a member of the Boy Scouts of America. Wanting to give back to ACCA for sponsoring him, AJ chose to do his Eagle Scout Project at the Shrine Center. After consulting with Acca's Recorder, Pete Holder, AJ did a major landscaping project in the Memorial Garden at the ACCA Shrine Center. AJ designed and planted several mulch beds that had been void of plant life. The circular plot in the center of the garden became a Butterfly Garden with all native Virginia plants. A Rose Garden was established in front of the conference room window and the Atrium Garden has colorful bushes that will be enjoyed year-round. The project will look even better in years to come as the perennials and bushes grow and develop. It is an Eagle Scout project with deep meaning and longevity.

We are grateful to have met such a nice young man, and we are very appreciative of his dedicated work at Acca Shrine Center.

# **Lake Country Shrine Club**

Members of the Lake Country Shrine Club prepare to participate in the Veteran's Parade on November 11th in South Boston. From left to right, Bill Nunn, John Currin, Dr. Charles Lee, and Dr. Reggie Young.

Our President, Dr. Reggie Young, said that we believe our Club's performances have helped to increase contributions which we have been able to forward to Shriners Hospitals. These efforts, plus increased public awareness of local children whose lives have been transformed by Shriner care, have resulted in contributions that exceed \$2,000 per year, per active member. We are honored to be helping the children and their families, while we



enjoy performing in these community parades! The former South Boston Shrine Club was renamed "The Lake Country Shrine Club" to better reflect the residences of our members and the area served.

### **Ceremonial Cast**

ear Nobles, Ladies, and Friends, Despite this Fall starting off with the cancelation of SASA, I feel we had a wonderful and productive season! I look forward to what's to come, building off of the momentum that we have started. First, it's great to be back in our room! It's been a long time coming but we are back. Home Sweet Home! Big thanks to Bruce's daughter Jess and her Hubby for donating the beautiful bar! It makes a great addition to our room! Having our room back was a great start to the Fall season (it technically happened in late summer, but who's counting...), but on top of that we enjoyed getting together with our friends and family for the Walk for Love event in September, our annual Lots-A-More dinner in October, and the Ceremonial in November! Many thanks to all the Nobles, and of course their beautiful ladies, for all the help and support. We say this a lot, but it doesn't make it any less true, we can not do it without you!

The Ceremonial Cast has had a tough year this year. However, the losses that we and our families have gone through this year has strengthened our determination and resolve to not only continue to be a strong Unit, but also continue to be the best dang Ceremonial Cast in all of Shrinedom! And with the addition of new members this year, I have no doubt whatsoever that we will! I'm proud to be a Shriner and I couldn't be more proud to be a Shriner in the Ceremonial Cast!

Speaking of the Cast....as we tend to do here...here is the the line up for our most recent and superb Ceremonial. Before I list the credits, I'd like to make special mention of our directer, Noble Brian Adams. Noble Brian, as Assistant Director, took on the enormous responsibility of stepping into "Sir" Richard's role of Director after our dear Brother's passing. I think, along with everyone else, that Noble Brian did us and "Sir" Richard proud. Thank you, Brian!

#### **Cast Credits:**

Illustrious

Potentate Ed Swanse

Chief Rabban Bruce Smith

Assistant Rabban Bill Biddix

High Priest & Prophet

Bill Eddleton

Oriental Guide Paul Rinko

First Ceremonial Master

Donnie Korb

Second Ceremonial Master

Vernon Korb

Marshal (Oration) III. Sir Sam Dunn Shriner's Creed and Orator Daniel Muldoon

Father of Seven Sons Tom Lacy

Alchemists

Ken Whirley and Nelson Bryant

Slave Galen Gallagher

Custodian of Candidates Rodney Gallagher

Prompters

III. Sir Sam Dunn & Daniel Muldoon

Sound Floyd Maxey

Stage Manager Barnard Woody

**Director Brian Adams** 

Thanks again, Brothers, for a great, albeit emotional and challenging, 2017 and I am looking forward to a wonderful and productive 2018!

# **Petersburg Shrine Club**

#### By President David Comer

The Petersburg Shrine Club held its October and November meetings and had great attendance.

In October, Ralph Bartley enlightened the group on Shriners Helping Masons regarding the recent devastations in Florida, Puerto Rico and Texas. The group moved to make a contribution to each of these areas. It was also voted that the club make a donation to assist with renovations to allow the Acca Temple to become more accessible to the handicapped.

Also in October, Rt. Worshipful Carl Everette Pippin spoke on the life of Brother Red Skelton, and he gave his rendition of Brother Skelton's famous Pledge of Allegiance, which was originally delivered in 1969 by Skelton on his television show. Brother Pippin's program was extremely informative and well received by the entire group.

During the October meeting Harless Dobbins, Bill Brockwell and Robert Tatum were appointed as the Nominating Committee for upcoming officers for the 2018 year. Those nominated were: President - David Comer, Vice President - Larry Hatton, Treasurer - Ralph Bartley, Secretary - Tommy Peters and Chaplain - Clay Edwards. The officers named above were elected by vote in November. The officers for the 2018 year will be installed by the Potentate of Acca Temple, Thornton Holt, Jr. at the December meeting and annual Christmas party.

By the time this article is read, Thanksgiving will be over and we will be busy planning for our upcoming holidays. The Petersburg Shrine Club would like to wish you a safe and healthy holiday season. We meet on the fourth Wednesday of each month, with the exception of July and August, and our doors are always open to fellow Shriners and their Ladies. We would welcome a visit.

David Comer President, Petersburg Shrine Club



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#### **Notice of Annual Business Session and Election of Officers**

#### **AT ACCA SHRINE**

1712 Bellevue Avenue • Richmond, Virginia Tuesday, January 16, 2018 - 7:30 P.M.

The Annual Business Session will be held at ACCA Shrine, I712 Bellevue Avenue, Richmond, Virginia, at 7:30 P.M., Tuesday, January 16, 2018. The Annual Election of Officers for the year 2018 and Representatives to the Imperial Council Session has to begin not later than 9:00 P.M., according to the Imperial Council By-Laws and Code. During the meeting, the Annual Reports of Trustees, Potentate, Treasurer, and Recorder will be given.

The attention of the Nobility is directed to the following excerpts from the By-Laws and Code of the Imperial Council concerning the procedure of election of officers:

ARTICLE 25 Sec. 325.11 Election Regulations.
OFFICERS: THEIR ELECTION OR APPOINTMENT

#### Sec. 325.5 Ballot

(a) Separate Ballot. Election of officers shall be by a majority vote of office, a resume consisting of his educational background, his vocational those present and voting. When there is more than one candidate for election to a history, and his Masonic and Shrine record. Except as provided in the prior particular office, a separate written ballot is required. A blanket ballot is prohibited.

**Sec. 325.6 Time of Election.** Nominations must commence not later than 9:00 p.m. and when that hour arrives all other business must cease and none may be transacted until the election is concluded.

**Sec. 325.7 Other Officers.** The temple may elect such other officers as its bylaws provide.

**Sec. 325.8 Nomination.** Candidates for office and Representative must be placed in nomination from the floor.

#### Sec. 325.IO Representatives.

- (a) Single Ballot. Where a temple elects more than one Representative, all candidates must be balloted for on one written ballot.
- **(b)** Compete Ballot. Each member voting must vote only for the total number of Representatives to be elected, otherwise his ballot cannot be counted as a vote.
- **(c) Majority Vote.** A majority vote of those present and voting is necessary to elect each Representative.
- **(d) Election.** Only those candidates who receive a majority vote shall be declared elected.
- (c) Successive Ballots. Successive written ballots must then be taken in the same manner on other candidates until all Representative s are elected.
- **(f) Highest Vote.** If more candidates receive a majority vote than the number of representatives to be elected, then those receiving the greatest number of votes shall be declared elected.

**(g) Void Ballot.** Blank ballots or ballots containing any markings other than the name of a candidate nominated from the floor are not votes and are not to be considered for any purpose.

#### Sec. 325.11 Election Regulations

- **(a) Electioneering.** A candidate for an elected office in a Shrine temple may print, publish and circulate during the year he is seeking the elected office, a resume consisting of his educational background, his vocational history, and his Masonic and Shrine record. Except as provided in the prior sentence, the printing, publication, circulating or distribution of resolutions, letters telegrams, tickets, email or other devices, by a unit, club, Noble, or group of Nobles, suggesting, recommending, opposing, or containing the names of proposed candidates for office in the temple is prohibited.
- **(b) Expenditures Prohibited.** The expenditure of money for gifts, favors, or entertainment on behalf of a candidate for elected office is prohibited.
- (c) Violation. For any violation of (a) or (b), the Imperial Potentate may suspend any offending Noble, and he may declare the election of the officers void and order a new election.
- **(d) Notice.** At least one week prior to the annual meeting or any election, the temple Recorder shall mail to each member a notice thereof containing this section.

#### Sec. 326.3 Installation.

- (a) Date and Ritual. The officers shall be installed during the month of January at a temple or public ceremony as prescribed by temple resolution. Such installation shall be in accordance with the ceremony of installation prescribed by Shriners International.
- **(b) Duties.** They shall assume the duties of their respective offices upon installation.

#### **ARTICLE 39 VISITORS TO TEMPLES**

**Sec. 339.1** Admission. A Noble may not be admitted to his own or any other temple, unless he exhibits to the temple to which he desires admittance an official Shrine card for the then current year.

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# Shriners Hospitals for Children Philadelphia

By Dan Freye

One of the highlights of our monthly board meetings is when guests attend to make donations to the hospital. Whether they are patients, parents, Shriners, Masons, non-Masons, individuals or groups, whether the amounts given are small or large, the commonality is love for our Shrine kids. I am always amazed at the stories these donors share and at the originality and variety of ways money is raised for our hospital. At the November board meeting, two Acca nobles, Larry Adams and Ed Bull, from the Blue Ridge Shrine Club, made the trip to Philadelphia to make a most generous donation.

Representing The Lost Tribe Motorcycle Riders Association (MRA), founder and CEO, Noble Adams presented Board Chair, Fred Widmyer, with two checks totaling \$4,000 from two fundraisers held this summer. The Lost Tribe MRA, whose members are all Master Masons and Shriners, is a 501(c) (3) Virginia Nonprofit dedicated to helping both Shriners and Veterans Hospitals with fundraising, membership, and transporting patients. The Lost Tribe MRA helped the Virginia Widows Sons raise \$3,000 for the Philadelphia Shriners Hospital from its Grand Gathering, and supported the Blue Ridge Shrine Club with their 64th Annual Shriners Football game that should yield another \$3,600 for the hospital this year. The Lost Tribe MRA's motto is, "We ride so they can walk!" Well done, Nobles and Brothers for your work in raising over \$10,600 this year!

While on the theme of donations, we want to again thank all the Nobles, Ladies, sponsors, donors,

walkers, and workers for making the inaugural Acca Walk for Love an overwhelming success. A special thanks also to the Units and Clubs who came out in support, working together to make it a very special Acca Day! We had perfect weather and, at the end of the day, we netted over \$21,700, exceeding both our sponsorship and walker goals. These funds have been divided equally between the Philadelphia and Greenville hospitals and the Acca Transportation Fund.

It was a thrill to sit on the Acca stage at our Fall Ceremonial while the 2017 donations were made to our Illustrious Potentate. Our Units and Clubs donated over \$175,000 for the hospitals, the transportation fund, the Temple, and Temple special projects. Through this, and efforts like this throughout Shrinedom, as a system, Shriners Hospitals for Children has raised over \$44 million this year, and is well on the way to reaching its \$54 million goal. Thanks, and well done to all the Nobles and Ladies for your hard work and generosity.

Finally, the Joint Boards approved the appointments of Noble David Eells as a full Member and me as Treasurer of the Philadelphia Hospital Board of Governors. We will begin our new terms in January. Noble Dave and I are honored to serve on the Philadelphia Hospital Board of Governors and to represent Acca Shrine in that capacity.

Daniel L. Freye, Member Board of Governors Shriners Hospitals for Children Philadelphia



# Shriners Hospitals for Children Greenville

By Dennis English, P.P.

SEASONS GREETINGS FROM GREENVILLE SHRINERS HOSPITALS FOR CHILDREN Dennis English PP

The hospital at Greenville is now gearing up for Thanksgiving and Christmas, a very busy time for our hospital. There are decorations everywhere, with special parties occurring regularly for the children and their parents and siblings. The air is filled with love and caring for our children, but of course, that is nothing new. The treatment does not change during holidays, because at our hospital love and care is at the top of the list during any season of the year.

Gifts for the children are steadily pouring in, but space is limited. We are encouraging anyone who would like to contribute something for the children to consider gift cards, especially gift cards to CVS Drug Store. Of course, any gift card will work and will certainly be appreciated. If you would rather send a gift however, the hospital is requesting items for children ages 14 and up. This is the age group that is frequently overlooked, because it's just natural that people love buying for babies and toddlers. The hospital will also accept donations of cash (checks), and will use that money to buy items for the appropriate age group.

Financially, the hospital is in great shape. There is a great staff on board and the search for a new administrator should end shortly. If you have ever visited any of our hospitals, you will find that the parents and patients are very thankful for the care that they receive, and are more than willing to share their gratitude with others. At this very joyous time of the year, on behalf of the staff of our wonderful hospital, the Board of Governors, and Richard Redman and me, we pray for your safety and hope that you have a wonderful Thanksgiving and a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.





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