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Potentate's Message

Ed Ernouf

Dear Nobles and Ladies: As I write this, three months have passed.... three fast and action-packed months! Since the installation in January, there have been Unit & Club installations, the Valentine's Dance, the Khedive and Kena Potentate Balls, the Kena Spring Ceremonial, the Greenville Hospital Shriner Days Celebration, Spring SASA in Kingsport TN, and the Potentate's Banquet here at Acca. Lady Rebecca and I would like to thank all who were able to attend the Potentate's Banquet. We hope you enjoyed it as much as we did. The food from Lunch&Supper, the music by the Strolling Strings from Norfolk, and your presence made it a very special evening.

Visiting one of our hospitals is always a rewarding experience, and this year's visit to Greenville was no exception! Since we have never been to the Philadelphia Hospital, Rebecca and I are looking forward to their Expanded Board Day in June.

Spring SASA was most informative, but, before I get to news about the ongoing evolution of our hospital system, I must state that at Fall SASA in Myrtle Beach, the best in the parade will be last the Easter Egg I drew out of the basket (yes, they changed up the process this year!), with only 10 eggs left, the one I picked contained number 20. So, assuming a brilliant sunny day, Acca will close out the parade in award winning style. The second major happening at Spring SASA was an update on the ongoing and planned evolution of our hospital system by Imperial Sir Mark Hartz, Imperial Outer Guard, and Imperial Sir Jim Cain, Imperial Potentate. I will leave the details of the evolution to future communications from Tampa, but the fundamental take-away



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is that our hospital system has to change to meet today's federal and industry standards, with which all medical care providers have to comply. Our mission of providing medical care for children who we can help is not changing. The method of providing that care is changing.

Once you receive this issue, the Magic Show and Easter Egg Hunt will have occurred, along with a new Acca Spring Dance with the KOS Band. The Imperial Potentate and the Imperial Chief Rabban will be having lunch at Acca while this

issue in the mail. The May 21 Business Meeting will be right around the corner. So, let me focus on the major Acca events in June and July. First up will be the Spring Ceremonial on June 7 & 8. It will be in honor of the Acca's Units and Clubs, and the members of Acca's Century Club. Please plan on attending. By the time you get this, your Unit/Club leader will have the details on the Spring Ceremonial.

Returning from years past, there will be Shriners Night at the Diamond on June 14. Acca and our hospital patients will be front and center with a parade before the game, and throwing out the first pitch. Plus, for every ticket we sell, we get \$4.00 back for the Hospitals. You can't beat that: having fun making money for the hospitals!

July will start with a week in Nashville at this year's Imperial Session. The real good July news is that the Grand Master's Official Visit to District 15A & 15B will be held at Acca on July 26. This is a ticketed event and the tickets can be purchased on Acca's website. If you can, please plan on attending and supporting our Grand Master and our Brothers in District 15A&B.

Looking further out, don't forget to make your hotel reservations for Fall SASA in Myrtle Beach. We are going to have a BLAST! Three parties packed in one! We will be staying at the renovated (thanks to the hurricanes!) Coral Beach Resort. Call 1-800-843-2684 for reservations, and tell them you are with Acca Shriners to get the discounted rate. The reservation deadline is June 21st.

That's it for now! Come on out and be a part of the happenings at your Shrine Center! You don't want to miss the fun!

Sincerely & Fraternally,

Ed

From the Recorder's Pen

Richard "Doc" Redman

Welcome to Spring Finally.....
Spring SASA was held this year in Kingsport, TN, during the last weekend of March. Most of the Divan attended, to show support for the 5th Vice President, our own Ill Sir Thornton Holt. All 20 Temples in the South Atlantic Shrine Association were represented, and it was nice being able to compare notes with members of the other Temples. We all have pretty much the same problems. Everyone was considering the odds of SASA being cancelled three years in a row by a hurricane. Probably the odds of winning the lottery are much better.

The first meeting was on Membership. Each Temple was given the statistics for their Temple. The statistics for Acca were not good but were not totally unexpected. Bear with me while I present a few of them:

1. Only 15% of Master Masons in Virginia are Shriners
2. Acca membership has dropped from 1526 in 2014 to currently 1185.
3. As of 3/27/19, we have a net loss of 13 members for this year.
4. 195 Nobles have not yet paid their 2019 dues.
5. 38 Nobles could be 2 years in arrears at the end of 2019 and will be automatically suspended.



6. If we continue as we are, membership in Acca will be only 699 Nobles in 10 years.

7. As of 4/8/19, we have only received 3 new Petitions this year.

Membership and participation are key elements to the survival of Acca. Of the 1185 current membership, I would guess that not more than 60% are active in Shrine functions, and that figure may be optimistic!

Look around in your Unit or Club meetings and see who isn't there and give them a call to see the reason for their absence. Sometimes just knowing you

are missed gives enough encouragement to come back. If an older member has problems getting out at night, offer him a ride to the meeting. It would mean so much.

The Membership Committee is working on ways to attract new members and to retain our current members. If they ask for your help, please assist them.

Our rentals are increasing, which means more revenue for the Temple. There have been a few glitches, but not anything serious. I appreciate the support of the Nobility. If you would like to be a Building Manager during one of the rentals, just let Shannon or me know. It is a well-compensated position.

Our physical plant is greatly improved with the interior renovations, a new roof on the Activity Center, and an unexpected replacement of the old pneumatic control system for the Ballroom HVAC with a new electronic system. A badly needed upgrade of your office computer system should be completed soon. These improvements will last for years and we can all enjoy the benefits.

I hope all have a very pleasant and safe Summer. We deserve it!!

Fraternally,
Richard D. "Doc" Redman
Recorder



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From the Chaplain

Ill. Thornton Holt, PP

Nobles and Ladies: We are now moving into the second quarter of the year. Many Nobles and their families need our prayers and sympathy. We have lost many Shriners since the first quarter and had a lot of illnesses. Our Hospitals are moving in many different directions, and we need to have prayer for those who are tasked to make these decisions. We elected these Nobles to help make these hard decisions. We need to help them in prayer.

Our patients are the main concern at this point, and they need all of us to pray.

Pray for Acca Shrine to survive for many years to come. We need to help our Shrine survive, so our hospitals survive.



Now we will reflect on where we are headed. We need to pray for this, with

and for each other. For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from GOD, an eternal house in heaven, not built by human hands. Meanwhile we groan, longing to be clothed instead with our heavenly dwelling, because when we are clothed, we will not be found naked.

Now, the one who has fashioned us for this very purpose is God, who has given us the spirit as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come. We are confident, and would prefer to be away from the body and at home with the Lord. **PUT OTHERS FIRST.**

God Bless Us All

ILL. Thornton Holt, PP

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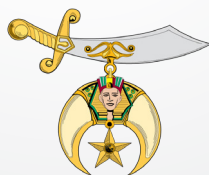
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Richard D. Redman

Richard D. "Doe" Redman

Recorder



BY ORDER OF:

Ed Ernouf

Ed Ernouf

Illustrious Potentate

This is the only notice of business meeting you will receive.

Accaba Court

Lady Sharon Heard, PHP

Greetings. Well, I thought Spring was here, but I'm beginning to have my doubts. Every now and then we are lucky enough to have a Spring day. We may not be able to tell Spring is here by the weather, but all that "yellow stuff" on my car tells me something.

The open installation of Officers was held on March 17th in the Ballroom at Acca Temple. Congratulations Lady Donna Prock, new High Priestess of Accaba Court, and congratulations to all the newly elected and appointed Officers, aide and pages. The installation and reception were beautiful. You did an outstanding job on the reception decorations, Donna. Your decorating talents came shining through.

I would like to say welcome to the new members of Accaba Court: Lady Dana Roland, Lady Julie Osmar, Lady Melissa Lewis, Lady Jennifer Stroud and Lady Michelle Coelho. We are so happy you are a member of Accaba Court, and we look forward to working with you. There are plenty of jobs left, i.e. working on Grand Council!

Speaking of Grand Council, by the time this article is being read, Grand Council will probably be over and a lot of ladies will be relaxing on the Potentate's cruise heading to Bermuda and other destinations. Believe me, we will all need a cruise. Imagine 550 + ladies from across North America getting together for a week, in one hotel. There are breakfasts, luncheons and dinners planned in addition to all the meetings they must attend. Grand

Council is the biggest event this Court has ever held, and the first Grand Council to be held in Richmond. Our Ladies are looking forward to showing these Ladies true "Virginia Hospitality". We also have about 70 men coming. The men's hospitality room will be full.

Something else special about "our" Grand Council will be our two special guests attending. The Imperial Potentate, Imperial Sir Jim Cain, and his Lady Patsy will be our guest on Monday and Tuesday. On Thursday and Friday, we will be honored to welcome, Imperial Chief Rabban, Imperial Sir Jeffrey Sowder, and his Lady Cheryl. It is an honor when an Imperial Officer makes a visitation to a Shrine Center, so we have a very special honor to have two Imperial Officers come to the 105th Grand Council Session of the Ladies Oriental Shrine of North America.

Sedona Taphouse has once again chosen Shriners Hospitals for Children as their charity for the month of June 2019, with Accaba Court receiving credit for this contribution. Our Ladies invite you to Sedona Taphouse (Midlothian location) on any, or all, Mondays during the month of June, for either an 8 oz. flatiron steak for \$6.00 or salmon for \$10, with a dollar from each purchase going to Shriners Hospitals for Children. Come out and help us make "Love to the Rescue" a reality for children in the Shrine Hospitals. Invite your family and friends to have dinner, or lunch, with you at Sedona.



Donna Prock, HP and her officers: (left to right)
Ladies Inger Dzwlewicz, Debby Holt, Nancy English, Donna Prock,
Valerie Layman, Christi Colletti, Nancy Corker



Three new members: (left to right)
GHP Lady Kris Sheridan, Lady Jennifer
Stroud, Lady Michelle Coelho, Lady Melissa
Lewis, HP Lady Rebecca Ernouf



Two new members: (left to right)
GHP Lady Kris Sheridan, Lady Dana Roland,
Lady Julie Osmar, HP Lady Rebecca Ernouf



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From the Editor's Desk

Spring has sprung, the flowers are in bloom, and so is your Accalette Editorial Staff. We have put together with the help of many, your articles and photos to show the activities happening at Acca Shrine Center. A special thank you goes out to Ralph and Sharon Heard who provided us with a multitude of photos from this year's Potentate's Ball. Unfortunately we didn't have room to include them here but have posted them on our website,

You will also find in this issue information for the upcoming Spring Open House and Ceremonial. Ill. Sir Ed has graciously chosen to honor the Units and Clubs that make Acca such a

great place to share in the fun and fellowship.

We want to thank all the contributors from the various Units and Clubs for helping make this publication possible, and we welcome your suggestions and critique, no matter whether it be positive or negative.

Here is wishing you all good health and happiness until we meet again.

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Antique Car Club

Ed Johnston, Jr.

The Car Club is off to a nice start for 2019. We are working hard to help make Ill. Ed Ernouf's year as Potentate a great one, and be well remembered. There are some events in the works in which our Club can participate. One being the possibility of a "CAR SHOW" at Acca Shrine. This is in the very early stages, but we hope to assist in putting it together. We also will be planning our annual picnic for 2019.

At this moment we have 17 Car Club members and would like to invite others to visit one of our meetings, or talk to any member about becoming a member of the Car Club. We meet on the first Tuesday of even months, except December. Dewey Draucker is having some trouble getting around, but otherwise doing okay. Matt Williams is steadily regaining his strength, sounds strong on the phone, and is hoping to attend our meetings.

We need to gain more members at Acca, as we are losing some each year. So mark your calendars for June 7th and 8th. This is the Acca Spring Ceremonial, and we need as many candidates as we can find! Go to your Blue Lodges, promote Acca Shrine, and talk about our great program of supporting Shriners Hospitals for Children! Remember, we are all about the Children.

A new event on our calendar this year is Shrine Night at The Diamond, Friday, June 14th. Let's make Ill. Ed proud, and have a huge showing. Who knows, you may even catch a foul ball and get to dance with NUTSY the Flying Squirrel!



Car Club at Watermelon Fest 8-18



Motor Patrol President - Ronnie Butler 2019

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Cabiri

Larry Koon, P.P.

The annual Business Meeting of the Acca Cabiri was held on March 21st. It is scheduled each year in this month with the primary purpose of voting to accept or reject the immediate Past Potentate as a member of the group. Since going out of office this candidate has received much attention and has been asked many questions regarding a multitude of subjects. His answers have been scrutinized intensively.

ILLUSTRIOUS SIR DENNIS BERRY WAS ACCEPTED. Congratulations were in order from the group. Then after a sigh of relief from the new member, he was reminded that in 2018, he was at the pinnacle of Acca Temple. Now, he is at the bottom of the list as a Past Potentate. We will be watching.

Our new Officers were installed. They are Ill. Tim Southern-President; Ill. Thornton Holt-Vice President; Ill. Dennis Berry-Secretary and Ill. Ray Ash-Treasurer.

President Tim Southern has planned dinner meetings with our Ladies at the Temple for most of the year. Tentative dates are: April 18 and June 19; the Acca Board of Directors will be invited and Potentate will be offered a chance to speak, if it is very short; July 18 and August 10; Crab Feast at Ill. Dennis English's home on the Rivah; October 16; A special Ladies Night, and December 19; Special Christmas Evening. A luncheon in Williamsburg with the Khedive Cabiri is also planned.

DID YOU KNOW? What is now recognized as the Altria Theatre in Richmond was originally "The Mosque". It was designed and built as a Shrine Temple by Acca in 1926. The original plans included 42 hotel rooms, a dining room, restaurants, a gym, two roof gardens, an auditorium, a ballroom, a swimming pool and office space. Many of the top named entertainers of that period performed on its stage. Unfortunately, due to the depression, we lost ownership in 1935. The next time you are in the building, take time to look at all the Shrine signs



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Cornerstone placed 1926 mosque

and symbols and marvel that this was once Acca Temple. I can only imagine.

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The Director's Staff Corner

Jim Deitrick

The Director's Staff finally recovered from the end of the year celebrations, i.e. Christmas, New Year's. Some of the Staff members have reached that point in life when they think that going to the refrigerator to get a cold beverage and a snack is a good substitute for a dance at the Temple or a fancy cocktail party. Then there are a few others We won't go there.

The First Quarter activity began with about twenty of our members attending the Potentate's Appreciation Party in the Ballroom. We enjoyed the appreciation and, oh yeah, the adult beverages were good too! Our January Staff meeting had several little tidbits to report on. Noble Doug Williams continues to refuse to accept the existence of Noble Bobby Peay, a long-time member of the Staff, even with the most recent sighting at the tour of the Mosque. We have a plan in the works to connect these two Nobles so we can forever eliminate the constant denial from Doug that he exists. And, of course, we had the continuing banter and accusations between the Treasurer and the Secretary concerning the number of holes punched in the Treasurer's Report, and the position of those holes. Our meetings could be over fifteen minutes earlier if this "song and dance" could be eliminated! Jeeze!

During February, love was in the air at the Temple when the band "Janitors" played at the Valentine's Dance. A number of our group were represented at that function and we "rocked and swayed" the night away. It was interesting because when a bunch of old guys rock and sway, they usually fall down. No such reports of fallen comrades were reported. Later in the month we had a "Ladies Appreciation Dinner" at a local restaurant to thank our Ladies for their support during the year. There was good food and good friends in attendance at the function. Of course, we can't forget the delicious Brunswick stew we cooked in February — 422 quarts, and all of it was pre-sold. Making the stew is only half the enjoyment for the Staff. There are more stories, tales, deceiving statements, and jokes conveyed around that stew pot to make the heartiest of Nobles weaken with laughter. We always look forward to these gatherings. A highlight of our February meeting was the approval by the Nobles to make Ill. Sir Dennis Berry an Honorary Member of the Director's Staff. The Ill. Sir definitely made our Unit proud during his year as Potentate. Another bright spot that occurred at our meeting was the appearance of our Staff's "Roving World Ambassador" Noble Roger Dickinson. We don't often get to visit



with him because of his travels all over the U.S. and the world. We frequently make small wagers on where he will show up next — Mexico, Spain, New York, Short Pump, etc.

In early March a number of our members attended the Potentate's Banquet, which was a very elaborate and elegant, and included about one-hundred and fifty guests. It also included dinner entertainment by the Strolling Strings, followed by a disc jockey playing music and dancing after dinner. Our monthly meeting started off on the wrong foot by one of our really old members who made the statement "Prayers should be said for Carol, who has to put up with the Editor." Well, you know what 'they say' about karma.....it comes back to bite you. Later in the evening, the "old member" was chatting with a couple of other Staff members and, for some unknown earthly reason, decided he was going to practice an Irish jig, or some other frivolous dance step. He started tiptoeing sideways, in an awkwardly bouncy fashion. Well, his balance and wavering became more intense and he went from resembling a walrus dancing on his tail, to a beached whale when he landed with a thud on the floor. Several members rushed to his aid and tried to assess the injury status. They searched for a first aid kit, or even some band-aids, but to no avail. Eventually one of our Probies went out to his vehicle and got a first aid kit that he uses for injured animals. How appropriate! Only a scraped arm and a scraped knee was the good part, could have been worse. Karma is dangerous "Twinkle Toes Robison", isn't it?!

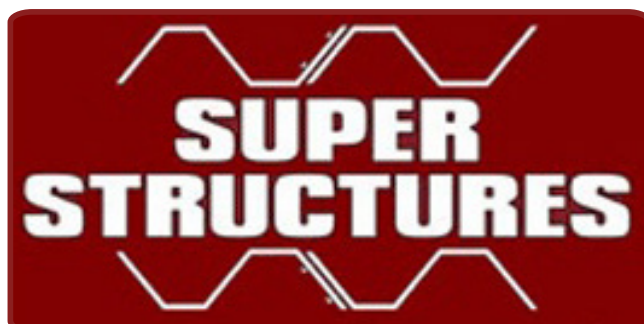
We look forward to the activities that await us during the Second Quarter. A number of our members will be ushering at the April 12th Race out at Richmond Raceway. In May we will be presenting the "RVA Ballroom Blitz" at the Temple as one of our fundraisers for the year. Hopefully "Twinkle Toes" will

The Director's Staff Corner Continued

attend this function, in order to improve his dancing abilities. Then in June we will be hosting an Open House for the new candidates and their Ladies, as part of the Spring Ceremonial. We will also "assist" the new candidates in their initiation into the Shrine. Look out Second Quarter, here we come!

Staff Murmurs

The Mayor of Rockville was seen at a recent public function, other than a winery or brewery, and he was complaining about receiving a routine influenza injection several days earlier, and it was still extremely sore. He told the nurse that she must have stuck the needle into one of his "many" muscles. She looked at that body of his and was hard pressed to discover any muscles. There has been much disappointment around the Staff stewpot in recent times because of the absence of any cute little mice that used to visit. What about a Brother who goes off for several weeks to a fancy resort and doesn't invite any of us?! As the former Editor of this article would say – "Only the Shadow knows."



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Ceremonial Cast

Director Brian Adams

Do you recall why you became a Shriner? Answers will vary from person to person, but once a Shriner, the feeling of how good it is to help others, in particular our children in our Shriners Hospitals, is absolutely priceless. Masonry makes good men better, Shrinedom makes good Masons better.

The Ceremonial Cast welcomes all Acca Shriners to join us in having good, family friendly fun, and fellowship as we support our Hospitals. We meet at Acca Shrine Center on the first Wednesday of each month at 7:30 PM. We welcome all new and those not so new, Acca Shriners who are looking for a great Unit to join to attend our meetings and see what we are about.

Kudos to Noble Paul Rinko, who in addition to playing an integral role in the Cast, is also presiding in The East this year as Worshipful Master of Richmond Lodge No. 10. We are proud of our members' achievements and Masonic service. Way to go, Wor. Paul!

As this article is being written, and before the Accalette goes to press, it appears that Spring has finally sprung in central Virginia. But the early warm breezes will certainly heat up as we approach the Spring Ceremonial on June 8, 2019.

Spread the word in your Lodge that Shrinedom is open to, and welcomes all Blue Lodge Masons. Please encourage others to join Acca and get involved in a Unit or Club. There is no better Unit or Club than the Acca Ceremonial Cast, but I will admit that I am a bit biased in that regard. Please feel free to speak to any Cast member, or call me directly at (804)301-6962 if you have any questions.

Until next time,

Brian Adams

Director and Cast Reporter

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Valley Shrine Club

The January 2019 dinner meeting of the Valley Shrine Club was held at Noble Rodney Eagle's Community Room in Harrisonburg on January 23rd. The meeting was opened with the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance. The Nobles and their Ladies enjoyed a catered buffet meal. Illustrious Past Potentate Tim Southern installed the 2019 Officers for VSC:

President: Bob Puffenbarger

1st Vice-President: Fred Ortiz

Treasurer: Ken Hoes

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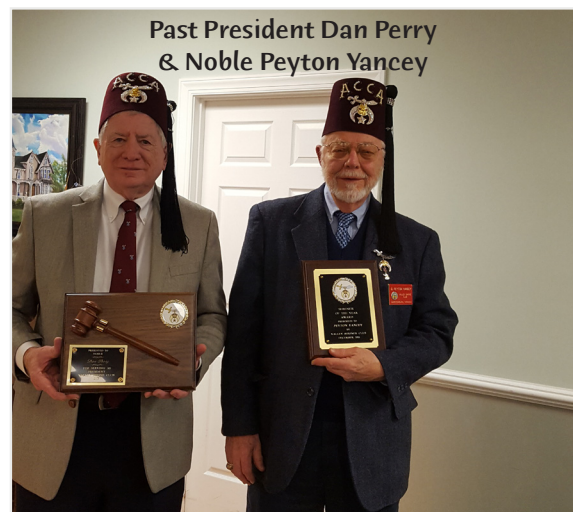
A short business meeting was held in which President Puffenbarger outlined his goals for Valley Shrine Club for this year. Outgoing President Dan Perry was presented with a plaque recognizing his service as the VSC 2018 President. A special award was made to Noble Peyton Yancey as the VSC Outstanding Shriner of the Year for all of the work he has done for the Club over several years. The meeting was closed with the benediction.

The February VSC meeting was held at the Sunnyside Retirement Community in Harrisonburg on Tuesday, February 26th. Following the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance, the Nobles and their Ladies enjoyed a catered meal. In attendance were 3 "Sweethearts". Afterwards, President Puffenbarger spoke about upcoming Club activities, including a President's

raffle, participation in various parades, a miniature golf outing, a Club picnic, a silent auction, a raffle of a framed P. Buckley Moss print, and a "Breakfast with Santa" for local children in December. A report was given concerning a few VSC club members who have recently experienced some health issues. Noble Puffenbarger closed the meeting with the benediction.

The March meeting of the VSC was held Wednesday, March 27th, at the Am Vets center in Harrisonburg. The meeting was opened with the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance. The Nobles and Ladies were treated to another excellent buffet meal. During the business portion of the meeting, Treasurer Ken Hoes reported that the VSC has already sent substantial contributions to the Shriners' Hospitals for Children for this calendar year. President Puffenbarger again outlined some ideas for fund-raising. He also addressed membership issues, which will be a topic for discussion at the next Board of Directors meeting scheduled for April 3rd.

The VSC Board of Directors met Wednesday, April 3rd. Membership was a major topic, with several members being dropped from the club for non-payment of dues in accordance with the by-laws. Officers and Directors were apprised of the status of upcoming events.



Chester Shrine Club

Dale Lewis

Summer will soon be arriving and everyone is looking forward to warmer weather, and hopefully a little less wet. Chester Shrine Club will again hold its annual fundraising event by selling ride tickets at the Chesterfield County Fair, beginning August 23 through August 31. This event is full of fun, good times and good fellowship. Mark your calendars for this important event and come out and join us.

Plans are underway for the Fourth Annual Chester Shrine Club Wine Outing. Each year a different winery is selected and includes a wine tasting, lunch, and an overall good time. Additional information will be provided as we get closer to October.

We all know the great work Shriners Hospitals do, and how caring they are for the Shriner kids and their families. They also extend this same care and support for individuals who work at the hospitals. Below is a message received from Lady Melissa Decknick about a potential new employee at the Shriners Hospital in Springfield, MA. It is another example why we are all proud to be Shriners:

"Anna is Noble Jim Decknick's daughter-in-law's cousin. I believe she is a Registered Nurse that applied at the Shriner's Hospital in Springfield, MA around mid-summer of last year.

Anna was so excited and impressed with the hospital itself, but also with the Shriner's approach to health care. About the same time that she received her offer letter from the Shriner's Hospital, she also received word that the adoption of a 6-month-old baby girl had been approved. After much thought and a heavy heart, she decided to not accept the position at the hospital because now she is a brand-new mother of an infant. She explained to the Shriners here that she was a new mother, and that they were planning to grow their family, so she felt that she was going to do a dis-service to the Shriners at that time. But the Shriners wouldn't have that. They asked her to come back in with the baby, because they wanted to meet her. Anna was so very impressed with how much they cared about her concerns and still wanted her work there, that she accepted the job with her new baby in her lap. She was very touched and very happy to be working at Shriner's Hospital."

Chester Shrine Club meets on the second Monday of each month at Howlett Restaurant and Tavern in Chester, Virginia. Social Hour begins at 6:30 p.m., with dinner and business meeting starting at 7:00 p.m. We look forward to seeing everyone.

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Steve Poegl

Dear Nobles, Ladies, and Sweethearts of Acca, Greetings and "Happy Spring" to you all from "The Manchester Shrine Club" of South Richmond, Virginia. We hope you're enjoying the warmer weather and all the colors and beauty that Spring brings as it renews all things in nature. We hope it warms your hearts and rekindles your spirit of kindness and giving, as it has for us here at MSC. We're already in motion here, and rededicated to our purpose of fun and fellowship as we work in support of "Our Kids" through the great works of Shriners Hospitals for Children.

In January, our Club received donations in support of Shriners Hospitals from Sedona Tap House in the amount of \$3,450.00. Sedona has been a wonderful and dedicated supporter of our cause, as well as many others for many years. They

have what they've dubbed "Steak Out for Charity" every Monday throughout the year, and one dollar for every steak dinner sold goes to a philanthropy. The steak dinner is only \$6.00 and it is delicious. So, go and have a great meal there, along with a fine selection of craft brews. Sedona is doing a great thing for our community and deserves the support of us all.

In February we installed our Officers for 2019 in fine fashion, and in the rich tradition of our Club, the food was outstanding and the fellowship was overwhelming. The program was conducted in the splendid manner that has made it a wonderful thing to witness and be a part of every year. Noble Terry Nall served again as emcee and made us all so proud. Ill. Sir Ed Ernouf, 2019 Acca Potentate and member of MSC, administered the oath to the Officers, and he and Lady Rebecca joined us for dinner. What a truly great evening we had.

Also, our 8th annual Cornhole Tournament was the most successful to date. MSC netted over \$14,000.00 in support of Shriners Hospitals for Children. We had a huge turnout, a

capacity crowd in fact, plus we had a past Potentate and present Potentate there, along with their Ladies to roll up their sleeves and help all day. Thank you, Ill. Sirs Thornton Holt and Ed Ernouf, and Ladies Debby and Rebecca.

We will be holding our 3rd annual T.C. Atkinson \$10,000.00 50/50 Raffle which proved to be a huge success for us and the Hospitals for the past 2 years. Tickets will be available in a few weeks, and they go quickly. Please contact one of our members if you'd like to purchase one, or know of someone who would like to as well. They're \$100.00 each and only 100 are sold, so your odds of winning 5K are pretty good, and \$5,000.00 goes to the Hospitals.

Please come out and join us some time, we meet on the 4th Monday every month at the Acca Shrine Center. We would enjoy having you, and know you would have a good time with us. And, we would love to have you as a member. A warm welcome to our newest members, Noble Gary Prock and Lady Donna!

Cheers and best wishes, and may God be ever present in your hearts.



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Photos

- 1 Sedona Tap House presents MSC with donations from December's "Steak Out for Charity."
- 2 MSC officers for 2019, L-R: Noble Steve Poegl, Secretary. Noble Jamie Poegl, 3rd Vice-President. Noble Shannon Hartman, Treasurer. Noble Johnny Carr, 1st Vice-President. Noble Matthew Atkinson standing in for Noble Ed Johnston, Jr, 2nd Vice-President. Noble Chris Atkinson, President.
- 3 Past Presidents of Manchester Shrine Club pose along with incoming President Chris Atkinson.
- 4 Nobles and Ladies serving food and drinks during the cornhole tournament.

Golf Club

President Larry Koon

The Golf Season is here! Almost. After a miserable winter of unpredictable weather, where it was fourteen degrees one day, then in the sixties the next, then mix that with constant rain, then add a little snow in-between. Hey, enough.

So, the third Thursday in March was our opening round for the 2019 season. It was scheduled for the Stonehenge Golf Course. This is one of our member's favorite courses. All week the weather was promising, then on the day we were to play, we wake up to a driving rain storm. After all the preparation and anticipation we had to cancel.

Our next opportunity to play will be the Grand Master's Tournament at the Kiskiack Golf Course in Williamsburg. It is planned for April 18th. Two foursomes from the Golf Club have

already committed to play, hopefully we will have more. The Golf Club will sponsor a golf hole as we have in previous years.

So now, we are looking forward to our April outing at the Birkdale Golf Course on the 25th. After Birkdale, the remaining schedule stacks up in this order; May 23-Queenfield; June 27-Sycamore Creek; July 25-Mill Quarter; August 22-Brandermill; September 26-Pendleton; October 24-Lake Chesdin; and we close out the year at the Hollows on November 21st. We play the fourth Thursday of each month, except November in which we play a week earlier.

Our Spring out-of-town Golf Trip has been finalized. The dates are June 5-7. Cost will be around \$250, a little less if you share a room, a little more if you select a private room. We leave

Richmond and go to Roanoke and play The Blue Hills Golf Course at noon, then stay in Roanoke that night. The next morning, we travel to Laurel Fork to play a round at the Olde Mill Resort, tee time is 12:30 p.m. We stay that night at Olde Mill. The next morning, we will again play the course at Olde Mill, tee time 9 a.m. We will then return to Richmond. Look over your calendar, we hope to have a sizable group to participate.

I must say, after talking to a lot of our members, that we are ready to hit the links. It has been a long time since we have had the pleasure of driving a golf ball to an unobtainable location and used golf language to shout out our displeasure. Golf is a fun game.

Be Nice-Keep the Sunny-Side Up.

Larry Koon

President



Les, there is the ball, try to hit it on the 1st swing



Well, you missed that putt Al



That is not a gimme Jack

MAY 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 Blue Ridge SC Caverns SC Ceremonial Cast Legion of Honor Country & Western Band	2 Sauerkrauts	3 Kazim Spring Ceremonial Provost Guard	4 Kazim Spring Ceremonial Glen Allen SC Cinco De Mayo
5	6 Greeters Million Dollar Band	7 Car Club LOS Chanters Hospital Committee	8 Glen Allen SC James River SC Southside SC Directors Staff Mini Patrol	9 Northern Neck SC LOH Sauerkrauts	10	11
12 MOTHERS DAY LOS GRAND COUNCIL-5/18	13 Hillbilly Unit Chester SC Million Dollar Band	14 Board of Directors Chanters LUNCH WITH IMPERIAL POTENTATE	15 Heritage SC Hopewell SC Shooters Club Country & Western Band	16 Lake Country SC Hillbilly Outhouse Sauerkrauts	17 LUNCH WITH IMPERIAL CHIEF RABBAN	18 Directors Staff Big Band Dance
19	20 South Hill SC Klownz Million Dollar Band	21 Danville SC Chanters ACCA BUSINESS MEETING	22 Manchester SC Petersburg SC Valley SC Arab Patrol Country & Western Band	23 Motor Patrol Oriental Band Sauerkrauts POTES CRUISE	24 POTES CRUISE	25 POTES CRUISE
26 POTES CRUISE	27 Million Dollar Band MEMORIAL DAY POTES CRUISE	28 Northern Neck SC Chanters Divan & UC Meeting POTES CRUISE	29 POTES CRUISE	30 Sauerkrauts POTES CRUISE	31 POTES CRUISE	

JUNE 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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9	10 Chester SC Hillbilly Unit Million Dollar Band	11 Chanters BOARD OF DIRECTORS	12 Glen Allen SC James River SC Southside SC Directors Staff Mini Patrol	13 Northern Neck LOH Sauerkrauts	14 Khedive Spring Ceremonial	15 Khedive Spring Ceremonial ACCA BAND BIG BAND DANCE
16 FATHERS DAY	17 South Hill SC Million Dollar Band Klownz	18 Danville SC Chanters	19 Heritage SC Hopewell SC Shooters Club Country & Western Band	20 Lake Country SC Hillbilly Outhouse Sauerkrauts Million Dollar Showcase	21 Provost Guard Picnic	22
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21	22 Scottish Rite Million Dollar Band	23 DIVAN & UC MEETING Northern Neck SC Chanters	24 Manchester SC Petersburg SC Valley SC Arab Patrol Country & Western Band	25 Motor Patrol Oriental Band Sauerkrauts	26	27
28	29 Million Dollar Band LOS GRAND OFFICER VISIT TO ACCABA COURT	30 Chanters	31			

AUGUST 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 Sauerkrauts	2 SCRAP BOOK WEEKEND	3 SCRAP BOOK WEEKEND
4	5 Car Club Greeters Million Dollar Band	6 LOS Chanters Hospital Committee	7 Blue Ridge SC Caverns SC Ceremonial Cast Legion of Honor Country & Western Band BOARD OF DIRECTORS	8 Northern Neck LOH Sauerkrauts	9 SPORTSMAN SHOW RAFFLE TICKET SALES	10 SPORTSMAN SHOW RAFFLE TICKET SALES
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25	26 Scottish Rite Million Dollar Band	27 DIVAN & UC MEETING Northern Neck SC Chanters	28 Manchester SC Petersburg SC, Valley SC Arab Patrol Country & Western Band	29 Sauerkrauts	30	31

Mini Patrol

Commander Gary Prock

Is it Spring yet? I don't know about you all but for me I am not sure. One day warm, then rain, and then cold. Repeat. Ugh.

Oh well, the calendar says it is time for polishing up the cars and getting ready for the summer Parade and function schedule. The new Mini Patrol Director has been getting the drivers and their cars out running drills and practicing their routines. Great job Tim.

Our first parade will be on April 27th, which is the Dogwood Festival in Charlottesville, VA. Everyone is looking forward to the events, as we all love a good parade. I know the kids on the sidelines sure do, as they yell "Here come those little cars."

Other events this year will include our annual Cinco De Mayo Orange County Wine Festival Uncorked. This is a major operation for all to bring in money for the Shrine Center, Hospitals and the Unit, parking cars.

This year we have a new request to come to Gray's Point and help them celebrate summer at bay in the park. This will be a first for us but we anticipate lots of fun.

This year we hope to be at the Imperial Session to help support our Illustrious Ed Ernouf. Who knows, maybe even get him and his Car in the parade.



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Legion of Honor

Commander Ill. Dennis English

We had our annual LOH Spaghetti Dinner on 15 February 2019, and thanks to the fine leadership of Chef Walt Trower and his industrious hard-working crew, it was a resounding success. Not only did we sell a lot of spaghetti dinners, we also sold many quarts of spaghetti sauce, turning a reasonable profit for the efforts put forth by our hard working and dedicated members. Thanks also to our Ladies, we also had a variety of homemade desserts to choose from, once we finished our delicious meal. Thank you, Nobles and Ladies of Acca, for the support that made our efforts worthwhile.

I would also like to remind everyone of the Vidalia onion sale coming around the first or second week of May. Keep a look out for the onions to arrive, which will be dictated by the weather. If you want fresh Vidalia onions, keep in touch with a member of the LOH, and we will be sure you get onions.

The Legion will be dark for the months of June, July and August, but we will have a special meeting at 7:00 p.m. June 5, 2019, to honor Old Timers. In this way, we will honor longer serving Legionnaires, while we show them how grateful we are for their faithful military service. This year, the first honoree is Carroll Eugene Barnard, Honorary Life Member, Past Commander, Past SASA Commander and a veteran of the U.S. Army. He joined the LOH in 1993. The second honoree is William E. (W.E.) Childrey, Past Commander and a U.S. Navy Veteran. He entered the LOH in 1993. We thank these men and all the Legionnaires for all their dedicated service to God, Country, and the Shrine.

I would also be remiss if I did not send a special thank you to John Inman, Past Commander, and a veteran of the U. S. Navy. He stepped up to fill our Chaplain vacancy, which is a very inspirational position in our organization. Dennis English, Commander, PP

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The Sauerkrauts

Bill Hudson

I believe it is safe to say that our Band is no longer just a fall season entertainment group. Every year we start playing earlier and earlier. Last year we played a handful of gigs prior to September, but this year they're lining up like crazy. In fact, we had played three gigs prior to the middle of March. Groups, organizations and restaurants are beginning to learn of Fasching or Fruehlingfest, the German celebration of the arrival of Spring. Who can argue that saying hello to Spring and bye-bye to Winter isn't a great time to party? In fact, this festival is as popular in Germany as Oktoberfest. In some regions, the Springtime celebration is actually more popular than the traditional Oktoberfest. In a lot of respects, it is similar to Mardi Gras, where the partyers are usually wearing crazy costumes. For us, this has become a great thing for two reasons. First, it helps us fill out our year, and secondly, and probably most importantly, it allows groups who couldn't get booked in the Fall to move their fun activity to the Spring. Indeed, that was the case for my neighborhood's annual gig. It worked out great!

Another thing that has occurred this year is how we, as members, feel about the Band. I believe we all share the opinion that this Band has really come together. Not just in our sound quality and caliber of performance, but in the cohesiveness we've developed. We look forward to getting together on Thursday nights, not just to rehearse, but to share. We work together and take a lot of pride in the way things work out. We bring out the best in each other, and it shows when we perform. While we're entertaining audiences we're having fun, and it shows.

If anyone knows of an upcoming event that we could help out with, contact one of us, and we'll put it together. As I've said before, any time we can work with another Unit or Club, it represents a win-win. The money we raise stays at home, which benefits us all.

Million Dollar Band

Bill Hudson

It is an honor for me to have been asked to take over as reporter for the Million Dollar Band. I know going into it that I have agreed to fill some very large shoes. Over the years a number of Band members have fulfilled this role by treating us to stories, reports, and updates concerning the Band. Most recently, Brother Dave Bishop, PP took on this job in addition to serving as Secretary for the Band. He handled it for so many years that I've lost track. Thanks Brother Dave, for all your hard work, not only in this capacity, but as our Secretary also.

Since being asked to take over as reporter by our new Secretary, John Conover, I have been reflecting back over the years as a member of this fine group of Nobles. A lot has occurred over the years. Faces have come and gone, but the memories have endured. Like other units within Acca, unfortunately more faces have gone than have come. That's just the reality we have to deal with. We have adjusted to the loss of members through a process of transitioning. The Kazim Band comes to mind as a good example of that. They were forced to transition, or re-make themselves due to the loss of musicians. From a march and concert-type band, they transitioned over time into a very good swing band. This type of band better suited their numbers and talent level. Our transition employs the use of our many volunteer guest musicians. As many of you know, this originated when a number of our musicians began to rehearse with the Thomas Jefferson Cadet Corps Alumni Band. We in turn

invited them to rehearse with us. Then, sometime later, we began to invite female musicians to play with us. The result of which has brought our Band back to the size and caliber of musicianship that it was years ago. We have started to play more difficult pieces again. Ill. Phil Johnson has really been challenging us. In fact, we are currently embarking on a journey through those magical show tunes from musicals that we all love. These pieces were played by us many years ago, and seeing them pulled out of storage again is great. Little pieces of nostalgia such as this rekindles memories of the band we love so much. You'll be hearing these pieces soon, and I know you'll enjoy them.

Yes, my memories of the Band are indeed very special to me. I vividly recall arriving a little early at the Band room on Monday evenings to share some refreshment with fellow members, prior to sitting down to rehearse in the Assembly Room. After rehearsal, we would stay late into the night swapping lies, slapping backs, and just enjoying the fellowship of Brothers. Of course, we were younger in those days and Old Man Time has a way of changing things. Oh, were it not so.

Bill Hudson, Reporter

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Oriental Band

Buddy Small

Well, Spring is finally upon us. I don't know about you, but I've had enough rain to last me until next year.

Please keep Tommy Peters and his family in your prayers, as they recently lost their son Timmy. I'd like to especially thank PP Thornton Holt, Acca Chaplain, for his support to the family and making the journey to the service, along with Noble Sonny Conner and the member of the Band who attended.

If you want to look at the Stanley's, you'd better hurry up because they are hitting the road again soon for more adventures. I'm happy to announce the arrival of a new kid to Eddie and Elaine, who graciously named her Martha after my Lady Martha (See the picture right).

Well, keep safe and enjoy this nice weather.

Respectfully
Buddy Small



Hillbilly Unit

Secretary Ross Morland

Howdy y'all! What a beautiful Spring it has been these past few weeks. We received some great family news last month - my little sister is going to have a baby this summer. I haven't found out whether it's a boy or a girl, so I don't know if I'm an Aunt or an Uncle yet.

The Hillbillies are off to a solid start this year. At our January business meeting we elected two members to the Unit's Board of Directors: Noble Terry Ellison and Noble Bill Wimer. Capt'n Stanley also appointed his committees for the year to help organize and execute our plans and activities. Congratulations Nobles, we know you will serve us well.

The Worshipful Master of Lee Lodge No. 209 (Noble Alan Stamp) invited the Unit to give a presentation on the Shrine and our Hospitals for Children at the March stated communication. It was a fantastic evening with Capt'n Stanley speaking, followed by a short video on the Greenville Hospital. What made the evening extra special was everyone wearing their bib overalls to support the Hillbillies!

We have enjoyed great participation by our members at our last few meetings. In February we met at the Texas Steakhouse in Staunton. The sweet tea was flowing, the steaks were cooked just right, and the fellowship was warm among the Brethren, their families and guests. We have also enjoyed dining at El Puerto Mexican Grill in Waynesboro on occasion (though I think most of us fill up on the chips and salsa).

Please join us on the second Monday, the next time you are in the Valley. Y'all take care and God Bless!

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Ross Morland, Secretary



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Klownz

Harry E. Moore

This was written after our last issue, so the Easter Egg Hunt is history. Two things are certain, we all had fun and, most importantly, Acca Klownz are on the move.

On February 13th through the 17th, three members of our Klownz, namely Gus Lamont, Brandon Black, and yours truly Harry Moore, attended the International Shrine Clown Association Mid-Winter Convention in Chicago.

I'm pleased to report, that we are keeping Acca in the loop for ISCA and throughout Shrinedom, by having an Officer in line again. Gus Lamont was elected Treasurer and competed in the competition, placing first in the Senior Division. But I must burst your bubble, he was the only one competing in



that division, and he looked good. Congratulations.

I would like to share what we learned while touring the Chicago hospital. Everyone knows Alec from our T.V. advertisement. Did you know a couple watching the ad on T.V. was so impressed with him that they went to the hospital and offered a million dollars to the hospital if they would honor him in some way? The result is,



his name was placed on the basketball court. The interesting fact is that this donor wasn't even a Mason.

The last thing to mention is our Imperial Captain of the Guard, Sir Larry Leib, was in attendance and is a clown. Our Imperial Line is looking up. Keep the clowns coming!

Harry E. Moore
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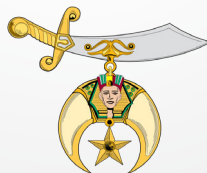
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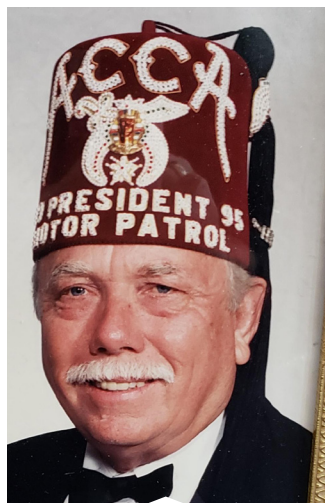
Larry Koon

Well the first quarter of the year is almost over. The Motor Patrol hasn't been very active, mainly because of the weather, except for catering commitments. It appears that we are enjoying an increase in requests because positive comments have been spread by satisfied customers. We have two scheduled events that will include over four hundred guests. Preparation is well planned, our grilling chef's, Nobles Sam Wells and Mac McPhail cook steaks to perfection and the cleanup is immaculate. So, what's not to like. An added attraction is to see our President Ronnie Butler in his chef's hat. Some of the upcoming events: April, Fairmount Christian Church; June, Drawdown Event at Temple; and July 26, Grand Master's Official visit to 15a and 15b. We have also committed to the Sportsman's Raffle later in the year.

Our President is promoting an increase in parade participation. Hopefully, we can make this happen, although some of our members are experiencing health problems at this time.

Regarding health problems, the Secretary of the Motor Patrol, Noble Charles Hanbury is experiencing a very severe problem, which has required extensive surgery, and is now going thru a recovery period that will be lengthy.

Unfortunately, we have lost two more of our long-time members. Nobles Tom White and Leon Headley. Tom was the President of the Motor Patrol in 1991/1992 and Leon was President in 1995. Tom passed away in February after a long period suffering from respiratory problems. Leon



Leon Headley,
President of Motor
Patrol 1995



Tom White, President
of Motor Patrol
1991 and 1992

recently passed, at the end of March with COPD. They will both be missed.

On the upswing, the Motor Patrol is looking forward to a good year. We will be very active and support the Temple in its many activities. We can hardly wait for the Watermelon Festival, where we will cut the melons until exhaustion, stand on concrete until our legs give out, and swear that we will never eat another piece of the fruit.

Be Nice-Keep the Sunny-Side Up.

Larry Koon



President Butler giving
detailed instructions to
Nobles Jimmy Creech and
David Vass



Nobles Creech and Vass
confused over instructions
President Butler was trying
to communicate

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Piedmont Shrine Club

Secretary William R. Bond, III

Piedmont Shrine Club held their annual Sweetheart Brunch on Sunday, February 10th, at the Greencroft Club, 575 Rhodes Drive, Charlottesville. Noble Julian Taliaferro introduced and welcomed everyone present. He gave a special welcome to our Sweethearts. A rose was presented to each Sweetheart present. A buffet lunch was enjoyed by all in attendance.



Piedmont Shrine Club held its March meeting on March 27th at the Timberwood Grill in Charlottesville, VA on March 27, 2019. The meeting was opened by the President, Noble Julian Taliaferro. Grace was presented by our Chaplain Noble Phil Nelson, at which time the Nobles ordered dinner from the menu. After all Nobles had finished their dinner, Noble Taliaferro opened the business part of the evening with the Pledge of Allegiance. The upcoming annual PSC picnic and Dogwood Festival Parade on April 27th was discussed, as well as other upcoming PSC events. Noble Brian LaFontaine, High Priest & Prophet, announced the upcoming Acca events. Noble Rick Marion, Assistant



Rabban, gave an update on the upcoming SASA in August, as well as the upcoming Sportsman's Raffle. There being no further business to be discussed, the Piedmont Shrine Club was closed with a prayer by our Chaplain at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
William R. Bond, III
Secretary

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Imperial Chief Rabban
Jeff Sowder**

MAY 17TH AT NOON



TICKET

Petersburg Shrine Club

Lady Heidi Dance

The Petersburg Shrine Club met in January, February, and March to prepare for our largest fundraiser of the year- The Annual Outback Luncheon - and what a success it was. Thanks to the expertise of Bill Brockwell (who has coordinated this event for the past 15 years), the hard work and dedication of members and their families to support this cause, and the staff of Outback in Colonial Heights. The afternoon went off without a hitch, from selling tickets, gathering to go boxes for deliveries, setting tables and

arranging the food line, to the ticket takers and telephone correspondents, and to the delivery men. We must also remember Holly Dance's delicious homemade brownies and cookies. At final tally, 345 tickets were sold, and after expenses \$2,220.77 will be donated to the Shriners' Children's Hospital in Greenville. The Petersburg Shrine Club extends a thank you for all of those who supported our endeavor.

Lady Heidi Dance





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Expanded Board Day

Saturday, June 22, 2019

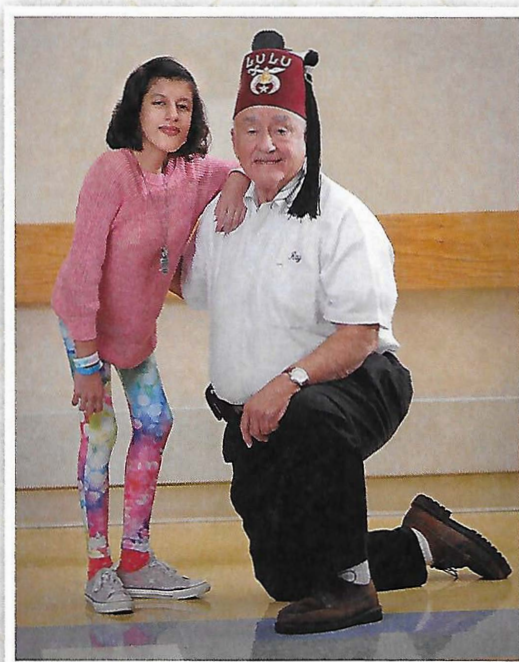
In order to accomodate those who requested a weekend date due to work conflicts, we have chosen a Saturday for this year's Expanded Board Day. Please feel free to join us for lunch or explore the city after our programming.

The day's agenda will include:

- Tours beginning at 9:30 a.m.
 - Brief program at 11:30 a.m.
 - Open board meeting at 12 p.m.
 - Optional lunch to follow
- Tours will also be available in the afternoon.

**Please RSVP by
Wednesday, June 12**

*with attendance and lunch confirmation
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Philadelphia Hospital Report

Dan Freye

Greetings from Philadelphia! Happy Spring! I have been asked a number of times over the past several months what's happening in our Shriners Hospitals network. The question is usually coupled with a gloom and doom comment such as, "I heard the [you fill in the blank] hospital is going to close". I welcome questions like this and I think I can speak for the other hospital board and emeritus members as well. While we may not have all the answers to your questions, we know whom to ask to get you the correct answer, even if that answer is 'we don't know.' The reason I welcome questions is twofold, and these are secrets: First, the news media doesn't always get it right. And, second, neither does the Shriner rumor mill. Shocking, I know! So, permit me a few lines to try to dispel some rumors and inform you as best I can.

At our January board meeting, the Philadelphia Hospital leadership team reported on the Leadership Conference held in Tampa. A significant portion of their time was spent discussing how Shriners Hospitals for Children (SHC) needs to change to remain relevant, current, and sustainable. As we have probably all experienced, patient care is rapidly changing from inpatient to outpatient. Nationally and within the SHC system, inpatient days have been steadily decreasing. In fact, SHC U.S. inpatient volume has fallen 31% from 2013 to 2017. More than one-third of our facilities are below the Center for Medicare & Medicare Services (CMS) inpatient volume requirements. (CMS issues the rules that a facility must meet to qualify as a "hospital" in the Medicare Program). During the same period of time, operating expenses for inpatient visits have increased 60%. To put it bluntly, given the current draw on the endowment, our current model of providing care to children is not sustainable. Those facilities within our system that do not meet CMS requirements must transform into something else; it does NOT mean they will close.

So, what's the plan? The plan is two-fold. First, is to optimize our existing structure short-term by increasing focus on outpatient services, consolidating where it makes sense, and creating more community affiliates to both treat children closer to home and reach more kids in need of our special care. Several examples of this effort are taking place right now. The Tampa hospital will become the fifth location in the SHC system to transition to an outpatient care center on or about August 1. At Philadelphia, we are negotiating for leased space in Doylestown, PA, to expand our outpatient presence in that market. SHC-Cincinnati has entered into a Memorandum of Understanding

with Dayton Children's Hospital to explore relocation to the Dayton, Ohio, pediatric hospital. Once legal documents are complete, the Cincinnati Shriners Hospital would lease and occupy separate space on the Dayton campus, remaining a distinct hospital within a hospital. It is estimated that a final move could occur within the next 16 months. Over the past decades, there has been a decline in the severity and number of pediatric burns in the U.S., especially those requiring a lengthy hospital stay. This is due in large part to education and prevention efforts, many of which have been spearheaded by the Shriners Hospital system! This move will enable the Cincinnati Shriners Hospital to deliver its specialty services more efficiently, purchasing certain services from the Dayton hospital.

A long-term study is on a parallel path to "right size" the number of hospitals within the U.S. SHC system by 2035. This vision involves reducing the number of full-service hospitals to one to four Centers of Excellence, based on what we need and what we can afford. While change is never easy, the one constant that will remain is our commitment to the mission-- Improving the lives of children by providing pediatric specialty care, conducting innovative research, and offering outstanding teaching programs for medical professionals-- so that our system will survive us all.

On a lighter note, Dr. Corinna Franklin was honored to be included in the 2018 Philadelphia Magazine "Top Docs". Dr. Franklin joins Drs. Kozin, Samdani, and Zlotolow in achieving this honor. Dr. Franklin also recently received a \$375 thousand grant to lead sports medicine collaboration among Shriners Hospitals.

Saturday, June 22, will be our Expanded Board Day. Yes, that's right, Saturday! Please see the flyer for details. It promises to be a great day and a wonderful opportunity to tour the hospital, meet our great staff, and see for yourself how we help kids and families every day. If you need recommendations for hotels that provide Shriners rates, please contact Noble Dave Eells or me. Hope to see you then!

Finally, mark your calendars for Saturday, September 28. Planning for the third annual Acca Shriners Walk For LOVE is well underway. More to follow in upcoming communications!

Noble Dave and I are honored to serve on the Philadelphia Hospital Board of Governors and to represent Acca Shrine in that capacity. As always, thanks to all the Nobles and Ladies of Acca Shriners for your commitment to our fraternity and to the World's Greatest Philanthropy.

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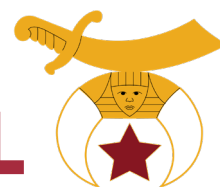
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- 1:00pm Century Club recognition.
- 1:20pm Seven Sons—First and Third Sections
-Ceremonial Cast
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- 2:45pm Introduction of Past Potentates
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