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Potentate's Message

Ed Ernouf

Nobles and Ladies: As you get this issue, the holiday season will be at our door. But before we look ahead, let's take a look at what has happened since our last issue. There was Imperial Session in Nashville, where your representatives got to meet the new Imperial line, and get updates on both Shriners International and the Shriners Hospitals for Children. From my perspective, the most interesting portion concerned the hospitals. We all know from our personal experiences that medical care in the United States has changed over the years. Our hospitals are not immune to these changes. Actions were taken at this Imperial Session which will allow the Joint Boards, along with the local hospital Board of Governors, to make decisions on what is best for the hospital system. As it is in all large organizations facing change, not everyone will be happy with the changes. We have to trust that our elected officers will do the best that they know how, to ensure that our hospital systems continue to provide the best medical care for our patients.

August brought the Watermelon Festival which was much more enjoyable than in the past, since it was not so hot. My congratulations go out to Bill Ferguson's behind-the-scenes team, and to all the folks manning the tents. August also brought the Good Shot Judy Band to Acca. What fantastic swing music! It was a great event! If you were not able to make it, or have not heard them, you need to treat yourself and go to one of their community concerts.

And then came September, with SASA and the Walk for Love. I am sure there will be detailed information about both of these events later in this issue. But I want to say how proud I am of the Nobles (and their Ladies) who were able to participate at SASA. We were nowhere near being as numerous as some of the other Temples, but we came away with parade and competition trophies won by the Oriental Band, our "Genie", the Legion, the Klownz, the Million Dollar Band, and the Mini Patrol. We might have been small in number, but we made a big splash! Well done, Nobles!

I might add, that after staying at the Coral Beach for many years, the hotel was in tip-top-shape! This was probably due to the three hurricanes which either passed by or over Myrtle Beach since we were last there.

Did I mention that the weather was great for both SASA and the Walk for Love? We had a large turnout of Shriners for the Walk which, when coupled with our non-Shrine walkers, made for a lively event! Noble Dan Frye and his team did a great job! And speaking of event weather, what



about our first RVA Street Eats? Noble Brian LaFontaine and his team could not have asked for a better day, which was made perfect with their preparation and arrangements. This event should become a showcase event for Acca in the years ahead.

Now looking forward, I see the Sounds of Acca, Masonic Family Day, the Provost Guard Octoberfest, the Sportsman Raffle, the Veteran's Day breakfast, the First Ladies Sweet Heart Luncheon, numerous holiday parades and Unit and Club holiday get togethers. When you get this issue, check your calendar and try to support as many of these events as you can.

With all the good things happening at Acca, there are occasional blips in the road. One of these this year is having to make the decision to cancel the Fall Ceremonial. Ceremonials take a lot of effort by many folks. To justify that effort, we need candidates. And we need them in advance of the event so proper arrangements for food and entertainment can be made. As I write this, we have (4) petitions inhouse which is not enough to have a traditional Fall Ceremonial. We will obligate the petitioners we have at the next business meeting so they can become active Shriners. They will be invited to participate in the 2020 Spring Ceremonial. We will have a "Homecoming" on Friday, November 22. We will have a program followed by an Open House of all the Units and Clubs just like we do on Fridays prior to a Ceremonial. Please refer to the Homecoming Flyer which is found later in this issue.

Nobles and Ladies, I have held up the Accalette because I wanted to wait until after the October Business Meeting. I appreciate the patience of the Accalette Editors. I also appreciate the (52) Nobles who came to the meeting. It is disappointing that more Nobles could not make it, as the By-Laws of any organization are very important, even if they appear to be mundane and bureaucratic. In the coming years, Acca will need to make changes, some of which will be within its control and some may not be, so it is very important that those Nobles who are able, attend the Business Meeting and the Uniform Council meetings. Your participating in the business of our Shrine Center is critical to Acca's future.

As Rebecca and I look at the end of this journey on the horizon, we will miss the opportunity to serve you, the Nobles and Ladies of Acca, as your Potentate and First Lady. We hope you have enjoyed this year. We consider all of you as part of our extended family. We look forward to continuing to work and having fun with you in the coming years. Please continue to support Acca with your participation!

From the Recorder's Pen

Richard "Doc" Redman

This is my last Accalette article as your Recorder. I am going to retire at the end of this year. I will continue to represent Acca on the Board of Governors – Greenville, and still help with screening patients for our hospitals.

I want to thank all of you for your support over the past two years. I know a few of you have been unhappy with me, and I, in turn, have been unhappy with a few of you. A few differences shouldn't deter our efforts on behalf of Acca and our Hospitals.

From my perspective, I can see some problems for Acca in the near future and I would like to mention them here. Some of our members don't want to hear about our problems, but if we don't talk about them, they cannot be resolved.

1. Membership: Everyone is tired of talking about membership. Well, membership is the life blood of our Temple. Our membership has been declining for the past 30 years. The average age of our members is about 76 years. Imperial projects that, with the current rate of loss, our membership before 2029 will be less than 700. Long before we reach that number, we will not be able to sustain our facilities as they are at the present. We can't do anything about the Black Camel, but we can recruit new members and work to retain the members we have. We need a good active Membership Committee.

2. Finances: The budgetary requirements for the Temple have not drastically changed in the last 8 years, but our ability to produce income has. Due to declining membership, dues now only provide about 1/3 of our yearly financial needs and that will continue to decrease over the coming years. Units and Clubs are unable to sponsor fundraisers as they have in the past. Temple fundraisers have not done as well as in the past. Donations from Units and Clubs didn't cover the electric bill for last year. Unless there is some unforeseeable change, I think we will have to draw yearly from the investment account. We have tried to withdraw only the interest, but most likely we will have to dip into the principal. I hope I am wrong!



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3. Rental Program: A vigorous rental program is the only way we can retain our current facilities in the coming years. The most lucrative rentals are weddings and receptions. To really compete for the "high end" weddings, further renovations and decorating would be required to compete with other venues in this area. This will need to be considered in future budgets. We also need to nurture corporate rentals during the weekdays when there is now little utilization of the facilities. Our members need to respect the fact that rented areas are not available to them during the rental period. We just had to refund over \$1000.00 due to the rudeness of two Shriners during a recent rental. This is counterproductive and needs to stop.

4. Unit and Club donations: While our philanthropy is our Hospitals, our needs here at home currently are more acute than the needs of the Hospitals. The Hospital system is in great financial shape. The Units and Clubs have rooms in the Temple they utilize with the actual real estate and utilities covered by the Temple. Several of these Units donate nothing to the Temple but expect the facilities to be available free of charge for events. Some Temples have resorted to charging rent to Units and Clubs

within the Temple to cover some of their expenses. I don't think this is a very good idea. I would encourage the Units and Clubs that utilize the Temple building to consider being a little more generous in your donations to the Temple.

5. Attitudes: The attitude of several of our members needs a serious adjustment. There are a few who, behind the scenes, continue to spread rumors and generate general discord among some of the Nobility. The Divan is elected by the Nobility to lead the Temple and dispatch the general business of the Temple. Decisions must be made which may be contrary to the desires of individuals, but usually those individuals are not aware of the overall picture of the reason for that particular decision. I would encourage all members to put their petty attitudes aside and support the Divan as they strive to make the best decisions for the current and future needs of Acca. If you have a particular

Recorder's Pen Continued

issue, please let the Potentate, Recorder or other members of the Divan know, and do not spread rumors and discord amongst the Nobility.

6. Our Beloved Temple: We all love this building and want to keep it. The construction was started in the late 1950's and, apparently over the years, general maintenance was done on an "as needed" basis, and not on a general preventative maintenance basis. We are now starting to pay the price. Many of our major systems are now 30 years past their projected useful life and are beginning to fail. We have paid out some large unexpected expenditures this year for the HVAC system for the ballroom, and currently 3 other air conditioning systems will need to be replaced next year. The controls for the radiator heating system for the hall, library and office areas needs to be replaced. The proposal for this control system is about \$33,000. When the system for the ballroom fails, we will be looking at a \$150,000 to 200,000 expenditure. Our current income cannot support these large necessary expenditures and most of the funds will need to come from the Investment account.

I hope I haven't offended too many people, but this is a dose of reality as I see it. Thank you for allowing me to be your Recorder for the past two years. I wish only the best for all of you and Acca.

Fraternally,
Richard D. "Doc" Redman
Recorder



From The Editor's Desk

Managing Editor
L.R. "Rusty" Brinkley
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James S. "Jim" Deitrick

Here we are again! Fall is upon us and old man winter is waiting in the wings. It's really hard to believe we are just weeks away from the Thanksgiving holiday, but as they say, time flies when you're having fun.

Speaking of fun, we should all feel good after running a hay wagon full of successful events since our last issue. The third annual Walk for Love, SASA, our first annual food truck event, the 14th annual Sportsman Raffle, plus Oktoberfest. All of these events are covered within this issue, either through articles, or pictures, or both.

As we move forward into 2020, our next issue will be the annual Directory. If you are responsible for a Unit or Club, and haven't submitted a list of your 2020 Officers to the Temple office, please do so ASAP.

In closing, I would just like to publicly thank Jim Deitrick, Anne Harriman, and Bobby Gordon for their continued support in publishing this magazine. In addition, a huge thank you to the Divan members, Unit and Club leaders, and those members who contribute articles and photos throughout the year, to make the Accalette a big part of Acca Shrine Center.

Happy Holidays,
L.R. "Rusty" Brinkley
Managing Editor



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Accaba Court

Lady Sharon Heard, PHP

Greetings. What a busy summer for our Ladies! The months of July and August are scheduled “dark months” for our Court, which means no meetings or events. Not so this summer!

We held our third Paint and Sip event in July. This time the Ladies painted WELCOME signs on wood. Interesting, to say the least! I will say, our paintings are getting better with each Paint and Sip event. Our fourth one is scheduled to be held in November.

August arrived and our first event was the official visit of the Grand High Priestess, Lady Lynda Stone. Lady Lynda spent two days with our Court, and it was fun spending time with her and getting to know her better. On Monday night, we held a dinner in her honor at Acca Shrine. Tuesday, the Past High Priestess Club, took her to Sedona Taphouse (Midlothian location) for lunch. After lunch, Lady Lynda participated in receiving the check for “Dine out for Charity” from Sedona Taphouse for Shriners Hospitals for Children, their charity for the month of June. Tuesday night we held a Court meeting.

Lady Lynda started her Grand High Priestess travels in June, and our Court was the 23rd Court she had visited since she started, as part of her visiting all 65 Courts and the 22 Shriner Hospitals this year. In addition to the dinner for Lady Lynda, it was also a celebration for Accaba Court. It was a “birthday” celebration for Accaba being a Court for 20 years. Our High Priestess, Lady Donna Prock, presented certificates to those Ladies who were Charter Members of our Court. She thanked them for their vision and support for the new Court. When Lady Lynda spoke, she told us she was at our institution as a Court, and after being here with members of her Canadian Court, she decided she wanted to become an officer in her own Court. From there she went in line as a Grand Officer, and now she is the Grand High Priestess of the Ladies Oriental Shrine.

Five days after the official visit was over, the Carytown Watermelon Festival was held. Our Ladies had a booth and spent the entire day washing, slicing and selling watermelon. Thank goodness for our “Trailers” being there to help.

September brought back our regular monthly meetings and our Sisters Suppers, and “Walk of Love”. Our Ladies not only walked, but they helped with games for children after the walk.

October is always a beautiful, and busy month, for our Ladies. Acca Shriners held their RVA Street Eats Fall Festival, which was a food truck event, and the LOS

ladies were asked to help with the events planned for the children who were there. The weekend following RVA Street Eats Fall Festival was Masonic Day. The Ladies of Accaba Court participated in the parade, as well as having a table to sell some special items, including White House Christmas ornaments.

Our Court would like to say WELCOME to our newest member, Lady Denise Picciotti, who became a member of the LOS at our October meeting. Lady Denise was our “go to Lady” during the week of Grand Council held at the DoubleTree, and was always there for us during the week-long event. After getting to know us, and finding out what the LOS is all about, she decided she would like to become a member. Lady Denise, we are so happy you decided to join, and we all look forward to working with you again.

Our Court does not have a regular meeting in December, but instead, we have a Christmas dinner/party. In the past, we have always collected toys, pillows and gift cards to send to the Greenville Shriners Hospital. Last year, we were asked by the staff at the hospital, not to send toys, but gift cards. This year, our Ladies will be donating money. Any funds we collect during our party, will be for the “Shoe Fund” at Greenville Shriners Hospital. We have been collecting money for the “Shoe Fund” throughout the year. Lady Christi Colletti came up with this idea at the beginning of her year, as First Ceremonial Lady of Accaba Court, and she will be going to Greenville Shriners Hospital in December to personally present the check for the funds collected so far this year.

The Ladies of Accaba Court wish each and every one a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. As we all know, December is a busy, and can be a hectic, month. Please, take time for yourself, and with family and friends.

“We have been collecting money for the “Shoe Fund” throughout the year. Lady Christi Colletti came up with this idea at the beginning of her year, as First Ceremonial Lady of Accaba Court, and she will be going to Greenville Shriners Hospital in December to personally present the check for the funds collected so far this year.”

FIRST LADY'S Luncheon

December 07, 2019

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From the Chaplain

Ill. Thornton Holt, P.P.

Nobles and Ladies: This year is moving fast. My Mother told me growing up, as I get older the years will move faster. She was telling me this so I would slow down and enjoy my family, friends and life in general. We need to take the time to listen and try to help others in their daily walks in life. We are so quick to point fingers instead of listening for the cry of help. Let's start over today and begin a new chapter in our lives of listening. Our Shriners children need us to listen. Our Masonic family needs us. Our Shrine family needs us.

Remember the ones who have had bad health and, by the GRACE of GOD, have pulled through their health problems. Bless the families who have lost their loved ones and, hopefully they can understand that God has them, and is watching over us.

Pray every day, and remember we live in a free country. We can pray in public.

God bless us all

Ill. Thornton Holt, P.P.



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Antique Car Club

Ed Johnston Jr.

The Car Club held its annual summer picnic August 31, 2019 at the home of Ed and Judy Johnston. The weather was not unbearable, as many days have been this past summer, and there was a nice breeze. We had a smaller turnout than usual, but all had a great time telling many experiences and tales. The highlight of the picnic was the chocolate chip cake dessert brought by Frank McAllister's Lady Barbara. If you ever get a chance to enjoy a slice of her cake, grab it quickly, since it doesn't stay around long!

The Acca Car Club manned a watermelon tent at Shepard and Cary Streets again this past August (photos top left and right). We worked the morning shift until about 1:30 p.m., and the Job's Daughters took over the afternoon shift. Being new at this mass of people demanding more and more watermelon, they had a hard time keeping up, but managed to do a great job. The total amount received for the day was an astounding \$5,250.00. This was the largest amount taken in by any tent that day, and set a new record for the most received at our tent since I can remember. What a great day for Shriners and Masons!

Dewey Draucker is spending the summer in France with Patricia, so we hope he is doing okay. Hope to see them soon. Matt Williams is still having some trouble with his health, but is getting out on occasion. Les Gillenwater and Lady Dusty are having some health issues also, and we wish them the best.

The Sportsman Raffle on October 26 will have been held by the time we see this article, but we certainly expect it to have been a huge success. This is always Acca's biggest fundraiser, and it should have been again this year. Thanks to all who sold and bought tickets.

The Car Club held its last regular meeting for 2019 on October 1, 2019. We had a nice pot luck dinner, as always, and a good turnout. One of the discussed events for 2020 was the possibility of holding a Cruise-In during next year. We will work on that and see what develops.

Happy Thanksgiving and a Merry Christmas! Remember, the greatest gift you can give is to help a child, and support The Shriners Hospitals for Children!

Ed Johnston Jr.

SAVE THE DATE

ANNUAL BUSINESS SESSION AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS

TUESDAY, JANUARY 21, 2020

Cabiri

Larry Koon

Well, I must say that we had a good time at the Rivah. Our annual "Crab Feast" was a delight. Crabs, Crabs, and more Crabs; then there was the cold liquid refreshment to wash it down. Then there was abundance of selections off the grill. Everyone was so filled to capacity that dessert was forgotten. I sure consumed my share of crabs and I can put away quite a few, but there was a Lady there who put everyone to shame. I forget her name, but I think she is married to Illustrious Carroll Jones.

A couple of events are scheduled to end the year. A dinner meeting with our Ladies in October, and then a Christmas Party in December, which I'm sure will be elegant.

At the Watermelon Festival, a number of Past Potentates worked at various tents. Supplying each tent with watermelons and supplies was our Cabiri President, Illustrious Sir Tim Southern. He was operating a very large forklift. I was impressed with his ability and remarked how hard it must be to obtain a license to drive such equipment. He quickly put the lift in gear and left.

The attendance at the Business Meetings has fallen considerably. Each Past Potentate should make every effort to attend. We have played a large part and devoted considerable time and effort for the Shrine, let's do what we can to support it during this time of need.

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Ill Sir Tim Southern @ 2019 Watermelon Festival



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In an effort to improve communications amongst our membership, promote events and bring the goods news of Shrine to the public; Acca Shriners has taken to social media. We have contracted with Socialocca, a social media specialist company, for a trial period of six months to help us develop an effective social media network.

Much of what Socialocca does is behind the scenes but, already, their efforts are paying dividends. A very visible and effective creation is the Facebook "Acca Shriners Group". This group was developed by Socialocca to provide us with a medium to interact, create community,

promote events, and discuss important issues relating to Shrine and Freemasonry. It is a 'by invite only' but is open to any Noble, Shrine Lady, Shrine Patients and Family or anyone who has an active relationship with the Shrine. All posts need to be approved to maintain the civility and appropriate content desired. The group is checked several times a day so new posts are typically approved within 8 – 12 hours. Acca Shriners Group is fun, informative and interesting! Please go to Facebook and put Acca Shriners Group in the search bar and request your acceptance to the group. There is another group called Acca Shriners. We are maintaining

that group as well, but Acca Shriners Group will be the main informational portal for the future.

Socialocca has also done many revisions to the Acca website to make it easier to navigate and more attractive. Check it out to see the new 'About' section with a history of Acca, visit the updated 'Nobles Only' section where documents and information of all sorts can be referenced by our membership, and take a look at the new 'Rentals' section where information is provided on our rental program.

Connect with Acca through Acca Shriners Group and be informed of what is happening at Acca Shrine Center!

Director's Staff Corner

Jim Deitrick

The Third Quarter for the Staff started off with a bang! Our July meeting was a really special experience. In lieu of our regular meeting format, we designated the session as "Old Timers Night". We sent out "non-engraved" invitations to a number of our senior members who routinely do not attend our regular meetings. In addition, we had food to entice folks to attend; not just any kind of food, but the infamous Lee's fried chicken. This delicacy was supplemented by a smorgasbord of scrumptious entrees, appetizers, and desserts brought by the attendees. We were duly impressed with the turnout, which consisted of 27 Nobles, 15 Ladies, a Past Potentate from another Unit, and the current Potentate's Lady. The Potentate stopped by at the beginning of the evening and thanked the Staff for helping with the activities associated with the recent Ceremonial's Garden Party. When I arrived at the parking lot prior to the function start, the first thing I spotted was the "American Dream" car, which now sports the nation's red, white, and blue paint job on top of the beautifully remodeled body. Of course, I'm referring to the former Volkswagen which the Staff drove in many a parade! When you see that vehicle parked anywhere, you know that the Staff's own Roving World Ambassador, Roger Dickinson, is in the building.

When I entered the building, I was pleased to see several folks whom we had not seen for quite a while. There was Ed McIntyre, who had driven his forklift in from New Kent; there were Pete and Barbara Holder who had ridden in from Chester on his tractor; and then there was Ryland Barden who had just flown in from Florida. What a marvelous evening we had with these friends – catching up with their activities, families, etc. Oh yeah, another somewhat notable person was in attendance, the Mayor of Rockville, Ron Moody, who came primarily to check out the food options. He did arrive with a gift for yours truly; a glass container filled with a caramel-colored, high-test liquid named after a biblical prophet.

Another very special thing happened at this function. We were treated to an extremely interesting history of the Director's Staff presented by Past Potentate Frank McAllister and Noble Scoby Price. The presentation was very insightful and informative, and we learned about the infamous "Wrecking Crew" from days gone by.

When August rolled around, the Staff settled down a bit and started planning some new activities. We did raise about \$3,200 by working at the Watermelon Festival, and being short-handed as usual, the effort was hard and very tiring. Discussion ensued about the pending need for

volunteers for the September Race, registration for SASA, and Walk for Love participation. We did have a bright spot in our membership ranks. We voted our Probie, Noble Steve Williams, into full membership in the Staff, and we look forward to having Steve assist in raising funds for the Hospitals and helping maintain the positive reputation that the group enjoys.

The month of September brought extremely bad news to the Director's Staff. One of our Honorary Members, and one of the sages from whom we gained strength, Noble Charlie Allen, PD, passed away peacefully at his home on September 5th. His funeral service was very inspiring and included the themes of family, comfort, hope and, above all, love. Noble Charlie lived that type of life and was a great inspiration to countless others. He was a member of numerous committees which significantly contributed to the growth and development of the Staff, as well as to Acca Temple. He had experience, wisdom, and the desire to help others, and we will sorely miss those contributions. He was a 50-year Mason and a long-time member of the Manchester Shrine Club. His quiet philanthropy to good causes was effective, and done out of brotherly love. Lady Ro and the Allen family continue in our prayers.

The fourth quarter of the year is usually very busy for the Staff and we are looking forward to tackling new projects and having more fun. Upcoming activities, several of which will have occurred by publication time, include Masonic Family Day, Acca Business Meeting, and Sportsman Raffle. We are currently making preparations to "assist" the candidates who will be applying for Shrine membership during the Fall Ceremonial. The nomination and election of new officers will be performed by year end, and the installation of these Nobles will occur early next year.

Just remember, the fun you might have, may be the entertainment for others! What did I just say?!

Staff Murmurs

Have you noticed the new agility of "Mr." Twinkle Toes since he went to Bruce's Super Body Shop? It has been noted that one of our Nobles, since the onset of cooler weather, has put away his short-sleeved shirts and "short-sleeved pants." (Maturity may have played a role in this faux pas.) Not many folks know that a member of our Staff's Executive Committee is a part-time farmer and has two cows as pets, namely Thelma and Louise. This farmer will also be furnishing hay bales for any planned hayrides we may schedule. Yee Haw! Anything else happening behind the Staff curtain? "Only the Shadow Knows"

Golf Club

President Larry Koon

The 2019 Golf Club year is coming to a close. There are two scheduled outings remaining. On October 24th we will play the Lake Chesdin Golf Course, and close out on November 21st at The Hollows. This is the first time Lake Chesdin has been on the schedule, and I am sure the members will enjoy the course. As always, the last outing in November is a week earlier because of Thanksgiving.

The last event of the year, which actually will happen in 2020, is our annual Ladies Night at the Meadowbrook Country Club. A good event to top off a good year. It will be after the holidays, which is requested by our Ladies. So, it has been scheduled for January 8, 2020. A very enjoyable evening of fun, fellowship, good food and in a delightful setting. Hey, our Player of the Year will be announced; you don't want to miss that.

Recapping events since the last publication: We played the Mill Quarter Golf Course in July. Had a good turnout. The Amelia group, headed by Noble Charles Hutchinson, were able to join us and, of course, took first place. This is getting to be a habit. On August 8th, a foursome from the Golf Club played in the Grand Master's Tournament at the Lexington Golf and Country Club. We also sponsored a golf hole. Our regular outing in August was at the Brandermill Golf Course. A good number of our members played, as this is one of our favorites on the schedule. A good time was had by all, especially our Past Potentate, Illustrious Sir Dennis Berry. He achieved a life time goal for golfers. A hole-in-one on the 3rd hole, which is a Par 3 and 118 yards, using a nine iron. Drinks all around for everyone, except me. I had to corner him at the next outing. Our September outing was at the Pendleton Golf Course. A little slack on participation, but a good day for golf, and everyone enjoyed the course. October 4th was the Scottish Rite Golf Tournament at the Sycamore Golf Course. The Club sponsored a golf hole and again participated in the tournament.

Fun, fellowship and having a good day is the focus of the Club. We even mix in a little golf here and there. If you have a high handicap and are reluctant to play, don't be concerned, you will be better than many.

Be Nice-Keep the Sunny Side Up.

Larry Koon
President



Photo Top: Acca Swinger with Grand Master and Sovereign Grand Commander at Lexington Golf Club

Photo Right: Acca Golf Club sponsors hole at Grand Masters Tournament



Photo Left Illustrious Dennis Berry-Hole in One at Brandermill



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NOVEMBER 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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3	4 Car Club Greeters Million Dollar Band	5 LOS Chanters Hospital Committee	6 Blue Ridge SC Caverns SC Ceremonial Cast Legion of Honor Country & Western Band	7 Sauerkrauts	8	9
				GRAND LODGE OF VA		
10	11 Chester SC Hillbilly Unit Million Dollar Band VETERANS DAY BREAKFAST	12 Chanters	13 Glen Allen SC James River SC Southside SC Directors Staff Mini Patrol	14 Northern Neck LOH Sauerkrauts	15 KHEDIVE FALL CEREMONIAL LEGION OF HONOR HERITAGE DINNER	16 KHEDIVE FALL CEREMONIAL
17	18 South Hill SC Million Dollar Band Klownz	19 Danville SC Chanters	20 Heritage SC Hopewell SC Shooters Club Country & Western Band	21 Lake Country SC Hillbilly Outhouse Sauerkrauts	22 ACCA HOMECOMING	23 WHISKEY REBELLION
24 ASHLAND CHRISTMAS	25 Scottish Rite Million Dollar Band	26 DIVAN & UC MEETING Northern Neck SC Chanters	27 Manchester SC Petersburg SC Valley SC Arab Patrol Country & Western Band	28 Motor Patrol Oriental Band Sauerkrauts THANKSGIVING	29	30

DECEMBER 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2 Car Club Greeters Million Dollar Band	3 LOS Chanters Hospital Committee	4 Blue Ridge SC Caverns SC Ceremonial Cast Legion of Honor Country & Western Band	5 Sauerkrauts	6 Prouost Guard	7 BRIDGEWATER AND WAYNESBORO CHRISTMAS PARADES CEREMONIAL CAST CHRISTMAS PARTY
8	9 Chester SC Hillbilly Unit Million Dollar Band	10 Chanters	11 Glen Allen SC James River SC Southside SC Directors Staff Mini Patrol	12 GOOD SHOT JUDY CHRISTMAS SHOW Northern Neck LOH Sauerkrauts	13	14 BREAKFAST WITH SANTA CEREMONIAL CAST CHRISTMAS PARTY MACARTHUR AVE CHRISTMAS PARADE
15	16 South Hill SC Million Dollar Band Klownz	17 Danville SC Chanters	18 Heritage SC Hopewell SC Shooters Club Country & Western Band	19 Lake Country SC Hillbilly Outhouse Sauerkrauts	20	21 ACCA BRASS BAND CHRISTMAS CONCERT
22	23 Scottish Rite Million Dollar Band	24 DIVAN & UC MEETING Northern Neck SC Chanters	25 Manchester SC Petersburg SC Valley SC Arab Patrol Country & Western Band CHRISTMAS	26 Motor Patrol Oriental Band Sauerkrauts	27	28
29	30 Million Dollar Band	31 Chanters NEW YEARS EVE DINNER AND DANCE				

JANUARY 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 Blue Ridge SC Caverns SC Ceremonial Cast Legion of Honor Country & Western	2 Sauerkrauts	3 Prouost Guard	4
5	6 Car Club Greeters Million Dollar Band	7 LOS Chanters Hospital Committee	8 Glen Allen SC James River SC Southside SC Directors Staff Mini Patrol	9 Northern Neck LOH Sauerkrauts	10	11
12 ACCA MEMORIAL SERVICE	13 Hillbilly Unit Chester SC Million Dollar Band	14 Chanters	15 Heritage SC Hopewell SC Shooters Club Country & Western Band	16 Lake Country SC Hillbilly Outhouse Sauerkrauts	17	18 ONE LAST BLAST FOR 2019
19	20 South Hill SC Klownz Million Dollar Band	21 Danville SC Chanters ACCA ANNUAL BUSINESS MTG	22 Manchester SC Petersburg SC Valley SC Arab Patrol Country & Western Band	23 Motor Patrol Oriental Band Sauerkrauts	24	25 ACCA INSTALLATION
26	27 Million Dollar Band Scottish Rite	28 Northern Neck SC Chanters	29	30 Sauerkrauts	31	

FEBRUARY 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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2	3 Car Club Greeters Million Dollar Band	4 LOS Chanters Hospital Committee	5 Blue Ridge SC Caverns SC Ceremonial Cast Legion of Honor Country & Western Band	6 Sauerkrauts	7 Prouost Guard	8
9	10 Chester SC Hillbilly Unit Million Dollar Band	11 Chanters	12 Glen Allen SC James River SC Southside SC Directors Staff Mini Patrol	13 Northern Neck LOH Sauerkrauts	14	15 VALENTINE'S DANCE
16	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	21	22
23	24 Scottish Rite Million Dollar Band	25 Northern Neck SC Chanters	26 Manchester SC Petersburg SC Valley SC Arab Patrol Country & Western Band	27 Motor Patrol Oriental Band Sauerkrauts	28	29



Hillbilly Unit

Secretary Ross Morland

Howdy y'all! You know you never realize how weird you are until you have kids...who act just like you. Clearly, mine take after their mother. As announced in the last issue, the Hillbilly Unit was preparing for our third annual "Hillbilly Jamboree" at the Shenandoah Acres Family Campground in July. I'm proud to report that (despite the 104°F heat index) it was our best year ever! Thanks to the support and generosity of the campers and the Acres staff, the Hillbillies raised over \$3,600 for the Shriners Hospitals for Children. The first weekend of August we did it all over again at the Waynesboro North 340 Campground, and raised just shy of \$1,000. Good gracious, you should have seen the participants in the King and Queen Hillbilly Contest!

If there's one thing the members are good at, it's parking cars. Already this fall we have parked cars for five big events at the Frontier Culture Museum and Augusta Expoland. With a good breakfast biscuit and sweet tea from Bojangles, we can park 'em all day long. A huge "thank you" to all the members who gave of their time to make these events a success.

To celebrate all the hard work and accomplishments of the Unit this past summer, our October meeting was a picnic at the North Park picnic shelter. The entire meal was catered by our good buddy Ricky Truslow of Rick's BBQ. It was fantastic, and a perfect way to celebrate with Nobles, Ladies and our families. Y'all take care and God Bless!

HONOR THE COB!

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Million Dollar Band

Bill Hudson

Well, we finally got back to the beach. I had almost forgotten what it looked like. The Band has been very busy this fall, starting out with all the needed preparations for our Annual Showcase, which I mentioned in the last article. As expected, it was a great success. Thanks to everyone whose efforts made it possible. Since then, we played a couple of performances, including our favorite, the Masonic Home. After this, it was all about getting ready for the beach.

The Band was well represented this year. Probably having to be told to stay home for the past two years by Mother Nature, helped get our musicians down there. Of course, anytime musicians can get together with fellow musicians, good things are bound to happen. Our newly reformed swing band, The Stardusters, were invited to play poolside, and readily partook of that invitation. The Band sounded great, and the crowd enjoyed it. When that Band starts rolling it's hard to quit. They almost had to be forced off the stage.

The Band enjoyed performing as one of the musical groups of our Temple again this year, at the Sounds of Acca. That is always one of the highlights of our year. Of course, when the holidays are approaching, the Band starts thinking about Christmas, and playing for Santa and all of our families, friends, and our special children at the Santa Breakfast.

Have a wonderful holiday season and we'll talk to you next year.

Bill Hudson
Reporter



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Steve Poegl

Dear Nobles, Ladies, and Sweethearts of ACCA, Greetings and “Happy Autumn” to you all from “The Manchester Shrine Club” of South Richmond, Virginia. We hope you’re enjoying the cooling weather and spectacular array of colors that fall brings. What a great time of year, baseball playoffs, football season, pumpkins, and trick-or-treaters. We’ve been busy here at MSC over the summer while having fun and fellowship as we work in support of “Our Kids” through the great works of Shriners Hospitals for Children.

Our friends and supporters at Grey’s Point, Virginia have generated funds far exceeding any expectation through a variety of means including personal giving and on-line charitable 3rd party efforts, all of which have been member driven. We are profoundly humbled and especially grateful for each and every unspoken kindness.

Our 3rd annual T.C. Atkinson \$10,000.00 50/50 Raffle has been “sold out” thanks to some hard work and great salesmanship among our members and ladies. It will be pulled at our October monthly meeting on the 23rd in the Assembly Room. This wildly popular fundraiser has proven to be a huge success for us and ACCA, the winner gets \$5,000.00 while the other \$5,000.00 goes to the hospitals.

December is going to be an exciting month for Shriners as we are asking ACCA Nobles, their Ladies, families, and friends to come enjoy a \$6.00 flatiron steak at Sedona Tap House any time on Mondays throughout the month. \$1.00 of every dinner sold will be generously donated by Sedona to Shriners Hospitals for Children. What a great opportunity for enjoying fine food and fellowship during the holidays while supporting our noble cause.

Looking ahead, our much anticipated Annual Cornhole Tournament will take place in the ballroom early next year. This is a huge fundraiser and has been quite successful year after year. There’s a lot of prep work involved and our team is working on them along with seeking sponsors. If you know of anyone who’d be kind enough to sponsor a board, do let us know. In the past, we’ve gotten sponsorships from both individuals and companies.

A heartfelt “Thank You” to each and all who work so very hard to make Manchester and ACCA a success, and



thanks to all who continue to support us year upon year!

As the holidays quickly approach, we hope you all have a joyous season among family and friends. Cherish those you love and let them know you love them. Do keep our sick and distressed close in your prayers, and honor those who serve us at home and abroad in the armed services.

Please come out and join us some time, we meet on the 4th Wednesday every month, now in the Assembly Room. We would enjoy having you and know you would have a good time. And, we would love to have you as a member.

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

Steve Poegl

Mini Patrol

Gary Prock Commander

It's Fall and you can just smell the FAMOUS Mini Patrol Stew permeating the air with those fall aromas, making a fabulous comeback after a 5-year hiatus. Don't miss your opportunity to have plenty of this deliciousness on hand. See any Mini Patrol member, and don't forget to ask about special pricing for multiple orders. Orders can be placed by calling Gary at 804-432-7942.

Fall Brings about a lot of changes, including the cooler crisp temperatures and a start of the Holiday Season. This year we have Nominations for our new Officers scheduled to take place in October, and then the Installation will be most likely be in January. Watch for more information in the future.

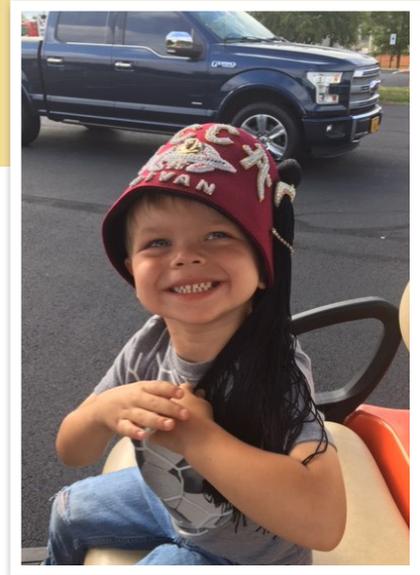
Our Annual Ladies Appreciation Night is Oct 12th at the Swift Creek Mill Dinner Theater where we can be

wined, dined and entertained; a great night for all. We look forward to it every year.

The Mini Patrol continues to be one of the most requested units for the Community Parades, and the appreciation by the fans is most overwhelming. It is always nice to know how appreciated you are when you hear it from the fans directly.

If you have yet joined a unit, we do have cars available, looking for a few good drivers. Contact me at 804-432-7942 for more information.

This Accalette will take us through the end of the year, and the end of my term. I want to wish everyone a very happy and safe Holiday Season. It has been a wonderful two years, but now it is time to pass the baton to someone else to lead for a while. I look forward to continuing service to our Shriners



Childrens Hospitals and all of our very precious patients that we serve.

Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas, and Happy New Year.

Gary Prock Commander
Acca Mini Patrol

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Oriental Band

President Buddy Small

Wow, what an outstanding convention at SASA! Acca's Oriental Band let the camels loose, and away we went, all the way to first place in our division and second place overall. The winning did not stop there. Tommy Colletti jumped out and won best GENIE/Drum Major. Outstanding job Tommy, and by the way, this was the very first time this shy young man ever attempted this position. Steve Meagher was selected as Bandsman of the Year; congratulations Steve. While a good time was had by all, our own Vince Bobrosky was deeply missed, and in all of our thoughts, while home recovering from his surgery.

If you need encouragement, look no further than bandsmen Ed Wood. This guy, 92 years old, mounted his

camel and did an outstanding job during the competition. We could all learn from his dedication and endurance; great job Ed.

Absolutely nothing could have been accomplished without the dedication and support of our Ladies. Thanks to each of you for the unending support you give to our Band.

So, now we get ready for the holidays, and with them comes parades. We will be busy representing Acca at a number of parades throughout Central Virginia area, so look for us on the street near you. May God continue to bless each of you and your families.

Respectfully,
Buddy Small
President

Motor Patrol

Larry Koon

We have been busy. At the end of July, the Motor Patrol catered the Grand Masters official visit to 15A and 15B. A very large attendance that kept our members busy. All went well; we enjoyed a number of compliments. Then in August we went big time. A major corporation in Richmond, which the Motor Patrol has worked with many times, rented the Shrine Center for two days. They had the Ballroom, Assembly Room and five breakout rooms. We prepared Breakfast and Lunch for over two hundred. Keeping busy from five in the morning until late in the afternoon was a real effort on everyone's part but very satisfying.

The Watermelon Festive went well, thanks to the help of the Mann Page Masonic Lodge. A very long day. We sold a lot of watermelon with very little slack time. With adequate help, it wasn't as strenuous and in past years. I had dreams that night of noble Jimmy Creech shouting "Ice Cold Watermelon-A Dollar a Bowl". Somethings you just can't get out of you head.

The unit cooked for the Walk for Love event in October and also for the Sportsman Raffle later in the month.

Planning will begin soon for our annual Christmas Party and Installation of Officers. It is always a fine evening where we honor our Ladies.



Photo Top: Motor Patrol @ Watermelon Fest

Photo Right: It's always good to get the Grand Masters approval



Our President, noble Ronnie Butler has committed to a number of parades. Notably, the Masonic Day Parade; Ashland Parade; Mechanicsville Parade; Colonial Heights; Chester and the MacArthur Parade. Always a full schedule at the end of each year.

Wishing everyone a good holiday season. Enjoy the turkey at Thanksgiving and hopefully there will be something under the tree for you at Christmas.

Be Nice-Keep the Sunny-Side Up.

Larry Koon
Reporter

Philadelphia Hospital Report

Dan Freye

Greetings from Philadelphia! It's been a very busy and exciting time for Shriners Hospitals for Children. In my last article, I wrote about the legislation passed at Imperial Session that enables the Joint Boards and local hospital Boards of Governors to make decisions on opening, closing, and reorganizing our hospitals. Since then, Houston and Galveston, along with the Joint Boards, voted to merge their facilities into one by late 2020. SHC St. Louis is moving its location and becoming an outpatient clinic, effective June 1, 2020. SHC Boston is right-sizing its space, using 4 floors, and renting 5 floors to Massachusetts General Hospital. Additionally, the Joint Boards have approved the Beta Center of Excellence Business Plan for SHC Northern California. This decision begins the process of necessary investment and making changes needed to begin the journey of potentially becoming a Center of Excellence. Our Administrator, Ed Myers, is participating on the review committee for Centers of Excellence criteria, with quality of care being the primary driver. Finally, at the mid-year leadership conference, Home Office indicated that it wants each SHC to have two outreach clinics in its region. A lease in Doylestown, PA, for SHC Philadelphia's first clinic, is in the final stages of approval. Once the Doylestown clinic is operational, we will explore options for a second clinic.

You may be aware that one of the procedures done at SHC Philadelphia is Vertebral Body Tethering (VBT).

VBT is a minimally invasive procedure for children with scoliosis that uses the child's growth to straighten the spine, much like braces on teeth. Unlike a spinal fusion which stiffens the spine and often leads to complications later in life, VBT allows for flexibility in the spine and allows a child to return to full activity within a month after surgery, which is much quicker than more traditional options. SHC Philadelphia and Dr. Samdani pioneered the technique. In fact, SHC Philadelphia is the main referral base for parents wishing their children to be considered for VBT. After 10 years of research, clinical results, and numerous papers, the FDA approved this groundbreaking technique in August.

One of the highlights of our board meetings is learning about the great things our doctors are doing. At every meeting, there is an education segment built into the schedule. At our September meeting, Dr. Sarah Nossov, one of our lower extremity surgeons, gave us a presentation on one of her patients, Braylen, a young boy from Maryland. Braylen had a congenital deformity of tibial hemimelia on both legs. At 5 months of age, other hospitals recommended that both legs be amputated. The family came to SHC

Philadelphia for a second opinion. Although one leg had to be amputated, Dr. Nossov was able to reconstruct bones in the other leg saving it so Braylen could learn to walk. After five operations, Mom writes, "From being told from day 1...that we couldn't save that leg, and then you taking that risk and saving his leg. You have made such a positive impact on his life and his overall quality of life. Thank you for saving his leg!!! It is just as functional as a regular leg in our book." Braylen is now 2 ½ and wears a prosthesis on his left leg. His right leg is strong and he can balance on one leg. Another amazing example of what our doctors do every day; improving the lives of kids and their families. Because of your support, SHC-Philadelphia will be there to support and care for Braylen and his family and others like them.

Finally, I want to thank all of our sponsors, donors, Units and Clubs, Nobles and Ladies who made our Third Annual Walk for Love a success. While we are still finalizing the

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numbers, I will say that based on the smiling faces I saw and laughter I heard, the Walk was a huge success. Dedicated to the memory of Noble Charlie Allen, we were blessed with another great day. Kristen Luehrs from Channel 6, again graced us with her presence and TV coverage. Noble Karlis Graubics, our presenting sponsor, led the way in his Hummer. Bill Munley and Ed Myers, Administrators from the Greenville and Philadelphia Hospital, both made

the trip to support Acca's efforts. While thinking of the day and making notes on what we can do to make the Walk better next year, I stopped myself to just savor the memory. It occurred to me that Acca's Walk for Love is a great example of the Shriners' philosophy of fun and fellowship for a great cause. Not only did we have great participation of Acca Units and Clubs, but we got to see our Shrine Kids, being kids. I had the opportunity to spend time with Ava, Virginia, and Harrison and their families. As Ill. Sir Sam Dunn says at every ceremonial, you don't really know what it's like to be a Shriner until one of our kids gives you a big hug, looks up at you, and says thank you for all you do. Amen!

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

Daniel L. Freye, Treasurer

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Provost Guard

The Provost Guard seems to always be the busiest towards the end of the year, in the fall months. We have been busy with our stated meetings through the spring and summer months, with our last stated meeting scheduled for November. However, the Provost Guard participated in the Fall SASA (South Atlantic Shriners Association) on September 18-21, and continued on September 28th with the Acca Walk for Love. The Walk for Love event was a fundraising activity for the Shriners Hospitals for Children, and the Provost Guard walked and helped monitor the event for the walkers.

The Provost Guard always helps with the Acca Sportsman Raffle, and on September 22nd and the 29th, Provost Guard members sold tickets at Green Top Sporting Goods Corporation. They are scheduled for a return trip to Green Top on October 19th and 20th, with the drawing to take place on October 26th.

The Provost Guard participated in the Acca RVA Street Eats Festival, that was a successful fundraising event for Acca Temple. The Provost Guard members assisted with directing traffic, and assisted with gate ticket collections and ticket purchases.

At the time this article went to press, we had not yet participated in the Masonic Day celebration at the Masonic Home in Richmond, VA. The Provost Guard always does a fine job assisting with parking and participating in the morning parade.

Our 2019 year of events ends with our Oktoberfest, that was celebrated on October 25th. This is a wonderful family event that features the Acca German band, the Sauerkrauts, that plays German classic songs of Oktoberfest celebrations in the early years. My next article will feature summaries of the Masonic Day celebration and the Oktoberfest event, with pictures of our members and participants, as well as the Sauerkrauts.

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The Sauerkrauts

Bill Hudson

Man, are we rolling! So far this season, it's been one gig after another. In past years there have been short breaks in the schedule, which allows us a little time to catch our breath, but not this year. Our season was well underway, prior to heading down to the beach for SASA. The Krauts, as usual, had a great time down there playing both Friday morning, and again poolside Saturday evening. We can't wait to get back next year.

Not only have we been performing for our usual friends at their annual events, but we have received invitations to play new, and different venues. We got a call to play at a restaurant in Madison. This booking came as a result of being seen, and remembered, at last year's Richmond Oktoberfest. They enjoyed us, the Krauts had a ball, and they promised to have us back. This goes to show how powerful exposure is, as a critical element for success. We have been asked to play at a festival in Hampton, during which we will have an opportunity to talk music with a group of young people. We hope, when talking to these kids, that they may see what a great impact music can have on us as a person. Who knows, we may change a life that day. Another new opportunity arose when we were asked to play a gig down at Khedive, later in the season. That promises to be fun.

When all is said and done, we will have played thirty-two gigs in the month of October alone. Our monetary goal is \$10,000 again this year, and it looks like we'll more than exceed that. I'll let you know next year.

Until then, if we can help you in any way give us a call. Otherwise, have a great holiday season.

Bill Hudson
Reporter

Piedmont Shrine Club

Secretary William R. Bond, III

The Piedmont Shrine Club meeting was opened by Past President Noble Goldie Tomlin, who welcomed all in attendance. Noble Tomlin recognized Illustrious Larry Koon and his Lady Carol. III. Koon was Potentate in 2005. Noble Brian Lafontaine, High Priest and Prophet, and Lady Linda, as well as, Assistant Rabban Rick Marion and Lady Carolyn were also recognized. Noble Craig Spicer, gave the invocation. Noble Tomlin lead the Nobles, Ladies, and guests in the Pledge of Allegiance.

A fifty / fifty drawing was held; \$145.00 was collected. Noble Craig Spicer held the winning ticket. He donated \$72.50 back to PSC.

Nobles Bruce Smith & Bill Eddleton donated \$100.00 to PSC in Memory/Honor of Noble Sir Richard Neely. Sir Richard was a member of PSC and Director of the Acca Ceremonial Cast for many years!

The attendance for this event was very good, 29 were in attendance. It should be pointed out that we had 8 from Richmond with us at this event. Noble P.D. Heins submitted his application for membership to PSC. His dues of \$20.00 were received and recorded. Welcome P.D.

Noble Tomlin thanked all for attending. Noble Craig Spicer then gave the Benediction at 4:00 PM.

Footnote: Some of our members stayed, sipping wine, chatting, enjoying the great weather and fellowship after the meeting was closed.

Respectfully Submitted:
William R. Bond, III
Secretary, Piedmont Shrine Club

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Valley Shrine Club

Secretary Dan Perry

Members of the Valley Shrine Club and the Hillbillies Shrine Club worked the Rockingham County Fair August 12th through the 17th, promoting Shriners International and the Shriners' Hospitals for Children. A record 200 tickets for the ACCA Sportsman Raffle were sold during the week.

The Valley Shrine Club held its last "stag" night of the year on August 25th, at the home of Noble Peyton Yancey and Lady Myra in Broadway, Virginia, with 19 Nobles in attendance. Food was provided by the Ladies of several Nobles in the Broadway area. The meeting was opened by President Bob Puffenbarger with the Pledge of Allegiance, and Chaplain Peyton Yancey gave the invocation. During the business meeting which followed the meal, Noble Puffenbarger thanked those members who worked the Rockingham County Fair. Plans were completed for the mini-golf outing and lunch to held September 21st at Mulligan's Golf Center in Harrisonburg. Plans for additional fund-raisers were discussed. Chaplain Yancey then closed the meeting with the Benediction.

On Saturday, September 21st, a total of 21 Nobles, Ladies, and guests enjoyed several rounds of miniature golf and a lunch of hamburgers, cheeseburgers, and hot dogs prepared by Valley Shrine Club member Noble Ken Hoes.

The September dinner meeting was held at AmVets #7 in Harrisonburg on the 25th, with 24 Nobles and Ladies attending, along with one guest. After the Pledge of Allegiance and the Invocation, attendees enjoyed steamed shrimp, BBQ, several side dishes, and dessert. Our guest speaker was Sgt. Charles M. Grubbs from the Harrisonburg Police Department, who spoke about scams being perpetrated in our area, especially against senior citizens, as well as how to prevent being a victim. VSC members continue to sell tickets for the Acca Sportsman Raffle and for the P. Buckley Moss print raffle. The annual silent auction will be held at the October 23rd dinner meeting. With the help of several ladies at AmVets, the Club has scheduled a fundraiser, "Designer Handbag Bingo", to be held October 5th. A slate of officers for 2020 will be announced at the October meeting, with installation to be held at a later meeting once the candidates are elected by VSC members.

Respectfully submitted,
Dan Perry
Secretary



Photos

- 1 - VSC Booth @ Rockingham County Fair
- 2 - Lady Lynn Jackson with Nobles John Jackson and Mike Mars @ Miniature Golf Outing
- 3 - VSC President, PP Bob Puffenbarger & Lady Mitzie with Noble Dee Layman @ Miniature Golf Outing
- 4 - Noble Peyton Yancey and Lady Myra with Lady Lynn Jackson. Looking on Nobles Julian Fisher and Irving Byrd
- 5 - Noble Dee Layman & Lady Phyllis
- 6 - Noble Kirk Sheap & Lady Norma
- 7 - VSC 1st VP Noble Fred Ortiz & Lady Wendy

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Friday, November 22, 2019

**Come and enjoy a fun fill night with
your fellow Nobles and Ladies!**

Where

Acca Shrine Center

Time

**5:45 pm Evening Program
Recognition of Honorees
Annual Donations
Patient Ambassadors Video**

7:15 pm Open House thru out Acca

Dress

Your unit/club attire or any Shrine Shirt



HERITAGE SHRINE CLUB

Heritage Shrine Club received \$2524.00 for the Transportation Fund from Sedona's "Dine Out for Charity"



MOOSE DONATION

Chesterfield Moose Club donation to Shriners Hospital

Walk For Love





NEW YEAR'S EVE DINNER & DANCE

December 31, 2019

The Dinner at 7 pm.

Menu: Beef Brisket, Smoked Turkey, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Corn Bread, Dessert, Tea, Coffee

Cost: \$ 25.00 per person Dress: Coat & Tie

The Dance from 8:30 to 12:15

The Escorts Band

Setups & Snacks, \$2 Beer, BYOB, Free Parking, Party Favors

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