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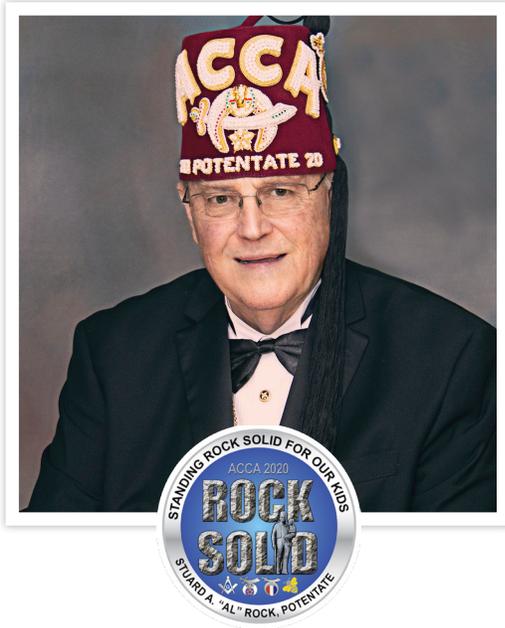
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Potentate's Message

Al Rock

Illustrious Sirs, Nobles and Ladies of Acca Shrine. Over recent weeks, we have been tracking the Coronavirus (COVID-19) situation on a regular basis. As of the writing of this article, there are 4,556 cases of this virus in the United States, 49 of which are in Virginia.

Our number one priority is the safety and well-being of all Nobles, Ladies, family and friends of Acca Shrine, and for that reason many of our events have had to either be rescheduled or canceled.

The big disappointment was having to postpone our Potentate's Ball, which was scheduled to be held on March 21, 2020. The Ball has been rescheduled to June 6, 2020, which was originally the date of our Spring Ceremonial. I was hoping to combine our Potentate's Ball and

Spring Ceremonial on June 6, 2020, but it is logistically impossible, with both events being held in the same room.

The Spring Ceremonial will be rescheduled for one day, July 18, 2020. The theme will be "Welcome to Margaritaville." The Ceremonial will be held in the morning followed by our "Welcome to Margaritaville Party" in the afternoon. The Ceremonial honorees will be our Hospital Committee.

Our Annual Easter Egg Hunt was canceled, as schools in Richmond were closed through at least April 13, 2020.

For the good news, as of this date none of our rentals have cancelled. We are trying to get them rescheduled to a mutually agreed date. Acca had a large contingent at the Khedive Potentate's Ball on February 29, honoring Illustrious Bill Hoggard and Lady Marion. It was a wonderful affair, attended by over 400 people

We were honored to attend the Installation of the new Officers of Accaba Court No. 105 on March 8, 2020. Congratulations to the new High Priestess Nancy Corker, and to last year's High Priestess Donna Prock for a job well done.

A big thank you to the Manchester Shrine Club for volunteering to pay for the awning outside of the ballroom door which had to be replaced. You guys and your Ladies are the best.

Once again, our number one priority is the health and safety of our Nobles and families. We hope that this virus will run its course in the next few weeks. Remember, if you don't feel well, stay home. Listen to local news channels to stay abreast of up to date information in your area.

In the meantime, we pray for those that are sick, and ask that all Shriners and their Ladies be safe and diligent in their daily lives.

Fraternally and Sincerely,
Stuard A. "Al" Rock, Potentate



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From The Recorder's Pen

Dennis Berry, P.P.

Nobles and Ladies, what can I say; we have had an unusual first couple of months of the new Shrine year. When talking with Richard "Doc" Redman, he kept telling me the biggest part of being Recorder was "putting out fires". I had no idea that we would be putting out real fires. The last week of January, the Potentate was sitting in his office when smoke, sparks, and some flames shot

out of the outlet for the Heating/AC unit in the office. No major damage, just had to replace the outlet and redo some wiring. No problem you say, until the next week when we had a small explosion in a power junction box coming from the transformer. It knocked the power out for 2 days. Thanks to Noble Bruce Smith and his company, Local Electric, for being on the spot and getting things going and the repairs done.

Now we are having to deal with the Coronavirus issue. We are taking this seriously, and we have the janitorial staff disinfecting the Temple daily. The Potentate has canceled all events and meetings at the Temple for the month, and will monitor the situation. The Temple Office will remain open for Temple business. Hopefully, by the time you read this, things will be back to normal in our daily lives; but please be cautious.

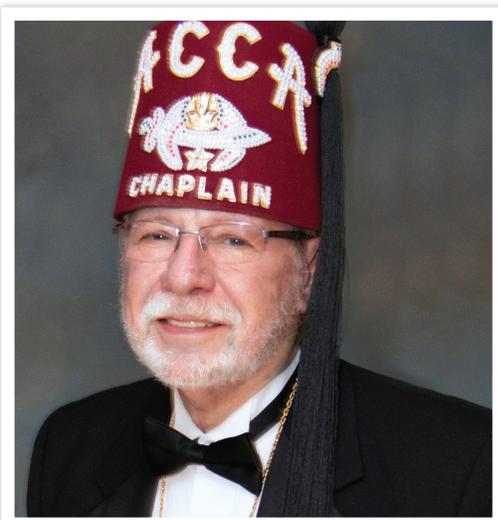
I would be remiss if I did not mention membership. Please share your Shrine fun and philanthropy with your Lodge brothers, and get them to fill out a petition.

In order to keep our records and communications with members at the most current status, please keep us informed of your current address, phone, and email contact information. The easiest way is to log in to Webfez, check your record, and make any changes. We have put instructions on how to log in, and register on Webfez, here in the Accalette.

If you have any requests for me, please let me know; the best way is by email because that way I have a written reminder. If you say something to me at an event or meeting, I will not always remember it.

From The Chaplain

Walter A. Trower Jr.



Hello; thank you for your support of the Acca Shrine Chaplain.

As we enter this time of the year, with its promise of new growth, the trees will be budding, and birds are building nests in preparation for new birth. Let us renew our commitment to help each other, and especially to help children have a healthy and happier life.

We will ask God's guidance for our Potentate Stuard (Al) Rock, his Lady Bette, and our Divan and their Ladies in the upcoming days, as they guide our Temple.

May I offer a blessing to you? May love and laughter light your day, and warm your hearth and home. May good and faithful friends be yours, wherever you may roam. May peace and plenty bless your world with joy that long endures. May all life's passing cares bring the best to you and yours.

Managing Editor
L.R. "Rusty" Brinkley



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From the Editor's Desk

Nobles & Ladies: As of this writing, we are in the middle of a pandemic, the likes of which most, if not all of us, have ever seen. With our lives and schedules changing almost daily, it has been a challenge for us all, including your Editorial Staff. Presently, all activities have been cancelled or postponed at Acca Shrine Center until April 30th. Hopefully by that time our lives will be closer to returning to normal. In any case, our efforts to provide accurate information in this issue, as it pertains to upcoming events, may not be completely accurate.

So, we would suggest you double-check any future events published here for accuracy, by reading the Temple emails as they come out. We will also try to post any event changes on the Acca webpage, and on the Acca Facebook pages.

We will get through this together, and hopefully become better men and women as a result.

God Bless You All
L. R. Brinkley

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First Lady's Thoughts

Bette Rock

We got off to a fast start for the year and then things really had to slow down with precautions against the coronavirus. We are living one day at a time because everything changes by the moment. I would like to bring you up-to-date on the fun we have had.

We worked with the Manchester Shrine Club on their Corn Hole Tournament. Everything was so well planned. It was truly great team work. As we have come to expect, it was a big success!

The Divan enjoyed the Klownz and Mini Patrol Valentine Dance. Great music, as always.

On March 16th, we helped celebrate Piedmont Shrine Club's Annual Sweethearts Luncheon at the Greencroft Club. Wonderful meal, and it was great to see so many Sweethearts.

There were 30 of us who traveled to Khedive's Potentate's Ball! That certainly was a great display of Acca's love and support. After we travel up the line with our counterparts, we really enjoy celebrating their success.

Congratulations to Nancy Corker who became High Priestess 2020 for the Ladies of the Oriental Shrine, Accaba Court. Nancy, I am sure you will have a great year. Donna Prock, PHP, congratulations on your accomplishments in 2019.

Many of our events had to be canceled. The Provost Guard Family Fish Fry, the Magic Show and Easter Egg Hunt, Business meeting and various Units and Clubs meetings had to be canceled.

Then there was the Potentate's Ball... That was a disappointment, but at the same time, our grandson,

Gambill, was badly injured in a fall. He is doing better and we thank you for your prayers and support. His injuries could have been a lot more severe, but this was one more example of God's protection and presence in our lives. We are planning to have the Ball on June 6. Hopefully, this will allow our family and friends to celebrate with us. Note to the Decorating and Hotel Hospitality Committees: Don't throw out those decorations and freeze the food!

On May 3rd, the LOS, Accaba Court, would like to get a trip together to Norfolk to attend the Virginia International Tattoo. Al and I have attended in the past. It is a beautiful celebration of inspirational military music, pipes and drums, drill teams and dancers. Contact Valerie Layman (804-270-0831) for details. We are looking forward to attending. I hope it will not have to be canceled.

This may be a good time to step back and take a little rest. So many times, we have to let things slide because we are too busy. We can use our phones to stay in touch with our family and friends. Maybe, even send a card or write a note. Just look at how much time you have to plan Christmas!

As soon as we can, we will be back on schedule and it looks like we have some busy times ahead. I hope to see you along the way. In the meantime, stay safe and healthy!

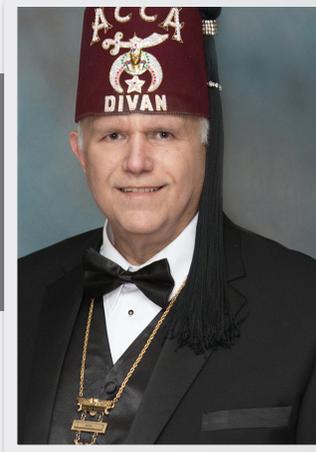
Love,
Bette

Pray continually. 1 Thessalonians 5:17

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Getting To Know Your Divan



Eric H. "Rick" Marion **CHIEF RABBAN**

Rick is currently working as a Senior Designer with Daikin Applied. He has held numerous Design Engineering positions in his 39+ year career in the manufacturing realm. He is still working, and has no immediate plans for retirement.

Rick is a member of Lee Lodge #209 in Waynesboro, VA, and served as its Worshipful Master in 2014.

After becoming a Shriner, Rick joined the Hillbilly Unit, and served two years as its Captain. Currently, his Club affiliations include the Klownz, Piedmont, and Manchester Shrine Clubs.

Rick also serves on the Board of Directors for the MaDee Project in Waynesboro, helping families of children suffering from pediatric cancer.

Rick and Carolyn have been married 31 years and have two children, Erin 22 and Eric II, 27. We look forward to seeing their lives blossom and grow. We are excited to be welcoming Emily, and her daughter Blythe, 5 years old, into our family in July, 2020, when Eric and she get married. We are also eager to see the places Erin will go, after she she graduates with her Masters in Industrial Psychology and Human Resource Development from Appalachian State, as Bechtel Industries has already made her a job offer.

Rick enjoys time outside working or hunting when time permits. He and Carolyn are members of Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Waynesboro.

Carolyn is a Licensed Professional Counselor, who works with families and children. She has been providing mental health therapy, and especially Play Therapy, for children since 1996. In her free time, Carolyn enjoys historical fiction, ancestry research, and binge-watching Netflix. She used to cross-stitch and is hoping to pick it up again when she retires. She loves her pets, friends and family. Healthy and quality relationships are what keeps her fueled, and gives meaning in her life. All that and a healthy dose of humor.

Harris Owen "Sonny" Conner, Jr. **OUTER GUARD**

Sonny retired after 30 years with Philip Morris. He has served as Outer Guard since 2017. Sonny and Brenda were Personal Aides to the 2019 Potentate, Ed Ernouf, and his Lady Rebecca. During this time, they enjoyed traveling to the various Temples, Clubs, Units and many events.

Sonny joined Amelia Blue Lodge #101 in 2010, and became a lifetime member in 2011. He served as Worshipful Master in 2015. He joined Acca Shriners and the Virginia Scottish Rite in 2012. Since becoming a Shriner, Sonny has served on the Aide Staff, and worked in Building Management. He is currently a member of the Provost Guard, James River Shrine Club, and Southside Shrine Club.

Sonny and Brenda have been married 47 years. They have two sons and four grandsons. They enjoy spending time with family, and supporting their grandsons in their various activities. They are proud to be a member of the Acca family.

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Michael "Mike" Lott HIGH PRIEST & PROPHET

Mike is thrilled to serve on the Divan in 2020. He joined Acca in 2015, and has served as the Second Ceremonial Master in 2018, and Oriental Guide in 2019. He is a member of the Manchester Shrine Club, and the Provost Guard where he served as Major in 2019. He is a Master Mason and member of Glen Allen Lodge #131.

In 2011, Mike retired after 30 years of service with Dominion Energy. He is now working as the Director of Engineering for GAI Consultants, Inc. He is a Professional Engineer with wide ranging engineering and management experience in the energy industry. His expertise includes project development, planning, budgeting, designing, bidding, construction management, and contract administration. During his professional career, Mike supervised the design and construction of large multi-disciplined energy and environmental projects.

Mike supports several non-profit organizations in Virginia, including the Acca Shriners, and the Shriners

Hospitals for Children. He serves on the Board of Directors of Virginia Opera and Classical Revolution RVA. Mike is active in the VCU School of Arts, Commonwealth Society, Chautauqua Institute, Richmond Symphony, Georgia Tech Alumni Association, and Trinity United Methodist Church. He is an avid Washington Redskins football fan and loves to attend football games and tailgate with his pals at FedEx Field.

He and Nancy were college sweethearts, and have resided in Richmond over 46 years. They have two children and thoroughly enjoyed raising their family.

Nancy has a mind of her own. She is from California by birth, and early childhood. Her family relocated to Atlanta, Georgia when she was 8. Her first-time flying was a luxurious event, and launched her passion for flying, and she set her goal of becoming a Flight Attendant after college. However, during her senior year, she thought she could do a better job of teaching Home Economics than her teachers did, and graduated from the University of Georgia with a teaching degree. She taught the subject for 9 years at the High School level, while working on a Masters Degree in High School Counseling. She was a counselor for 22 years. She tried her skills in Adult Education for Henrico County, as well as with Monsanto Carpet Fibers, a JC Penny Microwave-demonstrator, and Reynolds Metals kitchen lesson planning for teachers. Nancy is also a member of Accaba Court, Ladies of the Oriental Shrine.

Nancy has enjoyed a varied career while serving the Methodist Churches. Lifelong learners, she and Mike maintain old and new friendships.

They enjoy serving their church, Acca and Shriners Hospitals, their community, as well as traveling the U.S. and internationally. Having raised two college graduates, life is great with ACCA FRIENDS!



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James W. Sadler CAPTAIN OF THE GUARD

James W. Sadler, Captain of the Guard. James served in the United States Air Force for six years, and was stationed in Japan and Maine. He retired from the Department of Agriculture as a Regional Manager, after 38 years of service.

James became a Mason in 1966, which makes him a 53-year member. He joined the Warsaw Bauman Lodge #332, and was Master in 1974, and Meridian Lodge #284 and was Master in 2004. He joined Acca and the Scottish Rite in 1977, and York Rite in 2013. His Unit and Club affiliations include: Provost Guard, where he was Major in 2010; Glen Allen Shrine Club, serving as President in 2012; Golf Club; and Past Masters Club. James loves playing golf and staying active.

Joyce Spiller is a life-long hairdresser. Still working part-time in her 54th year. She is Secretary for the Provettes. Joyce also was on the Aides Staff for about 12 years, until she joined James on the Divan. She would rather dance and eat!



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Lady Sharon Heard, PHP

Greetings. The Ladies of Accaba Court wish to say congratulations to Ill. Sir Al Rock, 2020-2021 Acca Shrine Potentate, and to his newly elected Divan members. We wish you the best, and safe travels during your journey as Potentate.

As we say congratulations to Ill. Sir Al Rock, we want to say “thank you” to Lady Donna Prock, and her Officers, for a terrific year under her leadership. Lady Donna, we all enjoyed working with you this year; you were a wonderful High Priestess, and you have now earned the title of Past High Priestess. Lady Donna, during your year as High Priestess, you were able to experience something very few High Priestesses get, and that is being High Priestess of a Court hosting Grand Council. Thanks to you, and all the members of Accaba Court working together, our “small but mighty” Court had a very successful Grand Council Session last May. Again, congratulations and thank you for a job well done!

Congratulations to Lady Nancy Corker, who became High Priestess of Accaba Court. Lady Nancy, and her Officers, were installed on Sunday, March 8, 2020, at the Open Installation of Officers held at Acca Shrine Center.

Lady Nancy, your installation was beautiful, your decorations outstanding. Accaba Court is going to have a terrific year under your leadership, and the leadership of your Officers. Again, congratulations to you and your Officers!!

On February 22, 2020, there was a LOS happening that doesn’t often occur, the formation of a new Court in Virginia. The new court, MA’AT Court No.110 is located in Roanoke, and is the fourth LOS Court in Virginia. Congratulations to the newly elected Officers of MA’AT. Some of the Accaba Ladies attended the weekend-long festivity, and had a great time. Our Court looks forward to working with the new Officers and members of MA’AT.

March 14, 2020, was going to be a “big day” for Accaba Court, and the members who were planning to attend Greenville Shriners Hospital’s Annual Meeting. Unfortunately, due to the coronavirus, the meeting was cancelled. During the year, under Lady Christi Colletti’s leadership as First Ceremonial Lady, her project was collecting money for the “Shoe Fund” at Greenville Shriners Hospital. Lady Christi was planning to present a check for over \$6,300, that’s right, over \$6,300, to the “Shoe Fund” during the meeting. Hopefully, the meeting will be rescheduled, and she will be able to personally present the check; if not, then it will be sent. Great job Lady Christi!

It’s happening again - “Dine out for Charity” - for the month of June, at the Midlothian location of Sedona Taphouse, will be in support of Shriners Hospitals for Children, and Accaba Court will get the credit. The Officers and members of Accaba Court extend an invitation to everyone in Acca Shrine, including family and friends, to come to Sedona (Midlothian location) every Monday, for lunch or dinner, and help us raise money for Shriners Hospitals for Children.

Sharon Heard, PHP



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Accaba Ladies attend MA’AT Institution

Accaba Court Continued



Happy Trails To You



PHP's of Accaba - Women of the West

Chester Shrine Club

Treasurer Dale Lewis

Chester Shrine Club holds its dinner and business meetings at Howlett's Restaurant in Chester, on the second Monday of each month. Social Hour begins at 6:30, with the business meeting and dinner starting at 7:00. Under the leadership of Noble Ronnie Wray, Chester Shine Club is in full swing, and is looking forward to exciting times as we move into Spring and Summer.

In the coming months, the Club will be planning outings for 2020. If you have an event you would like to have considered, please contact any Chester Shrine Club member.

During the Chesterfield County Fair, the Chester Shrine Club conducts a fundraiser, by assisting with the selling of ride tickets at the Fair. This fundraiser enables the Club to make a sizable donation to Shriner Hospitals, and this year promises to be no exception. All Nobles and their Ladies are invited to come out for good fellowship and a good time. Additional information will be available as we get closer to the date.

Another fundraising event is driving cars through the auction block at the Motley Auto Auction on Friday mornings. The 3-hour event concludes at 12:00 p.m. Funds paid for each driver are directed to the Club or Unit they choose.

In addition to the Chester Shrine Club members, any family member or friend can also drive, which increases the amount of money the Club will receive.



Monthly Dinner and Business Meeting

If you would like to participate, please contact any Chester Shrine Club member.

We wish you all the best, and look forward to seeing you in the coming months.

Dale Lewis
Treasurer

Caverns Shrine Club

Secretary Bill Dudley

The Caverns Shrine Club celebrated the successful conclusion of our 2019 major fundraiser at our January meeting, held at Camino Real restaurant in Luray. Our first annual Shriners Caroling in the Caverns event was held at Luray Caverns in December. We recently received an acknowledgement from Shriners International Headquarters for our donation of \$14,000 to the Greenville Hospital.

Our February and March meetings were held at Dan's Steak House, located west of Luray, as we began the planning for our 2nd annual fundraiser at Luray Caverns, and efforts to visit and encourage Blue Lodge Masons to become Shriners. At the March meeting, the membership approved the donation of \$1,000 to Acca Temple to help with the operating costs of the Temple.

Due to the fine work of our 2019 Officers throughout the year, all were reelected for 2020. The Officers are: Noble Jonathan Comer, President; Noble Steve Atkins, Vice-President; Noble Bill Dudley, Secretary; and Noble Jim Fargo, Treasurer.

In April, the Caverns Shine Club will begin our longstanding tradition of meeting at rustic mountain cabins with host teams of Nobles, as we raise additional funds for our Hospitals. For anyone visiting in the Luray area who would like to attend our Club meeting on the first Wednesday of the month, please feel free to contact our Club Secretary, Bill Dudley, at billdudley@teambda.com for specific locations and directions to the meeting.

Bill Dudley, Secretary

Hillbilly Unit

Secretary Ross Morland

Howdy y'all! My wife and I enjoyed some fast food the other evening...she hit a possum at 70 mph. It was a little flat, but pretty darn tasty. At our January meeting, we elected two new members to the Unit's Board of Directors: Nobles Jim Young and George Dudley. We also elected Illustrious Tim Southern as an Emeritus Member of the Board. Congratulations to these fine Nobles. We would also like to congratulate Illustrious Al Rock, and the entire Acca Divan, on their installation. Best wishes and blessings to you and your Ladies for 2020!

The Hillbillies are currently planning many parades and fundraisers for this Spring and Summer. A new opportunity, we are very excited about, is helping at the Sweet Dreams Festival in Stuarts Draft on Saturday, June 6th. This annual community event is sponsored by the town's two largest industries: Hershey's and McKee (Little Debbie). It will be a fun-filled day with games, family activities, entertainers, craft vendors, and plenty of sweets. We'll see everyone at the Spring Ceremonial.

Y'all take care, and God bless!

HONOR THE COB!

Ross Morland, Secretary



Hillbillies at Greenville Hospital

Car Club

Ed Johnston Jr.

The ACC Car Club's first meeting of 2020 was on February 26th, not our usual meeting night, as the Temple was out of power February 4th, 2020 and all activities were canceled that night. We had a great turnout of 14 members, a very commendable pot luck dinner and had special guests Noble Tom and Lady Pattie Williams. We were excited to have them and Tom joined our Car Club that evening. They will be a welcomed addition to our activities, plus Tom has a couple of right interesting cars.

We want to welcome Potentate Al Rock and Lady Bette for 2020 and we will support them all this year, we are Rock of Ages for sure and Rock On in 2020 for the Shriners Hospitals For children, certainly a solid year coming up!

We are planning a visit to the Khedive Temple in Chesapeake, VA's car show which is quite a big show later this year. Maybe some of our members will get excited about owning a "Classic Car"!

The ACCA Car Club is planning on manning a watermelon tent at Shepard and Cary Streets again this August. We will be setting up and manning the morning shift until about 12:30 PM and the Oriental Band is planning to take over the afternoon shift. This is a great ACCA Shrine event and brings in a lot of money. Each tent's money take can be allocated to the clubs or units choice of giving.

Dewey Draucker is somewhat slow, but is still getting out on occasion. Matt Williams is doing fairly well, but doesn't get out much. Gene is watching over him and



Car Show



Watermelon Festival



Car Club Auto

doing a good job. We miss seeing Robert Tatum, but he'll be back to our meetings in warmer weather.

We're looking forward to a warmer spring and another great year for ACCA!

Remember. the only good thing about the past, is it's over and the future holds a new opportunity!!

"We are planning a visit to the Khedive Temple in Chesapeake, VA's car show which is quite a big show later this year. Maybe some of our members will get excited about owning a "Classic Car"!"



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Jim Deitrick

Our Unit always seems to find a way to have fun, even while we are raising funds for our Unit, the Temple, the Transportation Fund, and the Hospitals. The First Quarter was no exception. During that time, we welcomed our new Officers for the year 2020, who are: Director – Gary Westerhouse; Asst. Director – Ken McSpadden; Secretary – Rusty Brinkley; Treasurer – Steve Williams; and Quarter-master – Southall Stone. We look forward to these Nobles leading us to another successful year.

In January we were saddened to learn of the passing of one of our dear Ladies, Ruta Graubics Goodwin. Ruta was a beautiful woman, inside and out, and we were all captivated by her smile and cheery disposition. We will miss her congeniality and fellowship.

Late in February, and I mean late, like the 29th, we gathered together to produce our award-winning stew. There was a look of disappointment on everyone's face when yours truly opened his portable chair and no varmints scurried out. I tried to explain that I had bought a brand-new chair due to the damage done to my old one by the mice in my shed. Anyway, enough about that. We produced 428 quarts of stew that day and pre-sold all but 30 quarts. Getting rid of those remaining quarts won't be a problem. There were many hands involved in the stew, and many tall tales expounded around the stewpot. If someone with extremely fast transcribing skills were in the area that day, they would have had enough information to write at least one novel!

In early March, we had our St. Patrick's Day dinner in the Staff room. It's always a fun, and delicious time, and the green was evident in both food and beverage. The food



contributed by our members and their families was outstanding; lots of corned beef and cabbage, and an assortment of side dishes and desserts that would make you 'slap yo momma'. All this delicious food was encased in a room beautifully decorated by Lady Bev Brinkley and her assistants.

Other activities we are all looking forward to later in the year include: two races, for which we will usher and receive funds for our designated recipients; our Staff picnic which is always fun, and also involves food; Old Timers Night where we invite some of our more senior members to visit with us so we can show appreciation for their contributions to the growth and strength of our Unit (and involves food); the Carytown Watermelon Festival; S.A.S.A. in September; and Walk for Love. By the time we finish our involvement in those activities, we will have exuded a pride in having fun with our comrades in-arms and aiding our fellow man. That's what a Mason and Shriner are supposed to do. (NOTE: Several of the indicated activities mentioned in this article may be affected by the pandemic.)

Staff Murmurs

Normally, our 'Roving World Ambassador', Roger Dickinson, goes out on a two, or three, week sojourn and returns to replenish his supplies and gets some rest for the next escapade. However, he recently has been going non-stop for what seems like months without returning for said revitalization. Has he discovered some more of that 'Fountain of

Youth' elixir, and doesn't want to share it with us? Only the Shadow Knows. Does anyone remember those little 'whistles' that were being sold several years ago, which were to be placed on the front bumpers of vehicles, and whose sounds were supposed to ward off deer, and other similar creatures? Well, we have ordered a case (24 whistles) for one of our Past Potentates, who insists on hitting such animals at an alarming rate. We're not sure which party also needs a pair of eye glasses. In case you haven't heard, the Roundtree Mafia is down to one member now. Did that one member say something he shouldn't have, or is this a test to see if he learned how to defend the ranch from all those Westerns he watches. Maybe we're paying our Quartermaster too much. It appears he was seen in Aruba recently.



Ruta Goodwin

2020 Gary Prock Player Of The Year



Golf Club

President Larry Koon

We have been busy, by that, I mean the Officers of the Golf Club. The schedule for 2020 has been completed, our out of town trip has been planned, and all the many details that are necessary have been taken care of.

Our team, the Golf Club Officers for this year are: Larry Koon - President; James Sadler - Vice-President; Rusty Brinkley - Secretary; and Brian LaFontaine - Treasurer. A good group of guys, and we work together very well.

Our season will start off at the Stonehenge Golf Course in March. This is a private course, and we are delighted to be able to play. Then we play Birkdale in April; May will be at Mill Quarter; June is at the Hollows; we will play the Queenfield course in July; our outing in August will be at the Brandermill course; September will be at the Brookwood course; October at Lake Chesdin, and we finish the season at the Hanover Country Club in November.

We also have three tournaments in which we participate; the two Grand Master Tournaments, and the Scottish Rite Tournament. We sponsor a golf hole for each. We will also consider a Fall out of town golf trip if the members are interested, and based on the participation of the Spring trip.

Every year after the Golf season, we have a Ladies Night to show our appreciation to the Ladies for their

support (letting us play). We have always held it early in the following year, January or February. The Ladies prefer this date, as there is always too much going on in December. As in past years, it was held at the Meadowbrook Country Club. It has always been well received, and an evening of fun and fellowship. The food, service and atmosphere is enjoyed by everyone. The President generally hands out token gift items to commemorate certain actions taken by members during the year. These memorable gifts are treasured forever????

Of course, the highlight of the evening is the naming of the "Player of the Year". This award is the lofty goal of every member of the Club. Many times, members will offer enticing enhancements to be considered, but the Officers are decent, honest Nobles who would not succumb to such suggestions.

"The Player of the Year" is Noble Gary Prock. Noble Gary was awestruck by being honored with the award. He will wear this award on his person when he tees off on the first tee at Stonehenge.

The Acca Golf Club, where fun and fellowship are paramount, and new golf words are constantly being added to our vocabulary.

Be Nice-Keep the Sunny-Side Up.

Larry Koon
President

MAY 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 Provost Guard	2
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
10 MOTHERS DAY	11 Chester SC Hillbilly Unit Million Dollar Band	12 Chanters Board of Directors	13 Glen Allen SC James River SC Southside SC Directors Staff Mini Patrol	14 Sauerkrauts	15	16
17	18 South Hill SC Million Dollar Band Klownz	19 Danville SC Chanters Business Meeting	20 Hopewell SC Shooters Club Country & Western Band	21 Cabiri Lake Country SC Hillbilly Outhouse Sauerkrauts	22	23
24 31	25 Scottish Rite Million Dollar Band MEMORIAL DAY	26 Northern Neck SC Chanters Divan Meeting Uniform Council	27 Manchester SC Petersburg SC Valley SC, Heritage SC Arab Patrol Country & Western Band	28 Motor Patrol Oriental Band Sauerkrauts	29	30

JUNE 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 Car Club Greeters Million Dollar Band	2 LOS Chanters Hospital Committee	3 Blue Ridge SC, Caverns SC Ceremonial Cast Legion of Honor Country & Western Band	4 Sauerkrauts	5	6 POTENTATE'S BALL
7	8 Chester SC Hillbilly Unit Million Dollar Band	9 Chanters Board of Directors	10 Glen Allen SC, James River SC, Southside SC Directors Staff, Mini Patrol	11 Sauerkrauts	12 Provost Guard	13
14	15 South Hill SC Million Dollar Band Klownz	16 Danville SC Chanters	17 Hopewell SC Shooters Club Country & Western Band	18 Cabiri Lake Country SC Hillbilly Outhouse Sauerkrauts	19	20
21 FATHERS DAY	22 Scottish Rite Million Dollar Band	23 Northern Neck SC Chanters Divan Meeting Uniform Council	24 Manchester SC Petersburg SC, Heritage SC Valley SC, Arab Patrol Country & Western Band	25 Motor Patrol Oriental Band Sauerkrauts	26	27
28	29 Million Dollar Band	30 Chanters				

JULY 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 Blue Ridge SC, Caverns SC Ceremonial Cast, Legion of Honor, Country & Western Band	2 Sauerkrauts	3 Provost 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 Sauerkrauts	10	11
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26	27 Scottish Rite Million Dollar Band	28 Northern Neck SC, Chanters Divan Meeting Uniform Council	29	30 Sauerkrauts	31	

AUGUST 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 ACCA FAMILY PICNIC
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 Provost Guard	8
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 Sauerkrauts	14 LOH BBQ DINNER	15
16	17 South Hill SC Million Dollar Band Klownz	18 Danville SC Chanters Business Meeting	19 Hopewell SC Shooters Club Country & Western Band	20 Lake Country SC Hillbilly Outhouse Sauerkrauts	21	22 SHRINERS NIGHT AT THE DIAMOND
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KLOWNZ

Harry (Dimples) Moore Past President ISCA

During February 19th-22nd, four of your (Mentally Challenged) Klownz did it again. We couldn't wait until SASA, so we traveled to San Antonio, Texas for the International Clown Association Convention. Nobles Brandon Black, Craig Spencer, Gus Lamond (Treasurer ISCA) and yours truly, Harry Moore made the journey. We represented Acca well, and competed in several competitions, winning four plaques. Hats off to these Nobles for representing the Acca Klownz.

On March 14th and 15th we will be at Bass Pro Shop for a fundraiser, and just around the corner, we will be working the NASCAR race. If anyone wants to help, please contact a Klownz member. We have parades on our schedule for this year, and last but not least, a few Klownz also are Roadrunners.

If you want to have fun, please consider joining the Klownz.



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Million Dollar Band

Bill Hudson

We started the year off strong with our performance at the Open Installation. Roger pulled out some rather difficult pieces for us, which required some rather hard work on our part. We were fortunate to have a few really talented guest musicians sit in with us, and together I think we knocked it out of the park. A lot of thanks and congrats came our way as a result.

Phil is apparently enjoying himself in his retirement from full time conductor. He is playing his tenor sax, and seems to be loving every minute of it. He and Fred Paul team up quite well together, especially when they take off on solo riffs while playing Starduster gigs. Speaking of the Stardusters, they played a paying gig at Heritage Oaks, and have been invited back to play later in the year. They also have some gigs booked for later this spring and early summer. Big band music of the Swing Era has caught on again, and our group hopes to jump right into the thick of this revival.

Since Phil is enjoying his sabbatical from directing, Roger is once again taking the lead. He has wonderful ideas designed to revitalize and energize the band. As I have mentioned before, he tends to push and challenge

us to perform at the top of our game. His selection of music is doing just that. We're forced to go well beyond our comfort level, which can be discouraging if not played well, but at the same time exhilarating when you realize you can do it. Thanks again Rog!

Our concert calendar is filling up with some of our favorite places to play. Again, this year, we played for our veterans who reside at the Sitter Barfoot located on the grounds of McGuire VA. Those folks really do seem to enjoy our annual visits, and we enjoy putting smiles on their faces. It's just another opportunity for our great fraternity to say thanks to another great fraternity, our veterans of the United States Military.

The Band is currently putting the finishing touches on our upcoming Annual Showcase Concert. It promises to be one of the best that we've ever done. Be on the lookout for announcements of the date and time, so you won't miss it. Like a fine wine, this Band gets better and better with age. After 105 years together, we must be hitting on fantastic!

Bill Hudson
Reporter



Stardusters at Heritage Oaks



Million Dollar Band



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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 February we installed our Officers for 2020 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 once again as emcee, and made us all so proud. Ill. Sir Al Rock, 2020 Acca Potentate, and member of MSC, administered the oath, and he and Lady Bette joined us for dinner. What a truly great evening we had.

Also, our 9th Annual Cornhole Tournament was the most successful to date. MSC netted over \$21,000 in support of the Club and the Temple. We had a huge turnout, a capacity crowd in fact. A huge thank you to all who volunteered to help, our sponsors, the ACO, and especially the participants. We owe a tremendous debt of gratitude to Noble Johnny Carr and his team for pulling this all together; what an extraordinary effort!

We will be holding our 4th Annual T.C. Atkinson \$10,000 50/50 Raffle, which has proven to be a huge success for us and the Hospitals over the past 3 years.

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Tickets will be available in a few weeks, and they go quickly, so 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 each, and only 100 are sold, so your odds of winning 5K are pretty good, and \$5,000 goes to the Hospitals. Group purchases of single tickets are becoming popular, and how great would it be for your Club or Unit to win it for the cause?

Please come out and join us some time, we meet on the 4th Monday every month in the Acca Shrine Center's Assembly Room, where our new bar, "Cozy Corner 2", is now located. 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 new and incoming members; we are growing!

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



The 9th annual Manchester Shrine Club Cornhole Tournament. Impressive turnout for a wonderfully successful ongoing event!



Ill. Sir Al Rock, 2020 ACCA Potentate and member of the Manchester Shrine Club offering kind words of praise and encouragement for the upcoming year.

Manchester Shrine Club Continued



Past Presidents of Manchester Shrine Club pose along with incoming President Johnny Carr. Included here are Illustrious Sirs Al Rock and Thornton Holt, along with Noble Steve Williams.



MSC officers for 2020, L-R: Noble Terry Nall, Secretary. Noble Shannon Hartman, Treasurer, Noble Steve Williams, 1st Vice-President, Noble Ed Johnston, Jr., 2nd Vice-President, Noble Jamie Poegl, 3rd Vice-President (IS Thornton Holt standing in for him), and Noble Johnny Carr, President.

Provost Guard

Chris Schwartz

Spring is here and our 2020 officers are off and running. Spring means it's time for our first fundraiser, the 23rd Annual Provost Guard Fish Fry which is held on Good Friday but due to the pandemic of course it was postponed. Fun and good food will have to wait for now not to mention the cold draught beer. We know the great support we always have from our own and from our ladies, the Provettes, will be there in the future including the wonderful job they do selling dessert. When the time comes the food as usual will be great and our head chef Nick Williams and his team will do a superb job in the preparation and the cooking. Hopefully we can have a great attendance for the 24th

Annual Fish Fry on Good Friday next year. Mark the day so you won't miss it next year.

Our Spring Meeting of the SASA Provost Guard was held this year in Atlantic Beach, NC and hosted by our friends and brothers from the Sudan Provost Guard. We had several Nobles attend and all had a great time, good fun and fellowship. Our accommodations were excellent, and we all thank the Sudan Provost Guard for their hospitality.

We're a busy unit and look forward to the upcoming parades, fundraisers and Summer fun. Oh yea, and whatever our Ill. Al Rock asks.



Ladies of Provost 2020 Officers



Provost 2020 Officers

Motor Patrol

David Vass

Wow, the second quarter is here already. Time seems to pass by quickly when you are staying busy. It seems like everyone is busy these days. Spring is upon us now the trees are starting to bud out, and before you know it, everyone will be busy working in their yards again.

The Motor Patrol has been busy with catering jobs; we keep getting asked to do more, so we must be doing something right. We are happy to be doing them. We do have some big catering events coming up. We also have the Grand Masters Official Visit to Districts 15A and 15B on the 20th of June at the Acca Shrine Center. We will need all members of the Motor Patrol Unit and their lovely Ladies to help out on these big events.

The Motor Patrol Unit is looking for a good year. Our membership seems to be increasing, and we have new applications to be read and voted on in our upcoming meeting. It's great to see this much activity in the Unit. We could use more help, as our catering jobs seem to be getting larger. We are hoping to be able to do more parades this year, to show

off our new rides. That's right, we do have one new Drifter in house now. It was showcased at our January Motor Patrol monthly meeting. All who were there were able to ride it. Everyone got off of it with big smiles on their faces. I think they all were remembering their younger days, out riding their big wheels in the driveways. The next day we placed an order for fourteen more Drifters, to give us a total of fifteen as of now. We, as a Unit, are looking forward to the arrival of them so we can start practicing on them for the upcoming parades.

The Motor Patrol meets on the fourth Thursday of each month in our Club room. Be safe out there, and I look forward to seeing you all at our monthly meetings.

David Vass



TRAVELING DIVAN - KHEDIVE POTENTATE'S BALL



Piedmont Shrine Club

Secretary William R. Bond, III



Annual Sweetheart Brunch



Donation to Acca Transportation Fund

Piedmont Shrine Club held their annual Sweetheart Brunch on Sunday, February 16th, at the Greencroft Club, 575 Rhodes Drive, Charlottesville. President Julian Taliaferro gave a general welcome to all in attendance. Noble Julian introduced the members of Acca Divan and their Ladies in attendance. He recognized the Potentate, Illustrious Al Rock, and asked if he would give a few remarks. Ill. Al Rock spoke about the Shrine family. He explained the meaning of his official pin for the year, as well as his motto which is, "Believe, we can make a difference." He read a poem about a Shriner's Wife. President Julian Taliaferro then introduced the Officers of Piedmont Shrine Club and their Ladies. He then recognized our Sweethearts who were present, and presented each a rose.

Noble Philip Nelson, Chaplain gave the invocation before brunch. The buffet brunch was provided by the Greencroft Club.

Pictured from left to right are; Mr. Rex Hodgson (Financial Partnership Manager at VCU) presenting a \$2,500 check, as a donation to the Acca Transportation Fund, to Noble Brian LaFontaine (Acca Assistant Rabban) and Noble Goldie Tomlin, Jr., Treasurer of Piedmont Shrine Club. Also pictured are Gene Goin (member of PSC, and a Board member at VCU), along with, Mrs. Amy Tammen, and Mr. Glenn Birch, members of VCU Executive Board.

The Virginia Credit Union Executive Board selected Piedmont Shrine Club and The Ronald McDonald House of Charlottesville to be their 2019 recipients of their award in the Charlottesville area.

TRAVELING DIVAN



Philadelphia Hospital Report

Dan Freye - Board of Governors - Shriners Hospitals for Children-Philadelphia

Greetings from Philadelphia! Or, rather, greetings from home! More about that later...

I was able to escape the ravages of our Richmond winter (such as it was) for four days in January to attend the biannual Shriners Hospitals for Children Leadership Conference at the Sirata Resort in St. Pete Beach, Florida. It was a great opportunity for me to meet my counterparts from the other hospitals, put faces with names of the headquarters leadership team, and participate in discussions, both formal and informal, about the changes being made within our system.

The keynote speaker for the conference was Cy Wakeman, "Drama Researcher", NY-Times Bestselling Author, and Leadership Consultant. Cy opened the session with a very interesting presentation titled "Ditching Drama in the Workplace". Her research has shown that the average employee spends nearly 2.5 hours per day in drama - gossiping, tattling, withholding buy-in, resisting change and stepping down from accountability. She explained that drama is emotional waste - any unproductive thought or behavior - and like any other waste in the workplace, she believes drama can be eliminated through great mental processes. Her presentation provided examples for leaders to use to recapture that emotional waste and upcycle it into positive results. We also had the opportunity to meet and hear from several of the college football players in town for the 96th East West Shrine Bowl. Pictured is Navy's quarterback, Malcolm Perry.

The focus of the Leadership conference, both in plenary and breakout sessions, was on the planned and yet-to-be determined changes within the system. Five SHC hospitals will continue to hold their inpatient licenses in 2020. The five are Philadelphia, Greenville, Northern California, Chicago, and Houston/Galveston. A resounding theme throughout the conference was that while our methods of delivery may change, our mission and commitment to our kids will never change. More than 1.4 million kids have been treated since the first Shriners hospital opened in 1922 and we fully expect that number to exceed 1.5 million by the our 100th anniversary!

The new Board was duly installed at the January 23 meeting in Philadelphia. Past Chairman, Jon Swartz, was recognized for his leadership over the past two years and was presented with a crystal gavel. Emeritus member, Ill. Sir Ted Jacobsen was recognized and awarded his Emeritus plaque. Lynn Batdorf, Executive Assistant to the Administrator and Board Chairman, was also recognized for her many years of service and bade farewell on

the occasion of her retirement. The Board approved additional paid time-off days for Dr. Sarah Nossov who received a traveling fellowship from the Limb Lengthening Reconstruction Society. (You may recall me recounting Dr. Nossov's great work reconstructing a young patient's leg in the 4th Quarter 2019 Accalette.) The fellowship will take her away from the Hospital 20 days, traveling to Orlando, San Francisco, Dallas, Baltimore, New York and Montreal. The Society will pay all expenses. Well done, Dr. Nossov!

Last, but certainly not of least importance, Home Office approved SHC-Philadelphia's 2020 strategic plan. Of particular note, were approvals to maintain a large inpatient hospital and to pursue and achieve American College of Surgeons (ACS) Musculoskeletal Specialty Hospital certification. Doctors Kozin and Samdani have already met with the medical staff to review ACS level one criteria and they expect to request certification by the end of 2020.

Much of the Board leadership's time before the February board meeting was devoted to the Joint Commission triennial survey in progress. The team had arrived on Wednesday before our board meeting and concluded its survey on Friday. The Joint Commission is an independent, not-for-profit group in the United States that administers voluntary accreditation programs for hospitals and other healthcare organizations. The commission develops performance standards that address crucial elements of operation, such as patient care, medication safety, infection control and consumer rights. Dr. Epstein, a pediatric cardiologist from Atlanta, survey team leader, met with both the executive committee and the full board, and provided an overview of the approximately 1,550 elements the survey team would review along with some preliminary findings. At the conclusion of the survey, SHC-Philadelphia received only 16 identified elements, none of which were major. To put it in perspective (and, Ok, to brag a bit), the average number of recommendations received by the first 10 Shriners Hospitals surveyed since June of 2019, was 27. That's world-class patient care! Great work!!

At the risk of understatement, March has been an interesting month! On March 4, Ed Myers, was named as the new Senior Corporate Administrator for Shriners Hospitals for Children. In his new role, Ed will be assisting the Vice President of Hospital Operations in the oversight of ongoing and future hospital transitions. Until a replacement is hired, Ed will be splitting his time between Philadelphia and Houston. While we will

Philadelphia Hospital Continued

certainly miss Ed’s leadership in Philadelphia, we all agree that Ed is the right guy at the right time for this new opportunity. We wish Ed and Lady Sandra the best as they take on this new assignment.

On March 10, Executive Vice President, John McCabe, issued a COVID-19 travel update that, among other things, impose an immediate ban on all international business travel, an ‘all but essential’ ban on domestic travel, and a temporary suspension of all domestic and international clinics. Concurrently, Jerry Gantt, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, announced a suspension of the requirement for ‘in person’ meetings of Boards of Governors. Consequently, our March board meeting will virtual; Noble Dave Eells and I will be attending via Skype.

As I first started writing this article, I thought the travel bans and other restrictive measures would be unique. Now, as the pandemic expands, such measures have expanded to all of us. As a system, Shriners Hospitals for Children is committed to providing high quality care to the patients we serve and their families, along with protecting the dedicated staff who deliver the Shriners Hospitals for Children mission every day. As Shriners, we are equally committed to the care and protection of each other. Be safe, don’t panic, take care of yourselves and take care of each other.

Noble Dave Eells and I are honored to serve on the Philadelphia Board of Governors and represent Acca Shriners in that capacity. Please let either of us know if you have any questions about the hospital and especially if you know of a child who could benefit from Shriners care. As always, thanks to Acca Nobles and Ladies for your continued support and commitment to SHC-P and the World’s Greatest Philanthropy.

Noble Daniel L. Freye, Vice Chairman
Board of Governors
Shriners Hospitals for Children-Philadelphia



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The biannual Shriners Hospitals for Children Leadership Conference at the Sirata Resort in St. Pete Beach, FL



Valley Shrine Club

Secretary Dan Perry

The Valley Shrine Club kicked off 2020 with President Noble Fred Ortiz, other Officers, and the Board of Directors, meeting to plan Club activities and fundraisers for the coming year. Several new suggestions were approved by the Board, and will be announced as plans are finalized and approval has been received from Acca.

The January dinner meeting was held at Am Vets on the 22nd, with 17 Nobles and their Ladies attending.

The February dinner meeting was held at Am Vets on the 26th, with 20 Nobles and their Ladies attending.

The VSC continues to meet for breakfast at IHOP every Wednesday morning, except on the day of our dinner meetings, which are held on the 4th Wednesday of the month. All Shriners and Masons are welcome to attend.

Members of the Valley Shrine Club were saddened to learn of the passing of Past President (1987) Noble George M. "Tom" Belcher in January.

Respectfully submitted,
Dan Perry, Secretary





The Sauerkrauts

Bill Hudson

We really should have had a new photo of the band taken long ago. You would think having a picture taken would be a piece of cake. WRONG! After several years of talking about it, it finally happened. We learned some lessons along the way to our new pic, especially the fact that you can't please everybody when it comes to a date and time. So, don't worry about trying to accommodate. Just tell them when it's gonna happen, and go with it. If someone wants to be a part of the scene, they'll be there. And so, it was. Ill. Dennis Berry was gracious enough to take the photo, and the turnout was fantastic.

If you count faces, I think you'll come up with sixteen. Some very pretty, and some as ugly as sin. But anyway, this is us mugging it up and trying to look our best for the camera. I would be remiss if I failed give a shout out to five of the prettiest, and more handsome, musicians in the photo, who happen to be our guest musicians. Without these folks, who give up their time and offer their talents to support us in what we know as the greatest philanthropy

in the world, we wouldn't be able to do all we do. Thanks guys and ladies for all you do to help us continue to be successful. I have mentioned in other articles how this Band has been able to split into two units to perform separate gigs. In fact, I mentioned that we've played two gigs in two cities at exactly the same time. Well, if you look at the picture, you will understand how we can do this. We rely on redundancy in instrumentation to ensure that we have enough musicians to play a successful gig. For example, we have 4 clarinets, 4 trumpets, 3 trombones, 3 tubas and 2 euphoniums, and 2 drummers. With these numbers, we can usually accommodate any request. Our typical band size for a gig is about nine musicians, which includes 2 trumpets, 2 clarinets, 2 trombones, a euphonium, a tuba and drums.

In terms of upcoming performances, our calendar has already started to fill. Additionally, Chris has been playing an active role in reaching out to new venues for future performances. Among these new opportunities are, the upcoming Richmond Folk Festival, The Baltimore Oktoberfest, and The Wine and Food Festival in Northern Virginia, all of which we have already submitted applications to perform. Additionally, we will be reaching out to the Washington Nationals who have twice invited us to play for their Oktoberfest but had to decline due to an insufficient number of musicians available to make the trip. Maybe this year! Understanding that we would need a strong portfolio to break into these larger venues, Chris arranged for the band to cut a demo CD last fall at In Your Ear studio. Now, properly armed, we're in the position to Go Big! I'll keep you posted on how it's turning out in future articles.

Until then, stay safe and healthy.

Bill Hudson
Reporter

Mini Patrol

Commander Barry Read

Dear Nobles and Ladies: Hope everyone had happy holidays with their families. Winter weather has been kind to us so far. Spring is almost here and our busy Parade season will be upon us before we know it. We have been getting a few calls to attend parades we have not been to in a while. We are pleased to hear from past hosts, especially when they say they want us for the kids!

We have two new members, and are working on getting them trained and into our cars. We are working on getting back cars from past drivers; some of those cars will need to be upgraded. Mike Malcomb has

been doing a great job repairing trailers and cars. He is working on Mini Patrol's old cooking trailer. It will be able to carry 4 cars to parades. Practice will start soon, and the fun begins. We have already had several calls from area counties to attend parades. This year's plan is to do better at getting more cars going to parades. That helps get the word out to more people.

Mini Patrol had a good 2019, and we are hoping to make 2020 even better. We wish everyone good health and happiness throughout the year.

Always Remember Our Motto: Little Cars Run, So Little Legs Can Walk

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Ceremonial July 17-18, 2020

Friday, July 17, 2020

- 3:00—5:00 pm** Guests check into hotel
- 3:30—5:30 pm** Hospitality Room open
HAMPTON INN & SUITES
- 6:30—7:00 pm** Welcome Program in
Ballroom (Unit Rooms Closed)
- 7:00—9:30 pm** Unit & Club Open House
- 10:00-11:30 pm** Hospitality Room open
Hampton Inn



Honorees Hospital Drivers

Saturday, July 18, 2020

- 11:00 am** Candidates, Members and Ladies report to ACCA Shrine Center
- 11:30 am** Lunch
- 12:30 pm** Opening of ACCA Shrine Center
Balloting on Candidates (Unit Rooms Closed)
- 12:30 pm** Program for Ladies
- 1:00 pm** Seven Sons—First and Third Sections—Ceremonial Cast (Ladies are invited)
- 2:15 pm** The Old Red Fez and Flag Oration
- 2:30 pm** Parade of Units and Clubs
- 3:15 pm** Introduction of Past Potentates and Special Guests
- 3:30 pm** Second Section Ceremony
Director's Staff
Presentations of Membership Cards and Lapel Pins to New Nobles
- 4:00 pm** Reception
- 6:00 pm** Hospitality Room opens
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ACCA SHRINE
Potentate's Ball
 JUNE 6, 2020



Love Grows Miracles

Honoring Potentate Al Rock and Lady Bette
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Social
 5-6PM

Introduction of
 Divan 6PM

Dinner
 6:30PM

Comments and
 Introductions
 7:30PM

Dance
 8-11PM

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Coral Beach Fall SASA

September 17-20



Nobles and Ladies,
Fall SASA Beach Time is Fast Approaching Again Nobles

It's time to start thinking about Fall SASA and getting our reservations in the Coral Beach for September. This year's dates are September 17-20. Those who went last year saw that the Coral Beach has gone through quite an extensive renovation and is once again ready for a bunch of Shriners. The breakdown of the rates for this year is listed below. Please note rates listed below include all fees and taxes!!!

Oceanfront Suites:

Sunday – Wednesday \$105.55
Thursday – Saturday \$178.14

Angled Oceanfront Efficiency:

Sunday – Wednesday \$94.84
Thursday – Saturday \$154.34

Hospitality Rooms:

\$105.00 per night

- As before we will be able to utilize the ballroom free of charge as long as we reserve 50 rooms for the event
- Please note that the 17th through the 19th are considered peak days and are part of the 3-night minimum stay as before.

To make reservations you may call 1-800-843-2684 and reference block #494613.

Our contract states that reservations made after June 19, 2020 will be provided on a space available basis. This means that you need to make your reservations before that date to be assured that the type of room you want and pay the agreed rate.

Due to the COVID19 Issue, a Country and Western Music Festival that was scheduled for June is now being held the same week we are at SASA. The Hotel will not honor our rates after the June 19th cutoff.

Hospitality Rooms: All hospitality rooms are on the 6th floor as the past. Let me know if your unit or club would like to reserve a room. The hospitality rooms will cost \$105.00/night, this fee covers the room set-up, breakdown of room, and ice supply. A 1-night deposit will be required to secure the room with balance due upon arrival. All hospitality rooms must be reserved by August 1, 2020. Hospitality rooms are provided with daily maid service and ice supply by the resort staff. It is customary that we tip our maids and any other personnel who help us during our stay. I will be coming around during our stay to collect from each hospitality room. I will divide the tips between the people who serve us.

Parking: one parking pass per room is issued due to size and number of guests. Any exceptions will have to go through resort staff. Up to 5 small trailers will be allowed to be parked at the resort. The must be arranged thru the Housing Chairman, Rick Marion or the Potentate, Al Rock.

Coral East/West Ballroom: ACCA has this ballroom at no cost provided we reach the required booking of 50 rooms for Thursday through Saturday. If the minimum is not reached the cost is \$545.00+tax each night. So it is imperative we meet the 50 room minimum.

Coral Beach Resort is a no smoking resort. Smoking in designated areas only. You may not smoke on your balcony. There is a \$250.00 fee for smoking in your room.

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We are patriots, each willing to serve his country with fidelity and courage.

We cherish independence under law and freedom with responsibility.

We honor family. We respect our parents, wives and children.

We should instill in our children the tenets of this creed, and the heritage from which it emanates.

As individuals we pledge ourselves to integrity, virtue and nobility of character.

Our intentions will be honorable, our relations will be trustworthy and our spirits forgiving of each other.

As brothers we offer each other fraternal affection and respect. Together we will support each other in adherence to this creed, so that we and our communities will be the better because of our fraternity and its principles.

As Shriners we look beyond ourselves to serve the needs of others, especially children who cannot help themselves.

We believe Shriners Hospitals to be the world's greatest philanthropy, and we covenant with each other to support its "temples of mercy" with spirit, time, talent and means.