

**SPECIAL POINTS  
OF INTEREST:**

Walk for Love - 9/26

Street Eats Fest - 9/27

SASA— Sept. 17—19

Sportsman's Raffle 10/31

Fall Ceremonial—  
November 20-21

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# Accalette Newsletter

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## Corona Virus Slows, But Doesn't Stop, Acca Shriners

### From the Editor:

This inaugural issue of the Accalette Newsletter is submitted to help keep our membership up to date on what upcoming activities are happening at your Temple. A decision has been made to not publish the 3rd Qtr. Accalette magazine This was done primarily due to the lack of unit & club activities, and to be good stewards of the Temple's money. Obviously, with no fundraising or outside rentals during this pandemic, the normal revenue stream has been cut off, while the operation costs continue. At this time we do plan to publish the Accalette magazine for the 4th Qtr.

### Potentate's Remarks:

Nobles:

Effective July 1, 2020 (subject to change), Units and Clubs of Acca may resume their regular meetings. In compliance with the Phase II plan, social distancing, with a minimum of 6 feet, must be observed at all times. Also, no more than 50 members and guests may gather in any room at any given time. Until further notice, meals, snacks and bev-

erages, before or after meetings or practices, will not be permitted. Seating in all meeting areas must be marked and restricted, so as to promote social distancing of at least 6 feet, including in front of and behind seats.

For your protection and for those around you, face coverings are strongly encouraged. Hand sanitizer must be available throughout the building (in each meeting room). Each Unit or Club is responsible for having and supplying hand sanitizer in their room. Both before and after meetings, gatherings and /or practices, routine cleaning of high contact areas and hard surfaces must be done.

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## Fundraising at Acca

### Walk for Love

The Walk for Love Committee has been meeting, and according to Dan Freye, "We will have a Walk for Love in 2020." Dan explained at the recent Uniform Council Meeting that it may not look exactly like the prior years' walks, but it may be more of a virtual walk. Dan and Co-Chair Doc Redman encourage all mem-

bers to go to Acca's website and register. For additional information, see page 2 of this newsletter.

### Food Eats Festival

Plans are under way for the second annual event to be held on Sunday, September 27th. Units and Clubs are encouraged to help. See more on page 3.

### Carytown Watermelon Festival

Scheduled for Sunday, August 9th, this year's festival is on hold for the moment. Chairman Bill Ferguson will have an update by early July. Watch for more information on the Temple's website and Facebook page.

# Uniform Council Meeting



Uniform Council Meeting On-Line

On Tuesday May 26th, Acca conducted its first Uniform Council Meeting in two months. It was conducted on-line via

Zoom. Thanks to Dennis Berry, Acca's Recorder, and Roger Comley, Acca's Commander of Uniform Units, for hosting the meeting. It was entertaining for sure. With more than 35 attendees, there were some understandable glitches, stray music playing, and dropped conversations, but still very informative. It was announced there are still plans to have a Ceremonial later this year and SASA in September.

The Potentate's Cruise in October has been cancelled. As for fundraisers, plans are being made and committee members are meeting for the Walk for Love, Street Eats, Sportsman's Raffle, and hopefully the Carytown Watermelon Festival. (more on these later in this newsletter)

Next Council Meeting June 23rd.

**Please stay home if you are high risk or experiencing COVID-19 symptoms.**

## Potentate's Remarks Cont.

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- 1. All meetings will have a maximum of 50 people.
- 2. All attendees will wear a face covering.
- 3. All attendees will maintain appropriate physical distancing and shall sit a minimum of six feet apart.

- 4. All used rooms shall be disinfected before and after the meeting by the Unit or Club.
- 5. Until advised otherwise, meals, snacks, and beverages, before or after meetings or practices, will not be permitted.
- 6. Club and Units that do not meet at Acca are encouraged to use common sense and follow

the COVID-19 guidelines.

We all realize that these measures are an inconvenience and disruptive to our members, but this virus will likely be with us for months to come. In the meantime, we must do everything we can to keep ourselves and our guests safe.

## Drivers Needed on Friday

Motleys Auto Auction is up and running, and we are in need of drivers. All proceeds from your efforts can be used to support your Unit, Club, the Temple or our Hospitals. This is an easy way to help generate a steady source of revenue. If interested call Harry Moore at 804-839-6417.



Motleys Auto Auction Aerial View

## Walk for Love



Since our first Walk in 2017, Acca has donated over \$62,000, divided equally between Shriners Hospitals for Children – Greenville and Philadelphia, and Acca’s Transportation Fund.

To make this year’s Walk successful, we need the support of EVERY Unit and Club, and every Noble and Lady.

Here’s how you can help:

Sign up to walk. We need everybody to sign up for this event! You can register online at [accashriners.com](http://accashriners.com) as an individual or as a team.

You will get a T-shirt for a

\$25.00 donation. Create a team and challenge other Units and Clubs to do the same. Tell your friends and neighbors. What a great way to introduce them to Shriners, and to meet some of our awesome patients and families!

Sponsor the Walk. A donation of \$250 will get your Unit or Club’s name and logo on the Walk T-shirts and print materials. The sponsorship form is also available at : [accashriners.com](http://accashriners.com).

Talk to your Lodges about the Walk. Encourage them to be sponsors and/or form a team

and walk. Talk to your employers about the Walk. Encourage them to be sponsors and join us. We understand many small businesses in our area are hurting. But there are still those who believe in and are able to support Shriners Hospitals for Children.

Show up at the Walk. Show off what your Unit and Club does. We can use help setting up, cooking and serving food, providing entertainment, and playing games, tearing down and cleaning up.

Dan Freye

*Sponsor the Walk.*

*“A donation of \$250 will get your unit or club’s name and logo on the Walk T-shirts and print materials”.*

**“The tickets are in and ready to distribute, please contact the office.”**

## RVA Street Eats Festival Sunday, Sept. 27th

### Food Eats Festival

On Sunday, September 27th, the day after the Walk for Love, Acca will be hosting its second annual food truck festival. Tickets will be \$5.00 at the gate, according to Assistant Rabban

and Festival Chairman Brian La Fontaine.

Brian asks the Units and Clubs to consider helping. We need not only members to setup tents and clean up after, but also help serve beer.

For more information check out the flyer on Acca’s website and call Brian to volunteer. He can be reached by phone at 434-960-3396, Or by email [blafontaine1810@gmail.com](mailto:blafontaine1810@gmail.com).

## Sportsman’s Raffle Update

### Sportsman’s Raffle Tickets!

We have received our permit from the Gaming Commission, and the tickets are ready for distribution,

Unit and Club leaders, please let Shannon or Chief Rabban Rick Marion know who your ticket chairman is so they can get the tickets from the office for distribution. Also, we will be arranging with Bass Pro Shops to sell tickets at their store and will need volunteers to

man the table. We will have multiple opportunities to do this, and not just the two weeks before the Raffle. Please consider donating some time to help out.

Rick Marion  
540-836-9062

