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*Potentate Al Rock  
and Lady Bette*

## *Acca Fall Ceremonial & Potentate's Ball*

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# Potentate's Message

## Al Rock

The 2020 year is quickly coming to an end, and January will usher in a brand-new year filled with new opportunities and challenges.

When I was installed as the 115th Potentate of Acca, on January 25, your Divan and I had no idea what the year had in store for us. Plans for the year had been made over the last five years, and everything was in place for a year of fun, fellowship, and fundraising activities for our Hospitals and Acca Shrine Center. Then came the Covid-19 pandemic. Many of our activities had to be cancelled or postponed, as well as our much-anticipated visits with our Units and Clubs.

As the Covid-19 restrictions are starting to be lifted, we are once again able to have meetings and social gatherings, while adhering to the guidelines of masks and social distancing.

SASA was cancelled but, we had a SASA Victory Party/Picnic, which was well attended. A big thank you to the committees that put this together. A great time was had by all. It was a job well done.

Now that the Covid-19 restrictions have been partially lifted, we are planning to finish 2020 with a bang! Save these dates:

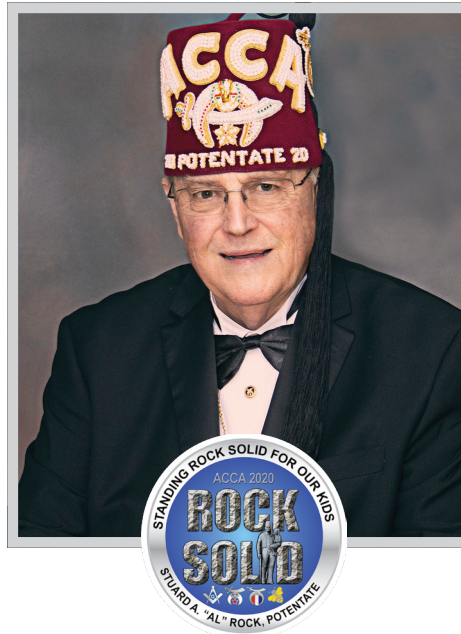
October 31 - Sportsman Raffle

November 11 - Veterans Breakfast

November 21 - Fall Ceremonial/Potentate's Ball

December 19 - Potentate's Appreciation Party

When I was installed, I thanked you for your trust and confidence, by affording me the opportunity to serve as



your Potentate. Today, I find myself in the same position. Lady Bette and I are humbled and honored to have been given the privilege to serve you for the year 2020.

I take this opportunity to thank our Units and Clubs that have donated to Acca Shrine Center to help us with the many repairs we have had to make this year. Thank you to our many Committees that have worked hard all year and, have not only made a positive difference this year, but also for the years ahead.

To our Divan—I cannot thank you enough for your help and support. This was a year like no other. We can only hope and pray that the Covid pandemic will soon end, and we can

have what will probably be a “new normal”.

As we approach the holiday season, let us pause and reflect on the many things for which we are thankful.

In closing, Lady Bette and I sincerely thank you for giving us the privilege to serve you, and we will always cherish your friendship, kind words and support. We wish you and your families a very Merry Christmas and a healthy and prosperous New Year.

Fraternally and sincerely,  
Stuard A. “Al” Rock

“As we approach the holiday season, let us pause and reflect on the many things for which we are thankful.”



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# From The Recorder's Pen

Dennis Berry, P.P.

Nobles and Ladies, I hope everyone is doing well and surviving the craziness of the world. As the world has slowly started to reopen from the pandemic, so has Acca. Clubs and Units are meeting again, we have held Uniform Council meetings, and by the time you read this, we will have had our first social event, the SASA Beach Party on September 19. The Potentate and Officers are working on plans to have a Fall Ceremonial on November 21st. Stay tuned for details, and hopefully, we will be able to come up with a plan for the Breakfast with Santa in December.

We will be having our regular business meeting on October 27th, and the election of Officers for 2021 will be held at the December 15th meeting. Hope to see you there.

Recently, 2021 dues notices went out by email and there was a button in the email, that you could click on and pay online. Please take advantage of this method, as it will record your dues immediately within Temple records and Imperial records. I am including an article in this issue describing how you can pay your dues online. Also, another feature that we now have available is an option



to set up a payment plan for your dues beginning with the 2022 dues. You must be current, and have paid your 2021 dues, in order to sign up.

Nobles, please be current with the payment of your dues. Your Temple depends on your dues as part of our operating expenses, and especially this year. Unfortunately, we are on schedule to suspend over 100 members this year. With the Bylaw change last year, there is no longer a grace period, and if you have not paid all dues, including 2020, by December 31st, you will be suspended. If you have any questions, or concerns, or need to work out options, please contact me

by email. We will work with you the best we can. We don't want to lose you.

With the COVID-19, we have cancelled all fundraisers except the Sportsman Raffle. Units and Clubs have also canceled most fundraisers, and unfortunately many will not be able to make large donations to the Temple. Speaking of the Sportsman Raffle, we are on schedule for October 31st. Please purchase and sell tickets, we need the support, especially this year. If you need tickets, contact the Business Office.

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Dennis W. Berry

*Dennis W. Berry*  
Recorder



Stuard A. Rock

*Stuard A. Rock*  
Illustrious Potentate

**THIS IS THE ONLY NOTICE OF BUSINESS MEETING YOU WILL RECEIVE.**



# From The Chaplain

Walter A. Trower Jr.

**H**ellos & Goodbyes: As we struggle with the loss of several Nobles and friends over the past weeks, months, and years, our perspectives on life may begin to change. With the unexpected nature sometimes, of our friends passing, it may give us much to ponder. It becomes apparent that, as age begins to catch up with us, our fraternal future will be marked more by loss than by gain. So, it could be characterized as much by goodbyes as hellos.

Of course, none of this is a surprise intellectually—that is just how life works. But this realization can be an emotional lightning bolt to the brain. It lends a fresh, new significance to



every moment life gives us, and every opportunity time allows. And it places a huge new value on the reality of future gatherings, where no goodbyes will ever be needed.

This ultimate reality is at the heart of what we find in Revelation 21:3-4: "God himself will be with them and be their God. 'He will wipe every tear from their eyes; there will be no more death', or mourning, or crying, or pain, for the old order of things has passed away."

Though today we may find ourselves experiencing seasons of long goodbyes, our trust in Christ's death and resurrection promises an eternity of hellos.

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**ACCA SHRINE ANNUAL  
VETERANS DAY**  
*Breakfast*

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2020**

8:00AM - Breakfast / 9:00AM Program  
Reservations Required: Please call Acca Shrine  
Office by Wednesday, November 4 at 804-264-0509

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As a courtesy to others please do not attend if  
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## TRIBUTE TO LABOR DAY



On September 7th we celebrated Labor Day,  
Let us remember all the workers along the way,  
The doctors, the military, teachers and such,  
Everyone contributing so very much.

Think of the waiters, the cashiers, the cooks,  
The librarians who helped us find certain books,  
The taxi drivers, the bagboys, the salespeople in the store,  
Wherever we go in life, we need them and more.

So let's pause for a moment on this year's Labor Day,  
To thank all the workers along the way,  
Tell someone that you appreciate all they have done,  
And let's keep our great AMERICA, forever NUMBER ONE.

GOD BLESS THE U.S.A.



Written by Lady Suzanne Turner



## From The Editor's Desk

Managing Editor L.R. "Rusty" Brinkley

Welcome back to Acca and the Accalette. Normally, my process when prepping for the Editor's article, is to read the articles and then try to follow the same line of thought. Well, this time I'm breaking away, and decided to, rather than write about what we cancelled or postponed, point out what has not been cancelled.

The 4th annual Walk for Love event was held, albeit virtually, showed that the Committee committed themselves to making it happen. Great job, to Dan Freye, Dr. Redman, and the W4L committee members for their dedication. The Acca Golf Club continued with their monthly outings, not missing a beat. Many committee and planning meetings have continued mostly via Zoom. As I'm writing this article, the Temple Beach Party that was held on Saturday, September 19th, was a success, with the cooperation of the Divan, Units and Clubs and several key members. Again, job well done!

You will find references in the Potentate's Article, and elsewhere within these pages, information regarding

several upcoming fall events. Those include: the Sportsman's Raffle; the Fall Ceremonial/Potentate's Ball, and of course, the Provost Guard's Oktoberfest. It's time to get back in gear and enjoy the fellowship we have missed.

I'm happy to announce that the Editorial Staff, of your Accalette, received an honorable mention in the magazine category of this year's Shriner's International Dromedary Awards. These awards are held annually by the Shriners International Publicity Department to recognize those Temples that have done an outstanding job in communicating through on-line and print media. I would like to especially thank Jim Deitrick and Anne Harriman for the many hours spent on each issue, and for helping us achieve this honor.

Job well done!

God Bless & God Speed

Rusty Brinkley

*Acca Shrine*  
**Fall Ceremonial**  
NOVEMBER 21, 2020




*Honoring our  
Hospital Committee and Drivers*

**AGENDA**  
**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2020**

8:30am - Candidates and Candidates Ladies report to Acca Shrine Center	11:00am - Lunch Activity Center (Nobles and Ladies)
9:00am - Opening of Acca Shrine Center Balloting on Candidates	12:00 noon - Units/Clubs Talk
9:00am - Ladies Program all Ladies	12:30pm - Introduction of Honorees Introduction of Past Potentates and Special Guests
9:30am - Seven Sons First and Third Sections Ceremonial Cast (Ladies are Invited) The Old Red Fez - Flag Oration	1:00pm - Second Section Directors Staff Fez of New Nobles Presentation of Donations

Proceeds are for the benefit of Acca Shrine and are not deductible as a charitable contribution.

*Acca Shrine*  
**Potentate's Ball**  
NOVEMBER 21, 2020



*Love Grows Miracles*  
Honoring Potentate Al Rock and Lady Bette  
The Divan and Acca Nobles and their Ladies

Social and Photographs 5-6PM	Introduction of Divan 6PM
Shriners Hospital Program 6:30PM	
Dinner 6:45PM	Comments and Introductions 7:45PM
Dance 8:15-11PM	

Dress Ladies: Evening Gown or Cocktail Dress  
Dress Men: Tuxedo or Dark Suit

Dinner Cost \$100.00 Per Couple - Open Bar  
Hotel Hampton Inn - Glenside Dr.  
Please call Acca office for reservations  
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**Cut Off Dates: Hotel 11/6/2020 - Meals 11/13/2020**

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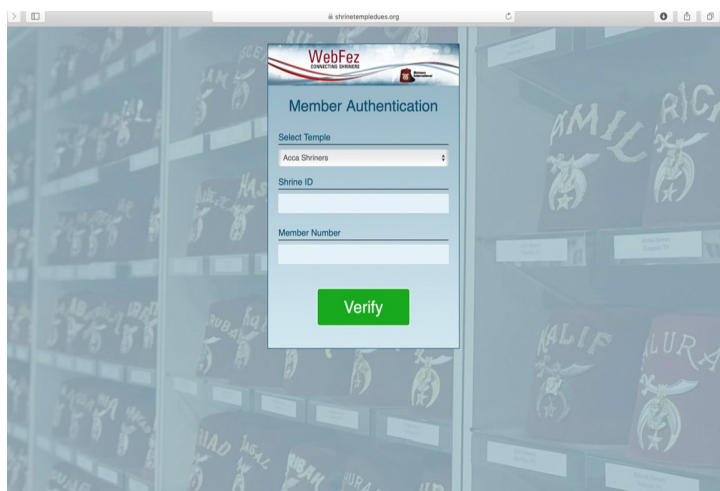


## PAY YOUR DUES ONLINE

### There are several ways to do this!

The first option is to log into Webfez, the membership data base, and register. Once there you can edit your contact information, pay your dues, etc. After you have registered, click on 'pay my bill' and that will open a new window, giving you the option to pay with a credit card.

All card information is kept by the card processor that Imperial uses, in a secure digital vault, just as other on-line transactions.



### Pay Your Future Years' Dues Automatically

Once you have paid your 2021 dues, you will now have the option to sign up for future automatic dues payment. This option can be set up monthly, quarterly, or as an annual payment. If you choose this option, in the fall of 2021, you will not receive a due notice, but automatically receive your 2022 membership card sticker. Payments will be automatically charged to the credit/debit card you place on file. Beginning in January, depending on the option you have chosen, the monthly or quarterly payment will be withdrawn from your account. If you choose the 'annual' option, you will

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- Click the register button on the login page
- From the Registration page, choose your Temple from the drop-down list, type in your Member Number and your First and Last name.
- Click on the Register button. You will be directed to the Create a New Account page. On this page, enter an E-mail address that you will use to log in with, confirm the E-mail address, and then enter and confirm your password.
- Scroll down to read the WebFez User Agreement and Privacy policy. Agree by clicking the checkbox.
- After the checkbox is selected, click on Register. This will Register you for WebFez and log you into the system.

Email

Confirm Email

Password

(Passwords must be between 8 and 12 characters with at least one upper case and one lower case letter and at least one number.)

Confirm password

The second way to pay your dues is to log into [accashriners.com](http://accashriners.com), click on the 'payment tab' and then the 'pay dues' tab. Enter your Shrine ID # and Member #, which can be found on your dues card.

be charged in October of 2021. This can be a great option, so that you don't get hit with all your dues (Lodge, Scottish Rite, York Rite) in the part of the year. Instead, you can have a little each month taken out and be done with it. So, to recap, just log into your WebFez account, and where the 'Pay My Bill' button was, you will see a 'Set Up Automatic Payments' button. Click on that button, enter your card number, and select the option you prefer; monthly, quarterly or annual payments. You can be assured, as with all on-line payments, your data will be kept by the processor in a secure digital vault.

## MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Chairman Andrew Coelho

**G**reetings Nobles: As Freemasons, we are charged with lending good counsel to our Masonic brethren. Right now, you have an opportunity to practice that charge by inviting your Masonic brother to walk the hot sands.

Now you may be saying to yourself, "That's a bit of a stretch!" But hear me out. If you're like me, you can honestly say that joining the Shrine was one of the best decisions you ever made. It has changed my life for the better, and I hope you agree.

Between the fellowship, the events, the people, and the opportunity to make a difference in the lives of the young patients at our Hospitals, membership in the Shrine is truly a blessing. When I put on that fez, it gives me a sense of purpose. It gives me a place in this family. It gives me pride in knowing that I'm a small part in a huge force for good in this world.

That is what you and I can offer our Masonic brethren in the Blue Lodge, an opportunity to better themselves



and find a family in our Fraternity.

Our Fall Ceremonial is on Saturday, November 21st. I'm asking each of you to invite at least one brother to take the next step in their Masonic journey, by joining the Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine.



Please remember to write down your Unit or Club on the petition. The Unit or Club president with the most petition signatures, will walk away from the Ceremonial with the Acca Membership Champions Belt wrapped around his waist. The honor... the prestige... the esteem... All of it can be yours if you act now. Fraternally,  
Andrew Coelho  
Chairman  
Membership Committee

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## First Lady's Thoughts

*Bette Rock*

I send you all a warm hello! I hope you are well. My heart goes out to any of you and your families who have been directly affected by Covid-19, and I send prayers for a speedy recovery.

The end of the year is fast approaching. 2020 has certainly been a year to remember—or forget! So many of our events had to be cancelled. I regret that we haven't had the opportunity to visit with many of you, but I am sure we will see you down the road!

As you know, I wanted to continue Lady Rebecca's project to organize the "Sweethearts Club." This project has been successful, and they will always have my support.

The Divan Ladies are sponsoring a "Tree of Love" this year. For a \$10 donation we will decorate the tree with ornaments "In Memory of," or "In Honor of," people you hold dear. An itemization of these contributions will be posted beside the tree. A report of these donations will be published in next year's first Accalette. Proceeds will benefit the Acca Shrine Center. This is a new endeavor and I hope you will participate.

It has been a pleasure for me to serve as your 2020 First Lady. Even though we were not able to do everything we planned, we always have fun with our Acca, and extended Shrine families, whenever we have a chance. I hope you all have a Merry Christmas and a great New Year! I wish Rick and Carolyn a productive and fun-filled year, as they lead Acca through 2021. In the meantime, we must hold tight to our faith in our Lord and Savior--the true meaning of Christmas.

Love,  
Bette

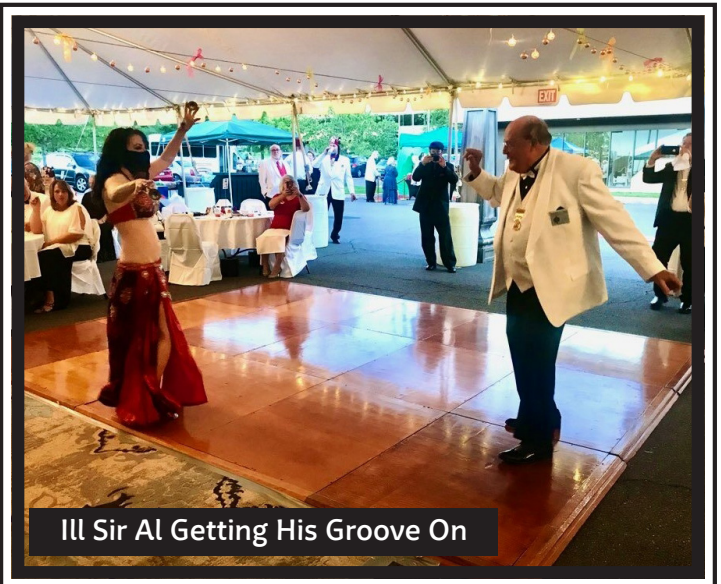
"In his heart, a man may plan his course, but it is the Lord who determines his steps."

## DIVAN ON THE GO



Potentate Al Rock and Lady Bette

Kena Potentate's Ball September 5, 2020  
Casablanca: A Passage to Morrocco Theme



Ill Sir Al Getting His Groove On

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# Tree of Love

**EXPRESS YOUR LOVE!**

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\*An ornament ball to show your love for another.

OR

\*An angel ornament in memory of a loved one.

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## "TREE OF LOVE" ORDER FORM

Amount \_\_\_\_\_ Name of loved one to be written on ornament

\_\_\_\_\_ In honor of a loved one \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ In memory of a loved one \_\_\_\_\_

Your name: \_\_\_\_\_ Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

GET

TO KNOW

## YOUR DIVAN

**B**rian graduated from the University of New Hampshire with a B.S. in Hotel Administration. He worked for The Seiler Corporation as a Food Service Director in the hospital division. In 1982, while serving at Rahway Hospital, Rahway, NJ, he met Linda Schafft, whom he married in 1983. In 1982 Brian joined Lehan Sales Company. He is currently President of Lehan Chemical Brokerage Services, LLC. Brian and Linda established one of the first Internet Sports Equipment virtual stores in 1999, and operated from their retail location in Scottsville, VA, under the name of Sports 'n More until 2010.

Brian's Masonic life began in DeMolay. He served as State Master Councilor of NH, was elected as International Congress Secretary, and continued to serve DeMolay as a Chapter Advisor for several years. Raised a Master Mason in Olive Branch Lodge, Plymouth, NH, in 1973, Brian became a dual-member with Scottsville Lodge No. 45, Scottsville, VA, in 1985. He served Scottsville Lodge as Worshipful Master for 2 years, was District Deputy Grand Master in 2007 and 2013, served on the Grand Lodge Membership Committee, and retains the office of Treasurer of Scottsville Lodge No. 45.

His Shrine career started in 1985 at Acca. Brian was active with Piedmont Shrine Club, serving as Secretary, then President, a position he held for many years. After serving as President, he took on the duties of Treasurer until the end of 2017. He was elected Oriental Guide of Acca Shrine in January 2018.



**BRIAN F. LAFONTAINE**  
**ASSISTANT**  
**CHIEF RABBAN**

Brian has served his community as President of the Scottsville Community Chamber of Commerce, appointed as a Trustee of the Jefferson-Madison Regional Library System, of which he was President of the Board for 4 years.

He has also served on the Council, and as President, for both St. Mark Lutheran Church and Scottsville Presbyterian Church, where he also was Treasurer for many years.

Linda, a Registered Dietitian and Nutritionist, is retired from the State of Virginia Health Department, where she worked as a WIC Nutritionist. She has a long professional career in many hospitals, including Martha Jefferson Hospital in Charlottesville, VA. Linda,

a graduate of Drexel University in Philadelphia, helped create and managed the Scottsville Farmers Market, opened and managed a fine-dining restaurant, and enjoyed catering events. Linda has served as President of the Scottsville Chamber of Commerce for the past several years. She was on the Church Councils of St. Mark Lutheran Church and Scottsville Presbyterian Church. She has also been President, Treasurer, and an active participant of the Blue Ridge Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics, and continues to be a preceptor of UVA dietetic interns.

In his spare time, Brian enjoys golf and spending time with family. Linda enjoys all the time she can get in her kitchen, and spending time with her grandchildren.

Brian and Linda have two sons, and wonderful daughters-in-laws, all whom, along with their three beautiful granddaughters, live nearby.

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Steve "Sparky" Fuller started out working for the Kansas Health Department. He eventually made his way to the Virginia Department of Health, working as a food/Restaurant Inspector, and retiring in 2007. A few years before retirement, Steve started doing kid shows and birthday parties, with magic and balloon art. He continues with that today. Following his retirement, he started a Mobile Food Concession featuring Pork Rinds and Cracklins, and later adding Crab Cakes. This business became popular with the patrons at fairs and festivals across Virginia. The Corona virus has stopped all of these types of activities.

Steve became a member of Cornerstone Lodge #219 in Little River, Kansas in September 1962. He joined the Wichita Scottish Rite and Midian Shrine in 1964. He has maintained continuous membership in Cornerstone and Wichita Scottish Rite. Steve affiliated with Washington & Henry Lodge #344 in Mechanicsville, VA in 2002. In 1991 he joined Acca Shrine and subsequently joined the Klownz Unit. His



## STEVE "SPARKY" FULLER ORIENTAL GUIDE

She has served as Worthy Matron five times, plus the many stations that involve being a Worthy Matron.

Anna's hobbies include Face Painting and Quilting. She is rightfully proud of her quilting, and received an Honorable Mention on a quilt at the 2019 Virginia State Fair. She also has a quilt displayed in the Governor's Mansion in North Carolina.

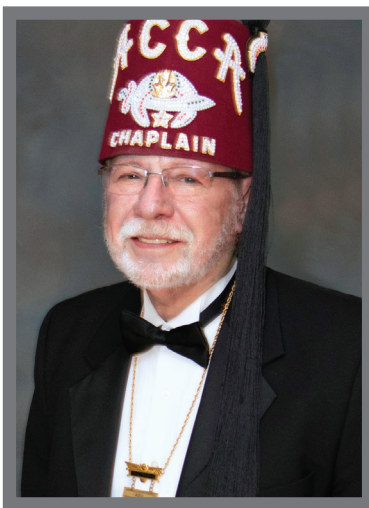
other Unit and Club affiliations are Glen Allen Shrine Club (President 2003), Ceremonial Cast (Honorary Member), Manchester Shrine Club, and Outhouse #1. Steve was a member of the Aides Staff from 2000 to 2018, serving as Chief Aide from 2010 to 2018.

Anna Helms came to Richmond from Asheville, North Carolina. She has a married daughter and a grandson. She worked as Administrative Assistant for Marsh/McLennon Corporate Insurance Company. She is now retired and involved in her church activities. Anna has also been very involved in the Eastern Star. She is a member of Manchester Chapter #53, and Midlothian Chapter #85.

Walter A. Trower was born and raised in Norfolk, VA. He was employed by Chesapeake & Potomac Telephone Company, where he met and married Ruth Ann in 1965. He retired from Verizon after 31 years of service. Walt was drafted in 1966 and, while serving, he received the Army Commendation Medal. In 1984, he became a Master Mason in Owen Lodge No. 164.

Walt and Ruth Ann eventually moved to New Kent, VA. He became a member of Mann Page Lodge No. 157, and served as Worshipful Master. Walt was District Deputy Grand Master of District 57 in 2014.

Walt has been a very active member of Acca Shrine. In 2004, he was Commander of the Legion of Honor, and SASA LOH Commander in 2012. He has been Acca's Second Ceremonial Master, served on the Advisory Committee, and has been Director for the Council of Uniform Unit & Clubs. He and Ruth Ann have been on the Aides Staff, and served as Personal Aides for Potentates



## WALTER A. TROWER CHAPLAIN

throughout the years.

Ruth Ann and Walt have three children; Michael, Christina, and David. Most important of all is Ruth Ann's role as "Mimi" to granddaughter Cassidy. Walt and Ruth Ann are members of Hopewell Baptist Church.

Lanier, Jenkins, Duke, and Holt. They have been longtime members of the Decorating Committee.

Walt's other Masonic affiliations include the Scottish Rite, Washington Royal Arch, Richmond Commandery No. 2 Knights Templar, and Washington and Henry Lodge No. 344. He has also been active in various civic organizations, such as the Jaycees, Ruritan, and the American Legion.

Ruth Ann also was born and raised in the Norfolk area. She retired from the New Kent County School System. She has been a member of the Elizabeth Chapter of the Order of Eastern Star, where she held stations of Martha, Ruth, Ester and Chaplain. She has enjoyed supporting Walt in his endeavors



## Cabiri Club

Ed Ernouf, III P.P.

Well, Ladies and Illustrious Sirs, better late than never! Our 2020 year was finally able to get started in August, with a Cabiri meeting on the 19th at Acca. Those who could attend enjoyed a great catered meal, the induction of a new member (me!), the passing of the baton to the 2020 officers and .... most important .... an evening of fun and fellowship.

But that was not all to occur in August, Ill. Dennis English and Lady Nancy continued the annual Crab Feast tradition at their home on the Rappahannock river. As you can tell from the picture, there was a truly professional crab eating crowd at the feast on August 22. The weather cooperated, with no rain until we were on the way home. The crabs, the BBQ, and all the other vittles were abundant and delicious! Thank you, Dennis and Nancy, for the great hospitality! It could not have been better!



Assuming that no new pandemic issues interrupt our plans, we are planning to have future meetings on October 21st, November 18th, and December 16th. Please mark your calendars and get ready to have a great time!

Until next time!

Ed Ernouf, III P.P.

## Motor Patrol

David Vass

What a year 2020 turned out to be, with all that planning that everyone had done; we had everything lined up for a great year, and then Nothing. We weren't able to do any catering jobs, we weren't able to do the Watermelon Festival, and I know Ill. Larry Koon will miss hearing our chants, "Ice Cold Watermelon, A Dollar A Bowl." We also weren't able to cook lunch for the Walk for Love, etc. It was like that for everyone this year.

We were able to help out with selling tickets at the Bass Pro Shop for the Sportsman Raffle event. It was so nice to

be able to get to help sell tickets for a great cause. I did go home that night still hearing Rick Marion saying, "We Need to Sell Just One More Ticket." I heard him saying that in my head all that night. What a great day we had!

We have also been helping out at Motley's Auctions on Friday's, driving cars for them as they are being auctioned off.

Now it's time to start planning for next year. We will be Electing new Officers and planning their installations for 2021.

I have never been so glad to finally see a year come to an end, like I am to see 2020 come to a close. I am looking forward to seeing what 2021 brings us.

I want to wish everyone A Good Holiday Season, and I look forward to seeing everyone next year.



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# Car Club

## President Ed Johnston Jr.

The ACCA Antique, Classic and Sports Car Club has been in limbo since our first meeting this year due to the Corona Virus. All of ACCA has been basically shut down most of the summer, but some activity is taking place now with all the aggravating precautions in place. Unfortunately our biggest fund raiser, The Cary Town Watermelon Festival, was cancelled along with many other events around Richmond and at ACCA. We really regret that Potentate Al Rock did not get to enjoy the fine year he had planned.

Our glimmer of fund raising hope was made possible by our newest members, Tom and Pattie Williams, driving at Motley's Auction and Pattie giving her earnings to The Car Club! Way to go Pattie!! We wish more of our members would drive for Motley's, as this is really easy money. We do understand that many cannot due to work or other constraints.



We are considering resuming our "not" normal meetings, possibly in October, but we are in a "wait and see" mode. Should anyone desire to find out more about the Car Club, please contact me or Michael Poegl.

As for now, everyone stay safe and healthy, follow the Virus guidelines and pray for a Vaccine to be developed soon so we can put this very unstable time behind us!

ACCA Car Club Reporter,  
Ed Johnston, Jr., President



1940 Ford Coupe



1929 Ford Sedan



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## OCTOBER 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 Sauerkrauts	2 Provost Guard	3
4 <b>Sounds of Acca</b>	5 Car Club Greeters Million Dollar Band	6 LOS Chanters Hospital Committee	7 Blue Ridge SC Caverns SC Ceremonial Cast Legion of Honor Country & Western Band	8 Sauerkrauts	9	10
11	12 Chester SC Hillbilly Unit Million Dollar Band	13 Chanters <b>Board of Directors</b>	14 Glen Allen SC James River SC Southside SC Directors Staff Mini Patrol <b>Century Club</b>	15 Cabiri Lake Country SC Hillbilly Outhouse Sauerkrauts	16	17
18	19 South Hill SC Million Dollar Band, Klownz	20 Danville SC Chanters	21 Hopewell SC Shooters Club Country & Western Band	22 Motor Patrol Oriental Band Sauerkrauts	23	24
25	26 Scottish Rite Million Dollar Band	27 <b>Business Meeting</b> <b>Divan Meeting</b> <b>Uniform Council</b> Northern Neck SC Chanters	28 Manchester SC Petersburg SC Valley SC, Arab Patrol Country & Western Band	29 Sauerkrauts	30	31 <b>SPORTSMAN RAFFLE</b>

## NOVEMBER 2020

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	7 <b>Khediye Ceremonial GRAND LODGE</b>
8	9 Chester SC Hillbilly Unit Million Dollar Band	10 Chanters Board of Directors	11 <b>Veteran's Breakfast</b> Glen Allen SC James River SC Southside SC Directors Staff Mini Patrol	12 Sauerkrauts	13 Provost Guard <b>LOH Heritage Dinner</b>	14 <b>Manchester Lodge Stew Kazim Ceremonial</b>
15	16 South Hill SC Million Dollar Band Klownz	17 Danville SC Chanters <b>Divan Meeting</b> <b>Uniform Council</b>	18 Cabiri Club Heritage SC Hopewell SC Shooters Club Country & Western Band	19 Lake Country SC Hillbilly Outhouse Sauerkrauts	20	21 <b>FALL CEREMONIAL POTENTATE'S BALL</b>
22	23 Scottish Rite Million Dollar Band	24 Northern Neck SC Chanters	25 Manchester SC Petersburg SC Valley SC, Arab Patrol Country & Western Band	26 <b>HAPPY THANKSGIVING</b>	27	28
29	30 Million Dollar Band					



## DECEMBER 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2 Blue Ridge SC, Caverns SC Ceremonial Cast Legion of Honor Country & Western Band	3 Sauerkrauts	4	5
6 <b>Mechanicsville Christmas Parade</b>	7 Car Club Greeters Million Dollar Band	8 LOS Chanters Hospital Committee <b>Board of Directors</b>	9 Glen Allen SC James River SC Southside SC Directors Staff, Mini Patrol	10 Sauerkrauts	11 <b>Provost Guard Christmas Party</b>	12
13	14 Chester SC Hillbilly Unit Million Dollar Band	15 Chanters <b>Business Meeting</b>	16 Hopewell SC Shooters Club Country & Western Band	17 Cabiri Lake Country SC Hillbilly Outhouse Sauerkrauts	18	19 <b>POTE'S APPRECIATION PARTY</b>
20	21 South Hill SC Million Dollar Band, Klownz	22 Danville SC Chanters <b>Divan Meeting</b>	23 Manchester SC Petersburg SC Valley SC, Arab Patrol Country & Western Band	24 Motor Patrol Oriental Band Sauerkrauts	25 <b>MERRY CHRISTMAS</b>	26
27	28 Scottish Rite Million Dollar Band	29 Northern Neck SC, Chanters	30	31 <b>NEW YEARS EVE DANCE</b>		

## JANUARY 2021

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2
3 <b>INSTALLATION</b>	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 Provost Guard	9 <b>Directors Staff Ladies Night</b>
10 <b>MEMORIAL SERVICE</b>	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
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# Director's Staff Corner

Jim Deitrick

It's a good thing that the Staff had our St. Patrick's Day celebration in early March because immediately thereafter, maybe a week later, everyone was notified that an invisible varmint had invaded the country and that we should learn how to spell "quarantined". Not only did we have to refer to Webster's International Reference material for assistance, we had to learn how to convert ourselves from social animals to bored hermits. That's not easy for a group of "social butterflies"!

What do you do when you can't meet as a group, can't conduct fundraisers to make money for the Temple, the Transportation Fund, and the Children's Hospitals? We spent a considerable time on our phones and our computers sending inquiries to the older members of the Staff to determine if their health was reasonable, and if they needed anything from the grocery store or elsewhere. What did we do with our time otherwise? We worked crosswords, both electronically and manual. We completed jigsaw puzzles, sewed creative face masks, read books, went for walks, created new recipes in the kitchen, and then there was Ezra. We watched television until we had memorized a very large number of channels, and had become disillusioned with the quality and content of most of the shows. Incidentally, we have a member of our Staff who can recite the names of at least 100 television shows, the channel they are shown on, and the times of day, or night, they are aired. We don't let him out much, or he might lose that unusual ability and memory! And then there was the news - - nothing but negativity and disregard for property and/or peoples well-being.

Finally, in July, we ventured out and had our first meeting in three months. Because the Temple had not opened back up, we met at a pizza establishment in Midlothian. Twelve hearty souls attended and tried to follow the social distancing, masks, etc. instructions. In August and September, we had our monthly meeting in our room at the Temple. Again, a relatively small group assembled for those gatherings.

Several of us were disappointed when we heard that SASA had been cancelled, but really were not surprised,

after hearing that a couple of Temple fundraisers had also been cancelled. Our participation in the RR races was cancelled and it appears that the Watermelon Festival has been cancelled as well. We have scheduled a Staff picnic in the Activity Building on October 17th, assuming the little Covid varmint doesn't raise his ugly tentacles, or whatever such Covids raise. The Walk for Love is scheduled to be conducted virtually at the end of September, the Sportsman's Raffle is scheduled for October 31st, and the Fall Ceremonial is set for November 21st. Hopefully, some of these events will go on as planned. We need to get out and mingle with folks, albeit it be from 6-feet away.

The Staff would like to wish the entire Temple a Happy Turkey Day, and a very Merry Christmas. We hope everyone continues to be healthy and safe.

## Staff Murmurs

The virus has affected people in several different ways. Apparently, most recently it had at least touched one member of our Staff, by affecting his mind when he traveled to his Doctor's office for a scheduled meeting. After said member met with the doctor, followed by some lab work, he reached in his pocket for his car keys. Not there! But he did find them in his ignition, with the car running during the entire visit. Hmmm. We need to watch him. Did anyone see one of our own on Facebook wearing a World War 1 gas mask? The mask was almost as big as he is. Sometimes Mayors are slight in stature. The Staff tried its hand at conducting a "Zoom Meeting" earlier this year. Well, a number of members showed up, waiting for the Host, who happened to be in his local pharmacy obtaining some needed medicine. The mind is a terrible thing to not use. During the relatively short meeting, one attendee dozed through most of it, several others did not participate at all, and conversations developed principally among 4 or 5 Nobles. Maybe we need to take a course in how to conduct, and participate in, virtual meetings? Note to Frank B. - You didn't tell me there would come a time when there was nothing to write about, because of a virus. But 'Only the Shadow Knows' you would tell me. I miss you my brother.

"The Staff would like to wish the entire Temple a Happy Turkey Day, and a very Merry Christmas. We hope everyone continues to be healthy and safe."

# Hillbilly Unit

## Secretary Ross Morland

**H**owdy y'all! It has been too long since we last got together. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we (along with the other members of Acca Shrine) have been unable to assemble for meetings, parades or fundraisers until July. We are now slowly getting back to being a little more active, while trying to comply with the guidelines set forth by the CDC and the Governor.

Fortunately, the Hillbilly Unit has been able to host three "Hillbilly Jamborees" at local campgrounds this summer. Some of our usual games and activities have been curtailed, but the fun and fellowship has remained among the members and campers throughout the events. For the last five years, these jamborees have been opportunities for us to provide fun and entertainment, as well as to raise awareness and funds for the Shriners Hospitals for Children. We are very proud to be able to continue with these fundraisers, no matter the format or health restrictions.

Noble Steve Young recently purchased a 1953 Dodge pickup. He proudly displays several Shriner and Masonic banners promoting our Fraternities. This souped-up hot rod has been a welcomed addition to our little parades around the campgrounds. Also, the Unit has thoroughly enjoyed our new pop-up camper donated by one of our members. It's very well maintained and has all the amenities.

As summer turns into fall, we look forward to what lies ahead. Hopefully, that means more parades and public events with the Nobility! We trust you and your loved ones have remained safe during these times of uncertainty. May the Lord continue to bless each of you and keep you healthy. Y'all take care!

Ross Morland, Secretary



King & Queen Hillbilly Contest Winners



Water Battle



Noble Steve Young's Truck



Unit's Pop Up Camper





## 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. Well, it's been quite a challenging year to say the very least, with all the social unrest, presidential election campaign antics, and Covid-19 distress. We certainly hope you're weathering the storm as safely and gracefully as possible. With a firm trust in God, intestinal fortitude, the love and support of family and friends, the will to serve our society during hard times, and an unrelenting belief in the American way of life and her flag, we will see this through.

Times like these tend to remind us that there are folks in this world less fortunate than ourselves who need our kindness and strength. As Shriners and Ladies, we are compelled, and even more committed to our cause: Having fun and fellowship as we work in support of "Our Kids" through the great works of Shriners Hospitals for Children. Difficult circumstances may slow us down, but they will never stop us from trying, and giving it our best efforts.

We here at MSC were so very fortunate to get a major fundraiser accomplished this year before the crisis, our annual Cornhole Tournament. Also, a lottery was held by members this summer at Grey's Point for a free 2021 lot rental to the winner. As it happens, a new campground member of only six weeks won it, and the winning ticket was drawn by up-and-coming country music star, Tony Jackson who was there for a concert and BBQ event.

Our current fundraiser is the 4th annual T.C. Atkinson Memorial 10K 50/50 Raffle. Only 100 tickets are sold, the winner gets 5K, Shriners philanthropy gets 5K. The cost per ticket is \$100.00, and we urge all members to buy or sell at least 2, and we welcome the support of all Shriners to help with this life-changing project. Please contact our Secretary, Noble Terry Nall, or any other Club member, if you're willing and interested in participating. The drawing will be held at our annual Christmas party in December.

This year, thanks to everyone's hard work, MSC was in the fortunate financial position to fund the installation of the awning outside the Acca Temple Ballroom and to support the repair of the cooling tower. We care deeply about the health of our beloved Temple, and will continue

to work diligently for its preservation for generations to come.

We are pleased to say we've resumed regular monthly meetings, while abiding by Temple and State rules regarding sensible safety practices, including masks, gather number limits, and social-distancing. God only knows how much we love to shake hands with our fellow Nobles and hug our Ladies.

Looking ahead, our much anticipated annual Cornhole Tournament is scheduled to take place in the Ballroom early next year. It is pending like most things these days, but we are nevertheless in the planning stages; do wish us luck.

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, remember and cherish the memory of those we've lost this year, and honor those who serve us at home and abroad in the armed services.

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

Steve Poegl





## Golf Club

### President Larry Koon

Yep, it has been, and continues to be, a very difficult time. Since March, just about everything has been shut down, or restricted to the point you don't want to go thru the hassle of attending or participating in events, some of which are very special to you. Everyone has made choices of how they will cope. Since age seems to be a factor, some friends and neighbors have taken extreme measures. Some have not left their home or allowed others to enter, including family. Others have disregarded the cautious requirements altogether. It's an individual choice each of us has to make.

Fortunately for the Acca Golf Club, we have been able to participate in all the golf outings on our schedule. Most every course has given us separate golf carts, if requested. Then separation of six-feet is not a problem on a golf course. Our standard procedure is to pay our Treasurer prior to the outing, therefore only he is required to deal with the course prior to playing. Socializing afterwards is not a problem as we practice social distancing (tired of hearing that phrase) while quenching our thirst.

Our 2020 year is almost complete. We have two outings left; Lake Chesdin on October 22nd and Hanover on November 19th. Then on January 20th of next year, we have our annual Ladies Night at the Meadowbrook Country Club. This is a special evening for fellowship

and a chance to retell the agony of that missed eighteen-inch putt for birdie. Of course, the main part of the agenda is selecting our "Player of the Year". Many have aspirations, few are chosen.

In January 2021, the Officers will meet to plan the year. (I am very delighted to announce that the same officers who served in 2020 will continue in 2021) We will check the format, decide on courses, and discuss any other situations which have occurred during the past year. One item that will get special attention; Out of Town Golf Trips. They were cancelled in 2020. We always look forward to these trips. It gives us the opportunity to share a special time together and play some great courses in other locations.

The Acca Golf Club is special. Its main focus is fun and fellowship. It is open to everyone; about forty-five percent of the players are not Shriners. There is no such thing as a bad golfer, some are a little better, but each of us has had that special shot or round that keeps us coming back.

Be Nice-Keep the Sunny-Side Up.



# Walk For Love 2020

## Co-Chairs Dan Freye & Noble Richard "Doc" Redman

"You improvise, you adapt, you overcome," barked Marine Gunnery Sergeant Highway (Clint Eastwood) to his recon recruits in the movie Heartbreak Ridge. These words became the unofficial motto of the 2020 Walk for Love™ Committee.

Since our first meeting in March, there was never a question of IF we would have a Walk, but HOW. Our Philadelphia and Greenville Hospitals remained open for urgent care during the darkest hours of the pandemic and our Transportation Committee continued to get our patients where they needed to be. We recognized that our sponsors could be strained, and our participation could be less than previous years, but we were committed to having our Walk. It would be worth the effort regardless of the amount raised but set our goal at \$5,000.

Out of concern for the health and safety of our walkers, our neighbors, and our volunteers we decided to make this year's Walk for Love™ a virtual Walk. Participants could walk, roll, or stroll one mile, anywhere, anytime from September 26 through October 25. Additionally, we encouraged them to wear their shirts while walking and share their experiences on our Walk for Love™ Facebook group.

We missed the crowd. We missed the enthusiasm of Acca's units and clubs coming together on a beautiful Saturday morning. We missed the aroma of BBQ and



funnel cakes. And most of all we missed reconnecting with our Shrine Kids, and seeing how they've grown over the past year. Like most things in our lives in 2020, our Walk for Love™ looked different, but thanks to our Nobles, Ladies, generous sponsors, and participants we raised \$6,000

and surpassed our goal! Because the Walk has been extended for 30 days, we are hoping more donations will roll in. Please continue to post your photos and videos to the Walk for Love™ Facebook group: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/578828659348280>.

As we emerge from the pandemic, more normal operations have resumed at Shriners Hospitals. However, many families have lost significant income and health insurance and need our support more than ever. Through your caring and generosity, Shriners Hospitals for Children can continue its almost century-old mission of providing world-class, highly specialized care to our kids, regardless of the family's ability to pay.

It takes more than a pandemic to dampen the spirit, enthusiasm, and can-do attitude of our Acca Shriners, Ladies, and supporters! Thank you all for making Acca's Fourth Annual Walk for Love™ a success despite the odds!

Noble Dan Freye & Noble Richard "Doc" Redman  
2020 Walk for Love Co-Chairs

## Piedmont Shrine Club

### Goldie Tomlin, Jr.

PSC will have its first meeting since the Covid 19 (Chinese) Plague struck the world. We are hosting a BBQ Fest at the Elks Lodge Pavilion, with reservations required. Currently we have 29 Shriners and their Ladies who have made reservations. The final date to accept reservations is September 25, 2020.

Our next year's Officers in nomination are: President: Larry Claytor; 1st VP: Brandon Black; 2nd VP: Gene Goins; Treasurer: Goldie Tomlin, Jr.; Secretary: Blake Jordan; and Chaplain: Phil Nelson.

We are in the final planning stages for our 30th

Annual Ladies Night Dinner at Historical Michie Tavern. Due to Covid restrictions, we will not have as many seats available for us as in years past. The number under the current restrictions will limit the attendees to 48. We are hoping that the restrictions will be revised by early October to permit as many as 60 to attend. There will NOT be an open Cash Bar as in past years. The Nobles can order their beverage and consume it out on the patio. However, we expect restrictions to be revised by then.

Goldie Tomlin, Jr.





Paint &amp; Sip Party



Walk For Love Promotion Event

## Accaba Court

### Lady Sharon Heard, PHP

**G**reetings. What a year 2020 has been, and Covid 19 just won't go away! Lady Nancy Corker, High Priestess, has been one of the few ladies in her class able to hold an Installation of Officers. Lady Nancy was installed as High Priestess on March 8th, and was not able to hold her first meeting until July 7th. Lady Nancy's year has been so different than what she planned. There will be no official visit from her Grand Officer, no monthly Sister Supper before whatever meetings we will be able to hold, no "in person" Walk for Love, no SASA, and no Masonic Day parade. One of the main events our ladies were looking forward to was going to Greenville Shriners Hospital in March, to see Lady Christi Colletti present a check for over \$6,300 to the "Shoe Fund" from the Ladies of Accaba. We are currently working on a Pampered Chef online party to raise additional funds for the "Shoe Fund" at Greenville Shriners Hospital. All I really know is 2020 has pretty much been shut down, but I can say that everyone is looking forward to 2021 and, hopefully, saying good-bye Covid 19.

It was with great sadness, in July, that the LOS ladies learned about the death of Lady Annette Lesser, Grand Treasurer of the Ladies Oriental Shrine of North America. Lady Annette was a wonderful asset to the LOS and will truly be missed by everyone who knew her. Lady Annette was Grand Treasurer for 18 years.

There is some exciting news from our Court! Lady Kristine Sheridan has been appointed Grand Treasurer pro tem of the Ladies Oriental Shrine of North America. Her title keeps getting longer, Lady Kristine Sheridan, Grand Treasurer pro tem, PGHP,

PHP Accaba Court 105. Congratulations Lady Kris, your work is just beginning! Our ladies are so proud of you and know you will do an outstanding job in that new assignment. Just think, this time next year you might be able to drop "pro tem" and just be Grand Treasurer, PGHP, PHP.

We held another Paint and Sip Party, at the home of Lady Donna Prock, and our very own Lady Christi Colletti was the paint instructor. As you can see, the ladies who attended did an outstanding job on their painting. I believe each time we hold one of these parties, there are fewer paintings going in the attic, the garage or the trash. We're getting better!

"Dine out for Charity" has started again. Due to Covid, and the restaurants being closed, Sedona did not hold "Dine out for Charity" for several months. The month of June had been scheduled for Shriners Hospitals for Children, with the credit going to the LOS. The month of December, at Sedona Taphouse Midlothian, will be for Shriners Hospitals for Children being shared between Manchester Shrine Club and Accaba Court. The ladies of Accaba invite you to go, have dinner with family and friends and help support Shriners Hospitals for Children. Since space restrictions due to Covid still continue, make sure to call ahead for reservations.

The Accaba Court Ladies wish each and every one a Happy Thanksgiving, a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Looking forward to 2021 being a better year than 2020!

Lady Sharon Heard, PHP  
Accaba Court 105



## Valley Shrine Club

Dan Perry

The Valley Shrine Club held its first "Stag Night" of 2020, on July 22nd, at the homes of Nobles Irving Byrd and Danny Neese. Members and guests cooked steaks on a gas grill, and Ladies Pat Byrd and "Chip" Neese provided many delicious side dishes and desserts. Several members of the Divan were present, as were members from other local Clubs.

The Rockingham County Fair this year was restricted to agricultural events, thus the VSC was not able to have its usual booth to promote Shriners' missions, nor sell Acca Sportsman Raffle tickets. The VSC is selling tickets for a 50/50 raffle. We hope to sell 100 tickets at \$100 per ticket; the drawing will be held at the October 28th dinner meeting. The winner will receive half of the proceeds from whatever number of tickets are sold, and the remaining amount will be sent to the Shriners Hospitals for Children.

A buffet dinner for VSC Nobles and Ladies was held at AmVets in Harrisonburg on Wednesday, August 26th,

with 25 Nobles and Ladies attending. Attendees wore masks and practiced social distancing in compliance with local and state executive orders. During the business portion of the meeting, President Fred Ortiz announced that the annual VSC Silent Auction will be held during the dinner meeting on November 18th; Noble Kirk Sheap and Lady Norma will once again be in charge of this popular fundraiser.

The VSC "Breakfast Club" has resumed its Wednesday morning breakfast buffet at the Village Inn Restaurant on Rt. 11, south of Harrisonburg, in accordance with local and state guidelines to avoid Covid-19 spread. All Shriners and Masons are welcome.

The next VSC dinner will be held at AmVets on Wednesday, September 23rd.

Respectfully submitted,

Dan Perry

Secretary, VSC

## Provost Guard

Chris Schwartz

Welcome back to Acca, Nobles and Ladies! I hope you all are healthy and safe. I'm sure you will all agree that 2020 has been the strangest, and most trying year, in a very long time. Let's hope for a much better 2021.

We're back to meeting again at Acca, and it's good to be with our members and their Ladies after a four-month hiatus. Unfortunately, we had to cancel our Fish Fry and Oktoberfest fundraisers for this year, but we're looking forward to getting back in gear soon for 2021. Our Fish Fry is scheduled for Good Friday, April 2nd, and the Oktoberfest is scheduled for October 29th, and we hope to see you all there. More details to follow.

The Provost Guard was recently bequeathed a very generous donation, for our Shriners Hospitals, by

the estate of former Provost Guard member, Noble George W. Humphrey and his Lady Mary Lucy. Both the Philadelphia and Greenville Hospitals received an equal share in memory of George W. Humphrey.

As a lot of you know, my Lady Joelle works for MAHOVA, and reminded us at our September meeting that the Masonic Home would certainly welcome monetary donations, to help offset the rising costs associated with PPE (masks, shields, gloves, hand sanitizer, etc.), or if you have excess PPE in sealed, unopened packaging, they would also accept those. They have done an outstanding job of keeping all of the residents and employees safe. Stay healthy and safe! And God Bless America!

# Greenville Hospital Report

## Richard “Doc” Redman - Board of Governors - Greenville

Greenville Hospital has weathered the pandemic, and has been operating a full surgery schedule since June. The clinics are functioning with the mandatory, and some voluntary, restrictions. As of this writing, the outlying satellite clinics have not reopened.

### Telehealth

The pandemic has necessitated the rapid development of the Telehealth program, which was just beginning development when the virus struck. The rapid development of this treatment program is the only positive I have seen coming from the pandemic. Greenville is averaging about 250-plus telehealth follow-up visits per month, and this is increasing each month. We were the first in the Shrine System to have new patient visits via telehealth, and the success of the program will probably influence the way some care is provided in the future.

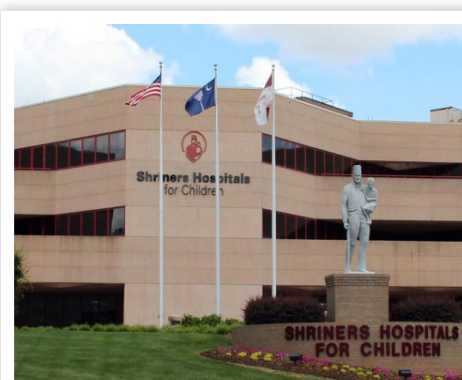
The general perception is that telehealth is just a camera, computer, patient and health care provider. Actually, the process is much more complicated. Greenville serves a six-state area of the southeast United States, and is now the only full-service Shriners Hospital in the southeast. Each doctor, nurse practitioner, physician assistant, and nurse involved with telemedicine, must be licensed in the state where the patient is being “seen”. Medical licensing is very complex, time consuming, and expensive. It is estimated that the expense of licensing each individual in all six states is about \$30,000. The patient’s medical records must be transmitted securely via government mandates and proper permissions and releases must be obtained. With all of its complexity, the telehealth program will save a large amount of travel, and should save the Temples thousands of dollars in transportation expenses.

### Press Ganey Award

For the seventh year in a row, Greenville has been awarded the Inpatient Guardian of Excellence Award by Press Ganey. This is a true honor, and is bestowed on the top 5% of comparable hospitals in the US. This puts us in competition with not only the other Shriners Hospitals, but all comparable hospitals in the country. It is based on inspections of the hospital, and relies heavily on the evaluations by patients and their families regarding their hospital experiences. It is an honor to receive this Award once, but seven years in a row is phenomenal!

### Re-Branding of the Shriners Hospital System

The Imperial Joint Boards have decided to “re-brand”



the Shrine health care system. This became necessary as many of the hospitals were changed to clinics or outpatient surgery centers and could no longer be referred to as a “hospital” by individual state laws. It was decided to re-brand the system as “Shriners Children’s” followed by the name of the facility. Greenville will no longer be named Shriners Hospitals for Children-Greenville. Imperial doesn’t want “hospital” in

any of the new names, even though we are still a full-service hospital. The Board of Governors has submitted the name “Shriners Children’s Southeast”, and we are awaiting approval or rejection by Imperial.

Ill. Sir Dennis Berry and I have the privilege of representing Acca on the Board of Governors. Thank you to the members of Acca for your continued support of our kids and the Hospital. If you know of any child that may benefit from care in the Shrine system, please contact me at 804-840-6790, and I will see that they are referred to the appropriate facility.



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# Philadelphia Hospital Report

## Dan Freye - Board of Governors - Philadelphia

It was March 15, 2020, when I wrote the last Philadelphia Hospital update. John McCabe, Executive Vice President of Shriners Hospitals for Children, had just issued a COVID-19 travel ban. Soon after, Jerry Gantt, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, issued a suspension of the requirement for 'in person' meetings of Hospital Boards of Governors. Fast forward to September 15. The travel ban, and suspension of 'in person' Board meetings, are still in effect and will remain so for the remainder of 2020. "Skype", something we didn't even know how to spell 6 months ago, is now how we conduct our Board meetings. We have all had to change our way of life, and Shriners Hospitals for Children have had to change the way services are delivered. Some changes came much quicker than anticipated, and in some notable ways have been positive. Despite a turbulent year, Shriners Hospitals for Children and Shriners Hospitals for Children-Philadelphia remain strong and committed to our mission.

The amazing doctors, nurses, and staff at Philadelphia met the challenges head on. The hospital was essentially shut down for all but urgent cases during the months of March, April, and most of May. Resuming normal services in June, the surgical and outpatient volumes in July and August have returned to almost pre-COVID 19 levels. In August, we were only down 20 procedures compared to August 2019.

One noteworthy change that happened much quicker than anticipated was the increased use of telehealth. Reminded of the adage, "Never let a good crisis go to waste," COVID-19 emphasized the value of telehealth and increased its adoption across the system. Telehealth/Fast Track video visits are currently being used for new patient screening and follow-up sessions for existing patients. System-wide, in the first 7 months of 2020, the number of telehealth encounters more than doubled the number of total encounters in 2017, 2018, and 2019 combined. In Philadelphia alone, there have been 557 Telehealth/Fast Track video visits through August, compared to only a handful last year. New telehealth programs are being developed for physical therapy, occupational therapy, nutrition counseling, and school-based care. The expanded use of telehealth visits has proven to be an efficient, effective, and safe way to serve more kids in more places.



The Doylestown clinic is scheduled to open on October 6, pending state approval. This long-awaited project will extend the reach of SHC-Philadelphia 25 miles north into Bucks County. Doylestown Hospital is recognized by U.S. News and World Report as one of the best regional hospitals in the country, but it does not have its own pediatric orthopedic practice. As currently planned, SHC-Philadelphia will have physicians at the clinic for half-days on Tuesdays and Thursdays for routine orthopedic post-operative follow-ups, new patient evaluations, and treatment of fractures and sports injuries. This is a great partnership for both hospitals and a great service for kids with orthopedic problems in that region.

On August 31, September 1st and 2nd, Board Chairman, Andrew Kuo and I participated in the first virtual mid-year leadership conference of Shriners Hospitals for Children. The theme of the conference was "Revitalizing the Mission". We heard presentations from the home office executive leadership, and reports of the breakout sessions from the hospital administrators, chiefs of staff, directors of patient care services/nurse executives, and directors of financial services. The third day's sessions were devoted to hospital board of governor chairmen and vice-chairmen. Although missing the face to face and after-hours fellowship, the presentations and discussions were excellent and well worth the time.

During the September board meeting, I had the honor to present to the hospital a photo of the U.S. Navy Blue Angels. The framed photo was donated by Noble Tom and Lady Patti Williams, whose son-in-law, LT Brian Abe, is the Blue Angels Maintenance Officer. Earlier this year, the Navy Blue Angels and the Air Force Thunderbirds conducted a series of fly-overs of American cities hardest hit by COVID-19. Dubbed "America Strong", the flyovers were a collaborative salute from the Navy and Air Force to recognize healthcare workers, first responders, and other essential personnel while standing in solidarity with all Americans during the COVID-19 pandemic. On April 28, the Blue Angels flew over SHC-Philadelphia. The photo, autographed by all the Blue Angel pilots, will be hung in a place of honor at the Philadelphia Hospital. Thank you, Tom and Patti; and thank you, LT Abe, for your service.

Noble Dave Eells and I are honored to serve on the Philadelphia Board of Governors and represent Acca

## Philadelphia Hospital Continued

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 Shriners Hospitals for Children-Philadelphia and the World's Greatest Philanthropy.

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



## Mini Patrol Commander Barry Read

Dear Nobles and Ladies: The end of an extremely hot summer is almost here. It's been a very slow year for our group – with COVID-19 restrictions holding us back. And of course, no meetings or any other functions due to our Ballroom being out of service. But slowly we have started to get back to some form of normalcy. We still have a way to go, because all parades and most of our fundraising efforts were also cancelled. We were all looking forward to SASA; but as we all know, that was cancelled too. We are hoping to focus on fundraising for our kids and to get some new members to join for 2021. One of our newest members, Charles Doyal, has purchased a car and will become a mini car driver, when parades start once again. It's time for our drivers to get their cars in top shape with a winter season coming up so we will be ready. Although, right now there are no parades in September or October. Hopefully, the Governor will loosen COVID-19 restrictions a bit and we can get back to what we do best.

Unfortunately, we had a lot of illness this year – some COVID related, and some not. After a long battle with the virus, Frankie Sheridan is doing well, getting stronger, and back to his old self. We continue to ask for prayers for him and our other Nobles and Ladies.

Looking forward to Fall weather and hoping for a Happy Holiday season, and maybe, just maybe, a Christmas Parade!

This is the end of my term as Commander; I hope I have served you well. Always Remember Our Motto: Little Cars Run, So Little Legs Can Walk



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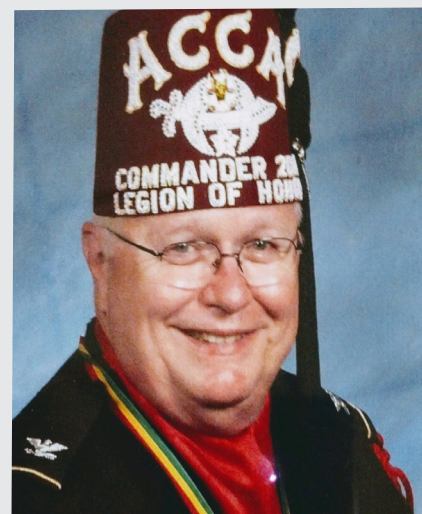




Bill Brockwell



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Larry Sneide

## Legion of Honor

### Potenate Al Rock

I hope everyone has been safe and well. We still need to be vigilant for our families and ourselves.

I would like to mention that our member Frankie Sheridan and Lady Kris had Covid-19. Kris was fortunate to have had a milder case. Frankie was hospitalized for 50+ days. I am glad to report they both are continuing to improve, but need our continued prayers and support.

The Legion lost three good friends, and loyal members, this year: Larry J. Sneide, Clifford C. Grotz, Jr., and William B. Brockwell.

Larry Sneide passed away on April 8, 2020, at the age of 77. He was born in Astoria, Oregon, and served in the US Navy, rising from Seaman Recruit to Mustang Lieutenant, and retired in 1987 after serving 25 years. Larry was a member of Petersburg Lodge #15, and joined the Legion of Honor in 2007. He contributed a lot over the years to support our Unit and Acca Shrine. He served as LOH Commander (2012) and SASA LOH Commander (2015-16). Larry was preceded in death by his parents and his son, Michael. He is survived by his wife of 54 years, Joan, and his son, Mark. He had five siblings, Carol Stebner (Minn.), Kathy Sneide Jones (Ariz.), Steve (Janice) Sneide (Minn.), Paul (Pam) Sneide (Minn.), Karen (Brian) Hedman (Minn.), and numerous nieces and nephews. Internment will take place later in Arlington National Cemetery.

Cliff Grotz, formerly of Callao, VA, passed away May 5, 2020, at the age of 91. He was a retired Major in the US Army. Serving during World War II, the Korean Conflict, and the Vietnam Era. Cliff was a 33rd Degree Mason. He entered the Legion of Honor in 1955, and was an

Honorary Life member. He served as Commander of the Northern Neck LOH in 1990, 2010, and 2013. Cliff was preceded in death by his wife, Doris, and daughter, Toni Cook. He is survived by his daughter, Phyllis G. Shanahan (John); and two grandchildren, Wyatt Walker and Katie Cook Sweeney.

Bill Brockwell of Colonial Heights, VA passed away September 10, 2020, at the age of 89. He grew up in the Petersburg area. He received an honorable discharge from three branches of service—US Marine Corps Reserves, US Air Force, and US Army Reserves. Upon his discharge, he returned to VA. After 38 years, Bill retired from the C&P Telephone Company. He belonged to Lodge #124. As a member of Acca, Bill transported children to the Hospitals and organized outreach clinics throughout VA, and planned many fundraisers. After entering the Legion of Honor in 2004, he served as LOH Commander in 2008, and 2009. For 50 years, Bill also enjoyed being Santa Claus to many children, and participating in local parades. Bill was predeceased in death by his parents and a sister. He is survived by his wife of 66 years, Betty Jean, daughter Pattie J. Brockwell, and her husband Steve Jesus, sister-in-law Rheba Joyce, brother-in-law John McNeal (June), numerous nieces, nephews, and great-nieces and nephews. Bill was laid to rest with military honors in the Virginia Veterans Cemetery in Amelia.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to the families of these fine Legionnaires.

On behalf of the Legion of Honor, I would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas, and a prosperous 2021.

Al Rock Potentate



# Million Dollar Band and The Sauerkrauts

Bill Hudson

**D**ue to the very limited amount of news, I'm going to consolidate both Units into one article.

Well, as musicians, this has been a very frustrating year. Everything we had planned to do has had to be cancelled. All of the spring gigs for both Units, all of the fall festivals and Oktoberfests, The Showcase, the Million Dollar Band's largest money maker, are gone. The one event still on is the Powhatan Oktoberfest which is a joint effort between The Sauerkrauts and the Powhatan Moose Lodge 1840. Although the Krauts will be working alongside the Moose folks to help make this event successful, as of this writing we are undecided as to whether we will play or not. It's difficult to perform while practicing social distancing. We need to be able to hear each other to make adjustments to volume, and tuning to ensure we are well blended, and the overall quality of sound is what we want. It goes without saying that the loss of gigs translates into a loss in contributions to our Temple, Transportation Fund, and our Hospitals. This is what hurts the most. Since the Officers of both Units have had nothing to work on this year, the decision has been made to keep everyone in place.

Over the years, I have attempted to dedicate an article to highlight one of our Band's members. In this article we will be featuring a member of the Million Dollar Band's tenor sax section and the accordion player for the Krauts, Dr. Allan Mills. I think you'll agree with me that Allan has had one of the most diverse backgrounds and list of accomplishments that I have ever seen.

Right out of high school, Allan became an entrepreneur, by owning a small institutional wholesale food business, Economy Food Distributors, in Wisconsin. After selling the business, he obtained an undergraduate degree in Forestry from the University of Montana. After graduation, he spent two-plus years working for the Peace Corps in Chile, documenting the various types of trees growing in the Chilean National Parks. While in Chile, he met and married a young lady from Germany. They now have two children, a daughter that teaches in Charlottesville (she also has her own Bluegrass band), and a son who is a programmer in Silicon Valley.

Allan received both his MS and PHD from the University of Minnesota. He taught undergraduate classes and performed research in Environmental Planning and Management at UC, Davis campus.

After that, Allan taught graduate level courses, and published research for Texas A&M. Finally, he finds his way here to Richmond where he taught for 28 years at VCU. Allan is also a second-degree black belt in Judo, and taught self-defense classes, without pay, to VCU students and administrators. He finally retired, well-earned I must say, five years ago.

Allan was raised in Richmond Lodge #10 in 1992, and served as Secretary for two years. He joined Acca shortly after being raised, and joined the Band. He actually started playing with the Sauerkrauts 2-3 years prior to becoming a Shriner. Allan is also a member of the Country and Western Band and plays, in addition to the accordion, the drums and bass guitar. He has served as President of this Unit for the past ten years. Allan is fluent in Spanish, Portuguese and German. He sings songs in German every Monday night with a group called the Gasthaus Singers, in Newport News. In 2000, Allan traveled to a German town in southern Brazil, on sabbatical from VCU, to teach (in Portuguese) at the Forestry School of FURB. He has been a member of Virginia Partners of the Americas since 1987, and served as President in 1998 and 1999. If all this isn't enough, he has started playing and singing with two local ukulele groups.

I got out of breath just recording the background and accomplishments of this fine Brother. I don't have a clue as to how he has done it all, and is still the same age as Jack Benny, 39. In the future, I will continue to feature our musicians, to demonstrate how each one of us, as individuals with such diversity in backgrounds and experiences, can come and work together in support of our great philanthropy, the Shriners Hospitals for Children.



Dr. Allan Mills and Lady Andrea

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