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Potentate's Message

Michael "Mike" Lott

First Lady Nancy and I are grateful for the wonderful support this year from everyone connected to the Acca Shrine. Things are busy and we want your involvement. We are holding Tailgate Concerts, Pizza, Puzzles and Pitchers Competitions, an Ice Cream Party, Parades, Sportsman Raffle, Car Show, Oktoberfest Party, Motleys Auctions, Watermelon Festival, Unit and Club meetings, and many other activities. We continue our support for Shriners Children's Hospital and the Acca Transportation Fund with donations and volunteer hours.

In September, Acca is traveling to Myrtle Beach for the 2023 SASA Convention and in October we are cruising on the Vision of the Seas to New England and Canada. Please check the Acca Website and Facebook pages for information about upcoming events.

The 2023 Acca Spring Ceremonial will be one of the most notable events of the year. The event will not only bring in new Nobles but will also recognize our Roadrunners and Hospital Representatives. The Units and Clubs Open House is on Friday June 2, 2023, from 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM and the Ceremonial is on Saturday morning June 3, 2023, starting at 8:00 AM. We are seeking good men, Master Masters, to join us as members of the Shriners International fraternity. The Shrine was founded in New York City in 1872 and today there are more than 200,000 Shriners on six continents around the world. Our fraternity is known for the FEZ, Shriners Hospitals for Children, colorful parades, public events, sporting events, and Having Fun and Helping Kids. We are Shiner Masons who work together to become better leaders, husbands, fathers, and friends. Brotherhood and harmony distinguish us from other groups and associations. Acca's membership goal for 2023 is to bring in fifty new Nobles. We need your help to achieve this goal. Reach out to your Brother Master Masons and let them know about the fun, social, charitable and fraternal opportunities available as an Acca Noble.

Acca needs your experience, time, and valuable skills. We need Nobles and Ladies to serve as Roadrunners to carry patients in our hospital vans to Shriners Hospitals. We also need Nobles and Ladies with audio visual, social media, communication, marketing, and graphic design



skills. Please let me know if you can serve.

With your help and participation, it will be an outstanding year for Acca Shriners.

Fraternally, Mike Lott

First Lady's Message

Nancy Lott

This year I continue to be amazed at the enthusiasm and dedication of our Nobles and Ladies. Their remarkable service and generosity to Acca and Shiner Kids are inspiring.

As First Lady I witness countless acts of kindness all the time. I see what it takes to communicate ideas to create innovative programs to serve Acca and our Great Philanthropy, Shriners Children's Hospitals. I thank all clubs and units for their encouragement, hard work, parades, fund raisers, and most of all camaraderie.

New clubs such as the Tavern Keepers, Upper Peninsula Shrine Club, and Leaf & Barrel Club are bringing new Nobles and Ladies with their ideas into the Temple. New and tried and true events like Pizza, Puzzles and Pitchers; the Cornhole Tournament, Valentine's Dinner, and Dance and Tailgate Concerts contribute to the success of Acca.

I express my gratitude to all Divan Ladies and Ladies of the Shrine for supporting us and the Acca program this year. Just to name a few, Lady Cristi Coletti, Lady Rebecca Ernouf, and Lady Michelle Coehelo have kept the communication flowing and the program on track.

The Divan Ladies are focusing on the First Lady's Theme: "How We Sparkle." We want to set an example for all Acca Ladies by sharing our time, talents, and good cheer. To that end you will be astonished when you see the fine jewelry and unique gifts I assembled that are available for purchase at lower than low prices at the "Acca Sparking Events" this year. Proceeds support the Acca Building Fund. Connect with Acca and stay tuned!

Warm wishes, First Lady Nancy Lott

From the Editor's Desk

Managing Editor: Brian Moubray

Ill. Sirs, Nobles, and Ladies of Acca Temple,
As I sit and write this article, I can't help but feeling excited about what we are doing for our Shriner Kids! Parades, concerts, Easter egg hunts, and the like are not only a lot of fun for us, but they are for the greatest philanthropy!

As we go into Spring season, it always strikes me to watch nature begin to bloom and be reborn from the wintertime. It makes me reflect on life in general, as we go about our days, we see them come and go, but wake up every morning to a new dawn, and new opportunities to serve our families and communities.

Please make sure and read through this issue of our Accalette to see all the great things that our clubs and units are doing!

And remember, "no man stands so tall as when he stoops to help a child."

Brian Moubray Managing Editor



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 21-24. 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.

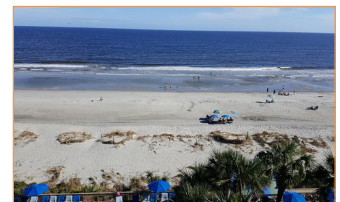
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Acca Car Club

Ed Johnston Jr.

We welcomed and voted in a new member at our April 11, 2023 meeting Moring Gravitt, has a beautiful Thunderbird!. We look forward to having him participate in our events and parades.

President Michael introduced a number of changes to our Bi-Laws and club operation to at our January 10, 2023 meeting as follows:

1. Meet every month on the 2nd Tuesday, except December.
2. Change our name from ACCA Antique, Classic and Sports Car Club to ACCA Car Club.
3. Revise some Bi-Laws to be more in tune with current times.
4. Car Club shirts were purchased with our current logo for all current members and provide new members with a shirt at their expense upon joining.

All of these items were adapted.

We are working hard on a car show/cruise-in at the Temple in the fall of 2023, with September 16, 2023 being the tentative date. Mark your calendars, bring your cars, and let's have a big showing and make some money. However, there are a lot of items to be worked out, which we are doing now. We are in need of sponsors, so please step up and contact Michael or any Car Club member if you know someone or business that can help! We will keep you informed of our progress.

Potentate Mike Lott and First Lady Nancy are progressing nicely with some nice programs and events. The big event for the year is a cruise to New England and Eastern Canada in October! That is going to be a great trip and is almost full at this time.

I hope you all had a Happy Easter and am looking forward to 2023 with more fun and fund raising activities at ACCA Shrine.

Reporter, Ed Johnston Jr.



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Upper Peninsula Shrine Club

The weather was fantastic and felt like springtime as the UPSC met on Thursday, Feb. 9th at Patsy's Rest in Providence Forge, VA. The ACCA Potentate, Illustrious Mike Lott, and his Lady Nancy were able to join our meeting and dinner, too.

We had an eventful meeting with the Potentate, who provided UPSC members with a few jokes and a view of ACCA events lined up this year. He also encouraged all Nobles to participate in the ACCA club and or units by saying: "what would ACCA be without its clubs and units. This is where you have fun raising money for our kids." He talked about how small clubs like the UPSC can help raise money by participating in the Sportsman's Raffle, driving at the Richmond Auto Auction, and acting as the ACCA Temple Building Maintenance Manager during Ballroom events. Members of the UPSC who participate in any of these activities allow their club to get financial credits toward making donations to the hospitals, ACCA Temple, and/or the Transportation Fund. Drivers are still needed for the transportation of patients and their parents to and from both the Greenville and Philadelphia Hospitals. Contact the ACCA main office if you are interested in helping.



Illustrious Mike then proceeded to install the 2023 UPSC officers: Steve Foster, President; Gary Palmer, Treasurer; and Skip Floyd, Secretary. After this, President Steve Foster presented the Potentate with a check for the ACCA Temple Building Fund. President Steve also presented lady Nancy with a small gift from the club to celebrate her fine recovery from several past medical issues. In closing, Illustrious Mike said don't forget to "Have fun helping kids."



Accaba Court

Sharon Heard, PHP

Greetings,

Congratulations, from the Ladies of Accaba Court, the newly elected and installed Potentate of ACCA Shrine, Ill. Sir Michael Lott, and his newly elected and appointed Divan members. We wish each of you safe travels in your journeys this year.

Thank you, Lady Christi Colletti, and thank you to your officers for a job well done. Lady Christi, you set a record this year with all the new members of our court.

What a great year you had and now you have earned a new title - Past High Priestess.

Congratulations Lady Debbie Bartol on becoming Accaba Court's twenty-fifth High Priestess. Your installation of officers on March 11 in the ballroom of ACCA Shrine was beautiful. We all look forward to sharing your High Priestess journey with you this year.

The Ladies' Oriental Shrine of North America has a new court - Sekhmet Court #111 in Mexico City. Lady Kris Sheridan, Grand Treasurer, Past Grand High Priestess and Past High Priestess of Accaba Court was there in February for the institution of the new court. This is the first court in Mexico. The 33 new members of the court and their Nobles are very excited about a court in Mexico. There were special luncheons and dinners, and the Mexican Army Bugle and Drum Corps performed. While Lady Kris was there, she was able to tour Mexico City Shriners Hospital for Children. Mexico City was the twenty-first Shriners Hospital Lady Kris has had the honor of touring. On average, 1,000 patients are seen daily, and 28,000 per month. The Grand Officers who toured the hospital were able to see all aspects of the hospital, including patients in rehab, returning from surgery, dentistry, social work, and special healing procedures. Most of their patients are orthopedic patients. They also saw the process of making prosthetics, which are made in an average of 7 hours so the patient can go home with it. If the prosthetic is complicated, it may take a couple of days.

Welcome to the newest members of Accaba Court, Lady Ann Schaefer and Lady Susan Roran, who were initiated into our court on February 26. Welcome to Accaba Court, and we all look forward to working with each of you as you start your LOS journey.

The June Sedona Taphouse, Midlothian, Dine Out for Charity, is for Shriners Hospitals for Children with credit going to Accaba Court. Every Monday for the month of June there will be three special menu items (steak, chicken, and salmon for half price) and a \$1.00 from each of those sales will be given to Shriners Hospitals for Children. The ladies of Accaba Court invite you to participate in this special event in June to help us raise money for Shriners Hospitals. Please come out on Mondays (all day) and bring your family and friends with you. Let's see how much money we can give to our philanthropy.

Sharon Heard, PHP



Director's Staff

Rusty Brinkley

Spring has sprung the grass has riz wonder where the flowers is? Ok, so not Shakespeare but I needed to lead with something. Acca's Director's Stall led off 2023 with a Brunswick Stew on Saturday Feb 25th under the watchful eye of stew master Gary Westerhouse. We had a great turnout from the members, and as usual the stew pot was not the only thing that was being stirred. Thanks to PD Doug Williams and others, tales of past escapades and individual mishaps were also the fare of the day. Funny how these stories get more colorful the more you hear them. Thanks to all who helped, It's always fun and by far one of our best social events of the year.

The next event happened on the first weekend in April. We had twelve members volunteer to usher at the NASCAR Xfinity race. Thanks to those who helped the staff with this fundraiser.

In February the Staff welcomed in two new members Christopher Tripp (pictured here) and Bill Graeter, welcome aboard Nobles. We wish you a long and rewarding tenure with Acca and the Director's Staff.

Unfortunately, with the good fellowship sometimes comes more sobering news. We were visited by the black camel twice recently with the passing of Sam Abrash on Feb 15, 2023. Noble Sam was a member for 13 years and was always ready with a smile and a Stan and Olio joke. Noble Frank C. Jones passed on Feb. 27, 2023. Noble Frank has been a member of our Director's Staff since 2014. Please keep both the Abrash and Jones families in your thoughts and prayers. Rest well our brothers, you will be missed.

On Wednesday April 5, 2023, MW Gary Westerhouse presented Past Directors Steve Clark and Rusty Brinkley with their 25-year pin at Midlothian Lodge 211. Congratulation Nobles, here's wishing you another 25 years.

Oriental Band

Eddie Pearson, OB President



Have you wondered where our award-winning Oriental Band has been hiding? Other than cooking hotdogs & burgers for the last Tailgate, we have been pursuing new musical arrangements to amaze our multitude of loyal fans. I must back track and explain one of the Band's main issues. Our little squawky horns, "The Shriners Musette," has placed the Band in a bit of a conundrum. The Musette is difficult to play as the bandsman is attempting to push air through a reeded mouthpiece the size of a "Tiparillo." In addition, musette parts are difficult to acquire, and the reeds must be whittled down by hand to fit. This requires quite a bit of trial and error. Our Band Director, Noble Buddy Small, is re-arranging both old and new tunes from the mystic orient for percussion only. The initial practice proved excellent with great sound and new energy. Of course, we always need new Band members, particularly former clarinet & sax players. If you love music and dressing up in costume but have no talent, The Oriental Band is for you! Ask any member or come to our practice on the 3rd Monday at 6:30PM in the Band room. Meanwhile, we will be found in the kitchen for the Richmond Coin Show, and we will play accompaniment to the Ceremonial Cast in June.

Eddie Pearson, OB President

In cover photo from left to right: Buddy Small, Dann Ladd, Tom Colletti, Christi Colletti, Harry Moore, Ken McSpadden, Mike Lott, Bill Ferguson, David Eells, Richard "Doc" Redman, Michael Poegl

Klownz Unit

Once again, the annual Easter Egg Hunt and Magic Show, co-sponsored by the Klownz Unit and ACCA Divan, was a huge success. We had the traditional large turnout of children with their parents in excess of 250 people.

More than 150 Kids found 4000 Easter Eggs that had been left earlier by the Easter Bunny. Eight lucky Children found four golden eggs and four silver eggs, which were retrieved for Easter baskets packed with toys and other goodies.

The Magic Show with Magician Mike Klee was a huge success, with everybody wondering how the Magician was able to hypnotize the Rabbit.

The Klownz Unit and the ACCA Divan want to thank all who supported and helped to make this event a continued success. To the Divan and their Ladies for their help with set up and tear down, and for delicious snacks for the children, as well as the face painters, who put smiles as well as grease on the Childrens 'faces along with the ACCA Klownz.

This is a favorite event for the Klownz Unit, and



we always look forward to Klowning for the Kids and showing off our Klownz Costumes and corny humor. Klownz participating were: The ever popular Easter Bunny, Dennis "Sta-Puf" English, our President, Al "Thumper" Mason; Secretary, Branden "BoBo" Black; Treasurer Steve "Sparky" Fuller; Klown Master, Art "Caboose" Lawhorn; Harry "Dimples" Moore; Craig "Pepper" Spicer, and our newest member of the ACCA Klownz Family: Michael "still working on a name" Poegl.

We are looking forward to next year's Egg Hunt and Magic Show and hope to see an even bigger turn-out.



Canada and New England Cruise

“Lobster Cruise” October 12-21, 2023

The Potentate and First Lady invites everyone to join the Acca Shriners as we “Fall in love with Canada and New England’s enchanting fall foliage, historic landmarks and small-town culture.” We will cruise the incredible Northeast coastline, visit the towns, and connect with friendly locals. PS Our group will have a private leisure gathering room on the ship and we are planning a Big Lobster Party.

We are leaving from Baltimore and cruising for (9) days on Royal Caribbean’s Vision of the Seas. You do not want to miss this trip! The weather will be perfect, the scenery breath taking (bring that new iPhone 14 Plus Gold with the Pro-level camera) and the dining exquisite. The best part of all – you will be traveling in style on a world class cruise line with your friends.

Shore excursions in Boston, Portland, St. John, and Halifax are available. Time to relax, enjoy the gorgeous fall weather, bright sunshine, and brilliant blue skies.

Cabins available with the Acca Shriners SPECIAL AAA PRICING are going fast. If you are thinking about joining the cruise, do not delay. Contact AAA, Jenny Muehlenkamp 804-293-4043 jmuehlenkamp@AAAmidatlantic.com and Kathy Williams 804-293-4044 kawilliams@AAAmidatlantic.com





CANADA AND NEW ENGLAND

OCTOBER 12 – 21, 2023

Illustrious Sir Mike Lott, Lady Nancy, and the ACCA Shriners invite you to join them aboard Royal Caribbean's *Vision of the Seas*®, as they sail from Baltimore to Canada and New England—with optional round-trip motorcoach transportation from the ACCA Shrine Center to the pier.

ITINERARY

<u>DAY</u>	<u>PORT</u>	<u>ARRIVE</u>	<u>DEPART</u>
Thursday, October 12	Baltimore, Maryland		3:00 p.m.
Friday, October 13	At Sea		
Saturday, October 14	Boston, Massachusetts	8:00 a.m.	6:00 p.m.
Sunday, October 15	Portland, Maine	8:00 a.m.	5:00 p.m.
Monday, October 16	Saint John, New Brunswick (Canada)	9:00 a.m.	
Tuesday, October 17	Saint John, New Brunswick (Canada)		3:00 p.m.
Wednesday, October 18	Halifax, Nova Scotia (Canada)	10:00 a.m.	7:00 p.m.
Thursday, October 19	At Sea		
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Hillbilly Unit

Ross Morland, Secretary

Howdy y'all! This past hunting season my son shot his first deer. Crazy thing was that it had no eyes. Do you know what they call this condition? I have "no i-deer!" The Hillbilly Unit had outstanding membership participation at each of the 2022 Christmas parades. Our annual Christmas banquet was also well attended and concluded with a surprise visit by Santa Claus. It was heartwarming to see each of the children get so excited when he would call them up by name to receive a small gift. A huge "THANK YOU" to the men and women of the Waynesboro First Aid Crew Auxiliary for hosting and catering the event. It was a lovely evening and something we all look forward to.

As we entered a new year, the Unit has planned new ideas, new opportunities, new events, and even new leadership. Our February meeting was very well attended with 29 Nobles and Ladies in support of our retiring Captain, Stanley Bryant. Having faithfully served the Hillbilly Unit from 2018 to 2023, Capt'n Stanley was presented a gavel plaque honoring his time in office. He said it was a bittersweet moment and thanked the members for their support. He closed his remarks by saying he would always be there for the Unit.

On February 18th, the Hillbillies attended a youth basketball game coached by Sean Young, a Shriners Hospital patient. They had a great time cheering for the kids and proudly wearing their fezzes. Afterwards, the members presented a donation check to Sean to help with his ongoing medical expenses. It was a special opportunity for the Unit to support the community and to continue to provide hope and healing to a Shriner Hospital patient.

On March 26th, members of the Unit assembled to confer the Hillbilly Degree on seven Shriners and three Shrine Ladies. It was quite the affair, as we had to prepare the

corncocks, top off the moonshine still, gather stumps, clean the outhouse, and chase away the skunks. It was so special to have our dear Cuzzins travel all the way from Richmond and Charlottesville to take part in this time-honored ceremony. Thank you, Nobles and Ladies, and always remember to "Honor the Cob!" For those of you who missed it, there will be future opportunities to receive the degree (and see more bad acting) later this summer.

The Hillbillies attended their first parade of 2023 at the annual Dogwood Festival Parade in Charlottesville. It was a perfect spring day to parade with all the other Units and Clubs of Acca Shrine, concluded by a family picnic hosted by the Piedmont Shrine Club. We can't wait until the next event and look forward to seeing each of you there. Y'all take care and Honor the Cob!



Uniform Council

Noble John M. Parrish, Secretary

If your Unit or Club has not had the opportunity to attend a meeting of the ACCA Council of Uniformed Units and Clubs so far in 2023, you have been missing out! Under the direction of our new Director, Colonel Scott Davis, these meetings have become a valuable resource for any Noble who is interested in learning about what projects and events ACCA Shriners are planning. In addition to learning more about the planned parades for this year, you will also have an opportunity to identify different areas that you can give back and support the Temple and the Potentate’s vision for the future.

In addition to discussing upcoming events at the ACCA Shrine Center, the Council of Uniformed Units and Clubs is responsible for planning and coordinating a number of parades throughout the year. Here is the list of the remaining Called Parades in 2023 that the Council will support:

- June 10, 2023 – Annual Potomac River Festival Grand Parade (Colonial Beach)
- July 7, 2023 – Elkton Parade
- July 14, 2023 – Bridgewater Country Fair Parade

- September 21-24, 2023 – SASA
- October 7, 2023 – MAHOVA Family Day Parade
- November 19, 2023 – Annual Ashland/Hanover Olde Time

Holiday Parade December 2, 2023 – Mechanicsville Christmas Parade

If you, your Unit, or your Club, wish to participate in any of these parades please reach out to Colonel Scott Davis directly. Again, if you have not had the opportunity to attend a meeting of the Uniformed Council of Units and Clubs, each and every one of you are welcome. These meetings occur on the fourth Tuesday of every month at 7:00 PM in the Assembly Room of ACCA Shrine Center. Colonel Scott Davis runs an efficient and informative meeting that will be well worth your time. I look forward to seeing you at our next meeting!

With the utmost fraternal respect,
Noble John M. Parrish, Secretary
ACCA Council of Uniformed Units and Clubs



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Golf Club

Larry Koon, President



The New Year is here!!! Let's go play Golf. Our season is well on the way. We played the Brandermill Course in March and will play the Crossings in April. Then in May, we will enjoy a special outing at the Spring Creek Course in Zion Crossroads, followed by our regular monthly outing at the Hollows.

Here is the 2023 Golf Schedule: March 23-Brandermill at 9am; April 27-Crossings-10am; May 10-Spring Creek-10am; May 25-Hollows-10am; June 22-Sycamore Creek-9am; July 27-Mill Quarter-10am; August 24-Brookwood-10am; September 28-Crossings-10am; October 11-Spring Creek-10am; October 26-Birkdale-9am and end the year on November 16 at the Brandermill Course, 10am tee time.

Now, let me summarize to simplify. The Golf Club plays the fourth Thursday of each month, March through October. We have our last outing in November on the third Thursday because of Thanksgiving. Most tee times are 10am, except for three events. These are scheduled for 9am to accommodate previous commitments.

Green fees for all monthly outings are \$50. Three mulligans are included. We play two special outings at Spring Creek, the green fee for that course is \$70.

The format is simple: best drive off the tee, then play your individual ball remainder of hole, pick up after bogey. No gimmies. Scoring is on an individual basis and calculated by Officers of the Club.

At the end of the year, a special evening is planned at a local Country Club. Social time, special dinner and then awards will be presented. Ladies are invited and at their request, it is usually scheduled in January of the following year, after the busy time of the holiday season.

Anyone and everyone are invited to play, you don't have to be a Shriner. A \$10 membership fee is charged each year to the Shriners to cover maintenance fees. (Only Shriners can be a member).

The Golf Club also participates in the two Grandmaster's Tournaments and the Scottish Rite Tournament. The club will sponsor a golf hole at each event.

At the end of the year at the Fall Ceremonial, the Golf Club will make donations to the Childrens Hospitals, the Transportation Fund, or to the Temple budget.

Now, let's get back to the main focus of the Club. Those who play golf love the game, that's evident. But playing with friends and making new friends, while enjoying the camaraderie along with the fun and the fellowship is what makes our club special.

Be Nice-Keep the Sunny-Side Up.

Larry Koon, President

Palmore's Cruise-In held for Acca Shriner's Transportation Fund

Curtis and Debbie Palmore of Kents Store, VA held their 13th Annual Car Cruise-In and Pasture Party on September 10, 2022. They chose the Acca Shriners' Transportation Fund as their charity this year. Curtis and Debbie funded all expenses and donated all proceeds of \$1,428 from the entry fees for the cars, 50-50 raffle, and other donations to Acca Shriners' Transportation Fund. Seventy-two cars entered the show. The Acca Transportation Van was there for all to see how Acca transports the Shriner Children.

Shriner child Kirksey Grace spoke to the crowd about her experiences going to the hospitals and how they helped her. She is now going to nursing school as she decided on this career path due to her experiences at the Shriner Hospitals.

Shriner Drivers Nobles Frankie Sheridan, Stanley Bryant and Gary Prock as well as Oriental Shrine Ladies Kris Sheridan, Susan Hughes and Judy Leighton were present. They shared stories of their trips to the hospitals and distributed flyers

with information about the hospitals and how to get in touch with Acca if they know of a child who could benefit from our services.

Fun was had by all, and we are truly appreciative of Curtis and Debbie giving to help our Shriner Children.



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Greenville Hospital Report

Richard "Doc" Redman



All activities are now back to pre-Covid levels. Our Outreach Clinics are open in Okatie, SC, and in Hendersonville, NC. A new clinic will be opening in Spartanburg, SC this fall.

Two new pediatric orthopedic surgeons are being added to the staff in anticipation of the retirement of two of our current surgeons. The retirements will probably occur later this year or early next year.

Here are our statistics for 2022 and are excellent, particularly considering the fact we still had some Covid restrictions for about the first half of the year.

85+ different orthopedic conditions treated

Patients were served from 38 states and 20 foreign countries!

Clinic Visits – 14,283

Surgical Procedures – 1,201

Prosthetic and orthotic deliveries – 6,445

Radiology exams – 18,550

Rehabilitation Procedures – 21,268

Motion Analysis Studies – 791

Telehealth Visits – 2,034

Miles traveled by Roadrunners – 728, 616

The Shrine System is starting to place more emphasis on international patients and treatment of those patients in

their own countries. Surgeons and nursing personnel have made two trips to El Salvador to operate and teach. One of our surgeons, Dr. Westberry, has participated in a similar teaching capacity in Cyprus. This program will be expanded this year.

You can follow activities at the hospital at ShrinersGreenville.org or at [ShrinersGreenville](https://www.facebook.com/ShrinersGreenville) on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

If you know of a child who might benefit from treatment in one of the Shrine Hospitals, feel free to contact me at 804-840-6790.

Thank you for allowing Ill Dennis Berry and me to represent Acca on the Board of Governors at Greenville.

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Philadelphia Hospital Report

Noble Daniel L. Freye, Chairman

Greetings from Philadelphia! The first quarter of 2023 has been a whirlwind of activity with much to report so I'll get right to it.

We began the year with installation of officers and members of the 2023 Board of Governors. We were honored to have Past Imperial Potentate Raoul Frevel as the installing officer. Vice Chairman Chris Ritchey, the hospital leadership team, and I then attended the Shriners Children's leadership conference in Tampa. We received updates from the home office executive support staff on system-wide initiatives and had plenty of time to network with our counterparts. Two presentations that I've come to especially look forward to are the key-note speaker and introduction of the National Patient Ambassadors. Neither disappointed.

The key-note address was given by Allison Massari, who spoke about compassionate care. Allison is an inspirational lady who, as an aspiring young artist, suffered major burns in a horrific car accident in 1998. She shared her personal journey of recovery and rehabilitation, illustrated with her artwork. While still



recovering from her own injuries, she founded the Roger Pepper Adventure Camps for teenagers with severe burn injuries. Many Shrine Kids have attended her camps over the past 21 years. Her closing remarks brought us all to our feet: "Keep it simple. Do good every day in the world, with simple acts of kindness. Blaze a trail of sweetness. Remove all expectations of others, while going wholeheartedly after your dreams. Eat well. Sleep well. Love big."

Undaunted by having to follow such an inspirational professional speaker, our 2023 National Ambassador, Parker, took the stage to address the group. Parker, his mother and younger brother were involved in a car accident that resulted in the loss of much of Parker's right leg. Thanks to Shriners Children's Greenville and its prosthetic and orthotic specialists, Parker was fitted with a prosthetic limb and is back to playing sports. In fact, Parker had to leave the conference right after his speech to travel home for his high school's championship basketball game! Another standing ovation and more than a few watery eyes!

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Greg reported aboard on March 6 and was officially



introduced to the Board of Governors at our March 16 meeting. During that meeting, the Board recognized Krista Miller for her outstanding leadership while serving three years as Interim Administrator. Krista was also congratulated on her appointment as Northeast Market Director of Patient Care Services/Nurse Executive. Megan Hauser, our Human Resources Director, was also congratulated on her selection as the Northeast Market Human Resources Director. Both Krista and Megan will be based at our hospital.

As if that was not enough excitement for the month, I received a text message from Greg on the morning of March 27 that the Joint Commission Survey team had arrived for its "unannounced full event." This is a triennial accreditation survey and is a very big deal! 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. The lead surveyor was extremely complimentary of our staff and could not say enough about the quality of care. During her interview with me, she shared that there are three characteristics of highly reliable healthcare organizations—leadership commitment, process improvement, and safety—and that she personally observed each of those characteristics during her two days at the hospital. While we will not receive the final report for several weeks, there were no conditional findings so we will not have a return visit for three years. It was an excellent survey and I am very proud of the team.

We've experienced a return to normal in April. The primary focus now is on our Puerto Rico outreach clinic. After a three-year delay caused by hurricanes and COVID, the Puerto Rico clinic is being planned for May 20 and 21. This clinic has been a semi-annual event for the Philadelphia team since 1964 and we are excited to reconnect with those patients and their families. We are also excited about a new location. This year, the clinic will be held at Orlando Health

in Dorado, Puerto Rico, about 15 miles west of San Juan. We are continuing to partner with Al Rai'e Saleh Shriners and I am looking forward to seeing the Nobles and Ladies I met when last there in 2019.

While I could go on, I will sign off for now. Noble Dave Eells and I are honored to serve on the Philadelphia Hospital 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 all Acca Nobles and Ladies for your continued support and commitment to Shriners Children's Philadelphia and the World's Greatest Philanthropy. Thanks also to our drivers who safely transport our kids to and from their appointments. Please follow Shriners Children's Philadelphia on Facebook for current information.

Fraternally and sincerely,
Noble Daniel L. Freye, Chairman
Board of Governors
Shriners Children's Philadelphia



Board of Governors 2023

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BACK ROW: Edwin Pearson, Joe McAleese, Ramon Miller, Terry Maccarrone, Kurt Frevel, Dave Eells, Paul DiGaetano, Bill Grimley, Jim Atkins



Nobles, Ladies and Sweethearts of ACCA,

Welcome to Spring. The temperatures have been mild this winter, but it just won't let go. Big swings from one day to the next, wearing out the buttons on the thermostat, to plant or not to plant. This is the season's of Virginia, don't like the weather just wait 24 hours.

Our installation of officers was held in February just before the Valentine Dance. We have a strong group of officers led by Noble Bill Bond. There is no doubt they will carry on the long tradition of support for our Temple and our Kids.

To that point, Manchester has started out very strong. Our 11th Almost Annual Cornhole tournament was a huge success. Thanks to a strong push for sponsorships, much appreciated help from all and new relationships we managed to raise over \$27,000 with a net gain of over \$16,000. This could not have been done without Kathrine Kennedy of Kingslayer Cornhole. She has been with us since the beginning and travels from

Florida each year to be with us. Our new board and bags sponsor is SEVA Cornhole and has agreed to stay on for the foreseeable future. Thanks to everyone for the generous support, advice and hard work.



Our Drifters have also come out swinging with their first Parade back in March in the Amelia Tractor Parade. Over 100 tractors and us. It was a great day; they will next be in action at the Charlottesville Parade in April. Get out and give them your support. If you may be interested in joining them, please catch up with the Captain, Noble Bobby Smith, he will be glad to help you become informed

Congratulations to our new officers,

President, Noble Bill Bond, 1st VP, Noble Bobby Smith 2nd VP Noble Boomer Calhoun, 3rd VP, Noble Gary

Westerhouse, Secretary, Noble Terry Nall, Treasurer, Noble Shannon Hartman. No pressure guys... Come give us a visit, have a meal, help with a fund raiser. You never know, you may want to become the newest member of the #1 club in ACCA.

Fraternally,

Manchester Shrine Club

"No man stands so tall as when he stoops to help a child"



Sauerkrauts Band

Bill Hudson, Reporter

Never let it be said that the Krauts aren't versatile and accommodating. When asked "what kind of a band are you" our response is "what kind of a band do you want us to be". Although we are a traditional German / Bavarian band and we entertain at traditional German events such as Oktoberfests and Fruelingfests, if offered a chance to perform for another occasion, it's hard for us to say no. The Sauerkrauts first gig booked this year was to be a St. Patrick's Day performance. Unfortunately, this show had to be cancelled at the last minute due to HVAC issues at the venue. But as for us, we were ready to go. We rehearsed the numbers for several weeks to ensure all would go well and were happily willing to trade in our lederhosen for Irish Green just for the opportunity to treat an audience to some good old fashion Irish tunes. We would have included a few of our favorite German pieces as well (as I said, that's who we are) which, when combined, we know would have resulted in a very memorable performance. Perhaps we'll get a chance to do it next year.

As usual, we continue to rehearse weekly and never fail to have a lot of fun doing so. The chemistry of this band allows us to make minor adjustments based on input or recommendations from individual musicians as we move through each piece. We've also established a rating system of one through five whereby our Director and Assistant Director can evaluate how well we performed each number. Weekly practice and thorough attention to each piece during rehearsals are two of the factors that help explain why this

band of ours continues to improve. It also helps explain why the band members have so much fun each time we get together.

Our calendar for the year is filling up just as we knew it would. Our popularity at local craft breweries continues to grow, and these venues are becoming one of our larger segments. In fact, we got a call from a local brewer to play a gig because they saw us perform for another brewery's Oktoberfest last year. They were so impressed with the show we put on that they agreed to change their original date to another because we were already booked. That says a lot about us!

As always, if there is any occasion that you feel the Krauts would make for good entertainment, give us a call.

Until next time,
Bill Hudson, Reporter



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Piedmont Shrine Club

Larry Claytor, Secretary

On February 19th the Piedmont Shrine Club enjoyed a wonderful afternoon of fellowship at the prestigious Greencroft Club located just west of Charlottesville for our Annual Sweetheart Luncheon. We were blessed with a beautiful winter day and the setting for this buffet meal was excellent. Our luncheon is centered each year around Valentine's Day and it is our way of honoring our Sweethearts and all of our Ladies that take such good care of us.

We pass along our thanks to the Committee that organized the luncheon this year, President Brandon Black, Noble Harry Walker and Noble Larry Claytor. President Brandon Black provided two long stem roses for each lady in attendance.

We were honored that Illustrious Mike Lott and his Lady Nancy were able to join us and he provided some well received comments to our group. His message of support for our Sweethearts and Ladies was well received. He also challenged us to reach out to fellow Masons and invite them to become a Shriner. He then

ended his remarks by extending a personal invitation for our members to be more active in attending ACCA Events when possible and enjoy fellowship at the Temple.



Piedmont Shrine Club

Honorary Lifetime Membership Award

Nobles Andy Keller and Goldie Tomlin, both Past Presidents of Piedmont Shrine Club in Charlottesville Virginia, delivered a certificate on behalf of the Piedmont Shrine Club for Honorary Lifetime Membership to Noble Toby Brown at his residence on March 30, 2023.

Noble Toby and his Lady Teresa are both longtime supporters of Piedmont Shrine Club. The members of PSC selected Noble Toby for Honorary Membership at their recent meeting for his longtime dedication and service to the efforts of the Shriners in the Charlottesville area and at ACCA.

Toby served as President of Piedmont Shrine Club in 1995. He has also been leader, often seen on the front line helping and supporting activities at our after-Parade Picnic for ACCA parade participants and their families. PSC has held the picnic for many years at the ELKs Lodge shelter. Toby is also a longtime member of Widows Sons Lodge No. 60 in Charlottesville.

Respectfully Submitted,

Goldie Wilson Tomlin, Jr. - Treasurer
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Provost Guard

Noble Bert Norfleet, Major, Acca Provost Guard

The big news out of the Provost Guard is that we remodeled the kitchen in our unit room. The project was conceived and headed up by our fearless construction coordinator, Noble Steve Faszewski. Many Provost Guard Nobles assisted with the work. We installed new cabinets, countertops, plumbing, sink fixtures, and painted the entire room. A new Provost Guard sign was commissioned and placed over the bar. The finished product looks great! Please come by for a visit and enjoy a beverage with us.

On the fundraising front, we are focusing our efforts this year on driving at Motley's Auto Auction every Friday. Not only is it fun, but the money we earn is used to support our Unit and the Temple.

The After Hours Tailgate Concerts started on April 13, 2023 and are headed up by the Provost Guard and Acca Temple. Other Units and Clubs also assist with the event. Noble Victor Sorrell is our leader and additional concerts are planned for May 11, 2023 and September 14, 2023. Make sure to mark your calendar and invite your friends, family, and Brother Masons to attend the events. Bring a lawn chair and enjoy the fabulous music. The event is free, but donations are gladly accepted. The show starts at 5:00 PM and runs until 8:00 PM. Complete information can be found on the Acca Shriners website: <https://accashriners.com/acca-event/after-hours-tailgate/>. The concerts are funded through

donations and sponsorships. If you would like to be a sponsor or know someone who will sponsor the event, please contact Vic Sorrel at 804-837-3126. Sponsorships start at only \$100.

Noble Bert Norfleet,
Major, Acca Provost Guard.

Acca Shriners Provost Guard

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Valley Shrine Club

The Valley Shrine Club members continue to meet for breakfast each Wednesday morning at IHOP in Harrisonburg. All Nobles are invited as well as any Mason who would like to attend. Our monthly dinners for Nobles and their Ladies are held on the 4th Monday of each month from September to May. During June, July, and August, the members gather for a stag night. Our major fundraiser this year is a 50/50 raffle with 50% of the proceeds from the total of tickets sold going to the holder of the winning ticket and 50% to the VSC's annual contribution to the Shriners' Hospitals for Children. Unfortunately, our club has experienced a number of Nobles and Ladies who have developed health issues and are limited in their participation or have not able to attend any of the club functions. A weekly Phonevite message keeps the members apprised of club activities as well as a list of those men and women who would benefit from our prayers.

Respectfully submitted,
Dan Perry, Secretary, VSC



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We realize the Accalette is a quality publication that many of you enjoy. However, costs of publication and mailing run from \$12,000 to \$15,000 annually. When the publication is delivered to the U.S. Post Office for bulk mail distribution it can take weeks before it reaches the reader. That and the fact we have already reduced the number of issues to save cost can make the news in the magazine old news. We feel our best method of communication with the membership is through email and telephone.

Consideration was given to making the Accalette a digital publication only, but we recognize that some of our members would not be able to receive it in this manner. Therefore, we ask for your help. If you would like a copy of the Accalette mailed to you, please email accalette@accashriners.com and please provide us with your full name and mailing address. For additional information refer to the Editor's article on page 4 of this edition.

Your cooperation in this matter would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely & Fraternaly,
Brian F. LaFontaine
Potentate
Acca Shriners

Million Dollar Band

Bill Hudson, Reporter

Well, we got bitten by the parade bug last year and found the bug's side effects to be quite enjoyable. For some strange reason we found ourselves in a very playful mood. In addition to playing our instruments, we felt this uncontrollable need to start smiling, waving, laughing, and cutting up with the folks along the way. We enjoyed it so much that we will be doing a lot more of it this year. So far, we have our eyes on five parades just in the spring and summer, hoping to add even more during the holiday season. So it looks like we will be taking it to the streets in 2023. Additionally, we are continuing to work on concert presentations as well. When it all comes together, it should turn out to be quite a year for the band.

Our first concert series for the year will primarily follow a theme of patriotic pieces. This has always been one of the more popular programs with our audiences. Once it's ready for the stage, we're sure it will be quite entertaining for the listener and very rewarding for the musicians.

As I've mentioned in the past, this band continues to rely a great deal on the talents, dedication and devotion of our guest musicians. These fine folks are always there working hard to assure that our public performances are as successful as they can be, whether on board the trailer in parades or on stage at concerts. Even with all of their support, we still have quite a few holes in some of our sections and are continuing to look for musicians to help fill these gaps. If there are musicians out there in the Nobility who would like to become members of the oldest continually operating unit in Acca, The Million Dollar Band, we would love to have you join our

ranks, even if you haven't touched an instrument for several years. Also, if you know of some local musicians looking for a musical home, tell them about us. We would love to have them come by and check us out and, hopefully see how rewarding and fun it is to share musical talents while work in support of the "World's Greatest Philanthropy", ours.

Until we meet again in print,
Bill Hudson, Reporter



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Samsar Jewel Awards

The ACCA Samsar Jewel Award

It is each Noble's duty, as stated in the obligation, to replace himself.

The Samsar award recognizes those Nobles who have not only replaced themselves once but many times over and have participated in shrine activities to make ACCA and its units and clubs strong. For many years, Acca presented a Merit Award based totally on membership recruitment. This award has not been presented in many years and now Acca is introducing the Samsar Jewel, which will include membership recruitment and Shrine Leadership.



SAMSAR POINTS AWARD CATEGORIES

MEMBERSHIP RELATED ACTIVITIES (this data is provided by Recorder)

Membership activity is retroactive back to the original Merit Award

Top line signer gets 50 points, and second line signer gets 25 points for

1. Petition for initiation and membership

Top Line signer gets 25 points for

1. Application for Affiliation
2. Application for Associate
3. Petition for Restoration

LEADERSHIP RELATED ACTIVITIES – (this data is provided by Potentate to the Recorders Office) Leadership points begin 2023.

The Potentate has the authority to recognize Nobles who through their leadership, support and hard work contribute toward the continual growth and success of our Temple.

ACCA Shrine Level

- Major Committee heads (Membership, Strategic Planning,): 25 points
- Assistants and sub-committee chairmen: 10 points
- Special projects Chairman (Sportsman Raffle, etc.): 25 points
- Assistants and sub-committee chairmen: 10 points

Unit and Club Level

- Unit and Club Leader (President or Captain, Major): 25 points
- Other officers and sub-group or task leaders: 10 points

NEW SHRINE NOBLES

Each Shriner who, within the first year of Shrine membership, joins a unit or club within ACCA gets 50 points and the Top line signer for the application gets 25 points. (This is a one-time award with data provided by unit or club to the Recorders Office.)

SAMSAR JEWEL'S COMPONENTS AWARD SCHEDULE

Each component is added to the previous level or exchanged for the next level until a Full Samsar Jewel has been awarded when the noble has achieved 7,500 points.

- 500 points – Basic Samsar and Red Ribbon
- 750 points – Red Rainbow Crescent
- 1,000 points – Yellow Rainbow Crescent
- 1,500 points – Emerald Star
- 2,500 points – First Diamond in star point
- 3,500 points – Second Diamond in star points
- 4,500 points – Third Diamond in star points
- 5,500 points – Fourth Diamond in star points
- 6,500 points – Fifth Diamond in star points
- 7,500 points – Large Diamond in center of star (replaces Emerald)

Samsar Jewel Membership & Leadership Awards

Through April 2023

Noble	Points	Awards
James O. Ash	675	Jewel
James E. Beamguard	525	Jewel
Dennis W. Berry, P.P.	1,375	Jewel*, Red Bar*, Yellow Bar*
Carl V. Bobrosky	775	Jewel, Red Bar
Robert C. Boggs	600	Jewel
Donald R. Bosley	525	Jewel*
N. E. Carpenter, P.P.	650	Jewel
Clay Chaney, P.P.	525	Jewel
Thomas C Colletti	700	Jewel*
Samuel E. Dunn, P.P. Emerald Star*	1,700	Jewel, Red Bar, Yellow Bar,
David W. Eells Emerald Star*	1,550	Jewel, Red Bar, Yellow Bar,
Dennis L. English, P.P.	1,175	Jewel, Red Bar, Yellow Bar
William T. Ellison, Jr.	500	Jewel
James E. Fargo	900	Jewel, Red Bar*
Jeffery E. Hodges	525	Jewel
Ben D. "Pete" Holder, P.P.	875	Jewel, Red Bar*
Robert W. Llewellyn	900	Jewel, Red Bar
James A. McAllister, P.P.	550	Jewel
Kyle Lee Miller	1,050	Jewel, Red Bar, Yellow Bar*
Ross C. Morland	925	Jewel*Red Bar*
Terry M. Nall	675	Jewel*
G. Fred Paul, III	550	Jewel
Robert C. Puffenbarger, P.P. Emerald Star, Diamond*	2,550	Jewel, Red Bar, Yellow Bar,
W. A. Robison	900	Jewel, Red Bar

Noble	Points	Awards
Timothy L. Southern	625	Jewel, Red Bar, Yellow Bar
Charles M. Taylor	925	Jewel, Red Bar, Yellow Bar
Walter J. Townsend	600	Jewel
Joseph P. Westfall, Jr.	875	Jewel*, Red Bar*
Larry E. Williams	550	Jewel

Nobles with 400-499 Points

Michael H. Ashley	475
Andrew G. Coelho	475
David L. Glover	450
William o. Hanks, Jr.	400
Carroll M. Jones, P.P.	450
Robert E. Simpson	400
Bruce W. Smith	400

Nobles with 300-399 Points

Timothy G. Ford	375
Ray C. Goodwin, P.P.	300
Samuel G. Hughes	375
Philip R. Johnson, P.P.	350
Larry R. Koon, P.P.	325
William S. Nunn	325
Mack T. Ruffin, III	325
Thomas A. Snead	325
Goldie W. Tomlin, Jr.	300
Walter A. Trower, Jr.	350

* Awards recently earned.

Hospital Committee

Acca Shriners honors the members of the Hospital Committee, Hospital Representatives and Roadrunners at the June 2023 Ceremonial. Their commitment and service to Shriners Children's patients is an inspiration for Acca Nobles and Ladies.

Planning for the Acca Hospital Committee and Transportation Team began in 1998 under the leadership of Illustrious Potentate Ray C. Goodwin and a number of committees. In 2000 Illustrious James A. McAllister and the Acca Nobility established the Acca Hospital Committee and Transportation Team. The committee started with (70) children on the active patient rosters at the Greenville, Philadelphia, and Cincinnati hospitals. Acca conducted a fundraising program and purchased its first transportation van in 2000 and a second van in 2005. Today the Roadrunners have over (30) drivers, both Nobles and Ladies and two transportation vans.

Many dedicated Nobles, Ladies, friends and donors support the Roadrunners and the Transportation Fund with their participation and generous contributions. Shriners Children's three-part mission has one goal: to change and improve lives by providing compassionate, innovative care; conducting research; and offering educational opportunities. The mission helps Shriners Children's transform the lives of children and families around the world. Patients receive world class, life-changing treatment regardless of their family's ability to pay.

Today the Hospital Committee, hospital representatives and Roadrunners continue their philanthropic work by serving on the board of directors for Greenville and Philadelphia Hospitals and transporting patients from around Virginia to Shriners Hospitals for Children.

Hospital Committee & Transportation Team

Bill Ferguson, Chairman
Ralph Heard
Richard Redman, MD

Drivers (Roadrunners)

Michael Arnold
Heather Ashley
Michael Ashley
Dennis Berry
Stanley Bryant
Christi Colletti
Thomas Colletti
Sondra Clayton
Tom Clayton
Scott Davis
Barbra Doyal
Charles Doyal

David Eells
Bill Ferguson
Tim Hartman
Richard Kelly
Dann Ladd
Jacobi Leathers
Dale Lewis
Ill. Mike Lott
Ken McSpadden
Steve Meagher
Harry Moore
Michael Poegl
Gary Prock
Frankie Sheridan
Kris Sheridan
Buddy Small
George Ulloa
Ronnie Waddell
Stephen Witt
Steve Young

Retired Drivers:

Ill. Dennis English
Nancy English
Susan McSpadden
Steve Stankiewicz

Hospital Representatives - Board Members

Greenville Hospital

Richard Redman
Ill. Dennis Berry
Ill. Dennis English (Emeritus)
Ill. James McAllister (Emeritus)

Philadelphia Hospital

Dan Freye (Chairman of the Board)
David Eells
Ill. Ray Goodwyn (Chairman of the Board Emeritus)

Acca SPRING CEREMONIAL JUNE 2-3



Having Fun & Helping Kids

Be a part of our Shriner Family and support the World's Greatest Philanthropy

Friday, June 2nd:

Units & Clubs Open House and Reception for Master Masons and their Ladies from 6:00p to 9:00p

Saturday, June 3rd:

Candidates & Ladies Breakfast at 8:00a followed by the Initiation Ceremony.

JOIN THE FUN FOR ONLY:

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Find Out More About Membership:

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AFTER HOURS TAILGATE

Free outdoor concerts at the beautiful Acca Shrine Center. Bring chairs. Food and beverages available for purchase.

2ND THURSDAY FREE CONCERTS

5:00 pm - 8:00 pm

April 13th - Escorts Band
May 11th - Kozy Cats
September 14th - Kozy Cats



Shriners, Masons, Families and Guests are invited

For information go to accashriners.com or call 804.264.0509
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Donations and Sponsors accepted to defray the costs of the event

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MAY 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 Million Dollar Band South Hill Shrine Club	2 Heritage Shrine Club	3 Ceremonial Cast Legion of Honor Blue Ridge Shrine Caverns Shrine Club	4 Arab Patrol Country Western Band Sauerkrauts	5 Provost Guard	6
7	8 Hillbilly Unit Million Dollar Band Chester Shrine Club	9	10 Director's Staff Mini Patrol Glen Allen Shrine	11 Sauerkrauts Southside Shrine Upper Pen Shrine Tailgate Concert	12	13 Bon Air Parade
14	15 Klownz Million Dollar Band	16	17 Hopewell Shrine James River Shrine	18 Country Western Band Sauerkrauts Lake Country Shrine	19	20 Goochland Parade
21	22 Million Dollar Band Valley Shrine Club	23 Uniform Council	24 Motor Patrol Manchester Shrine Petersburg Shrine	25 Oriental Band Sauerkrauts Golf Club	26 Leaf & Barrel	27
28	29 Million Dollar Band Sandstone Parade	30	31			

JUNE 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 Country Western Band Sauerkrauts	2 Acca Open House	3 Acca Spring Ceremonial
4	5 Million Dollar Band South Hill Shrine Club	6 Car Club Heritage Shrine Club	7 Ceremonial Cast Legion of Honor Blue Ridge Shrine Caverns Shrine Club	8 Sauerkrauts Southside Shrine Upper Pen Shrine	9	10 Colonial Beach Parade
11	12 Hillbilly Unit Million Dollar Band Chester Shrine Club	13	14 Director's Staff Hillbilly Outhouse Mini Patrol Glen Allen Shrine	15 Country Western Band Sauerkrauts Lake Country Shrine	16	17
18	19 Klownz Million Dollar Band	20	21 Hopewell Shrine James River Shrine	22 Oriental Band Sauerkrauts Golf Club	23 Leaf & Barrel	24
25	26 Million Dollar Band Valley Shrine Club	27 Uniform Council	28 Motor Patrol Manchester Shrine Petersburg Shrine Piedmont Shrine	29 Sauerkrauts	30	

JULY 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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2 Imperial Session Charlotte, NC	3 Million Dollar Band Imperial Session Charlotte, NC	4 Heritage Shrine Club Imperial Session Charlotte, NC	5 Ceremonial Cast Legion of Honor Blue Ridge Shrine Caverns Shrine Club Imperial Session	6 Country Western Band Sauerkrauts Imperial Session	7 Provost Guard Elkton Parade	8
9	10 Hillbilly Unit Million Dollar Band Chester Shrine Club	11	12 Director's Staff Mini Patrol Glen Allen Shrine	13 Sauerkrauts Upper Pen Shrine	14 Bridgewater Parade	15
16	17 Klownz Million Dollar Band	18 Uniform Council	19 Hopewell Shrine James River Shrine	20 Country Western Band Sauerkrauts Lake Country Shrine	21 Leaf & Barrel	22
23	24 Million Dollar Band Valley Shrine Club	25	26 Motor Patrol Manchester Shrine	27 Oriental Band Sauerkrauts Golf Club	28	29

AUGUST 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
30	31 Million Dollar Band	1 Car Club Heritage Shrine Club	2 Ceremonial Cast Legion of Honor Blue Ridge Shrine Caverns Shrine Club	3 Arab Patrol Country Western Band Sauerkrauts	4 Sportsman Show	5 Sportsman Show
6 Sportsman Show	7 Million Dollar Band Chester Shrine Club	8	9 Director's Staff Hillbilly Outhouse Mini Patrol Glen Allen Shrine	10 Sauerkrauts Upper Pen Shrine	11	12
13 Watermelon Festival	14 Hillbilly Unit Million Dollar Band	15	16 Hopewell Shrine James River Shrine Past Masters Club	17 Country Western Band Sauerkrauts Lake Country Shrine	18	19
20 Ice Cream Party	21 Klownz Million Dollar Band Valley Shrine Club	22 Business Meeting Uniform Council	23 Motor Patrol Manchester Shrine	24 Oriental Band Sauerkrauts Golf Club	25 Leaf & Barrel	26
27	28 Million Dollar Band	29	30 Piedmont Shrine	31 Sauerkrauts		

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Shriners believe in God and that He created man to serve His purposes, among which is service to others in His name.

We believe that care for the less fortunate, especially children who suffer from burns and crippling diseases, is our institutional calling.

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.