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#### **ELECTED DIVAN 2017**

Harold Booth, Potentate
Bruce Niemeyer, Chief Rabban
Danny Kelso, Assistant Rabban
Dennis Thomas, High Priest & Prophet
Neil McAnnalley, Oriental Guide,
P.P. William A. Wheeler, Treasurer
Garland "Garry" Youngblood, Recorder

#### **APPOINTED DIVAN 2017**

Drew McKay, 1st Ceremonial Master Will Fowler, 2nd Ceremonial Master Dean Lilja, Director Troy Newby, Marshal Ben Peters, Captain of the Guard Gerald Colanter, Outer Guard Ray Howton, Chaplain PP Terry Yancy, Chief Aide

#### Other Elected Offices / Positions 2017 Imperial Council

Harold Booth, Potentate
Danny Kelso, Assistant Rabban
Bill Wheeler P.P. Treasurer
Garry Youngblood, Recorder
Lucian McCulloch, P.P. Emeritus

#### **Southeastern Shrine Association**

Harold Booth, Potentate Bruce Niemeyer, Chief Rabban Danny Kelso, Assistant Rabban Garry Youngblood, Recorder Nelson Richardson, P.P. (Past President)

# **Dixie Shrine Association**

Harold Booth, Potentate Bruce Niemeyer, Chief Rabban Danny Kelso, Assistant Rabban Garry Youngblood, Recorder Lucian McCulloch, P.P. (Past President) Sam Butler, (Past President)

#### **Finance Committee**

Stanley Champion Bill Clark John Hill Sam Butler

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Be sure to visit the Shrine and Shriners Hospitals for a wealth of information at:

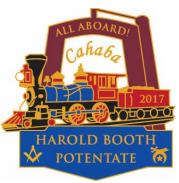
www.shrinersinternational.com www.shrinersvillage.com www.beashrinernow.com Visit your local Shrine Center at: www.cahabashrine.org







# Illustrious Sir Harold Booth Potentate 2017



Something new is coming to Cahaba Shrine Center Nov 11 and 12 2017, the Holiday Fezitval Craft Fair. This will be a fraternal fund raiser and hope to be an annual affair. We plan on renting space in the main hall for local crafts and small business, plus a silent auction. It will have a holiday theme to put the people in a shopping mood for Christmas. Santa Claus will make an early appearance for the children. We will need the Shrine Family to help support this fund raiser. The Craft Fair is still in the planning stage, so if you have any suggestions or an interest to help, please contact myself, Ginger Peters, or Christi Fowler.

I'm very proud of the Director Staff's presentation of the Spring Ceremonial. The team put on one of the best I've seen in several years. PP Steve Cooper led the team as Ceremonial Potentate, thank you Steve for a great job. The Director Staff is planning a 2<sup>nd</sup> session for the Fall Ceremonial; it will be fun having the 2<sup>nd</sup> session back. If you missed it, you missed a great time.

We tried something new for the Spring Taste of Cahaba: we made a little competition on the presentation of each table and the best food of the night. The Buffoons won the best presentation and the Director Staff won the best tasting food. The judges were the new Nobles and their Ladies. The poppers were the best food per the judges, only problem was there wasn't enough. I didn't get the opportunity to try them. The Fall Taste of Cahaba will be on Friday night.

Nobles, we cannot build the Shrine Center if there is no attendance. If the present activities don't interest you, please call me, give me your suggestions. I will do everything in my power to make changes that will draw our Nobles back to our Shrine Center. I want all of our clubs and unit to be strong and self standing, but I need your support to keep Cahaba also strong and self standing. We are half way thru the year and there is still time to make improvements.

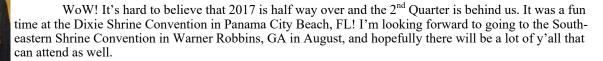
The Divan members (elected and appointed) are your representation of Cahaba Shrine. You need to utilize us to get your thoughts across to start the communication between members, clubs, units and the temple. When Divan members are present at your meeting get as much information from them as possible. It is easy to be present but it is hard to be active. Our divan wants to help you, let them.

Membership is the primary goal for our Shrine this year. I have issued a directive to all clubs and units to have membership representative, with a by-law change to make this a permanent change for the future. We must remember we are agents to the membership activities of Cahaba Temple.

# **Chief Rabban**

# Noble Bruce Niemeyer

Hello Nobles and Ladies.



By the time this has gone out our 2<sup>nd</sup> Drawdown will have been completed and the next few events coming up will be, July 15<sup>th</sup> Marshall Shrine Club's Annual Fish Fry, July 15<sup>th</sup> Crimson's Poker Run for the Cincinnati Hospital, August 5<sup>th</sup> Family Day Picnic, September 2<sup>nd</sup> Alabama FSU game at the Temple, September 9<sup>th</sup> Cahaba's BBQ event, and October 14<sup>th</sup> Sportsman's GiveAway. Speaking of the BBQ event, please contact Noble Dean Lilja for more details about this. Hopefully it will develop into an annual event. So make sure to get your team together and let's make this a successful first run at it!!! Make sure to check out the weekly OneCallNow phone message, MailChimp email, or watch the Facebook page for all the upcoming announcements.

As YOUR Fundraising Chairman, I'd like to thank each and every one of you for all you do to support Cahaba! Without you, none of this would be possible and when you give your time and talents, there is nothing we can't get accomplished. Please keep up the outstanding work, and thank you for all of your hard work!!!

This is another excerpt from the Retention and Restoration Workbook: Part III

# THE OTHER ENGINE THAT MOVES THE SHRINE THE FUN ENGINE

By Adrian J. Hampshire, ARARAT Shriners Shrine Directors Association President 1991-92

Have you ever noticed when you go to a Shrine function, those having FUN are doing OK but those that aren't in trouble? The reason is because when you are having FUN you possess the four principles of success; Positive attitude, Communications, Teamwork and Enthusiasm! There is more on these later. This is the reason the Shrine has been successful in the past and why it will be successful in the future. We as Directors and Director's Staff Members can contribute considerably just by teaching our units and clubs how to have more FUN. Many Directors get more than one year to implement positive change. A Potentate has only one.

Following is a "shopping list" of "Ideas to Improve Shrine Units and clubs activities" that have been proven to be successful. You must understand that results do not happen overnight, but be patient and keep a positive attitude and I guarantee that you will be amazed at what happens. **They really work!** 

#### IDEAS TO IMPROVE THE ATTENDANCE AND ACTIVITIES FOR UNITS & CLUBS

Above all else, use the four principles of success in operating your unit or club. Having fun doing these will guarantee your success.

They are:

- 1. HAVE A POSITIVE ATTITUDE
- 2. HAVE GOOD TWO-WAY COMMUNICATIONS
- 3. USE TEAMWORK
- 4. HAVE ENTHUSIASM

With that said, let's do our very best to bring the FUN back to Cahaba!!! I want everyone to have FUN and bring back "the way it used to be!" everyone working together and having FUN together!!!

It truly is an honor to serve you, the Nobility, and Cahaba these past few years, and I look forward to my continued service to all y'all! Have a GREAT quarter and I hope to see you at an upcoming Cahaba event!

Yours in the Faith!



# **Assistant Rabban**

Noble Danny Kelso

Greetings nobles and ladies

Well the year is almost gone by here it is in June and it's time for another article nobles and ladies I would like to always thank y'all for being who you are and representing Cahaba temple to the fullest as one of your elected divan members I am very proud of Cahaba and look forward to the next couple of years on the elected divan hopefully in 2019 I will be your potentate . I want to say that I enjoyed myself

with the others at the Dixie shrine convention and look forward to next year. Also I would like to think this opportunity for everyone that has really been trying hard to make the charitable side of our foundation the best that it's been in years. Well we have coming up next is the second drawl down and always Nobles if you can sell a ticket to the Sportsmens gun giveaway we really need to help this year our fraternal side of our fraternity. If anyone knows a place where we can sell tickets on the bad boy or any event for the sportsman giveaway raffle tickets to be sold out please call the office we would greatly appreciate that so we can get people to work .and enclosing if there's anything I can do in the future please do not hesitate to call on me and I will try my best to do my part for Cahaba.



# High Priest and Prophet Noble Dennis Thomas

I would first like to thank everyone for their support. I really thank you .

By the time you read this the #2 drawdown will be over. I sure hope and think it will be a success.

Thank you to all the hard working members for selling the tickets, y'all do a Great job. Let's just keep doing what we're doing and we will make Cahaba a success. It's the Clubs and Units that make this place strong. If it wasn't for our Clubs and Units we couldn't function.

If your not in a Club or Unit, please consider joining one, we have some Great ones, from the Motor Corp to the, Hillbllly's to the Buffoons and everything in between. We are all in this together. This makes the Fraternity and the Hospitals Strong.

If I can ever be of assistance, Don't Hesitate to call.



# Oriental Guide Paper Crusade Chairman

Noble Neil McAnnalley

Hello Nobles and Ladies,

This year is going in a hurry, six months have already gone. We still have a lot of functions and activities coming up. Come on out and support your Shrine Center, clubs and units. We will have fun and fellowship while raising money for our hospitals and Cahaba. Feel free to call me if I can help with anything. 256-758-0887.

Thanks to everyone who donated their time and money so far this year to make our paper drive a success. The children at our hospitals are the ones who really thank you. While helping with a pa-

per drive at Arab, a young boy around 10-11 years old, came up to me with his mother and handed me some money. His mother told me the boy had been a patient at a Shriners Hospital. The boy shook my hand and said "Thank you". They went on into the store. Later when they came out, he came up to me and gave me a big hug. Now that is a "Thank you". To me that is what it is all about

At the present time we have raised approximately \$28,000. There will be several more paper drives at various locations. As these become know, we will post on Cahaba Shrine web site and face book. Again, thanks so much for your time and hard!

"REMEMBER LOVE TO THE RESCUE"



# **Treasurer**Noble Bill Wheeler P.P.

Get on the "Fun Train" at Cahaba. Caring for kids and having fun go hand and hand with Shriners. That was the reason I joined our wonderful organization, and feel today as I did May 1976. I now have a better understanding of our care and fun, but it gives me that same personal feeling of helping and camaraderie I felt over 40 years ago.

Nobles, thank you for electing me your "Chief Financial Officer" (Treasurer). Lady Brent and I are preparing to attend 2017 Annual Meeting of the Shrine Treasurers Association Sunday July 9, 2017, prior to the 143rd Imperial Session of Shriners International in Daytona Beach, Florida, beginning Monday July 10, 2017. I am currently serving as 2nd Vice-President of the Shrine Treasurers Association. We will have to be in Dayton Beach Saturday July 8, 2017 for the STA Officers Executive Committee Meeting.

And thank you nobles, for electing me your Imperial Representative to the Session in Dayton Beach this year. Imperial Potentate Chris L. Smith has ask me to serve during his year in the role of Imperial Captain of the Guard's Aides member. In his letter to me dated August 4, 2016 Imperial Potentate Chris Smith quoted, "I look forward to working with you in the coming year and am excited that we will have a positive influence on the future of this great Fraternity and Philanthropy". I credit this kind of camaraderie to the Nobles of Cahaba Temple and am so appreciative for your continuing to elect me to this noble honor as I work toward Colorado and Iowa Corporation emeritus.

Thank you Clubs and Units for complying to "General Order No. 1" obligating your Treasurer as signer on your financial accounts. To date most Clubs and Units have complied.

Please allow me to quote the Chief Rabban from last Cahaban: "Having Fun" shows a success with Positive attitude, communications, Teamwork and Enthusiasm. I think this could be the definition of "Cahaba Shrine".

Yours in the Faith,



#### Recorder

Noble Gary Youngblood

Nobles and Ladies.

This year's Shriners International Imperial Session is almost upon us! Simply put, the year is almost half over. We at Cahaba have been very busy this year. I would like to congratulate Lady Linda on her tremendous success with her "C" Arm Special Project. The project has produced an enormous outpouring of support from everyone. I think she has far exceeded her goal!

The Dixie Shrine Convention was a very enjoyable time for all who could attend. I would like to thank Ill Sir Taco, PP, and Lady Pam for the great hospitality room Cahaba had this year. We received several great comments from Nobles and their Ladies from several other Temples as well. The Hillbillies and the Motor Corp both brought home multiple trophies and certificates from their respective competitions this year. The long hours of practice and hard work by the Nobles and Ladies in both groups seems to have paid off once again!

As of this edition of the Cahaban the number of Nobles still owing their 2017 dues has dropped from approximately 34% to 16%! I have talked to several Nobles and have received positive comments from everyone concerning the direction Cahaba is headed. It will continue to take a concerted effort by everyone, but we can, and will continue to get better.

Lady Cheryl and I would like to thank each of you for your continued support. When we remember why we are here it makes work seem more like play!! Let's all remember our kids that we are supporting in our Shriners Hospitals and continue to work towards that goal. We thank you again for allowing us to be a part of this wonderful philanthropy.



# 2017 Appointments (Committees/Special)

Legal (Attorney) Gary Lackey <u>Auditor</u> Gregg Cook **Bylaws** Charlie McLendon P.P. Bill Brennan Bruce Niemeyer Danny Kelso **Donor Relations** Art Lyle **Editorial** George Pipes Insurance Harold Booth Potentate Gary Youngblood Gary Lackey

<u>Membership</u>	Bruce Niemeyer
Paper Crusade	Neal McAnalley
Public Relations	George Pipes
Ritualistic Class	Directors Staff
Sportsman's BBQ	Mitch Adams P.P.
	Terry Yancy P.P.
Shrine Hospital Rep	Brandon Brown
<u>Website</u>	George Pipes
<u>Parliamentarian</u>	Charlie Mclendon P.P.
Almoner	Charlie McLendon P.P.
	Gary Youngblood

# Patient Experience



Due to the hard work, professionalism, and love exhibited by the Greenville Shriners Hospital for Children staff the patient experience scores remain at the 99 percentile rank. Now that's something to make all of us proud!

Note: Articles and Pictures for the next Cahaban are due in the office no later than <u>September 15th</u>. Please get them in on or <u>before</u> that date. Submissions after that date may <u>not be</u> included in the next publication scheduled for August 1st.

# **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

July

8th-13th - Imperial Council

19th - Finance and Divan Meeting

24th - Board of Governors Meeting (Greenville)

29th - Masonic Day August

12th-13th Motor Corp Gun Show

16th - Finance and Divan Meeting

18th - Shrine Stated Meeting

22nd-26th - SESA Convention

28th - Board of Governors Meeting (Greenville)
September

9th - Cahaba BBQ

20th - Finance and Divan Meeting

22nd - Shrine Stated Meeting

24th - Shrine Day Celebration (Greenville)

25th - Board of Governors Meeting (Greenville)

October

14th - BBQ and Gun Giveaway

18th - Finance and Divan Meeting

20th - Shrine Stated Meeting

23rd - Board of Governors Meeting(Greenville) 28th - Hillbilly Hoedown

Additional events and further information on those listed above can be found on our website: www.cahabashrine.org or in your Cahaba pocket calendar.

#### SHRINE PATIENT TRANSPORTATION FUND

This project is funded totally by donations. All donations tax deductible.

Please complete the form below and mail with your gift to Cahaba Shrine, P.O. Drawer 3388, Huntsville, AL 35810

Note: Donations can also be made via credit card at our website www.cahabashrine.org

# PATIENT TRANSPORTATION FUND

	TATILITY TRANSFORTATION FORD		
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# Director of Communications Noble Bruce Niemeyer

Hello Nobles and Ladies.

As YOUR Director of Communications I enjoy being able to get the word out on upcoming events and general information. In an effort to streamline this process, PLEASE take a moment and ensure that the Recorder has your most current and up to date contact information (current address, home and cell phone numbers, email address, etc.). That way the Temple can contact you should the need arise.

Now I will explain several of the ways we are trying to communicate with YOU, the Nobility:

OneCallNow - this is a call over the phone or text message (requires OPTing In and a cell phone) service. For those that don't have email or computer access to Facebook. This allows a two minute message about the events of the week or special announcements to be put out. It can also be given to the Units and Clubs to use for their membership as well. If you are currently receiving the weekly announcements on your cell phone and would like to OPT IN to receive text messages, text the word, ALERT to number 22300. By doing this you will begin receiving text messages as well as the phone calls.

MailChimp – this is an email service that will not broadcast your email to all of the recipients of the email. It is also NOT a joke distribution list! This allows the events list to be printed (if desired) so you can post in on the refrigerator or transcribe to a calendar. It is an extensive listing of upcoming events which takes you through the next month. If you are not receiving this please check your SPAM or Junk folder to make sure it is not ending up there. If you don't see it in either of those folders and would like to subscribe to the email here is the link <a href="http://eepurl.com/bSxwln">http://eepurl.com/bSxwln</a> (if you are reading this electronically on your computer the hyperlink should be enabled. If not just type the address into your search bar) just click on it and fill in the blanks. Of the 700+ emails we have on the account, only about 200 Nobles open the email (that's about 20-30%).

Facebook – this allows us to post the upcoming events and send out invites. The invites create reminders that are helpful.

Website – www.cahabashrine.org

Cahaban – if you can receive the newsletter electronically either through email or via the website. This will save the Temple roughly \$1,500 - \$2,000 four times a year. Plus you will see it in color!

Twitter – yes we even have a Twitter account, although it doesn't get a lot of use. We have one.

USPS - whenever a mailing is sent out through the United States Postal Service it cost the Temple a little over \$525.00, and that is just for a letter. This is why it is important to ensure that your mailing address is current with the Recorder.

Shriner's Village – www.shrinersvillage.com now allows you to go into WebFez and update your current contact information. Nobles please update your contact information! I can't stress this enough! It is your responsibility, not the Recorder's!

Yours in the Faith!





proud to present this two day event that Welcome to the Cahaba Shrine's 2017 "Fez"tival of Fun. We will feature arts and crafts, retail items, and food galore. The "Fez"tival will be advertised by local TV, radio, newspapers, flyers, and the internet. Proceeds from this event will benefit the Cahaba Shrine center and are not deductible as a charitable donation.

Booth Size: 8ft x 8ft

\$50.00 (non-refundable) booth without electricity Price:

Dates:

\$60.00 (non-refundable) booth with electricity

November  $10^{th} - 12^{th}$ , check-in table located in front foyer

November  $10^{th}$ , 2017 booth setup 2-7 pm

November  $11^{th}$  and  $12^{th}$ , 2017 "Fez"tival of Fun event ShowTime's 9am - 5pm

Let your friends and neighbors know about this unique opportunity to purchase quality items at reasonable prices in a fun environment and just in time for holiday purchases. Vendor registration forms and additional information will soon be available at both Cahaba office and website.



# **Hospital Board Report**

Noble Brandon "BB" Brown Member, Board of Governors, Shriners Hospitals for Children - Greenville

As your representative on the Board, I wanted to talk about alternative ways in which we can help our philanthropy – the world's greatest philanthropy. In the past I have talked about donating your Spring cleaning items, working to raise money for transportation funds, and other ways to give back.

Last month I had the opportunity to participate in an event that was personally rewarding and helped Greenville Shriners Hospital for Children – I volunteered at the BMW Pro Am golf tournament. This annual tournament held in Greenville, SC brings together professional golfers, talented amateurs, and those on the path to the pros via the web.com tour.

At the tournament, there are lots of ways for one to volunteer. Personally, I marshalled and my wife volunteered in the VIP tents. One could choose to volunteer to work transportation, keep score, caddy, assist volunteers, etc. For a small fee (you must pay for the required volunteer polo shirt and cap), BMW donates an amount of money for each hour you work toward your selected charity – hopefully Shriners Hospitals for Children. You get the opportunity to watch top golfers, maybe spy one of your favorite celebrities, have fun, and help our philanthropy – it's a win-win-win! I strongly urge you to consider volunteering next year!

Summer is a time for friends, family and fun... as we head toward the "dog days" lets all remember our priorities, focus on our families and give where we can.

Don't forget we still have the 2017 Greenville hospital ties or scarves, designed by one of our Patient's siblings available for purchase, if you want one, please give me a call. Remember... all proceeds from the sale go directly to the Hospital.

There are many ways we can remain active as owners of our Philanthropy, I encourage each of you, as always, to be as active as you can. If you have any interest or questions about opportunities or would like to attend a meeting of our Board (you are always welcome), please give me a call on my mobile phone at 815-505-6627 or email me at <a href="mailto:brane-don.mbrown@me.com">brown@me.com</a>.

Yours In the Faith,

Noble Brandon "BB" Brown

# January and February SHRINE HOSPITAL STATISTICS

**TOTAL TRIPS MADE: 16** 

TOTAL PATIENTS TRANSPORTTED: 23 TOTAL PATIENTS ENROLLED: 216

TOTAL MILEAGE: 14,549 (approx. air miles not

included)

# SPECIAL THANKS & RECOGNITION TO OUR ROADRUNNERS

Stanley Champion
Randall Parker
Briggs Arrington
Nelson Richardson
Harold Booth
Felix Tidwell
Terry Yancy
Shane Khademi
Neal McAnalley
Jim Bonner
Arlene Richardson
Pam Yancy
Alice Arrington
Kay McAnalley





# SHRINE UNIT AND CLUB ACTIVITIES



# Buffoon Newz Noble William (Bill) Claus Secretary Hello Nobles all & those who would like to be a Joey's,



I want to start this message on a good note; school year is finished. The children are advanced or graduated and now at home – annoying their parents J or away on their own. Congratulations to Noble Director Will [Cotton] and Lady Christi's on the graduation of the 'Fowler' twins from Hazel Green High School. Noble George [Patches] Pipes and Lady Regina are celebrating their granddaughter's graduation from kindergarten and last but not least, Noble Brain [Cuzin] Seeley and Lady Patricia on the promotion of his boys.

Joey's, I stand here sadden - with fez in hand - that I did not earlier learn & inform you about the passing of Noble James Gordon Robinson, fondly known as 'Checkers'. Noble Jim was visited by the black camel on December 24<sup>th</sup>. My memories of 'Checkers' are varied; he wasn't always the easiest clown to work with; but, his heart was in his Shrine work and he worked diligently for the 'Sneaker Fund', Shrine hospitals and their guests. It was my pleasure to serve as his secretary during his term as President of the Southeastern Shrine Clown Association. For years, he and 'Oreo' [Roy Wilkerson] would work gigs on their own, never asking for help and donating all monies to the Shrine Sneaker Fund; & incidentally it was a lot. He became ill and retired to assisted living quarters and became inactive in all clowning activity. Our heart goes out to his Lady June. Thanks to our "Tag-A-Longs" the Red Sneaker Cart has been upgraded and we know Checkers would be very pleased. Again, I want to inform everyone the Unit is very pleased to have 'Razzle', Noble Jim Saddler with us after an extended stay in ICU from open heart surgery. Welcome back 'Razzle'.

This reporting period has been very active. Work for Shrine and the Temple included the Spring Ceremonial / Taste of Cahaba where we served those delicious banana splits [Note: we got 3 new applicants and 1 renewal during the Ceremonial and received an award for the "Best Table Presentation"], preparing a smoked butt dinner w/all the trimmings for the Nobility at the April General Meeting, assisting during the Potentates Ball & working the Temple Paper Crusade – which is an ongoing assignment for all. Some of our local Public Relation activity were working the Hazel Green's American Cancer Society "Relay for Life", participating in the Morgan City Parade and working with the children during Morgan County Sherriff's rodeo. Our away activities had some members traveling to Lexington, Kentucky for the 'Grand Opening of the New Shrine Hospital', attended the Dixie Shrine Assoc. Spring Ceremonial, [Note: our congratulation to the Hillbillies & Motor Corp for their awards] and going to the Southeastern Shrine Assoc. Mid-Winter. Always with a smile for the children and having fun. Several clowns plan to attend the 'Shrine Day' celebration @ the Greenville Hospital on September 24<sup>th</sup>. 'Alex', the wheelchair guest who often appears on TV during Shrine commercials will be in attendance; hope to see you'll there.

In closing, there is a lot to be thankful for, not the least being that 2017 tax day is in the past – thank goodness. The Unit extends a cordial invite to join us and help bring a smile to the children & to promote the Shrine.

# Yeti Cooler



The Cahaba Buffoon unit will be selling chances on a Yeti Tundra 50 chest cooler.

The color is tan, Measurements are as follows:

Length 30.5 inches, Width 17.5 inches, Height 16 inches, Capacity 14.3 gallons

Tickets are available for purchase from any clown unit member.

Price of tickets \$2.00 each or 6 for \$10

Drawing will be held at the Sportsman's BBQ and Gun Giveaway

Ticket sales are for the benefit of the Cahaba Buffoon Unit and are **NOT** Tax Deductible

# **Alabama Shriners Tag Program**

Every five years the Shrine tag program requires us to make a change in the license plate. We would like to invite any of you to help us with the new design. There are six spaces for letters or numbers. The bottom corners have the month and year. One possibility is to put the fez where the Shriner & child are now. We can change the color of the background. If anybody has a graphics program it would be a big help to us to get it set up. Look for a contest soon. We are getting a sponsor for a good prize for the winner.

Please get a Shrine tag if you don't have one, and renew your tag if you do. Every tag sold gets 82% sent to the hospitals & 18% comes back to your Shrine center for your transportation fund. Personalization cost extra but is fun! Anybody have any ideas for getting Shrine Tag Chairman down to 6 letters for personalization for me? If you have ideas or if you have questions, call me at 256.591.7611.

Be Shrine Proud!

Noble Art Lyle Alabama Shrine Tag Chairman

# **Jackson County Shrine Club**

# Noble Bill Wheeler, PP and Secretary

"Big Bass Splash" March 31, April 1st and 2nd in Scottsboro at Goose Pond Marina. Jackson County Shrine Club members and ladies were requested to help. BBS provided a \$350.00 booth at no charge, for us to sale tickets from and provided breakfast and lunch. Boaz Farm Expo was held April 7th and 8th. Booth cost \$60.00 for the two days, for us to sale tickets from.

"Palm Sunday Paper Drive" April 9th. Noble Deano Johnson has crews set up in all locations. Club voted to provide breakfast to all workers. It was a great day and we were received well. All for the welfare of our Shriners Hospital for Children Transportation Fund. Several Masons help was appreciated and were invited into the "Sunshine of the Shrine".

Club voted to give \$100.00 to "Piece by Piece" for material to make pillow cases for the Shriners Hospitals. Noble Deano Johnson updated club on progress of "Catfish Festival" and PP Mitch Adams updated club on Cahaba's Sportsman's Giveaway.

Reported at the April 20th meeting the collection of Palm Sunday Paper Drive. Noble Marion Dawson will make a donation to First Lady Linda's C-Arm Project. Getting ready for the "Catfish Festival". At our May 18th meeting Noble Deano Johnson reported we have already sold enough "Catfish Festival Sponsors" to pay for our expenses. "Catfish Festival" is this weekend May 20, 2017. And we are doing good on the Lawnmower ticket sales.

Shrine Club members attend the Collinsville Swap Mart every Saturday and Tac O Bet every Sunday selling Cahaba and Jackson County Shrine Club tickets.

# 2017 BBQ and Gun Giveaway P.P. Mitch Adams, Chairman

Nobles of Cahaba Shrine Center, this is the 15th year for the BBQ and Sportsman's Giveaway and we are poised for it to be the best event in 15 years. All the tools are in place and we need to dedicate ourselves to using them for the betterment of Cahaba Shrine Center so we may continue to work for our Shrine Kids and Shriner's hospitals.

We are breaking new ground this year by doing several things different and hopefully we can all work together to make this event a great success. We have a new gun supplier this year Larry's Gun and Pawn Shop in Huntsville will be supplying the guns for this years event. This year we are sponsoring several special Gun giveaways besides our normal gun prizes. We have Limited edition rifles and One of a kind Masonic rifles mixed in with our normal gun giveaways. This year's gun package is one that I'm sure will have something for everyone, from the serious hunter to those of you who just enjoy ping and ding shooting as well as some weapons for the ladies and kids.

One tremendous upgrade this year is the Sponsor Package, if you have a tradition of Sponsoring this event we hope you will continue to do so this year because we have some additions you will like. Those of you who have never been a Sponsor really need to consider becoming a Sponsor this year. This year's Sponsor Package will include 9 dinner tickets and a chance on 100 guns, 3 sellers tickets which will be in a separate drawing of their own and eligible for 20 separate guns and then the Main Sponsor's ticket that will enter you in a drawing for a Sponsor's only drawing where one Top of the Line gun will be given away for every 10 sponsors, that's a 10 to 1 chance of winning a valuable gun. Also this year's Sponsor package will give you TWO Sponsor's tickets instead of the customary one and as an added incentive we are offering TWO Bonus tickets if you purchase a Sponsor's package before July first. The improvements don't end there, purchase your Sponsor package between July 1st and September 1st and you will still receive one extra Bonus ticket along with your regular Sponsor's package.

This year we are offering a new and unique opportunity for those who choose to become a Sponsor of Cahaba Shrine's 15th annual Sportsman's BBQ and Gun Giveaway. This year we are offering our Sponsors a unique opportunity to win a Custom built rifle built by Paul Morris, a Master rifle builder and builder of custom rifles. This year's Custom rifle is a 6.5 Creedmoor Bolt Action with a Bartlein Fluted Barrel and a custom Magpul Stock valued at \$ 3000. Every sponsor will be entered in the drawing for this special rifle.

Nobles, please do not miss this opportunity to help Cahaba grow and prosper. Cahaba needs you to purchase your tickets right now and take advantage of this great opportunity to win a great firearm.

Please take this opportunity to contact your friends and neighbors and sell them a BBQ dinner ticket and give them an opportunity to win one or more great prizes being offered this year at Cahaba Shrine's 15th Annual BBQ and Sportsman's Giveaway.

# The future of Cahaba Shrine is in your hands.

Note: Ticket packages are available at the Shrine Center and can also be ordered via our website at http://www.cahabashrine.org/index files/GunshowCCP.htm



# Bahaca Court #90 Ladies Oriental Shrine of North America

#### Fun Times at Grand Council!

May 22nd through 27th was a fun road trip to Sandusky, Ohio for Illustrious Sir Harold Booth our First Lady Linda myself and my daughter LeyAnn Yancy/Bennett. We had other Ladies heading out earlier and having just as much fun on the way as we did. However 4 people 27 dresses four fezzes 97 pairs of shoes and numerous hair products in a Beemer for 11 hours is problematic feat in itself.

We arrived attended many meetings had great fun and visited the Candy Hut several times. Our Potentate was honored and sat on stage with Imperial Sir Bill Bailey and his Lady For one of our evening festwork officers were installed and we got our new Ladies acquainted with their new position and made great memo-

tivities. New officers were installed and we got our new Ladies acquainted with their new position and made great memories. Here are a few of our fun times. We were so proud to have two mother daughter teams from Bahaca Court. Next year is in Hawaii.

So Aloha, Pam Yancy, Past High Priestess Bahaca Court # 90



The ladies of Bahaca Court #90 started their new year off with installation of officers in April. Congratulations to all the newly elected and appointed officers.

Our High Priestess, Lady Wanda Killough started the year off by initiating two new members at our first meeting in June,

If you know any ladies who would like to be a part of this fun hardworking group of ladies they may contact any lady in the Ladies Oriental Shrine of North America for a petition. We have fun working together to raise money for the Shriners hospitals and making and collecting articles to send to the children.

Our Grand Council was held in Sandusky, Ohio and was attended by twelve of our ladies. It was a fun and successful trip.

Lots of activities are being planned for the year ahead such as our yard sale on June 30th and July 1st. Our Official Visit with our Grand High Priestess, Janet Larson, will be with a banquet on July 19th and meeting on the 20th. All members are encouraged to attend to support our court during this very important time. Please let our High Priestess Wanda Killough or Recorder Debbie Johnson know if you plan to attend as we are having the banquet catered and need to know how many to plan for.

Have a fun and safe summer! Dyann Newby Past High Priestess, Bahaca Court # 90

# Membership Statistics

# Black Camel, 2017

Richard S Gillis
Robert W Wright, Charter Member
Walter Rushton, Charter Member
S Lee Hale
Hurbert C Burden
G.W. York, Charter Member
Payton Greenwood
Carl J Terrell, Charter Member
William Edward Strange
Donald Wright
Gene Bridwell, Charter Member
Israel B Miller, Charter Member
Frank Dykes
Milton Sulkowski
JamesWells



April 1	Membership	1096	
	created	11	
	restored	2	
	associated	1	
	Black Camel	13	
	Demit	1	
June 6		1096	



# Can Tab Program

Units, clubs, and individuals can help our hospitals by collecting, rather than throwing away, poptops from our drink cans. The hospitals recycle these and use the proceeds for various expense items. This is a great way to help as it not only provides needed income but also minimizes waste.

It's a simple process and doesn't take much time. Simply save your tabs until you have a nice collection and drop them off at the temple. We'll take it from there. Our only request is that only clean tabs be brought in. Kindly do not include the cans as they tend to be messy and unsanitary.



# Hillbilly Unit Noble LLOYD MCCARLEY

helping

"HOWDY FOLKES" I'm HERE TO TELL U NIS ABOUT THE HILLBILLYS , WELL I KNOW THAT SOME OF YOU CANT READ FAST, SO I'M RIGHT-ING THIS HERE LETTER AS S-L-O-W, AS I CAN, THE HILLBILLYS GOT INVITED TO COME BACK TO THE HILLS OF HUNTSVILLE, TO RIDE IN THE SAINT PAT-RICKS DAY PARADE IN MARCH, AND WEEEEE DO-GEY, THAT THER WAS A HOOT, US AND JACKSON CO. SHOWED UP, WEINS HAD A HOOO- DE- HOOOO OF A GOOD TIME WITH THEM THER FOLKS THAT DAY, BUT IT SURE WAS COLD THAT THER DAY!! WHY IT WAS COLDER THAN A WELL DIGGER MULE!! THE 3RD WEEK IN MAY WEINS LOADED UP THE TRUCK AND HEADED TO PANAMA! CITY THAT IS! FOR THE DIXIE SHRINE ASSOCIATION, AND MASH MY TATERS, WEEEE DO-GEY THE HILLBILLYS DONE REAL GOOD IN THE CITY OF PANAMA THAT THER DAY!! AND THE HILLBILLY GALS TOOK HOME THE POSSUM QUEEN!!! 2<sup>ND</sup> RUNNER UP WAS CUZIN LINDA BOOTH. 1ST RUNNER UP WAS CUZIN PATRICIA SEELEY, AND THE FIRST EVER DIXIE SHRINE HILLBILLY ASSOCIATION POSSUM QUEEN IS CUZIN BETH MCCARLEY, WEEEEEE E DOGEY!! THEM THER HILLBILLY GALS DONE GOOD, THEY WHERE HAPPIER THAN 3 PIGS IN THE MUD THAT DAY !!! WEINS IS RIGHTING TO FAST ,I KNOW I'll S-L-O -W DOWN SO UNIS CAN READ IT, THE HILLBILLYS GOT INVITED TO COME TO THE HILLS OF MORGAN CITY TO RIDE IN THE FOUNDER DAY PARADE, WEE DOGEY THAT THER WAS A HOOT OF A GOOD TIME, THEM CITY FLOKS NEVER SEEN HILLBILLYS BE-FORE ,BUT NOW THEY KNOW US ,YALL KNOW ITS PA-RADE SEASON NOW ,SO UNIS WASH UP!! AND CLEAN OUT THE TRUCK, THE HILLBILLYS WILL BE IN THE LA-BOR DAY PARADE IN FLORENCE AND THE CULLMAN FAIR PARADE SOON. IFINS YALL AINT DONE A PA-RADE IN SPELL, BRING YALLS BANNER AND COME OUT!! THE YOUNGINGS LOVE A PARADE, AND ITS ALL ABOUT THE KIDS!! THE HILLBILLYS HAVE RAF-FLE TICKETS ON A \$500.00 VISA CARD \$2 EACH OR 3 FOR \$5, NOW YALL TAKE KER NOW, YOU HERE, AND I'LL BE RIGHTING Y'LL SOON, IFINS THE CREEK DON'T RISE

# DONATIONS

# Shriners Hospital

## Cahaba General Fund

**Mark Hanners** 

Steve Haddock

Gary Blackstock

**Edward Sims** 

James Smart

**Donald Selvage** 

William Nickoles

**Brandon Gray** 

The Stiching Sisters

**Burchard Wheatley** 

Girlfriends Group

Good Shepherd United Methodist Church

Jackson County Shrine Club

Nile Club

**Betty Richey** 

Larry Hancock

**Mark Hanners** 

**Donald Tarrance** 

Mrs Mummert in memory of Robert Mummert

James Smart

**Herbert Norton Estate** 

**Donald Selvage** 

Holman & Company in memory of Bobbie Robertson

Marcia & Richard Burns in Memory Bobbie Robertson

Stephen Wilson in memory Bobbie Robertson

Terry & Pam Yancy in Memory of Bobbie Robertson

**Herbert Norton Estate** 

Terry & Pam Yancy in Honor of Dean Lilja

# **Transportation**

Byron Reid George Boyd Lee & Jenny Burchfield

# Palm Sunday

LAMPLIGHTERS
CARROLL HEARING
MPS INC DBA MADISON PLIMBING
TAYLOR ELECTRIC INC
SOUTHERN COMFORT HVAC

# Lady Linda's Project C Arm Donations

CLAUDETTE BUTLER
JOAN BARRETT
Myron Dawson Stephanie
Combs

#### SHRINE POCKET PETITION - Mail to: Cahaba Shrine, P.O. Drawer 3388, Huntsville, AL 35810







# SHRINERS OF NORTH AMERICA PETITION FOR MEMBERSHIP INITIATION

Ceremonial Date: November 18th, 2017 FEE: \$50.00 Initiation Fee Temple Dues Waived

Hospital Assessment and Per Capita waived Fez (optional) pricing starts at \$175.00

To the Potentate, Officers and Nobles of CAHABA SHRINERS, situated in the Oasis of Huntsville, Desert of Alabama:

I, the undersigned, hereby declare that I am a Master Mason in good standing in: Lodge #\_
located in City of\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, State of \_\_\_\_\_\_, which is a Lodge recognized by or in amity with the Conference of Grand Masters of North America. Furthermore, I have resided at my current address for not less than six months, as required by the Bylaws of the Imperial Council. I respectfully pray that I may be made a Noble of the Mystic Shrine, and become a member of your temple. If I am found worthy, and my request is granted, I promise to conform to the Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws of the Imperial Council and the Bylaws and Ceremonies of your temple. Birthplace **Date of Birth**: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Were you ever in DeMolay? YES\_\_\_\_ NO\_\_\_\_ If so, name of chapter and location Occupation Have you previously applied for admission to any temple of The order? YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_ When? RESIDENCE\_\_\_\_\_\_(Street Address) , (Zip) , (County) (City) Lady's Name\_\_\_\_ E-Mail Home Phone Business Phone (\_\_\_\_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_-**Mobile Phone** ( \_\_\_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_-PRINT NAME IN FULL—INITIALS NOT SUFFICIENT (Signature) Recommended and vouched for on the Honor of: (Noble's PRINTED Name) (Phone) (Noble's PRINTED Name) (Phone)

#### 210.7 Code of Ethics:

The officers and directors of Shriners International, an Iowa Corporation, and all who may be elected or appointed to positions of authority, in order to discharge the responsibility bestowed upon them by the Representatives, and to maintain the integrity to the Order, and all Shrine Temples, their elected Divan members, their appointed Officers and all Nobility, shall abide by this Code of Ethics.

- (a) Obey the law of the land and the Articles of Incorporation and bylaws of the Order, adhering to the spirit as well as the letter thereof.
- (b) Demonstrate the higher standards of personal integrity, truthfulness and honesty in all their fraternal activities; administer the Order's affairs with impartiality, efficiency and effectiveness and in a manner that enhances its good name and mission.
- (c) Be certain that their information is accurate when speaking on behalf of the Order; disclose when they are stating their personal opinions; and be scrupulous in the representation of their authority and avoid misleading those with whom they deal.
- (d) Approach their organizational and operational duties with a positive attitude and constructively support open communication, creativity, dedication and compassion; bring credit to the Order by their public demeanor; accept as a personal duty the responsibility to remain informed on important and critical issues affecting the Order; and avoid accepting an assignment if they cannot effectively, competently and timely discharge the responsibilities of the assignment.
- (e) Exercise their independent judgment in the best interest of the Order, and free of compromising influences of loyalties; and act responsibly and in good faith, and in a manner not designed or intended to bring them personal gain from the discharge of their fraternal duties.
- (f) Give notice, in a manner consistent with the corporation's bylaws of any duality of interest or possible conflict of interest and make it a matter of record; give notice of any direct or indirect interest in an individual or organization which is proposing or is involved in a transaction with the Order; and, thereafter, refrain from voting on the matter or transaction.
- (g) Refrain from using funds or assets of the Order for personal gain; refrain from receiving anything of value for influencing their actions; and refrain from granting or accepting favors for personal gains.
- (h) Report the unethical or inappropriate behavior of Directors or Officers to the Board of Directors, when informed resolution is not effective.
- (i) Refrain from using their official positions or influence either for or against any candidate for public office.
- (j) Serve with respect, concern, courtesy and responsiveness, recognizing that service to the Order is beyond service to themselves.

#### 325.11 Election Regulations:

- (a) **Electioneering:** A candidate of an elected office in a Shrine temple may print, publish and circulate during the year he is seeking the elected office, a resume consisting of his educational background, his vocational history, and his Masonic and Shrine record. Except as provided in the prior sentence, the printing, publication, circulating or distribution of resolutions, letters, telegrams, tickets, email or other devices, by a unit, club, Noble, or group of Nobles, suggesting recommending, opposing or containing the names of proposed candidates for office in the temple is prohibited.
- (b) **Expenditures Prohibited:** The expenditure of money for gifts, favors, or entertainment on behalf of a candidate for elected office is prohibited.
- (c) **Violation:** For any violation of (a) or (b) the Imperial Potentate may suspend any offending Noble, and he may declare the election of the officers void and order a new election.
- (d) **Notice:** At least one week prior to the annual meeting or any election, the temple Recorder shall mail to each member a notice thereof containing this section.

# In their own words ...

Shriners Hospitals for Children Orthopaedics Clinic at Niswonger Children's Hospital Continues Success

# By Randy Risser

"If you build it, they will come."
It is a line from the 1989 movie Field of
Dreams that has been used so often over the
years that it now seems cliche — however, it
would be hard to argue that the iconic phrase
speaks perfectly to the outstanding success of the
Shriners Hospitals for Children Orthopaedics Clinic
at Niswonger Children's Hospital.



Prior to opening the clinic, Greenville Shriners

Hospital averaged 91 outpatient visits per month from Eastern Tennessee and Western Virginia; today in Johnson City, Dr. Brandon Green sees approximately 168 appointments per month — a remarkable 85 percent increase in the number of outpatient clinic visits.

Similarly, before we opened our doors in Johnson City in October 2016, we had 674 active patients identified in 15 nearby counties; now, there are 951 active patients from the same counties in the region. That's a meaningful 41 percent increase in the number of children we are serving from the area versus prior to the opening of the first remote, daily practice in the Shriners Hospitals for Children system.

To help support Dr. Green and provide the best care to this growing patient base, we recently hired Alison Herrig, CPNP. With years of pediatric primary and specialty care experience, Alison brings a tremendous amount of value to the practice. Under the mentorship of Dr. Green and the medical staff based in Greenville, she will fine-tune her pediatric orthopaedic expertise and will increasingly contribute to the success of the clinic and the positive outcomes of patients.

We have provided more children with access to life-changing treatment and we are committed to building higher on the solid foundation of care we have created for the kids in that underserved region. Truly, we have honored our mission.

We built it - and they came.



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GreenvilleShrinersHospital.org

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Five-year-old Savanna Manning is a brave little superhero, complete with adorable pink glasses and a cape that she wears for photo-shoots. At her age, most kids are freely playing outside, building sandcastles on trips to the beach and splashing in the pool with friends. For Savanna, these tasks came along with some challenges, but that didn't stop the super girl from conquering them all.

A patient at Shriners Hospitals for Children — Greenville since she was 19 months old, Savanna was diagnosed with idiopathic progressive infantile scoliosis, a disorder that causes an abnormal side-to-side curve in the spine in children from birth to three years old.

With a 52 degree curve, Savanna began the process of Mehta casting which involves applying a plaster cast in the operating room from the patient's collarbone to the bottom of the spine. When the cast is applied, pressure is placed on the cast causing the spine to straighten. When the cast hardens, it holds the spine in this position.

"She has worn 16 plaster Mehta casts," says mother Lisa. "Cast wearing initially was a difficult experience because she could not get wet, the casts are hot and relatively heavy and bulky, and she could not play in sand or mulch. It took a little getting used to, but she (and we) quickly adapted to casting life."

With her spine now at 15 degrees, Savanna is currently wearing a TLSO brace, which will attempt to prevent the curve from getting worse.

"Even though she is not exactly considered "cured" at this time because she still has a small curve, we are all very grateful with the improvement she has had," says Lisa.

Because of the treatment she has received at Greenville Shriners Hospital, she can now freely play in the sand on the beach and hike with her parents and little brother.

"I have been trying to think of the way to put into words what the hospital means to us," says Lisa. "To our family, the hospital has meant that we have a place to go where we are confident our daughter is receiving the best care possible."

For Savanna, the best care possible means she can continue to grow and flourish as her parent's little superhero, tackling this world one adventure at a time.

Your gifts help kids, like Savanna, live their best possible lives.

# Savanna is a Shriners Kid





# Shriners International

#### Dear Fellow Nobles.

As our year as Imperial Potentate and First Lady concludes, the single most important thing Ethel and I have to say is, quite simply, 'thank you'. Thank you for giving us this opportunity to serve our fraternity and philanthropy, and thank you for your endless support, graciousness and kindness over the past year. We leave even more aware of the honor, incredible responsibility and challenges of these offices than we were on the first day of our term. We could not have been successful on our own — Shriners International truly is a

global family full of people who support one another at every level – and we are very grateful to have experienced that support day after day. We tried to do our very best for these incredible organizations every day, and we hope that we met your expectations.

We also want to thank you for your amazing, generous support of Ethel's program, *The Sky's the Limit*, which supported the camp

programs of Shriners Hospitals for Children®. These camps are very important – they provide opportunities the children would not otherwise have, improve their quality of life, help them develop skills and insights that will help them throughout their lives, and allow them to have some fun. One of the highlights of our year was visiting some of the camps. In addition to seeing the kids smiling with anticipation and excitement, we also heard from parents, who were so grateful to us for providing "once-in-a-lifetime experiences for their kids." Thank you for helping to make a real difference in the lives of our patients.



# DEMOLAY

# Recognizing Masonic Opportunities

As members of the Masonic family, we have other ways we can influence and improve the lives of young people. One that is especially important to me personally is DeMolay International. DeMolay has been an important, formative part of my life. My experience as a DeMolay created a foundation for my professional and Masonic careers that I will cherish forever. I am proud to be a Senior DeMolay and have the opportunity to support this amazing organization, and to encourage these young men to continue on the Masonic path, which can enrich their lives in countless ways.

I was deeply honored and truly humbled to be selected as the namesake for the worldwide class of new DeMolay members initiated during the month of March 2017. I am very pleased and proud of the strong connection and commitment between Shriners International and DeMolay. And we will be honored to support to a new collaboration between our two organizations in recognition of DeMolay International's 100th anniversary in 2019.

#### Opening New Facilities

Earlier this year, we celebrated the dedications of new medical centers in Pasadena, California, and Lexington, Kentucky. Both are outpatient facilities allied with another excellent local medical care provider, and are designed to serve our patients and families in those locations more efficiently and effectively. I was especially proud to see the Pasadena location nearly ready to open its doors – I had the honor of overseeing that project from beginning to end. It was a long time coming, but the result was worth it! I want to thank everyone involved in seeing that project through, and I want to thank those who, years ago, entrusted me with that responsibility. Throughout the years of planning and construction, what you noticed was an unwavering commitment to the project. Everyone just kept on working, overcoming every challenge along the way. That unshakeable belief and dedication to our missions and our goals is a defining force of both Shriners Hospitals for Children and Shriners International.

#### Focusing on Membership

This past year, many of our efforts focused on membership. We stressed the importance of individual, temple and national efforts, including personal communications and connections at each level. We also emphasized the importance of educational programs, such as the Membership Seminar, and the opportunities to promote our fraternity provided by our signature events, including the Shriners Hospitals for Children Open and the East-West Shrine Game®.

Our membership teams at both the temples and headquarters continue to work very hard, and have made tremendous progress in implementing programs and resources that can assist in overall membership development. We greatly appreciate their dedicated, tireless efforts.



We also applaud the work of our international temples and the work of our International Development Committee. Our international temples continue to be an area of tremendous growth. Six of them had membership gains in 2016, received Gold status, and will be honored during the 2017 Imperial Session. We also expect that a Shrine club from Bolivia will request dispensation to form a temple during the upcoming Imperial Session. Clearly, the values and goals of Shriners International are respected around the globe. We can all be very proud of that, and of our growing global family.

This year, we also began the process of creating a Membership Directory as a way to bring our huge, extended family closer together. It should be completed sometime next year. Think of it as a giant address book, where the contact information (and other details) on everyone in your huge global Shriners family, is in one place, making it easier for you to see where they are, contact and remember them.



#### Spending Time with Patients

Even though I have been a Shriner for many years, and have spent countless hours in our hospitals, meeting our patients and families continues to be one of the things I most look forward to, and will always remember. It is these moments – like seeing a patient break into a smile despite being in the midst of a difficult situation - that keep me motivated. It was an honor to spend time with our National Patient Ambassadors, Marius Woodward and Karolina Nogues. Like all of our patients, they are truly amazing individuals, who inspire us with their confidence, grace and courage, and we are proud to be a part of their lives, and applaud their achievements.

I will also remember meeting a young football player at an NFL Play 60 event at our Philadelphia hospital who told me his dad and granddad were Masons – and he was glad for the chance to visit the hospital and see what the Shriners do.

#### Staying Focused on Our Missions

It is easy to become enmeshed in the challenges and difficulties of two large, global organizations. But remembering what it's all really about - coming together to improve lives and make our communities, and our world, a better place. Remembering to appreciate one another – and the contributions we all make – will keep us unified and dedicated to our shared missions.

As I prepare to step aside as Imperial Potentate, I am encouraged by the stronger, cohesive focus of the members of the Joint Boards, who have a clear vision for the future of both the fraternity and philanthropy. I am confident in our leadership, sure that the future of both Shriners International and Shriners Hospitals for Children will be amazing, and know that we will continue to impact lives and communities locally, nationally and internationally.

Before I conclude my final message as your Imperial Potentate, there are two more things I need to say: We look forward to seeing every one of you at the 143rd Imperial Session in Daytona Beach, Florida, July 9-13. I personally invite, and encourage, you to attend. There is so much that is part of an Imperial Session that you just don't want to miss, including the chance to ride your motorcycle or drive your car on the famous Daytona International Speedway as part of the Walk, Ride or Drive for LOVE event at 9 a.m. July 9. Visit <a href="imperial2017.com">imperial2017.com</a> for all the details, including registration information.

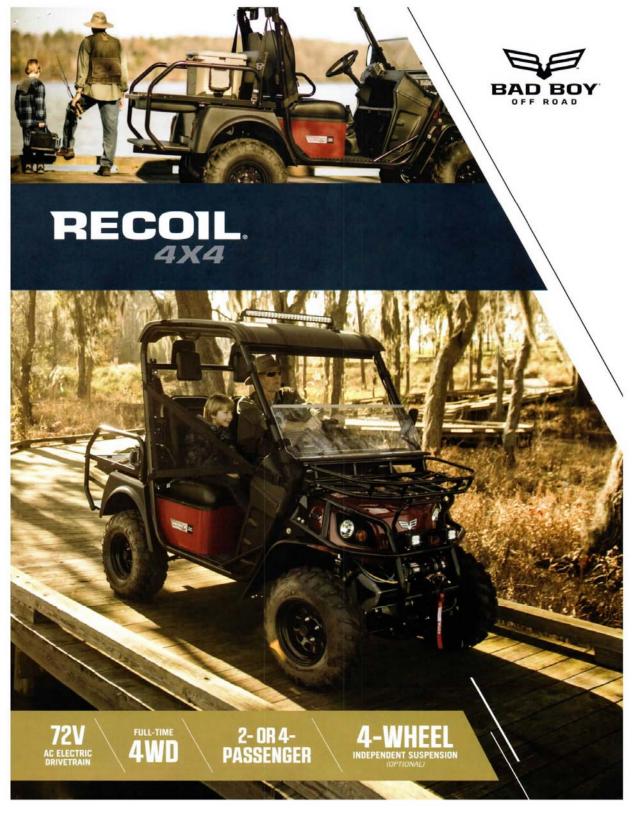
And, one more time – I appreciate every one of you, and thank you for all you have done for Ethel and me over the years, and especially this past year; and for all that you do for both our fraternity and our philanthropy.

Chris L. Smith Imperial Potentate

Chris L. Smith

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Tickets are available for pickup at the Cahaba office or via contact with, Unit Directors, Club Officers or Divan Members.

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## \*\*SELL 10, GET 1 FREE\*\*

Any Noble, Unit or Club who sells or buys 10 tickets will get 1 complimentary ticket in the drawing.

Please turn in the names of any tickets you have sold BEFORE the day of the event! Winners not present <u>must</u> come to the Shrine office to claim their prize.



STATED SHRINE MEETINGS
held at Cahaba Shrine Center (eat 6:30/meet 7:30)

# **DRAWDOWN & DINNER**

Cahaba Shrine Center 1226 Blake Bottom Rd., Huntsville, AL

SATURDAY, November 4th R.S.V.P. by October 27th

\*No ticket will be guaranteed unless money is received in the office by close of business the day before the event.

#### TICKETS ARE LIMITED! CALL FOR AVAILABILITY

If attending dinner, ticket holder must present stub at door

YOU DO NOT HAVE TO BE PRESENT TO WIN!

Proceeds benefit Cahaba Shriners, payments not tax deductible