



Amran Today

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2016 Elected Divan



Ill. Sir Charles Britt PP receives his



Ill. Sir Harvey Ellis receives his Fez

From the Potentate



Dear Nobles and Ladies,

I'd like to begin by extending my gratitude to you for your trust and support. I am deeply honored to have been elected your 2016 Potentate for Amran Temple. My best will be done to work with a great team to keep our Temple strong. We can attain that strength two ways. One, with working together we can keep our kids treated by meeting fund raising goals that support growth. Two, new membership. The more new members we can bring into our amazing fraternity, the better chance we have to make a difference for a longer time.

My Lady Sharrell is honored to have the opportunity to be First Lady. Together, we have an open door policy. Should any Noble or Lady need us at any time to address questions or concerns, please contact us. We'll do our best to direct you to the information you seek. To my Divan team elected to work with me, I'm looking forward to working closely with you to help our Temple attain the goals we set.

Although I've been bestowed a title here within Amran Temple, please remember I am humbly, still a Noble of the Mystic Shrine. We are of the same desires and goals.

Ill. Sir Harvey Ellis
Potentate 2016

First Lady Sharrell's Annual Fundraiser

Dear Nobles and Ladies,

I am pleased to continue the First Ladies fundraiser program with proceeds going to the Amran Transportation fund, through 2016. This particular program, offering a custom designed bracelet by TMarra began in 2010 by Lady Frances Altman with each successive First Lady choosing her own charm. Last year, Teresa of TMarra designed a new bracelet for Lady Debbie made of sterling silver with clear crystals. This bracelet complements the previous bracelet very well. I will use the same bracelet with the addition of my charm, a starfish.

In the "Starfish Story", as the tide is going out, a little boy, concerned that the receding tide will strand the starfish and they will die, is throwing them back into the ocean one at a time. A gentleman walking along the beach tells him he is wasting his time, he cannot possibly make a difference and save all the starfish. The little boys reply, "I made a difference to that one"! That is what Shriners do, they make a difference one child at a time.

I decided to add additional items as well, coordinating earrings and pendent. The items will be available for purchase at Ladies Night Temple meetings as well as other times. Items can also be ordered by calling me at 336-597-5859.

First Lady,
Sharrell Ellis



Earrings



Charm



Pendant

Installation of 2016 Officers

III. Sir Harvey Ellis was installed as Potentate of Amran Temple for 2016 at Wake County Shrine Club.

Other officers installed were:

Noble Kevin Hall Chief Rabban

Noble Bob Downen Assistant Rabban

Noble Donald Slaughter High Priest and Prophet

Noble Alvin Billings Oriental Guide

III. Sir Sam Vaughan, Jr, PP Treasurer

III. Sir Ray Fields, PP Recorder

Trustees

Noble Kenney Brown - Alamance, Rockingham and Stokes Counties

Noble Bill Carty - Chatham and Lee Counties

Noble Steve Christian - Durham County

Noble Kenny Wilson - Granville County

Noble Dick McCallum - Orange County

Noble Eddie Brandon - Person and Caswell Counties

Noble John Paul Palzatto - Vance County

Noble David Conley - Wake County

For a list of III. Sir Harvey's appointed officers, see page 11. We congratulate III. Sir Harvey, Lady Sharrell and his officers and wish them a very successful year.

2016 Potentate's trip to Punta Cana, DR.

Amran has been invited to join Kena Shrine (trip organizer) along with Acca and Sudan Shrine.

The web site for Excellence Punta Cana is: www.excellence-resorts.com
restaurant list/menu, additional amenities etc.

The firm dates for the trip are starting August 5, 2016 and ending
August 12, 2016.

February 2, 2016 is the deadline for reservations.

Reservations made through:

Edward's Travel, Inc.
3972 Holland Road Suite 107
Virginia Beach, VA 23452
edwardsvirginia@aol.com
757-431-2737

Fundraising Activities

Club and Unit Fundraisers:

**Come on out and enjoy a nice morning pancake breakfast at the
Wake County Shrine Club.
Saturday January 30th at 8:00 AM.
Donations accepted for the meal.**

Sickness and Distress

Please keep the following nobles and ladies in your prayers:

Gerald Edwards
Barbara Fussell
Jerry Norris
John Paul Palzatto

Please Contact the Temple Office to have
names added to the sick list. (919) 848-7972

Passing of Lady Janet Marshburn

DUES CARDS UPDATE

By Kevin Hall, Chief Rabban

The distribution of the new style dues card began in December with two separate batch mailings and some of you that paid early have already received your new cards. This month, January, there will be another two separate batch mailings of the "hard card", one most likely the week of January 19 and the other the last week of the month. After January, the dues cards will be mailed only one time each month.

TAKE NOTICE: When you send in your payment to the temple, your dues will be posted within the week it was received. Your dues card will then be processed and mailed from Tampa. If you have any questions about your dues, please contact me at hallkevinc@gmail.com and I can confirm the status of your card. Please DO NOT call Shriners International to check on your

Trailer Wanted

The Ceremonial Cast is looking for an Enclosed Trailer to help transport their cast items. If you know of anyone that would like to re-home a trailer, please contact Jim Crawford (919) 383-5636

Family Night and 2015 Awards Presentation

At our Stated Meeting on Wednesday, January 27th Ill. Sir Charles Britt will present awards to those Nobles and Ladies that helped make his year a success. All Nobles and their Ladies are encouraged to come out as we honor the 2015 recipients. Dinner will be served at 6:30 PM followed by our meeting at 7:00 PM.

ATTENTION UNIT AND CLUB OFFICERS!

Please Visit the "Forms" page on our website to submit your 2016 officers. This needs to be completed ASAP after ELECTIONS of your Unit and Club Officers so our office will have the correct contact information.



We have a total of 345 contacts on our weekly email Blast and only half are being opened. Please spread the word to your fellow Nobles and Ladies about our Blast. If you are not signed up for the weekly Email please visit our website at <http://www.amranshriners.us> and go to Links. This is where you will see a Link to click to add your Email to the list.

Simplified Hospital Referral Process

Our Shrine Hospitals have revised the process for receiving new patients. The Temple is no longer responsible for assisting prospective patients in filling out applications and walking them through the process.

The new process calls for us to refer the family directly to the hospital by calling **1-800-237-5055**.

The hospital will do all of the paperwork and notify our Temple when appointments have been scheduled.

Club and Unit Seminar

Attention Club and Unit officers. Amran Temple will be holding it's annual club and unit seminar February 20th at 9AM. We will have a Breakfast followed by a brief meeting . We sure hope you can attend.

Registration for Shriner Days at Greenville Shriners Hospital

March 11 - 12, 2016

You must return this form with your payment included by February 29.
Each person attending must register and pay a \$10 registration fee payable to Greenville Shriners Hospital.
950 West Faris Road ■ Greenville, SC ■ 29605 ■ Attention Chris Stahl
The registration fee includes the reception/dinner Friday evening and lunch on Saturday.

Join us to see
how
Love comes to
the rescue
of children
every day.



Name: _____

Address: _____

Email Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Shrine Temple: _____

I would you like to attend:

☐ Friday and Saturday

☐ Saturday only

If you have not signed up for
Shriners Village, do so today.

Shriners Village is a website designed to keep
members of Shrine International up to date on
all aspects of Shrinedom.

Simply google Shriners Village
and follow the instructions.
So easy, even a Shriner can do it.



www.shrinershq.org • www.twitter.com/shriners
www.facebook.com/shrinersinternational



Amran Temple would like to announce that our Administrative Assistant, Donna White, is moving on to the next challenge in her life. It's with sadness that we see her go but with best wishes for wonderful things to come. We have accomplished so much this year and couldn't have without her. Thank you Donna.

With this in mind, we are in need of volunteers to come help keep the Temple office in working order until Donna's successor is located. Should you know of someone that would be a good fit for the open position or want to volunteer, please call Harvey Ellis (919) 621-9358 or Kevin Hall (919) 219-9300. Thank you in advance because we know your time is valuable.



Attention all Club and Unit Treasures. The Year End Reports are due to the

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Amran Today Deadline

**The deadline for the Next
Issue of Amran Today will be
January 27th 2016**



**SOUTH ATLANTIC SHRINE ASSOCIATION
SPRING FESTIVAL March 17 through March
20, 2016 Nashville, Tennessee
REGISTRATION FORM**

Registration Deadline: Feb. 26, 2016. Registration required for events. Please type or

Temple Name:				
Noble's Name:		Title:		
Lady's Name:				
Street Address:				
City:		State:		
Zip Code:		Email:		
Home Phone:	()	Cell Phone:	()	
Registration Fee:	\$15.00 per Noble (Lady is free)		\$15.00	
Ladies' Fri. Fontanel Trip:	\$25.00 per Lady			
Friday Night General Jackson Dinner Cruise	\$75.00 per person			
Ladies' Saturday Luncheon:	\$25.00 per Lady			
Nobles' Lunch:	\$20.00 per Noble			
President's Banquet:	\$30.00 each, \$60.00 Noble and Lady			
	TOTAL ENCLOSED:		\$	

Make Checks payable to: SASA 2016

Mail to:

Jim Oswalt

413 Holland Road

Benton, Kentucky, 42025

Calendar of Events for 2016

DATE	TIME	EVENT	NOTES
2016			
January 25	6 PM	Legion of Honor Officer Installation	
January 27	5:30 PM	Stated Meeting Ladies Night and Awards Presentation	6:30 PM Dinner 7:00 PM Meeting
February 20	8 AM	Club and Unit Leadership Seminar	Amran Temple
February 24	5:30 PM	Stated Meeting	6:30 PM Dinner 7:00 PM Meeting
March 17-20		SASA Mid-Winter Meeting	Nashville, TN
March 23	5:30 PM	Stated Meeting	6:30 PM Dinner 7:00 PM Meeting
April 16		Amran 40th Celebration /Potentate's Ball	Amran Temple
April 27	5:30 PM	Stated Meeting	6:30 PM Dinner 7:00 PM Meeting
May 25th	5:30 PM	Stated Meeting	6:30 PM Dinner 7:00 PM Meeting
Sep 15-17		SASA	Myrtle Beach. SC
Oct 7-8		Oxford Homecoming	
Oct 13-23		State Fair Restaurant	Fair Grounds
TBD	Two Shows	Amran Shrine Circus	Horse Complex Fair Grounds

Elected Divan:

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Bob Downen

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Recorder

Ill Sir Ray Fields, PP

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Ill. Sir Sam Vaughan, Jr, P.P.

Donald Long

Ill. Sir Wayne Brooks, P.P.

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Person and Caswell

Eddie Brandon

Vance County

Ill. Sir Bob Bass *

Ill Sir C. Lawson *

Ill Sir James Montgomery*

Ill Sir Ed Glover

Ill Sir Jack Howard *

Ill Sir Hiram Casebolt *

Ill Sir Edward Givens *

Ill Sir John Hilliard *

Ill Sir Luther Hughes *

Ill Sir Steve Keck *

Ill Sir Mutt Jones *

Ill Sir Leon Westbrook

Ill Sir Wayne Crowson

Ill Sir Tom Sanders *

Ill Sir Walter Allen *

Ill Sir Sam Vaughan, Jr.

Ill Sir Nelson Daniel *

Ill Sir Dewey Crutchfield

Ill Sir Jim Covington, Sr.

Ill Sir James Jennings

Ill Sir Herb Guthrie

Ill Sir Dean Thompson

Ill Sir Tom McFarland

Ill Sir Frank Vaughan, Jr.

Ill Sir Joe Teague

Ill Sir Ray Fields

Ill Sir Dan Benton

Ill Sir Buddy Clemmons

Ill Sir Bobby Ransdell

Ill Sir Ron Sandritter

Ill Sir Kelly Adams

Ill Sir Bill Crosby

Ill Sir Wayne Brooks

Ill. Sir W. Ray Allen

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Important Dates

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April 16	Potentate's Reception and Ball
September 15-17	SASA Myrtle Beach, SC
October 13-23	State Fair Restaurant
TBD	Amran Shrine Circus