



Amran Today

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November 18th –19th 35 new Nobles were installed at the Fall Ceremony in Burlington. Congratulations to all the new Nobles.

Please see page 6 for all new Nobles that were installed in 2016.



From the Potentate



Dear Nobles and Ladies,

As 2016 comes to a close, I am reminded of two goals referenced in the January 2016 issue of Amran Today. The first, “working together we can keep our kids treated by meeting fund raising goals that support growth”. While the Shrine Center has not had multiple fundraiser projects this year, the major influx of funds has been the Shrine Center itself. The rental income has been very strong for 2016, providing available funds to keep our Shrine Center functioning at the highest level in years, allowing many needed fixes and updates.

The second goal, “new membership”. Thanks to the efforts of the entire nobility working with the 2016 team that goal was definitely met. Amran welcomed 53 new Nobles into our Shrine Family at the Fall Ceremonial hosted by Burlington Shrine Club. Thank you to Noble David Oates, Membership Chairman for 2016, your constant communication with the candidates gave them a point of contact for questions as well as keeping them informed about what to expect from this new adventure they were undertaking. Thank you to all Nobles who were top line signers for our newest members. Again this year, thank you to Noble John Paul Palzatto who was top line signer for six Nobles as well as your tireless efforts as Potentate Aide, you are a true Shrine Mason.

Thank you to Burlington Shrine Club for a fall ceremonial that will be remembered for a long time. Thank you to President Noble Alvin Billings and your team for an outstanding

event. Amran welcomed 53 new Shrine Family members. The turnout was great, I don’t think five more people could have been added to the room either night. The golf tournament was a blast and the hospitality room was top notch. The pig pickin’ and steak dinner were both delicious. The amount of positive feedback we received from new members and others attending was heart warming. Special thank to Noble Bob Hair for having Shrine Patients attend on Friday night, reminding us all why we do what we do. The patient testimonies were a clear example of the work done by Shriners Hospitals for our newest Nobles. Our gratitude to Burlington Shrine Club is unending.

Thank you to Noble Kyle Carlson, Amran Today Editor and Public Relations, for your efforts making Amran Today an excellent source of communication, filled with timely information and updates for our Nobility. Also, thanks to Noble Kyle and Kristen for proof reading and keeping our publication on time.

Thank you does not seem sufficient for Angela Bazen, Office Manager and Noble John Willard, Maintenance Manager for their endless contributions in 2016. Yes, they are salaried employees, but they both contribute many more hours to the business of our facility than their salary covers. As mentioned above, Shrine Center rentals have been a major source of income this year, I personally contribute the success of acquiring the rentals to Angela, seldom does anyone come to preview our facility that she does not have a deposit for their rental before they leave, I have personally witnessed this on more than one occasion.

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Next Stated Meeting January 25th 2017



Potentate-elect Kevin Charles Hall

and

Lady Georgia

Cordially invite you and your

Guests to attend the

Public Installation

of the

2017 Officers

of

Amran Shriners

Saturday, January 7, 2017

One -Thirty PM

Amran Shrine Center

11101 Creedmoor Rd

Raleigh, NC 27614

Reception will follow

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Angela and John together have handled the rental events, working with the clients to ensure they are pleased with their choice of rental facility. One of them is there from the time decoration starts to the time the band stops playing and the facility is clean and ready for the next event. Some of their days have been as long as 18 to 20 hours. We owe them a huge debt of gratitude for so successfully managing this aspect of Amran's business. Rentals also involve the church's use each Sunday, this income increased as well during Chief Rabban Kevin Hall's contract renewal.

Thank you to Noble John Willard, because of his exceptional care and attention to detail, our facility has been brought back to life. Not only does he take care of the things you see, the grounds and the building itself, he looks deeper to find the smaller things that, left unattended, will become a problem and with that more expensive to fix. All the cookers are now road worthy and functioning properly. During a rental this summer our air conditioners decided their life span had been exceeded and quit the day before a wedding was to take place. Noble John found temporary units to rent, saving the client from having to move the event at the last minute. The following Monday he coordinated the replacement of the air conditioning units. Thank you also to Noble John for sourcing and coordinating the installation of the awning over the building entrance. This addition certainly adds to the curb appeal of the entrance. Thank you to Noble John, your care of our Shrine Center is appreciated by the entire Nobility!

Thank you to Noble Rickey Apple for your work on the ironwork at the entrance and for taking down the fence around the parking lot.

Thank you to Noble Steve Christian, Temple Director, for a flawless year. Your attention to detail has been exceptional. You made sure we were where we needed to be when we needed to there. You are a great example of a true Shrine Mason.

Thank you Noble Jim Crawford, Ceremonial Master, for being the masterful "voice" conducting our events. At the 40-year celebration, your history lesson of Amran's start and early years gave true meaning to the evening. Thank you for taking your time to gather that information and present it to us.

Noble Larry Parker, Chief Aide, I cannot begin to thank you enough for your time and attention to detail this year. Thank you for the constant communication to the divan keeping us on time and in proper attire. Thank you for your introductions and for being more than just a Chief Aide. I will always cherish your friendship.

Thank you to the 2016 elected officers, a.k.a. the 2016 team, your support and leadership this year has been greatly appreciated. I could not have picked a better group of divan members.

A special thank you to Noble Paul Menard, Chaplain, your prayers, conversations and support have been a guiding force. You have certainly served as the moral compass of our Shrine Center. I cherish your friendship and will always be your comrade.

Thank you Ill. Sir Sam Vaughan for keeping me out of jail. Your support and guidance has been irreplaceable.

There will not be an awards ceremony in January where only a few are acknowledged. I personally would like to Thank each and every Noble for your time, finances and love for the fraternity. The philanthropy will continue to grow as long as we work together. This was proven in 2016 as we all worked toward the common goal of growth in membership. Thank you all for your love and support of your Shrine Center and for Shriners Hospitals for Children.

Thank you to all Nobles for the honor and privilege of representing Amran as your 2016 Potentate. My Lady Sharrell and I appreciate your trust and support.

Yours in faith,

Ill. Sir Harvey Ellis



2017 Amran Officers

The following Nobles were elected to serve our Temple for 2017. We congratulate them on their election and wish them the best in the coming year.



Bob Downen
Chief Rabban



Kevin Hall
Potentate Elect



Donald Slaughter
Assistant Rabban



Sam Vaughan, Jr., PP
Treasurer



Alvin Billings
High Priest and
Prophet



Ray Fields, PP
Recorder



Thomas Stevenson
Oriental Guide

The following Nobles were also elected to serve our Temple in 2017

Imperial Council Reps: Kevin Hall, Bob Downen and Donald Slaughter

SASA Reps: Bob Downen and Donald Slaughter (The Potentate, Chief Rabban, Assistant Rabban, Recorder, and all Past Potentates are also voting members of SASA).

Kevin Hall was elected nominee of the SASA officer line as 5th vice president His nomination will be presented to the association at the spring meeting in Columbia SC.

Trustee for Granville Randy Newman
Trustee for Durham Steve Christian
Trustee for Alamance Keith White
Trustee for Orange Jack Lawrence

Congratulations to our New Nobles

Michael Todd Bivins

Kenneth Wayne Ferrell

Lonnie Holcomb

Timothy Hinnant (Lady Gail)

James Ronald Davis (Lady Betty Lou)

Matthew Brant

David Christopher Ross (Lady Christine)

Bennie Rogers (Lady Sandra)

Brian Spence (Lady Kelly)

Daniel Berglund (Lady Laura)

Steven Victor Ray

Phillip Snyder (Lady Sarah)

Jimmie Johnson (Lady Gwen)

Kevin McKenzie

Christopher Hedrick (Lady Sandy)

Harry Dupree (Lady Joyce)

Will Chriscoe (Lady Heidi)

Douglas Logan (Lady Vickie)

Allen Tackett (Lady Sally)

Michael Benjamin James Chaney

Joseph Abbott (Lady Sherry)

Michael Chaney (Lady Cheryl)

Justin Buzzard (Lady Lauren)

William Watkins (Lady Lauren)

Chance Corbin

Richard Corbin (Lady Amy)

Paul Williams (Lady Carolyn)

Orlin Taylor III (Lady Jennifer)

John Ruggiero (Lady Stephanie)

Allen Sizemore (Lady Judy)

Jospeh Keller (Lady Stacy)

Brandon McKirgan (Lady Amber)

Jason Rouse (Lady Brittany)

Robert Rouse (Lady Katrina)

Guy Rouse (Lady Katy)

Brian Hines (Lady Stacey)

Dennis Crowe (Lady Laura)

Robert Hoblit

John Paul Keon

Wade Kearney (Lady Dale)

Jeremy Hedrick (Lady Stella)

Christopher Page

Jerry Lee Beckum (Lady Tammy)

Joseph Walker (Lady Denise)

Matthew Masters (Lady Cheri)

James Schoff (Lady Mary)

Steven Acord (Lady Debbie)

Michael Spencer (Lady Dorothy)

David Lipford

Jeffrey Sank (Lady Michaela)

David Nicholson (Lady Kyrstan)

Carl Hann

Event Planning and Online Calendar Reference

One way that we can support each other is to plan and publicize our events on the temple calendar, found on our website, which is designed as a one stop reference for everything going on within our Amran Shriners jurisdiction. It's there for your convenience.

For instance, did you know that all entries listed in BLUE are temple stated meetings? Or events listed in RED are visitations and appearances where the potentate has been scheduled to appear. Or YELLOW represents Club and Unit activities. GREEN represents temple events. PURPLE represents Ceremonials.

If your club or unit is planning an event (this year or next year), go ahead and submit the "Fundraising Public Notice Announcement" form so the event can be added to the online calendar and to the Amran Today events with the pertinent details.

Fundraising Tickets and Disclosure Statement

ALL fundraising tickets MUST have printed on the ticket the mandatory disclosure statement stating how the proceeds are used. Here are the two disclosure states, one of which must be on your tickets you are selling. Proceeds from this fundraiser are for the benefit of _____ Shrine Club or Unit and are not tax deductible.

OR

Proceeds from this fundraiser are for the benefit of Shriners Hospitals for Children and may be tax deductible. Consult your tax advisor.



Road Runners made 36 Trips to the hospital this year. About 16,700 Miles
14 flights to other Shrine hospitals. A big thank you goes out to CBS cars for lending us vehicles which helped keep our cost down.

2017 Dues Notice and Payment Renewal Stickers

As we begin the second week of December, it is important to communicate that 2016 temple dues cards expire at the end of the calendar year. By now, nobility should have received their 2017 dues notices – and dues payments are delinquent after December 31st.

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And don't forget to look for the Amran Shriners App for your phone or tablet.

First Lady Sharrell's Annual Fundraiser

THANK YOU!!!!!!

Thank you to all that participated in the First Lady's fundraising project, benefiting the transportation fund. Thanks to your jewelry purchases, a donation of \$1000.00 was made to the transportation fund in December. I do have earrings, pendants and charms still in stock if any new members are interested. Call 336-503-2859.

A heartfelt thank you for your support,

Sharrell



Earrings



Charm



Pendant

Next Stated Meeting January 25th 2017

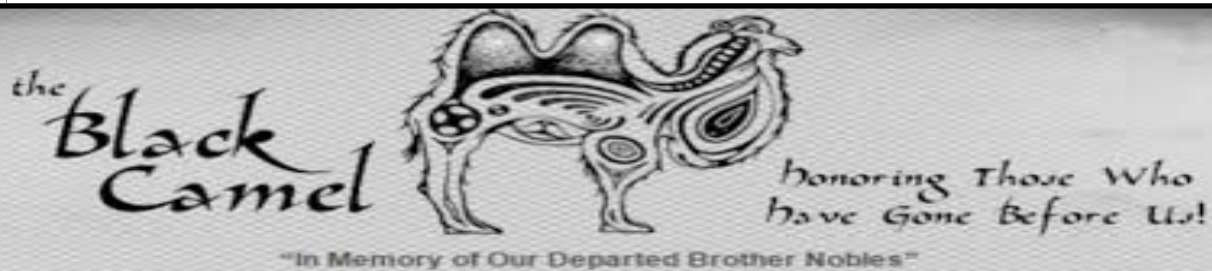
Fundraising Activities

Club and Unit Fundraisers:

Please let us know what is going on around your clubs so we can have this page filled up.

Sickness and Distress

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



PP Ill. Sir Jim Covington Sr.
J.B. Allen

Calendar of Events for 2017

DATE	TIME	EVENT	NOTES
2017			
Dec 31st		Burlington New Years Event	
Jan 7th	1:30 PM	Amran Potentate Installation	Amran Temple
Feb 11th	9:00 AM	Club and Unit Seminar	
Fed 25		Shrine Bowl of the Carolinas Annual Meeting	Burlington
March 4th	11:00 AM	Triangle Ladies Luncheon	



DEADLINE

Amran Today Dead- line

The deadline for the Next
Issue of Amran Today will
be January 25th

Next Stated Meeting January 25th 2017

Elected Divan:

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Appointed Divan:

Temple Director

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Paul Menard

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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 *

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Ill Sir Steve Keck *

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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

Ill. Sir Connie Altman

Ill. Sir Terry Hodges

Ill Sir Jim Covington Jr.

Ill. Sir. Jim Wilson

Ill. Sir Roland Britt

Ill. Sir Charles Britt

* Deceased

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Next Stated Meeting January 25th 2017