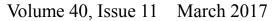


# Amran Today







## Ill. Sir Kevin Hall and Lady Georgia

Invite you to make your plans to attend the 2017 Amran Red Fez Ball that will be held at Wake County Shrine Club on Saturday, April 29. A delicious buffet meal followed by an energetic musical performance by The Pizazz Band will make for a wonderful evening.

Tickets are \$35 per person and can be obtained through the temple office, any of the elected Divan officers, or purchased through our mobile app. This is ticketed event and no tickets will be sold at the door.

Social: 6:00 PM Dinner: 7:00 PM Music: 8:00 PM-11:00 PM

Formal Attire Preferred / Coat & Tie \* Business Attire Accepted / Ladies: Dress or Pantsuit

# March Potentate Message

Here we are completing the first quarter of 2017. I guess the old age adage that "time flies when you're having fun" can sum up this past quarter. It's been fun but with business to take care of. I hope you are doing well.

My lady Georgia and I started this month by attending the Triangle Shrinettes Ladies Luncheon and where I was able to speak briefly on what we do. The ladies at Triangle, since they began this event, have done very well in making this an annual event with their individual tables decorated. My congratulations to the ladies and also to the nobles that cooked an excellent lunch.

This month was Shriners Day at our hospital in Greenville and what a tremendous blessing to see the technological advances our network of hospitals have to treat our Shrine patient kids. Hearing the several testimonials from patients and staff, I can assure you that we are doing great work there. Remember that each noble in Shriners International contributes five dollars to the Shriners Hospitals for Children as part of your dues and that makes each of you an owner in our hospital system. To show your contribution, those in attendance at our March stated meeting were given an "I'm an owner" lapel pin.

At our March stated meeting, we welcomed three new nobles. Congratulations to Ludwik Wodka, Marc Fusco, and Mike Moser. In the last newsletter, I forgot to mention the new nobles that were obligated. The following became Amran members at the February meeting and I congratulate them for becoming a Shriner: Matt Masters, Jason Ross, and Stephen King. We also gained an associate member with Bennie Duke. Welcome all to Amran Shriners.

The only official visit during March was at Triangle Shrine Club and what a crowd in attendance. Their chef's crew cooked a delicious BBQ meal that was enjoyed by all. I am looking forward to making the rounds to the other shrine clubs during the coming months.

By the time you read this, we will have attended the Spring meeting of SASA that was hosted by Jamil Temple in Columbia, SC. We'll have to wait until next newsletter to announce where we are in the September parade in Myrtle Beach.

# Potentate's Message - Page 2

Coming up in April are two big events for our members. Lady Georgia and I hope to see many of you at each one. First on Saturday, April 8 it's the "Not So Newlywed Game" with five couples as contestants. We will have a BBQ dinner with an open bar. Donations will be accepted at the door. Second, on Saturday, April 29 it's the Red Fez Ball that will be held at Wake County Shrine Club. Only \$35 per person for a night fun. We will have a catered buffet dinner and the entertainment will be The Pizazz Band. I encourage all that can make it to attend. After all Shrinedom is about having fun. The Embassy Suites has a block of rooms and will provide shuttle service to and from the hotel to Wake County Shrine Club. See announcement in this newsletter for rates and booking code.

I also would like to invite you to attend the trip Lady Georgia and I have scheduled in Abingdon, VA. There's information in this issue to make your own hotel reservations at the historic Martha Washington Inn. The package deal includes a theater performance at the Barter Theater and dinner. If you can make this short getaway on August 4-6, Georgia and I would love to have you join us.

I have designated our May stated meeting as a family night and it will be in honor of our Past Potentates whom have served our fraternity with honor and distinction.

I hope to see our membership at our April events.

In the faith,

Kevin C. Hall

Potentate

# Greenville Days 2017 Recap

## A message from our Administrator



Randy Romberger

For Shriners Hospitals for Children — Greenville, this is a year of celebration. Not only do we celebrate our 90th Anniversary, along with the mission

Not only do we celebrate our 90th Anniversary, along with the mission and vision that began all those decades ago, but we equally celebrate the accomplishments, milestones and victories that we have achieved in this new era.

This past year marked the addition of Dr. Lauren Hyer, the only female pediatric orthopaedic surgeon currently practicing in the state of South Carolina, and Dr. Brandon Green, our first physician to lead a daily clinic outside of our four walls at the Shriners Hospitals for Children Orthopaedics Clinic at Niswonger Children's Hospital in Johnson City, Tennessee.

Along with the successful launch of the Johnson City location, we also saw the grand openings of monthly clinics in Hendersonville, North Carolina and Anderson, South Carolina. These three clinics joined the existing clinic in Bluffton, South Carolina in supporting our devotion to bringing our expert care to the doorsteps of children in need.

The hard work of our staff was recognized by Press Ganey, an organization dedicated to supporting health care providers in understanding and improving the entire patient experience. Greenville Shriners Hospital received the Pinnacle of Excellence Award. This crowning achievement is presented to those elite hospitals that "maintain consistently high levels of excellence over multiple years in Inpatient Pediatric Care."

We continue to strive to bring our patients the very best – from upgrades to the state-of-the-art EOS imaging system that vastly reduces radiation for our patients who undergo frequent X-rays, to the addition of new equipment for our Rehabilitation Services and Surgical Services departments.

Ninety years is a long time. But at Greenville Shriners Hospital, we are just getting started.

#### **Meet Conner**

"Never give up on your dreams. Don't let anything get in your way" is the motto 15-year-old Conner Stroud embodies. Conner dreams of being a tennis star. Being born with Proximal Femoral Focal Deficiency (PFFD) in both legs, Conner could have been left sitting court side. PFFD is a condition where the end of the bone closest to the hip is too short, leaving Conner's feet attached to his legs without ankles, femurs or knees. After consulting with surgeons at Shriners Hospitals for Children — Greenville, his parents made the decision to have both legs amputated when he was just 2 years old.

Conner is currently ranked the #1 Junior Wheelchair Tennis Player in the United States! He is ranked #21 in the World!



# 90 years of service - SHC Greenville

# Welcome to Shriners Hospitals for Children — Greenville, where you will find:

For 90 years, we have been caring for children with a wide range of orthopaedic and neuromuscular conditions. Our multi-disciplinary approach to care allows us to treat the whole child which enables us to customize your child's treatment plan to best meet their medical needs.

Shriners Hospitals for Children — Greenville prides itself on presenting a fun and comfortable atmosphere for all of our visitors.

Walking through the front doors you are immediately greeted by life-size animal sculptures and a flowing waterfall. This colorful, kid-friendly environment is designed to put patients and their families at ease.

Our 50-bed pediatric orthopaedic facility includes:

- Two operating rooms
- 15 outpatient exam rooms
- · An in-house prosthetics and orthotics department
- A motion analysis laboratory
- Physical, occupational and recreational therapy departments
- A KidZone complete with video games, pool tables and air hockey tables
- · A handicap accessible playground

# Shriners are here to help

Shriners Hospitals for Children was founded by the Shriners International fraternity in 1922. The Greenville Shriners Hospital is one of 22 hospitals in an international health care system dedicated to improving the lives of children by providing pediatric specialty care, innovative research and outstanding teaching programs.



# Working Together to Change Lives

# Shriners Hospitals for Children — Greenville's Clinics:

# Satellite Office in Johnson City



Three years ago, we began a journey to bring the mission and expert care of Shriners Hospitals for Children — Greenville to more kids. It was unchartered territory for the hospital system as we set our sights on creating a first-of-its-kind pediatric orthopaedics practice outside of our four walls. We were determined to bring our services as close as possible to the door steps of families in need.

In October 2016, we officially reached our destination as we opened Shriners Hospitals for Children Orthopaedics Clinic at Niswonger Children's Hospital in Johnson City, Tennessee. Niswonger Children's Hospital is part of the Mountain State Health Alliance serving a 29-county area, largely consisting of rural communities in eastern Tennessee and western North Carolina.

The newest addition to our outstanding team of surgeons, Dr. Brandon Green, is at the helm of the clinic located in a medical office building adjacent to Niswonger Children's Hospital. Dr. Green not only sees patients on a daily basis in Tennessee but also performs surgeries in Johnson City.

Patients originating from the area who may best be served by another staff surgeon will be referred to our hospital in Greenville. Clinic patients may also come to Greenville for motion analysis studies or for care in one of our specialty clinics.

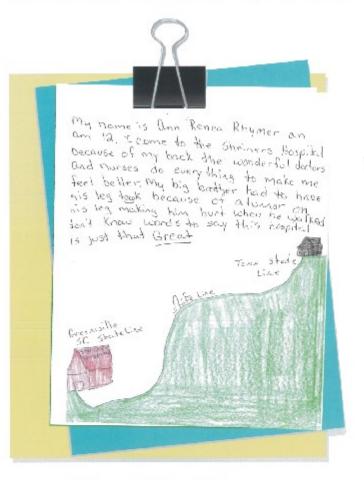
# Outreach Clinics: Anderson, Bluffton, Hendersonville, and Greenwood

In our quest to bring our expert care to the "doorsteps of families in need," Shriners Hospitals for Children — Greenville has begun seeing patients at the new Shriners Hospitals for Children Orthopaedics Clinics in Anderson, Bluffton, Hendersonville, and Greenwood.

Our three newest clinics opened three years after we saw our first patients at our first satellite clinic in Bluffton, South Carolina. The Bluffton clinic continues to do well, and we feel confident that we are providing an excellent experience for Lowcountry patients who we would not otherwise see due to distance.

Ultimately, we believe these clinics will position us to increase the number of children in those areas who have access to our care.

# 90th Birthday Celebration/Walk for Hope - Sept. 24



## 2016 Highlights



Total Unique Patients 7,566

Total New Patient Referrals 3,473

> Outpatient Visits 15,775

Total Surgeries 1.255

Inpatient Surgeries 226

# Financial Headlines

Operating Expenses \$21,241,797

> Total Expenses \$26,199,174

Net Patient Revenue (Insurance) \$9,072,001

Disproportionate Share Funds \$2,664,912

> Ponations Received >\$10,000,000

Total Revenue covers 65% of expenses Draw on the Endowment: 35%



"What's New around the Blue? "Let's get to work"

Come see Grand Master Cobb as he visits these area locations: Garner on April 20 (Vandora Lodge 745, 1120 Benson Rd.,) Roxboro on April 24 (Person Lodge 111, 219 Leasburg Rd.)

"Be the Intentional Brother!"



Mark your calendar for **Sunday, August 6** at the Coastal Credit Union at Walnut Creek Pavilion in Raleigh as we will be selling CD's at the 40th Anniversary Tour of Foreigner with guests Cheap Trick and Jason Bonham concert. This is a wonderful way for us to promote our hospitals and it's **FUN**.

Proceeds from the sales of the music CD's support our Shriners Hospitals for Children-Greenville location. Nobles and ladies can both participate as this is a 2 per team effort when selling. We have always had a good time at other concerts doing this fundraiser.

Right now only 40 volunteers are needed to fully staff our team and maybe more if the tour is successful prior to coming to Raleigh. If you would like to get on the volunteer list to help at this event, contact Noble Kyle Carlson at rescue5296@aol.com.

# **Fundraising Activities**

### Club and Unit Fundraisers:

**April** 

1st: Fire Brigade (Burlington) Reverse Raffle

7th: Cary Lodge 198 BBQ 11AM-6PM \$10/plate 14th: Zebulon SC Fish Fry \$9/plate

April 6-June 1 Roxboro SC Gun Raffle \$10/ticket

<u>May</u>

5th: Person 113 Fish Fry (53rd Year)

17th: Henderson SC Fish Fry \$8/plate

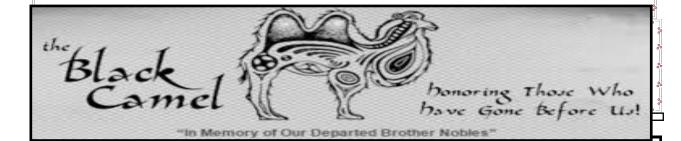
<u>June</u>

2nd: Zebulon SC Fish Fry \$9/plate

3rd: Amran Temple Reverse Raffle

# **Sickness and Distress**

Harvey Ellis (Mom) Harry Dupree John Turner John Willard (Mom) Connie Altman, PP Wally Stocktee Donna Flowers (sister of Lady Georgia Hall)



Ed Tillinson (Mom) Ray Shearin (Wife) Roy Duffer (Wife) Bill Crosby, PP (Son)

# Calendar of Events for 2017

DATE	TIME	EVENT	NOTES
April 8th		No So Newlywed Game	BBQ Dinner and Open Bar Amran Temple
April 29th		Red Fez Ball	Wake County Shrine Club
May 23rd	2pm-6:30pm	Blood Drive	Amran Temple
May 24th		Stated Meeting	Family Night-Celebrate Past PP's Amran Temple
June 24th		An Evening with Randy Riggle	Family Night-Comedy Show
June 28th		Stated Meeting	Amran Temple

#### Lady Georgia's Annual Fundraiser

2017 Annual Fundraiser

#### Dear Nobles and Ladies,

My fundraiser this year is a cookbook. Many of the recipes that were submitted are from many people in my life. This will make a wonderful addition to your kitchen.

Each book is \$20 and will be available at all functions of Amran Shriners.

Your support will be greatly appreciated.



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Ill Sir Luther Hughes \*

Ill Sir Steve Keck \*

Ill Sir Mutt Jones \*

Ill Sir Leon Westbrook

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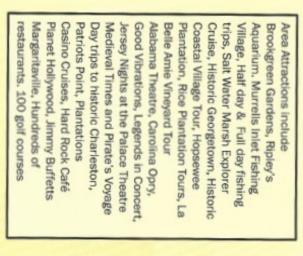
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#### AMRAN SHRINERS

#### ABINGDON, VIRGINIA TRIP REGISTRATION

#### August 4-6, 2017

What's included in your \$125 per person payment?

- 1 ticket to the 2:00 PM Saturday, August 5 performance of The Cottage
- Dinner Saturday evening at The Martha Washington Inn with our group including 2 drink tickets. Cash bar before and during dinner.
- Saturday and Sunday Continental breakfast. You may order from menu for additional cost in restaurant.

Make your own hotel reservations. The rooms are either queen or double and are \$180 per night plus taxes. Each room is unique and different. Call (276) 628-3161 and ask for Group code AMRAN SHRINERS.

Friday: arrive by personal vehicle

Check-in The Martha Washington Inn

6:00 PM: Dinner in local restaurant on your own

Saturday: Enjoy free time in morning and lunch on your own

1:30 PM: Enter Barter Theatre

2:00 PM: Performance of The Cottage

7:00 PM: Dinner at The Martha Washington Inn

Sunday: Depart for home

Complete the form below and mail with your payment

Check Payable to AMRAN SHRINERS

Mail to: Amran Shriners

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Extra Guests Name(s)			
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Join Ill. Sir Kevin Hall and Lady Georgia on a fun 3 day weekend in the beautiful rolling hills of Abingdon, VA. We will stay in the historic Martha Washington Inn and see a performance in the wonderful and unique Barter Theatre. We will be seated as a group near the stage for the Saturday performance. Price per person includes ticket to the performance of *The Cottage*, dinner in the Martha Washington Inn, and 2 continental breakfasts. Lodging reservations and transportation are separate.

August 4-6, 2017





#### **TURNING IN PETITIONS**

Going forward, all petitions must be received into the temple office no later than the Tuesday of the stated meeting week. We will not act on any petitions turned in on the stated meeting night. It is the responsibility of the 1st or 2nd line signers to make sure a complete petition is turned in. The following needs to be turned into the recorder to properly take action on a petition:

- 1) Completed legible petition with 2 members printed names, signature and membership numbers.
- 2) Complete payment
- 3) Verified original current year signed dues card of petitioner of which you have seen; a copy of which will need to be attached to the petition.

If any of the above is not complete on submission to the office, we will not act on the petition until it is complete and it will be returned to the person turning it in.

\$ \$

\$6,000 Cash Grand Prize! " Reverse Drawing"

Amran Temple - Saturday June 3, 2017

Social: 6pm Dinner: 7pm Raffle: 8pm

*Tickets:* \$100 \$10, \$20 Sideboards

Ticket good for 1 meal Additional meal \$20

PROCEEDS ARE FOR THE BENEFIT OF AMRAN SHRINE TEMPLE. PAYMENTS ARE NOT DEDUCTIBLE AS CHARITI-BLE CONTRIBUTIONS.



Come out and cheer these couples on and see how much they really know each other.

Bryan and Allison Ballard

Scott and Sheila Lackey

David and Kim Oates

Gene Edwards and Elsie Morris

Doug and Vickie Logan

Cost: Donation

Meal: BBQ dinner and drinks.

5:30 PM: Social 6:00 PM Dinner 7:00 PM The Not So Newlywed Game

# A night of laughter, jokes, and good times with friends.

Childcare area will be setup in conference room.



Saturday, April 8 Amran Shrine Center 11101 Creedmoor Rd

This is a fundraiser for Amran Temple and donations are not tax deductible:

# Imperial Corner"

The 2016 Final Membership Numbers have now been confirmed. Shriners International began the new year with 244,330 – the first year since 1917 that we have started with *less* than 250,000. While we did witness some great new trends in membership development, the massive number of suspensions for non-payment of dues caused the largest decline. The net membership loss, overall, for 2016 was 4.93%.

A *tremendous* positive effect resulted from thinking "outside the box," instituting new clubs and units and focusing resources on targeted communications to delinquent nobles who might have otherwise been suspended. Considering the fact that several temples increased their dues in conjunction with the per-capita increase, these extra efforts, as well as the increased collaboration between local temple leaders and the Shriners Headquarters team kept the suspensions in line with previous years, resulting in little to no effect from the increased per-capita and temple dues. This collaboration will continue throughout 2017, and it is anticipated that an even bigger impact will be felt in our year-end numbers.

# How did Amran Temple fare? Gold!

Temples were recognized by the Membership Hall of Fame for their net accomplishments in membership development during 2016.

Bronze: (40 temples) Less than 2% improvement from 2015.

Silver: (36 temples) Greater than 2% improvement from 2015.

Gold: (22 temples) Achieved a net membership gain.

We recognize these temples for their improvement and membership success! And, we encourage all to recognize their hard work and share in our congratulations!





Letters from the kids...Read their words!



Dear Shriners, Thank You for fixing my neck.

Loves Grayson

Dear Shriners Hospital,

Thank you so much for taking Care of me! I have cerebal paisey. Yall are always so nice to me and my mom. Ya'll are a great hospital! You are very special and kind for neiging so many kias! I aways go to ya'lls shriners circus! Keep up with the good work! Ya'll are a blossing to many families, especially mine!

Love, Kelsey moral Age: 14









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In the Spotlight: NAMS (Nat. Assoc. of Masonic Scouters)

No requirement to join. Scouters who are Master Masons in good standing can become regular members of NAMS and support its mission.

For more details, go to http://www.nams-bsa.org

Next Stated Meeting April 26th, 2017

Fall Ceremonial: Nov. 10-11 Wake Co. Shrine Club