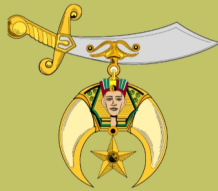


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Potentate's Message

I would like to thank the Nobles for re-electing me Potentate for 2018. I decided to postpone our installation this year because of the snow storm and concern for road conditions. I was excited to see so many members and friends come out to our stated meeting for our installation. We had about 125 in attendance, a great meal, and the program was well received. Our Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, and Junior Grand Warden were able to attend, and I thank Most Worshipful Speed Hallman for his kind words. We are very fortunate to have a very good relationship with Grand Lodge officers. Many states are not that lucky. *(continued on pg. 2)*



2018 Amran Potentate-III. Sir Robert J. Dowen



Note from the Editor

It is my honor to serve you as the new editor of our newsletter, *Amran Today*. I made the decision to update the format and layout. One of the objectives is to improve the readability of the font. I am also hoping that the new layout, design, and graphics will appeal to the membership as well.

Please note that we are now moving to a bi-monthly format as well, except for the summer months when we will be "dark." If you have any recommendations on how to make this newsletter better, please contact me at:

editor@amranshriners.com.

—Ludwik Wodka, Editor

Potentate's Message

(continued from page 1) . In North Carolina, it goes back to our beginning as the first Potentate of all three temples were Past Grand Masters. A special thank you to Lady Sharon Hodges and Lady Angela Bazen for helping plan and decorate for our installation

We have many challenges ahead of us this year, but with your support I am confident that we will recover and be stronger going forward. As most of you know our income from the State Fair and circus was down last year. This was due to our corporate donors choosing to redirect a major part of their donations to the many natural disasters that occurred. Looking forward, we hope and pray that we will not see as many disasters and that the contributions will come back this year. We are looking at several ways to cut our expenses and are planning additional fundraisers for the temple operating fund. Among these are the Brunswick stew sale we had in early February and a reverse raffle that will be held on April 7. Tickets are \$100 and only 200 are sold. The top prize is \$6,000, plus a good steak dinner, and a fun evening. If you haven't bought a ticket yet, see one of our elected Divan or call the temple office.

Our pin is the hand shake between a Shriner and a Mason. It is to remind us of where our Shrine journey started and of the obligations we took as we started our journey. It also has the flying pig, as Lady Sharon has always said that I could become Potentate when pigs fly. Those of you that were present for our installation saw that happen.

I would like to thank the membership for the support I received as your Potentate in 2017. Instead

of handing out many plaques that end up stacked in a closet, I have donated to our temple operating fund in honor of everyone that helped make 2017 a success.

Membership must be a top priority this year. We must look to our Blue Lodges as that is our only source of new members. Please take every opportunity to inform your lodge brothers of what we do, especially tell them about our hospitals, and invite them to join us. We have programs available and would be glad to present them to your lodge.

Imperial has developed a referral program that allows us to recommend men we feel would make good Shriners, whether they are Masons or not. Grand Lodge will send them information periodically about our organization and what they must do to join. If they are not Masons, they will receive information about Masonry and how to petition a Blue Lodge.

Our next Family Night will be at our March meeting on March 28. February 28 will be members only.

Fraternally,

Bob Dowen

Potentate



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First Lady's Project



First Lady Sharon announced that her project this year will be a charm bracelet and Feed My Pig. The bracelet is the same one that our First Ladies have used in recent years. Her charm is a flying pig. She is also promoting Feed My Pig. The Divan Ladies gave her a flying pig bank with money in it for Christmas. All dona-

tions in the bank and all money raised from the charm bracelet this year will be donated to the temple operating budget to help with the shortfall from last year's State Fair Restaurant and Circus.

Charm	\$ 35.00
Bracelet and Charm	\$135.00

Reverse Raffle

We will be having a reverse raffle at the temple on April 7th, 2018. See any Divan members for tickets, which will be \$100 each and will include a steak dinner and a great time with friends and family!

A Message from the Hospitals

“Our commitment to the children and families we care for will not change. The methods in which care is delivered, however, will change”

As a leader in pediatric burn care, research, and education, Shriners Hospitals for Children® has served children with burns for more than 50 years. As the number of acute pediatric burn injuries has decreased in the United States, due in large part to prevention efforts led by Shriners Hospitals, the Board of Directors, the Board of Trustees, and the executive leadership team for Shriners Hospitals for Children are recommending a consolidation of acute burn care in the United States.

As a result of national policies to reduce healthcare costs, reduce utilization and make the United States more competitive in the global economy, Shriners Hospitals for Children is building a visionary burn care model that is able to deliver care to more children, in more places at

less cost. Change will be necessary across the Shriners Hospitals for Children system in order to make this vision a possibility. Our commitment to the children and families we care for will not change. The methods in which care is delivered, however, will change in order to modernize and increase the quality of care we deliver.

A recent assessment of domestic and international pediatric burn care revealed that care can be effectively delivered utilizing fewer facilities. Under a consolidation plan that will be proposed to the voting representatives of Shriners Hospitals for Children at the 2018 Imperial Session, burn care would be consolidated throughout the Shriners Hospitals for Children system, allowing for a refocused delivery of burn care and poten-

tial expansion to various locations around the world.

Emerging technologies and the introduction of Telehealth initiatives combined with an ever-changing health care environment are transforming Shriners Hospitals for Children’s mission to serve more children in more places. Having served children from 176 countries, Shriners Hospitals for Children is exploring improved access to care for children throughout the United States and around the globe.

More information will be forthcoming in the near future.



Shriners Hospitals
for Children®

Caption describing picture or graphic

Greenville Hospital Shriners Day 2018

Friday, March 9, 2018

6 p.m. Hospitality and Heavy Hors d'oeuvres

Saturday, March 10, 2018

10-11:30 a.m. Hospital Update

Hear from one of our expert physicians about our growing injury Care program, as well as meet some of the patients whose lives have been changed by the care received at Greenville Shriners Hospital.

11:30 a.m. Attendees will be divided into groups for tours of the Prosthetics and Orthotics department. Motion Analysis Center, Physical and Occupational Therapy department, Operating Room and other points of interest.

Adjourn after lunch.



Registration for Shriners Days at Greenville Shriners Hospital

March 9 - 10, 2018

You must return this form with your payment included by February 28.

Each person attending must register and pay a \$20 registration fee payable to Greenville Shriners Hospital.

950 West Faris Road ■ Greenville, SC ■ 29605 ■ Attention: Chris Stahl

The registration fee includes the reception Friday evening and lunch on Saturday.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Shrine Temple: _____

I would you like to attend:

☐ Friday and Saturday

☐ Saturday only

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FALL CEREMONIAL 2017



The Amran Fall Ceremonial, held on November 10-11, 2017, formally inducted several new members. Pictured here, receiving their fezzes, are the brave candidates that endured the rigorous trials of crossing the desert sands. They are Dennis Bullis, Mike Harris, Bob Hoblit, and Vernon "Sparky" Jones. Congratulations to our newest Nobles!





East-West Shrine Game 2018

West surges for touchdown to win 93rd East-West Shrine Game, 14-10

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (Sat., Jan. 20, 2018) —In a game that finished with a flourish of offense, West quarterback Nic Shimonek (Texas Tech) hit Steven Dunbar (Houston) on a 34-yard pass with 1:32 left in the game for the winning touchdown. The point after was good by Kansas State's Matthew McCrane.

To start the game, both squads traded kicks after stalled drives – the East punting and the West missing a 41-yard field goal attempt. On the East's second possession, West defensive tackle Bilal Nichols (Delaware) sacked East quarterback J.T. Barrett (Ohio State) causing a fumble that safety Natrell Jamerson (Wisconsin) scooped up and took 68 yards for the opening score. (McCrane's kick was good.) After the initial score, the game showcased punters, with the West's Shane Tripucka (Texas A&M) and the East's Joseph Davidson (Bowling Green) making several appearances after stalled drives. Davidson finished the day with seven punts, and Tripucka with six – both averaging 48 yards per kick. With just under two minutes left in the first half, East quarterback Riley Ferguson (Memphis) engineered a nine-play, 64-yard drive that started with a short pass that receiver Daurice Fountain (Northern Iowa) took 38 yards. The drive stalled on the West 16. Kicker Drew Brown (Nebraska) hit a 33-yard field goal with just seven seconds left before halftime. With 2:02 left in the third quarter, the East struck again when Barrett hit Marcus Martin, a defensive end from Slippery Rock who had lined up at fullback, on a 4-yard pass. The score capped a 7-play, 30-yard drive that was set up by a 30-yard punt return by Fountain.

The offensive leaders for the game were Fountain with three catches for 61 yards, he also had 40 yards on a pair of punt returns; West running back Phillip Lindsay (Colorado) led all rushers with 51 yards on 12 carries; the leading rusher for the East squad was Ray Lawry (Old Dominion, 38 yards on seven carries) a late addition who joined the team on Thursday. Shimonek led all passers going 12-for-18 for 105 yards. By rule, the game only featured kickoffs to open each half with East running back D'Ernest Johnson (South Florida) returning the opening kickoff for 27 yards; West running back Justin Jackson (Northwestern) had a 28-yard kickoff return to open the second half.

Defensive standouts included East linebacker Chris Worley (Ohio State) leading the game with eight tackles; On the West, linebacker Tegray Scales (Indiana) led with seven tackles, defensive end Joe Ostman (Central Michigan) added six solo tackles and a sack; defensive ends Poona Ford (Texas), Justin Lawler (SMU) and Marcell Frazier (Missouri) all tallied sacks.

The game was played in front of a crowd of 21,700 inside Tropicana Field and was broadcast nationally on NFL Network.

2018 Amran Divan



Front Row (left to right): Donald Slaughter, Chief Rabban; Ill. Sir Bob Downen, Potentate; Alvin Bilings, Assistant R;
Back row: David Oates, Oriental Guide; Ill. Sir Connie Altman P.P., Treasurer; Ill Sir Ray Fields P.P., Recorder; Thomas Stephenson, High Priest and Prophet.

Sickness and Distress

Please keep the following Nobles in your prayers:

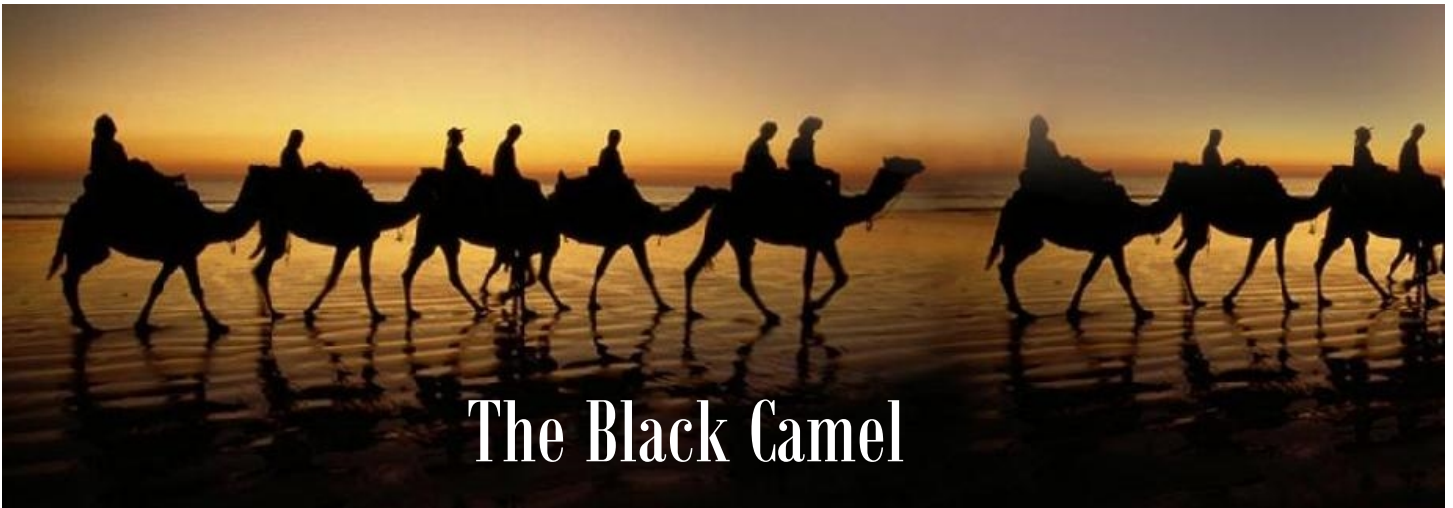
Noble John Willard

Noble Al Almaguer

Noble Robert Way's Mother

Noble Donald Slaughter's Mother

Noble Ron Mitchell's wife, Lady Marry Hellen



James M. Holding

Sidney S. Robinson, Jr.

Billie B. Smith

Clyde A. Billings, Sr. (father of Alvin Billings)

Ralph E. McLeod

Thomas E. Carver, Jr.

Cebor W. Earp

Dewey R. Stewart

Imperial Potentate's Membership Referral Program:

Shriners International has developed a new approach to membership development, changing the membership paradigm with the introduction of a new referral program. With this new referral functionality, current nobles can now directly refer names of friends, family members and acquaintances who they feel would make good Shriners.

Similar to beashrinernow.com, this new referral program is administered through WebFez and links the prospect with his referring noble, promoting natural mentorship based on a pre-existing friendship or acquaintance. The new process can be tracked and reported, and each referral triggers automatic communications to the referrer and the prospect. Once a noble makes a referral, he then receives tools and resources to mentor his prospect to creation or restoration. The program encourages constant collaboration, so that everyone can share their Shrine with the good men around them. To refer someone, please go to: <https://webfez.shrinenet.org/refer>





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Vance County

John Paul Palzatto

Wake County

Ill. Wayne Brooks, P.P.



Schedule of Events

February 17	Valentine Dinner Dance Burlington Shrine Club
February 17	Valentine Dinner Dance Wake County Shrine Club
February 24	Shrine Bowl Annual Meeting, Greenville, SC
February 28	Stated Meeting, Members only
March 9 and 10	Shriner's Day at Greenville Hospital
March 22-24	SASA Spring Meeting, New Bern, NC
March 28	Stated Meeting, Family Night
April 6 and 7	Scottish Rite Reunion
July 13-19	Imperial Session, Daytona, FL
September 19-23	SASA Fall Festival, Myrtle Beach, SC
September 28 -29	Grand Lodge, Winston Salem, NC
October 11-20	State Fair Restaurant
October 12-13	Masonic Home for Children Homecoming
October 26	Amran Shrine Circus

Past Potentates

III Sir Bob Bass *	III Sir Walter Allen *	III Sir Bobby Ransdell
III Sir C. Lawson *	III Sir Sam Vaughan, Jr.	III Sir Ron Sandritter
III Sir James Montgomery*	III Sir Nelson Daniel *	III Sir Kelly Adams
III Sir Ed Glover	III Sir Dewey Crutchfield	III Sir Bill Crosby
III Sir Jack Howard *	III Sir Jim Covington, Sr.*	III Sir Wayne Brooks
III Sir Hiram Casebolt *	III Sir James Jennings	III. Sir W. Ray Allen
III Sir Edward Givens *	III Sir Herb Guthrie	III. Sir Connie Altman
III Sir John Hilliard *	III Sir Dean Thompson	III. Sir Terry Hodges
III Sir Luther Hughes *	III Sir Tom McFarland	III Sir Jim Covington Jr.
III Sir Steve Keck *	III Sir Frank Vaughan, Jr.	III. Sir. Jim Wilson
III Sir Mutt Jones *	III Sir Joe Teague	III. Sir Roland Britt
III Sir Leon Westbrook	III Sir Ray Fields	III. Sir Charles Britt
III Sir Wayne Crowson *	III Sir Dan Benton	III. Sir Harvey Ellis
III Sir Tom Sanders *	III Sir Buddy Clemmons	(* Deceased)

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