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*Dancing at the Wake County Shrine
Club's Sweethearts' Dinner Dance*

Photo by Don Butto

Potentate's Message

I would like to thank our members for electing me as Potentate for 2018. After the initial shock of moving up last February, I have enjoyed serving as your Potentate and look forward to working with you this year. I will strive to live up to your expectations. I may not always agree with your point of view, but you can be assured that I will always do what I feel is best for Amran.

After rescheduling our installation to our stated meeting in January because of the snow, we had a very good turnout, and everything went as planned. Our Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, and our Junior Grand Warden were in attendance. We even had a few flying pigs, much to Lady Sharon's surprise, even though she has always said that I could become Potentate when pigs fly.

I would like to thank Ill. Sir Wayne Brooks for serving as my Installing Officer. It was Ill. Sir Wayne that got me started on this journey when he asked me to be his Chief Aide in 2008. A special thank you goes to Lady Sharon, as I would never have made it this far if it had not been for her.

We started the year off with several challenges. As you have heard, 2017 was not a good year for our Circus and State Fair Restaurant. With the many disasters that occurred last year, our donations were way down. As a result, we have added additional fundraisers this year.

We started the year off with a Brunswick Stew sale in February. We made about \$3000 from the sale.

We are getting ready for a Reverse Raffle in April.

Hopefully the tickets will be sold out by the time you receive this newsletter. If you are interested in attending and have not bought a ticket, contact a Divan member to see if there are any left.

We are also getting ready to hold a raffle for a Henry Rifle with the Shrine symbols on it. They have been raffling Henry rifles with the Masonic symbols for several years, but the Shrine version has just been released.

We also plan to have another Reverse Raffle in the Fall and will still have our State Fair and Circus fundraisers, but there will hopefully be some changes to the State Fair that will make it more profitable and easier on the help.

Our March meeting will be a Family Night. Bring your family and let's have a good time.

Attend your Blue Lodge and remember the obligations you took when you joined. That is the only source for our new members. Working together will make both organizations stronger.

Fraternally,

Bob Dowen

Potentate



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First Lady's Fund-Raising 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 donations 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



Amran Temple Reverse Raffle

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

Wake County Shrine Club has turned on their Flux Capacitor with 1.21 gigawatts of power to travel back in time!

Saturday, April 21st, 6-11 p.m.

Dinner Dance Party, \$35 / person

**BACK
TO
THE 80s**



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programs..”*

A Message from the Hospitals

The Greenville Shrine Hospital for Children held their annual “Shriners Days” festivities in Greenville. Events included tours of the facilities, programs, the event offered good fellowship for the Nobles, Ladies, patients, families and friends. Amran Potentate Bob Downen, hospital board member Thomas Stephenson, Nobles Butch Weber, Larry Eason and their Ladies attended to take part and represent our Temple. Below is a summary of some of the figures that measure the good our hospitals are doing for the children.

Greenville Shriners Hospital 2017—By the Numbers

Donations Received: \$4,340,629

Total Revenue: \$16,870,57

Clinic Visits: 15,294

Total New Patient Referrals: 4,130

Outpatient Surgeries: 1,035

Inpatient Discharges: 214

Total Surgeries: 1,249

Outreach Clinic Visits: 2,300



Updates from Our February Stated Meeting

Shrine Bowl of the Carolinas service awards were presented to Nobles **Gary Brant** and **Tommy Rich**. The following Shrine Bowl of the Carolinas awards were presented previously:

Service Award — Noble Tom Early

Service Award— Lady Debbie Ivy

- ✠ **Noble Jim Crawford** was inducted into the Shrine Bowl of the Carolinas Hall of Fame at the annual meeting in February.
- ✠ **Noble Alvin Billings** was elected as the Fourth Vice President of the Shrine Bowl Board of Governors.
- ✠ Our Divan is still looking into selling our Mobile Kitchen and equipment trailers and buying a smaller trailer that could be towed by a pickup.
- ✠ The outside doors to our Shrine Center have been rekeyed. This was a result of tools disappearing. The new keys cannot be duplicated at the local hardware stores. If you have a need to access the Shrine Center on a regular basis, contact the Potentate to get a new key. If you need to gain access for a single or occasional event, contact any member of the Divan who can tell you how to gain access.
- ✠ If you have borrowed any tools or equipment from the Shrine Center, please return them.
- ✠ **Noble John Willard** has resigned as our maintenance man to accept a fulltime position elsewhere. We have contracted with a handyman on an as needed basis to take care of our facility.

2018 Ceremonials:



During the past couple of years, we have been obligating our new candidates as they have submitted their petitions and asked them to come back to our Ceremonial in November to see the full ritual. Unfortunately, last year, very few came in November. As a result, we are going to, once again, accept petitions at any meeting, but will require that the candidates attend our Ceremonials to become Shriners.

This year we will have 2 Ceremonials. The first will

be on **Saturday, June 9** at Wake County Shrine Club. We will do the first and second sections in the morning and then have our Ladies join us for the Fez presentation followed by a picnic in the afternoon. Dress will be casual for the entire day. Watch for additional details in the next newsletter.

At our **October Stated Meeting**, our Ceremonial Cast will do the full first section for any candidates that we have. It is hoped that these 2 Ceremonials will attract more candidates.





BURLINGTON SHRINE CLUB

Ladies Night

Wednesday - March 21, 2018

Social Hour Starts at 6:30pm

Dinner Starts at 7:30pm

All Nobles and Ladies are welcome

GRANVILLE COUNTY SHRINE CLUB

Reverse Raffle

Saturday- March 24th, 2018

Tickets All Sold Out

Social Hour Starts at 6:00pm

Dinner Starts at 6:30pm

All Nobles and Ladies are welcome

WAKE COUNTY SHRINE CLUB

Back to the 80s Dinner Dance Party

Saturday- April 21, 2018

Social begins at 6:00 pm

Dinner at 7:00 pm

Casual Dress and up (80s attire welcome)

DJ - Jessica Lucas

Photography onsite - Don Butto Photography

\$35 per person

TRIANGLE SHRINE CLUB

Reverse Raffle

Saturday- May 5, 2018

\$100 per ticket

Tickets include dinner, served at 7:00pm

Pictures from the Wake County Shrine Club Sweethearts Dinner Dance, February 17, 2018. Photos by Don Butto.



Burlington Shrine Club 2018 Officers Installation



South Atlantic Shrine Association



Annual Festival

September 20-23, 2018

It's that time of year again to start planning our trip to Myrtle Beach for the annual meeting of the South Atlantic Shrine Association, SASA. For those that are unfamiliar with SASA, it is an association of 20 Shrine Centers located in Virginia, North and South Carolina, West Virginia, Kentucky, Tennessee, and Georgia. The purpose of SASA is to promote cordiality and friendship between the Shriners composing this Association and to provide means for the exchange of ideas.

Many of the units of our Shrine centers have associations for their units within SASA. During our weekend in Myrtle Beach, the Unit Association has competitions and holds its own meetings.

Amran will have a hospitality room set up during the weekend to allow us to relax and get to know each other better. Our headquarters hotel will once again be the Landmark Resort.

The following rooms will be available this year:

Room	Weekday	Weekend
Interior View Rooms	\$90.34	\$101.67
Oceanview Rooms	\$111.84	\$123.14
Oceanfront Rooms	\$116.36	\$127.66
Oceanfront Efficiencies	\$122.01	\$133.31
King Angle Oceanview St	\$116.36	\$127.66
Deluxe Angle Oceanview St	\$122.01	\$133.31
Oceanfront EXEC. Suites	\$127.66	\$138.96
Deluxe Oceanfront Suites	\$133.31	\$144.61

Rates are inclusive and include a resort fee of \$12 per unit per night plus the current SC state and local taxes, currently 13%.

To make reservations, call **800-845-0658** and press #2 and then #1 when you receive the recording. Tell them you would like to make a reservation using the Amran block of rooms.

For more information about the Landmark Resort, check their website at:

<https://www.landmarkresort.com/>.





Noble W. Louie Madden

Sickness and Distress

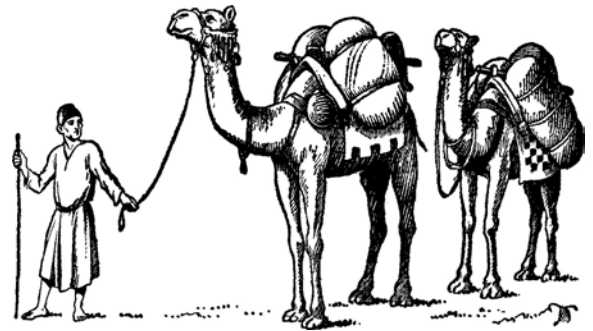
Please keep the following Nobles and Ladies in your prayers:

Ann Palzatto

Gerald Edwards

Jim Davis

Randy Cox



Love to the Rescue!

At the February stated meeting, the Burlington Shine Club unveiled it's new Road Runner Hospital Transportation Van—and she is beautiful! This van will be used to transport children and their families to Shriners Hospitals for Children.



2018 Amran Divan



Front Row (left to right): Donald Slaughter, Chief Rabban; Ill. Sir Bob Downen, Potentate; Alvin Bilings, Assistant Rabban.

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.



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Robert Moss

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John Paul Palzatto

Wake County

Ill. Wayne Brooks, P.P.

Schedule of Events

March 22-24	SASA Spring Meeting, New Bern, NC
March 28	Stated Meeting, Family Night
April 6 and 7	Scottish Rite Reunion (Valley of Raleigh)
June 9	Amran Ceremonial, Wake County Shrine Club
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 24	Amran Ceremonial (first section), Amran Temple
October 26	Amran Shrine Circus
December 5	Amran Annual Meeting and Election of Officers
December 15	Shrine Bowl of the Carolinas

Past Potentates

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
 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
 Ill. Sir Harvey Ellis
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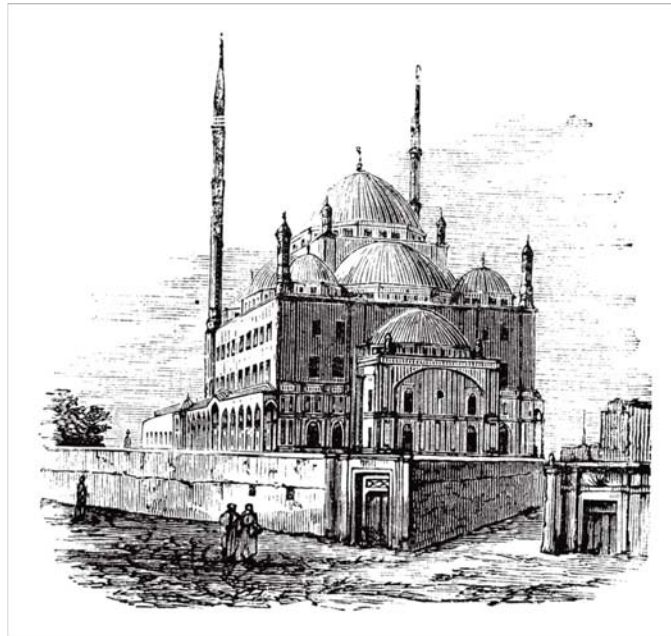
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Important Dates

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- March 28- Stated Meeting, Family Night: Amran Temple
- March 24- Reverse Raffle: Granville County Shrine Club
- April 7 - Reverse Raffle: Amran Temple
- April 21- Back to the 80s Dinner Dance: Wake County Shrine Club