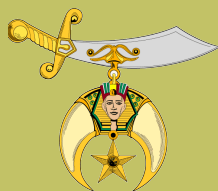


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# AMRAN

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## Potentate's Message

Wow, how time flies!! It seems like yesterday you elected us as Amran's Oriental Guide! It's hard to believe that January 2019 is here and you have elected me as your 2019 Amran Potentate. It is so humbling and a privilege to have been elected into this position. Lady Lisa and I feel so honored to have this chance to be a part of this great Temple with so many great friends and supporters.

As we all move forward together this year, Lady Lisa and I look forward to working along side each of you. Your 2019 Divan is hard at work making sure that all the needs at the Temple are being met. We have what we hope is some fun family times in store this year for Amran. We are starting the year off by having Ladies and family night each Temple meeting. We ask that each of you bring your family and friends. *(continued on pg. 2)*



2019 Amran Potentate-III. Sir Donald Slaughter



## Note from the Editor

It is my honor to serve you as the new editor of our newsletter, *Amran Today*. Please note that we are now moving to a quarterly format for our printed newsletters. If you have any recommendations on how to make this newsletter better, please contact me at:

[editor@amranshriners.com](mailto:editor@amranshriners.com)

—Crystal Weber, Editor

# Potentate's Message

(continued from page 1) . The first Temple fundraiser of the year will be our Stew sale that is scheduled for Saturday, February 9. This was a huge success last year and we hope for it to be even better this year. We will be pre-selling tickets again. Prepping for our sale will take place on Friday, February 8, at the Temple. This will be an all hands on deck evening. No willing hands will be turned away. We look forward to everyone coming out to fellowship and help with the stew.

Chief Rabban Alvin Billings and I, along with the Membership Chairman Gary Brant, plan on visiting the Blue Lodges in our area throughout the 2019 year so we can let them know what we do as Shriners and invite them all to visit our Temple.

Again, thank you all so much for the support that you have given us through the years. We are looking forward to working with everyone in 2019. We are so blessed to have each of you by our sides and I am honored to be your 2019 Amran Potentate

Fraternally,

*Donald Slaughter*

Potentate



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## First Lady's Project



First Lady Lisa announced that her project this year will be a charm bracelet with 5 charms. Her first project this year is to supply activities and games for the kids who come to the monthly Amran meetings. She would like for parents to give her ideas that their children would like to do while at the Temple. Her second project will be sending a Shrine child to camp at Victory Junction this summer.

Charm Bracelet      \$ 25.00

## 2nd Annual Brunswick Stew Sale

The Temple will be having a Brunswick Stew sale. February 9, 2019. for \$8 a quart. Please see members of the Divan or contact the temple office to reserve your quarts!







**Shriners Hospitals**  
for Children®

*"I liked it a lot. I barely noticed the needle going in. I really liked seeing the whales,"*  
-Ricky

## A Message from the Hospitals

### Virtual reality: Easing pain and providing comfort for patients

Shriners Hospitals for Children — Spokane patient Jose "Ricky" Pinto Duque sat nervously in a patient care room while waiting for an intravenous drip feed (IV). "I don't like needles at all, they make me nervous," said Ricky. The nurse picked up the phone and called Recreation Therapy Manager Carol Kaczka. Within minutes, Kaczka walked in with a large grey briefcase and pulled out a pair of large black goggles and noise-cancelling headphones. The next thing Ricky knew, he was floating around in the ocean with whales and tropical fish.

Ricky was using a KindVR headset, a new virtual reality non-pharmaceutical pain management tool used at Shriners Hospitals for Children — Spokane. "I liked it a lot. I barely noticed the needle going in. I really liked seeing the whales," said Ricky.

Virtual reality (VR), a computer-generated simulation, allows users to interact with an imaginary environment in a fully immersive experience. This therapeutic process can help reduce pain, anxiety or stress caused by medical procedures and conditions.

Bryan Tompkins, M.D., of Shriners Hospitals for Children — Spokane, is working closely with the medical VR organization, KindVR, to carefully select gentle and safe VR programs that have the potential to transform pain management. "Having surgery, re-setting a broken bone or starting an IV can be scary and painful for children. Virtual reality has been found to help children in these situations, using distraction to reduce pain and alleviate their fears. During these stressful situations, the patients, through the use of VR, enter a calm, imaginary world with fish, dolphins and treasure," said Dr. Tompkins.



# Annual Shriners Day 2019-Greenville Shriners

## Friday, March 8, 2019

6 p.m. Hospitality\* and Heavy Hors d'oeuvres  
\*sponsored by Hejaz Shriners

## Saturday, March 9, 2019

9 – 10:30 a.m. Hospital Update

Greenville Shriners Hospital is home to the largest team of orthopaedic surgeons in South Carolina. Hear from one of our expert physicians about our AIS (Adolescent Idiopathic Scoliosis) program, as well as meet some of the patients whose lives have been changed by the care they have received.

10:30 a.m. Attendees will be divided into groups for tours of the Prosthetics and Orthotics department, Motion Analysis Laboratory, Physical and Occupational Therapy department, Operating Room and other points of interest.

**Following the tour, Shriners Days 2019 concludes and lunch is served**

1:00 p.m. Walk for Love begins. Walk for Love is a fundraising event for which a separate registration is required. Online registration for Walk for Love begins on January 28 at [www.walkforlove.org](http://www.walkforlove.org)



## Registration for Shriners Days at Greenville Shriners Hospital

March 8 - 9, 2019

Please return this form with your payment included by February 27

*Each person attending must register and pay a registration fee of:  
\$20 for both days (includes Friday reception and Saturday lunch)  
OR*

*\$10 for Saturday only (includes lunch)*

*Please make checks payable to Greenville Shriners Hospital*

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

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Shrine Temple: \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to attend:

- ☐ Friday and Saturday  
☐ Saturday only

*Walk for Love, at 1 p.m. March 9, is a fundraising event for which a separate registration is required.*

# Temple Schedule of Events

**January 19** – Installation of Divan at Wake County Shrine Club

**January 23** – Temple Meeting

**February 2** – Club and Unit Meeting at Temple

**February 8** – Stew set up at Temple

**February 9** – Stew Cooking and Sale at Temple

**February 27** – Temple Meeting

**March 8 & 9**– SHC Open House/Banquet in Greenville, SC

**March 27** – Temple Meeting

**March 28 - 31** – Spring SASA in Kingsport, TN

**April 5** – Reverse Raffle Set-up at Temple

**April 6** – Reverse Raffle at Temple

**April 24** – Temple Meeting

**May 4** – Amran Shriners at Durham Bulls Game

**May 17 & 18** – Joint Ceremonial with Sudan, Rocky Mount

**May 22** – Temple Meeting

**June 30-July 4** – Imperial Session, Nashville, TN

**August 28** – Temple Meeting

**September 19-22** – Fall SASA, Myrtle Beach, SC

**September 25** – Temple Meeting

**September 29-October 6** – Potentate's Trip, Ashland, West Virginia

**October 9** – Temple Meeting

**October 11 & 12** – Oxford MHC/Parade

**October 17-27** – NC State Fair

**November 8 & 9** – Possible Ceremonial

**November 13** – Temple Meeting

## Club Events

### Wake County Shrine Club

**February 16**

11 am - 1 pm— Chili and Wing Cook off, tickets are \$10

6 pm - 11 pm— 2nd Chance Prom with Dinner, tickets are \$35/person

### Burlington Shrine Club

**March 2nd**

6:30 am - 10 am—Community Country Breakfast, Donations will be accepted



# East-West Shrine Game 2019

## West squad holds off East for win 21-17

### Godwin and Hollins named Most Outstanding Players

In an entertaining game in which the West squad took an early lead and had to hold off a surging East team, the most outstanding players stood out among their fellow all-stars.

The E. Jack Spaulding Award for Most Outstanding Defensive Player was awarded to Oregon linebacker Justin Hollins of the West team. Hollins registered 10 tackles (9 solo), 2 sacks, and 3 tackles-for-loss in a highly disruptive afternoon.

The William H. Coffman Award for Most Outstanding Offensive Player went to Terry Godwin II, wide receiver out of the University of Georgia. Godwin scored 2 touchdowns for the East squad with four catches and 80 yards.



The game was played in front of a crowd of 19,654 inside Tropicana Field and was broadcast nationally on the NFL Network.

*About the Most Outstanding Player Award Namesakes: E. Jack Spaulding was a captain in the U.S. Navy and was one of the organizers of the first East-West Shrine Game. William H. Coffman was the managing director of the East-West Shrine Game for 40 years.*



## 2019 Amran Elected Divan and their Ladies



## 2019 Amran, Sudan, and Oasis Potentates and their Ladies





## Sickness and Distress

Please keep the following Nobles in your prayers:

Noble Ricky Apple

Noble Bob Kelly

Noble Steven Craven

Lady Sheila Lackey

Noble Gene Edwards

Lady Linda Wilson

Ill. Sir Harvey Ellis, P.P.

## 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](https://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/referral>





## Elected Divan:

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### Recorder

Ill Sir Ray Fields, P.P.  
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Michael Gubernick

### Chief Aide

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Butch Weber

### Chaplain

Larry Eason

### Master of Ceremonies

Jim Crawford

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Thomas Stephenson

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## Important Dates

February 9-Stew Sale : Amran Temple  
 February 16 - Wing and Chili Cook off: Wake County Shrine Club  
 February 16 - 2nd Chance Prom: Wake County Shrine Club  
 February 23 - Shrine Bowl Annual Meeting: Columbia, SC  
 February 27- Stated Meeting : Amran Temple  
 March 2 - Community Country Breakfast : Burlington Shrine  
 March 8-9 –Greenville Shriners Hospital Open House  
 March 27 –Temple Meeting: Amran Temple  
 March 28-31 –Mid-Winter SASA : Kingsport, TN

## Past Potentates

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



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