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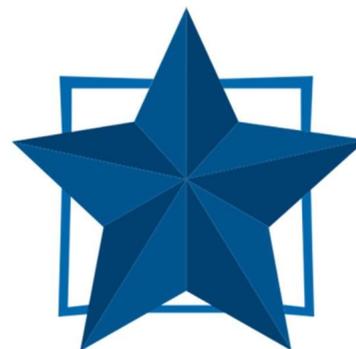
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Fall Ceremonial	October 22
Shrine Circus	October 26
FEZtival of Trees	November 21- 27
Annual Meeting and Elections	December 14

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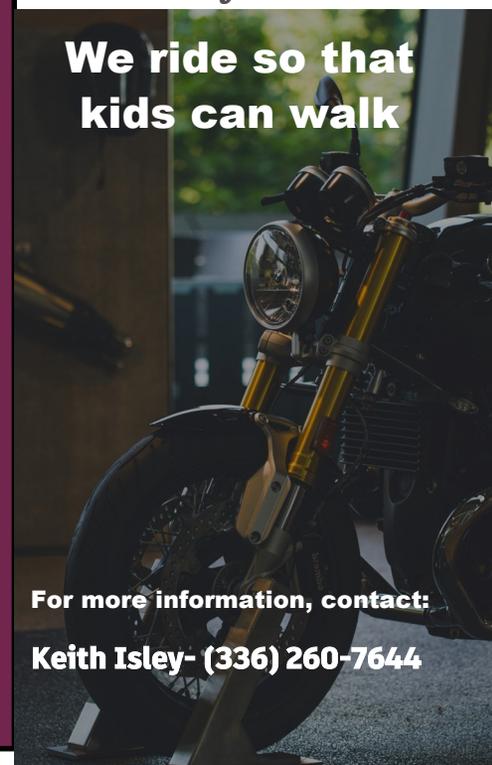
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A Message from the Potentate

Hello Nobles and Ladies,

The year seems to be flying by. It has been a difficult year but a very rewarding year. Our meetings are thriving back to pre-COVID levels, which is amazing. We have fixed the external lighting and looking at some other needed repairs. Our units brought home five awards from SASA at Myrtle Beach and we all could not be more proud. Jim Wilson, P.P., was just installed as the President of SASA for 2023. Mac McKenzie was installed as Commander of the SASA Legion of Honor. The circus is moving along great and will be spectacular. Our next Ceremonial is coming up on Oct 22nd and we look forward to seeing the new nobles. It is a great time to be an Amran Shriner. We are all standing together and working as a team for a common goal. Shriners International has seen positive growth overall for four months straight. I look forward to seeing the bright future of Amran and the Shrine across the globe. Thank you for everything you do and for just living and breathing Shrinedom.

Yours in the Faith,

Dr. J. David Oates, IV

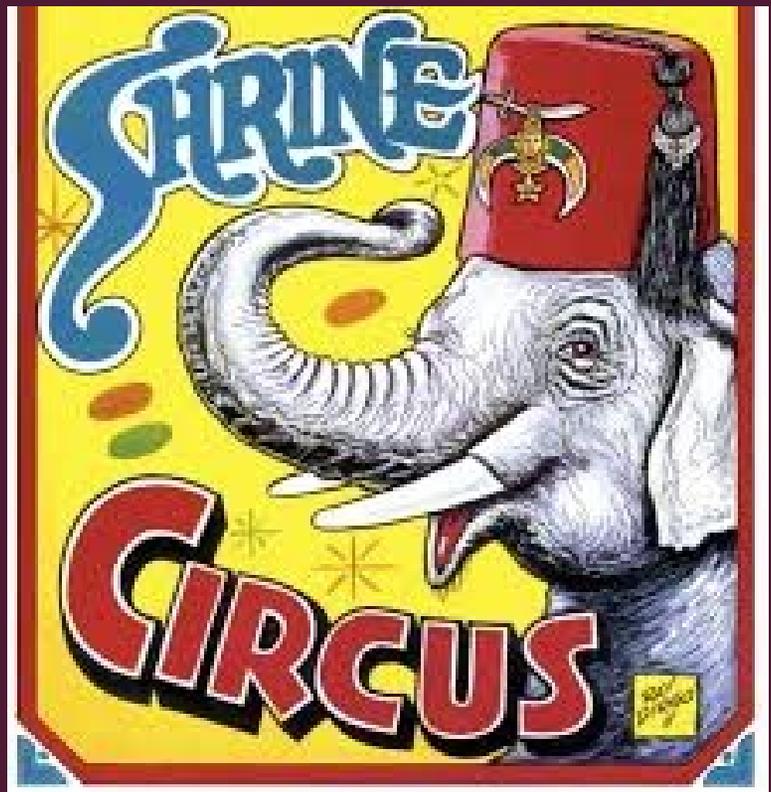


2022 Shrine Circus on October 26

Fall is here again and that means the circus is coming to town! The Shrine Circus will be coming to the North Carolina State Fairgrounds on Wednesday, October 26. There will be two performances, beginning at 4:00pm and 7:30pm at the Horse Complex. This is one of our key fundraisers and is always popular with the kids. Events include performances of acrobats, trained horses, and of course, the clowns.

This is one of the largest annual fund-raising events we hold, so your participation is crucial to making it a success. We are still looking for volunteers for help with ticket sales at the door, drink sales, setting up banners, and other tasks. Tickets are only \$20 each. For tickets and information, please contact your Divan officers.

Come and join in the fun and support your Amran Temple! We look forward to seeing you there!



Shriners Days 2022– Greenville, SC

By Noble Bob Hoblit– Associate Board Member

Shriners Days has been an annual event at the Shriners Children's Greenville Hospital for some time now... and then COVID came upon us. Even earlier this year, a full two years after the onset, new strains and cases caused us to cancel the event typically held in March. Worse, this year marks the 100th anniversary of the hospital system, which began in 1922 to help children with polio, a disease that has all but been eradicated since that time.

Our staff at SC-G is nothing if they aren't creative, though! As COVID conditions improved, they set their sights on an alternate date—one that corresponded with the month of our 100th anniversary. That celebration was held at the hospital Friday, September 23 and Saturday, September 24. The agenda followed the usual format—an opening reception on Friday evening, tours and information session on Saturday. The spread on Friday night covered every palate choice from sweet to savory, light and spiked drinks.

Saturday's sessions included an educational session, check presentations, and a self-guided tour of the facility with various information stations throughout. The check presentations totaled almost \$118,000 and was a great time for temples/clubs/units to present the funds they raised and receive much deserved recognition. *Please let me know next for our next Shriners Days of any check presentations you might want to make and we'll make sure you are on the agenda!*

After the tours, lunch was provided, and then, the celebration really kicked off with one of the staff members singing the national anthem and then the DJ began spinning discs! We all enjoyed the music while grabbing some Fezzy "birthday" cake, ice cream sandwiches, shaved ice, or some cold water or soft drinks. The weather was perfect for the outdoor celebration and the children present were able to enjoy the desserts as well as a bounce house and inflatable slides.

Some might say that the food and festivities were the highlight of the weekend. For me, the real celebration was at



every station of the self-guided tours. At some of the stations, the hospital staff explained what the room or equipment was for (like the motion analysis lab) and the EOS MRI machine which allows patients to be scanned while in a standing position. At other stations, child patients and their parents were there to tell their most endearing stories.

One child we met was a 6-year-old girl who had severe scoliosis and was one of our halo patients (her current course of treatment was body cast, which is used following the halo). She weighed much less and was shorter than her much younger sister due to her scoliosis. Another was a 9 year old autistic boy with double club feet. These children, and those like them, are the reason we support the hospitals so that these children can "become kids". These Shriners Kids only know their lives and watch others without conditions "doing different things" but the families, when they tell the full story about the child's care, how much we do for them, and how they could not afford the treatments, and how grateful they are.... all of that in one shot and you can feel the emotions welling up inside of you as each story is told.

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Shriners Days 2022- Celebrating 100 Years!

By Noble Bob Hoblit— Associate Board Member



These kids' stories are why you should come to the 101st Shriners Days celebration in 2023! No matter how committed you are to raising funds for the hospital, it's here where the rubber hits the road—where the circle is complete and you can understand the impact of everything you do as a Shriner, where you truly see and feel the impact of **helping a kid be a kid** and providing them a better life through resolving or improving their conditions. Please join us next year!

Yours in the faith,
Bob Hoblit
Associate Board Member



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Fall Ceremonial Set for October 22

The Fall Ceremonial is scheduled for Saturday, October 22, at the Amran Temple. Breakfast will begin at 8:00am and the ceremonial will begin at 9:00. Lunch will be held at 11:30, followed by the Rose and Fez Presentation ceremony. This event is open to ladies and families. If you know of someone interested in becoming a Shriner, please notify the office or one of the Divan officers to get a petition and for more information. We look forward to seeing you there!



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It has happened before, you arrive at the temple for a stated meeting or Shrine event and forgot your membership (dues) card – if only you had a digital version on your smartphone.

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My FezCard Viewer

The My FezCard Viewer app gives you immediate access to your digital membership card on your smartphone without the need to carry a physical card in your wallet. Additional benefits of the My FezCard Viewer include a unique QR code function that allows you to check in for stated meetings at your temple, club or unit, earn award points, enter raffle drawings and more!

Search for “My FezCard Viewer” on the [Apple App Store](#) or on [Google Play](#) to download the app on your mobile device. [For additional instructions click here.](#)

For Nobles that do not own a smartphone, the local Temple, Club, or Unit can scan the QR code on your existing gold-colored membership hard card to instantly determine membership status and check-in for stated meetings/events.

Newly Designed Membership Card

Equally exciting is the launch of the newly designed membership card. Nobles who pay their 2023 dues will have immediate access to their newly designed, black digital membership card!

Prior to paying 2023 dues, the digital membership card on the My FezCard Viewer app will appear as the gold version.

If you need assistance downloading the My FezCard Viewer app please contact FIS via their incident system at webfezfeedback@shrinenet.org. For all other questions please contact membership@shrinenet.org

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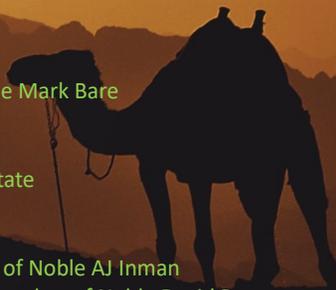
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Fall SASA 2022

Alvin Billings, PP

The 49th S.A.S.A. fall festival was held in Myrtle Beach on September 15-17. Illustrious Sir Jim Wilson was installed as President of S.A.S.A. for 2023. The 2023 Spring SASA will be held in Raleigh on March 23-25, 2023. Amran's participation

in the parade resulted in 5 awards. Amran headquarters was at the Residence Inn. A hospitality room was provided with fun, fellowship, and refreshments were enjoyed by all.



National Patient Ambassador Visits Amran

The Amran Temple has the Honor to host Mr. Parker, our National Patient Ambassador. He is the first ever National Ambassador from the Amran Temple. If you have ever been a road-runner for Parker please attend our meeting. I have attached his story below.

The morning 12-year-old patient Parker's life changed forever began just like any other. He rushed out the door, hopped in his mom's car, helped settle his baby brother and together, they headed to school, chatting excitedly about the day ahead. Less than 20 minutes later, EMS would be pulling the family from a heap of twisted metal.

That morning on the road, Parker's mom, Sharonda, suffered a seizure and lost consciousness — but as her car sped out of control, Parker jumped into action. "Parker was sitting in the back, but when he realized something was wrong, he unbuckled his seat belt and got to the front to take over the wheel," Sharonda said. "He saved our lives." While Sharonda walked away with a few broken fingers and a fractured tailbone, and her youngest son unscathed, Parker was transported to the hospital with a broken ankle, broken ribs, punctured kidneys and a perforated gallbladder. Nineteen days into his two-month-long hospital stay, Parker was told he would need to have his leg amputated — his broken ankle hadn't allowed blood to circulate properly. Understandably, he was devastated. For months after the amputation, Parker's mental health rapidly declined. "He developed severe depression and anxiety," Sharonda said, explaining the once avid athlete was convinced he would never feel like a kid again. But he was going



to try. Parker decided he would fight for the life he loved. A few months later, he found himself at Shriners Children's Greenville, where an in-house Pediatric Orthotic and Prosthetic Services (POPS) team fabricates thousands of custom-fit assistive devices every year. With consultation from renowned physician David Westberry, M.D., a team of highly skilled physical therapists and orthotists began working to ensure Parker would make a full recovery. He would be fitted with a prosthetic designed for comfortable support and, of course, lots of activity. "These days, Parker is as strong as ever," stated Sharonda. He rides bikes and four-wheelers with his friends. He plays basketball on his middle school team. He perseveres with a positive outlook. In fact, said Sharonda, "the team at Shriners Children's helped break the chains off Parker and now he's limitless! They gave him his personality back." And he's not taking that for granted. Filled with a hard-won sense of compassion for those who are struggling, Parker never shies away from a friend in need. "Parker is using his story to comfort others," explained Sharonda. He recognizes and relates to physical pain as well as emotional pain. He knows what it's like to hurt and he's ready to let others know they're not alone. From providing personalized care that helps them run and walk and play again to being a compassionate partner their families can trust, Shriners Children's is proud to serve and empower kids every day. More than just a world-class, international healthcare system, Shriners Children's is a source of hope and healing when all else feels lost.



From the Masonic Home for Children in Oxford

By Kevin Otis, Administrator

Yesterday was a very nice day on campus. Everywhere I went I saw children, youth, and staff active and moving about. They were completing tasks to get ready for school, helping others out by moving furniture, taking walks on a beautiful day, participating in the water games, riding bikes, and just being kids. One cottage of younger fellas showed off their new book bags that had detachable carry bags. They were very proud of these backpacks and seemed happy school was beginning. The best part of the day was all the children were happy and smiling.

MHCO is currently experiencing more children in care which is wonderful. The seven cottages on lower campus are 98% full. We have immediate openings for older adolescents for the Transitional Living Cottages and young adults for the Independent Living Program apartments. If you know of any families or young adults we can help please have them call 919-693-5111 or visit our website at mhc-oxford.org.

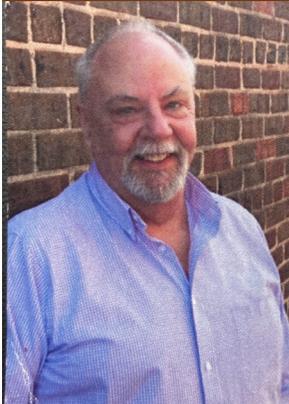
MHCO has also been exhibiting a shortage in staff which has placed incredible demands on the Houseparents and Supervisors. I believe they have handled these conditions admirably, but they need more help on their team. MHCO is currently in the hiring process for more Houseparent couples, a Supervisor, and other support staff such as a Maintenance Worker and a Financial Development Asst – Data Entry position. If you know anyone who would be interested in joining our team and helping children, please call 919-693-5111 or visit our website at mhc-oxford.org.

MHCO has several developments underway, is helping children and families at significant levels, and wants to include you during these historic developments. Homecoming is October 7th and 8th this year. BBQ teams begin at 5pm on Friday. That evening East Coast Rhythm and Blues performs under the oaks. On Saturday the Shrine Parade steps off at 11am, followed by free BBQ sampling, food trucks available for your purchase, kid friendly activities, tours, and Too Much Sylvia performing around noon. The weekend is full of family friendly fun. Please join us, bring your family and friends, participate in the parade, and even get your community groups involved in the community portion of the parade. We want to line the streets and get everyone excited about the Homecoming and the 150th anniversary celebrations next year. If you have a community group, such as a youth group or church group that wants to be in the parade, please contact Brother Gene Purvis at 919-603-3923 or at gpurvis@mhc-oxford.org.

Yesterday was filled with smiles, laughs, waves, and activity which is helping the children grow, learn, develop, and achieve. Join us at Homecoming and witness the smiles and care you help provide for our children. Thank you for all you do to support the children on their journeys.

Best wishes!

Kevin Otis,
Administrator



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Featured Unit: Provost Guard

By Noble J. Paul Abrams

We are excited to announce that an Amran unit has been reactivated: the Provost Guard. This is great news because this particular unit serves the Temple to help make sure that ceremonial functions and general operations in the meetings and events are carried out properly and with dignity.

As a member of the Provost Guard you will be able to travel or stay local to your area. Some of the duties include escorting the Potentate and the First Lady to the various dinners, parades, and other special events throughout the year. One of the highly regarded duties is escorting the elected Divan members during our installation ceremony. The Provost Guard also helps to support efforts at SASA Conventions and the Shrine Circus.

The unit is responsible for taking up donations for the Rainbow Girls, raffles, and distributing cash prizes. We are the security for the Temple and whatever other duties the Potentate would ask of us.

There are no prerequisites for membership other than current membership. Annual dues are only \$25. The dress uniform consists of blue jacket with khaki slacks, white shirt, and tie. The duty uniform consists of black slacks, white or black collared shirt, and duty boots. For further information, please contact J. Paul



Abrams if you are interested in joining the Provost Guard.

Scenes from SASA



The FEZtival of Trees

By Lady Heather Way



The FEZtival of Trees is a temple fundraiser being held November 21-27, 2022, at Wake County Shrine Club.

We invite ALL nobles, ladies, family and friends to join us in this inaugural year of our festival! We will need lots of hands to make sure it runs smoothly. The FEZtival of Trees has been wildly successful for other temples across the country and we are looking forward to starting this at Amran. The FEZtival is a Christmas Tree raffle. We are seeking donations from individuals and organizations within Amran Temple jurisdiction to sponsor fully decorated trees, we would of course love to see as many clubs and units sponsor trees as well.

The event will be open to the public Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday with an entry fee (\$5/person kids free) and raffle tickets being sold 10 for \$5. Each tree will have a spot for raffle tickets to be collected at closing Saturday we will weigh all tickets to award the “Peoples Choice

award” and then start drawing for and contacting winners with all trees being picked up Sunday.

I have a donation request letter I will gladly send to anyone that may be interested and would greatly appreciate help in spreading the word about this event. There is a Facebook page already created, we will be relying a lot of social media for advertising so please share! share! share! I would love to see this event be a huge success from year one, but we need everyone’s help to be a success!

We would also welcome any Christmas decorations you no longer use to decorate the building!

For anyone interested in joining our committee or to secure a tree spot please contact Heather Way at 919-672-8775 or way_heather@yahoo.com

From the Masonic Foundation

Just past the halfway point of Grand Master Larry B. Thompson Jr.’s year, revival is breaking out all over.

From lodges holding special events to help a campaign at WhiteStone to “first responder” events to open houses welcoming the public, NC’s Freemasons have emerged from the pandemic ready to get back to the work of Masonry.

At least 15 lodges have planned special events this year in response to then-Grand Master David Wicker’s call to hold events dedicated to supporting the Campaign for WhiteStone. The campaign is raising funds to help fund an expansion of our home for Masons and members of the Order of the Eastern Star.

Take a look at the Grand Lodge Facebook page on any given day, and you will see lodges announcing upcoming events in support of their communities, local charitable groups, or raising funds for scholarships for area youth.

Case in point: Holly Springs #115.

The lodge, working with the North Carolina Masonic Foundation, has created *The Nathan Williams Masonic Charity Fund*, an endowed account that will grow to support the award of an annual grant to a non-profit community organization that serves Holly Springs.

This is the first North Carolina lodge to create an endowment dedicated to helping charities in its community. It honors a much-loved brother who was known for always helping out – almost always anonymously – in the lodge and in the community.

Brothers announced the endowment in March and treated the community to an open house, a tour of the beautifully restored and maintained lodge, and a free bowl of some very tasty Brunswick Stew.

Becoming more involved in our communities has been among of the goals in Grand Master Larry Thompson’s theme of “Masonic Revival.”

“Holly Springs has the exact right idea,” MW Thompson says. “Becoming part of our communities in a vital and interesting way like this – in such a way that it truly helps others and raises the profile of our local Masonic lodges -- is a wonderful way to show that Masons are truly great neighbors who believe in putting philanthropy first.”

What is *your* lodge doing for its community and Masonry? Can the North Carolina Masonic Foundation help in your planning, communications and getting the job done? We’re just a click or a phone call away! Contact Communications Director Beth Grace at 919-607-7441 or email her at bgrace@mfnc.org.

Shriners Children's Celebration of the Century

Featuring Multi-Platinum Singer/Songwriter Dierks Bentley

Dear Fellow Nobles,

In celebration of 100 years of care, Shriners Children's is excited to announce the [Celebration of the Century](#), with a special performance by acclaimed multi-platinum entertainer singer-songwriter Dierks Bentley. Taking place at Minute Maid Park in Houston on Saturday, November 12, 2022, this is sure to be a once-in-a-lifetime event you won't want to miss.

Prepare for a memorable evening of high energy and excitement with many surprises in store, including star-studded entertainment. The focus of the big night will be on raising funds to support the compassionate, specialty care that Shriners Children's provides to children across the globe in commemoration of the healthcare system's 100th anniversary.

Shriners Children's is thrilled to host the Celebration of the Century, and know it will be an unforgettable night with an even greater purpose. For 100 years, Shriners Children's has been devoted to providing hope and healing – backed by expertise and innovation – to every child we treat, and we look forward to continuing our mission to improve the lives of children around the world far into the future.

Houston area philanthropists and business leaders, Maria and Eduardo Morales, serve as co-chairs for the Celebration of the Century event. They, along with their daughters, Valentina and Victoria, are a Centennial Sponsor of the event. The Morales family is proud to be raising funds to support Shriners Children's and their incredible mission to improve and transform the lives of children around the world, and are looking forward to an ex-

traordinary night full of fun, excitement and world-class entertainment, featuring the one-and-only country superstar Dierks Bentley

Dierks Bentley's upcoming 10th album landmark speaks to how time has flown in Bentley's unique, 21st-century career. He landed his first publishing deal in 2001 and released his debut album in 2003, producing an instant No. One single. The years since have revealed a rare consistency that's fueled longevity – eight more albums that reached the top of the Country sales charts, resulting in 21 No. One songs, 6.4 billion streams, three CMA Awards, 14 GRAMMY® nominations and membership into the Grand Ole Opry. Trendy sounds have ebbed and flowed around him over these two decades, but fans have relied on Bentley for something more nourishing and individual. He "is indeed one of Country music's biggest stars" (*TODAY*) as his new single "Gold" is "a jam session vibe" (*Billboard*) that continues to build on his enviable legacy. He also has created professional endeavors outside of the music with his Flag & Anthem lifestyle collection Desert Son, along with his "Dierks Bentley's Whiskey Row" franchise hosting four locations. For more information, visit [Dierks.com](#).

To learn more about the Celebration of the Century, get tickets or make a donation, please visit [ShrinersCelebrationOfTheCentury.org](#).

Kenny Craven
Imperial Potentate, Shriners International
Chairman, Board of Directors, Shriners Children's



The graphic features a teal background with several cartoon turkeys. One turkey in the center is wearing a white bicycle helmet and is riding a bicycle. The text "TURKEY TROT AND ROLL" is written in a bold, orange, bubbly font with a white outline. Below the graphic, a dark teal banner contains the date "SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2022" in white, uppercase letters. At the bottom of the banner, the location and time "TRAILBLAZER PARK – TRAVELERS REST, SC | 9:00 AM" and the website "SCTROTANDROLL.ORG" are listed in white, uppercase letters.

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NOTICE: Regarding Elections

Dr. David Oates, Potentate

Greetings, Nobles

This is an important reminder about the rules regarding conduct pertaining to officer elections in Amran Temple.

§ 325.11 Election Regulations.

(a) Electioneering. A candidate for an elected office in a Shrine temple may print, publish and circulate during the year he is seeking the elected office, a resume consisting of his educational background, his vocational history, and his Masonic and Shrine record. Except as provided in the prior sentence, the printing, publication, circulation or distribution of resolutions, letters, telegrams, tickets, email or other devices, by a unit, club, Noble, or group of Nobles, suggesting, recommending, opposing, or containing the names of proposed candidates for office in the temple is prohibited.

(b) Expenditures Prohibited. The expenditure of money for gifts, favors, or entertainment on behalf of a candidate for elected office is prohibited.

(c) For any violation of (a) or (b), the Imperial Potentate may suspend any offending Noble, and he may declare the election of the officers void and order a new election.

(d) Notice. At least one week prior to the annual meeting of the annual meeting or any election, the temple Recorder shall mail to each member a notice thereof containing this section.

If you have any questions regarding these regulations, please feel free to contact me.

Dr. J. David Oates, IV
Potentate



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Past Potentates



- 2021 Thomas Stephenson, Sr.
- 2020 Alvin Billings
- 2019 Donald Slaughter
- 2018 Bob Downen
- 2017 Bob Downen
- 2016 Harvey Ellis
- 2015 Charles Britt
- 2014 Roland Britt
- 2013 James R. Wilson
- 2012 Jim Covington, Jr.
- 2011 Terry Hodges
- 2010 Connie Altman*
- 2009 W. Ray Allen
- 2008 B. Wayne Brooks
- 2007 William R. "Bill" Crosby
- 2006 Kelly Adams
- 2005 Ronald N. Sandritter
- 2004 R. L. "Bobby" Ransdell
- 2003 Charles E. "Buddy" Clemmons
- 2002 Dan Benton
- 2001 Ray Fields
- 2000 Joe D. Teague*
- 1999 Frank S. Vaughan, Jr.
- 1998 Tom McFarland
- 1997 Dean Thompson
- 1996 Herbert Guthrie*
- 1995 James Jennings*
- 1994 Jim Covington, Sr.*
- 1993 Dewey C. Crutchfield
- 1992 Nelson T. Daniel*
- 1991 Sam D. Vaughan, Jr.
- 1990 Walter G. Allen*
- 1989 Thomas B. Sanders, Jr.*
- 1988 Wayne Crowson*
- 1987 Leon Westbrook*
- 1986 R. A. "Mutt" Jones*
- 1985 D. Steve Keck*
- 1984 Luther T. Hughes*
- 1983 John H. Hilliard*
- 1982 Edward Givens*
- 1981 Hiram J. Casebolt*
- 1980 Jack O. Howard*
- 1979 J. Ed Glover*
- 1978 James W. Montgomery*
- 1977 Claibourne "Chief" Lawson*
- 1976 Robert N. "Bob" Bass, Jr*

(* denotes deceased)

New SASA Legion of Honor Commander Kevin "Mac" McKenzie

For the 2022-2023 year both your SASA President and SASA LOH Commander are from Amran Temple! I was elected to the position at our annual meeting in Myrtle Beach at the Fall SASA Convention. I am the 6th member of Amran temple to be elected to this role, the most recent to hold it was Jim Cone in 2018. The Legion of Honor is one of the few Shrine units to have an international body, abbreviated IALOH. There are currently 11 temples that are members of the SASA LOH, in KY, VA, TN, NC, and GA. My Chief Aide, Alan Mabry, and my Chief of Staff, Joe Horn, and our SASA LOH Adjutant, Dave Conley, are all members of Amran temple. Jim Cone has also been appointed as an advisor.



My main goal during my term as Commander is to serve my brothers and their families in any and every way that I can. I hope to promote participation in our LOH activities by visiting several, if not all, of our member temples as well as our special activities. I will be attending the wreath laying at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Arlington with the IALOH this November, which I consider to be a tremendous honor. Next spring the SASA LOH will be having our mid-winter meeting in conjunction with the SASA spring meeting in Raleigh. I am planning for us to take a trip up to the Masonic Home for Children in Oxford on Friday for a visit, then we will have our necrology service and business meeting Saturday morning at Wake County Shrine Club. All nobles, ladies, and guests are welcome to attend!

Yours in the Faith,

Kevin McKenzie

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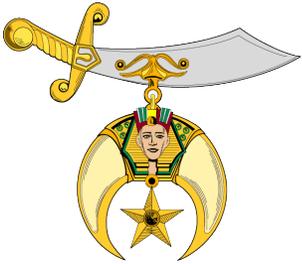
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