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and Lady Cheryl



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and Lady Annette



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and Lady Cookie



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and Lady Marlene

Happy Holidays

Shriner's Pledge of Allegiance

"I pledge allegiance to my Flag and to the country for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with Liberty and Justice for all"

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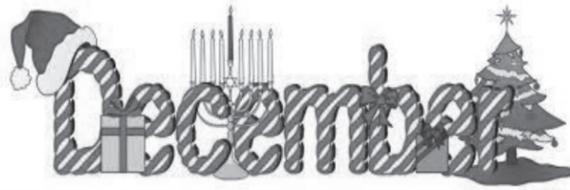
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2025



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Director's Staff Brick sales Ala Oba Accessories	1 President's Meeting 6:30 Bill Porter	2 Tybee Lite Supper Club	3 Ga Regional Mayoral Motorcade Parade	4	5 Parades: Hinesville Jesup Lyons	6 Parades: Rincon Richmond Hill Cobbtown Port Wentworth Vidalia
7 Children's Christmas Party  Parade: Darien	8 Parade: Cedar Crossing	9 Hinesville Gun Raffle Drawing	10 FEZ article Due: aleefez@gmail.com	11 Quint Gun Raffle	12 Parades Tybee	13 Mobile Beauty Pageant Parades: Brunswick Hardeeville Savannah Oak Park Portal Wrens Harlem Pembroke
14	15	16	17 Nobility 6-9 Christmas Party 	18	19 Office Closed	20 Parades: Springfield
21 First Day of Winter 	22	23 Waynesboro Gun Raffle	24 Office Closed	25 	26 Office Closed	27
28	29	30 Metter selling Car Wash Discounts	31 Office Closed 	January 1 Office Closed 	2 Office Closed	3



2026



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3 New Nobles Bus Trip
4	5	6	7	8	9	10 Elections 2pm
11 Memorial Service 2:30	12	13	14	15	16 Last day to RSVP for Candle Making Cheryl 912-313-7446	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24 LEADERS Leadership Orientation 9am Degrees Oyster Roast
25	26	27	28	29	30	31  Work Day





**Alee Shriners
Nobility Christmas
Party**
 December 17, 2025
 6pm-9pm
Drop in or stay awhile.
Good Food * Good friends!

Dare to get boldly festive and join the Ugly Sweater Contest — or dazzle us with your most festive holiday attire! Whether it's outrageously tacky or fabulously merry, we want to see it! Let's celebrate the season together in style, laughter, and holiday cheer!




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**Contact your Recorder, Ill Sir Dave Armstrong, Sr.,
for more information, 912-355-2422 ext 3**



**December 7th
Alee Shriners Ballroom**

Shrine Patients, their siblings, Shrine Members children and grandchildren are cordially invited to attend the annual Alee Shriners Children's Christmas Party.

Shrine Patients from 2:00—2:30
 The doors will open for Alee Shriners' children and grandchildren at 2:30 - 4:00

Psst! Bring your letters to Santa! We have an official Santa Mail Station! His elves will pickup the letters on December 8th. If you forget, you can write one at the party. Make sure to have your Address on the letter!



Hosted by the Alee Ladies Auxiliary with donations from Alee Shriner Units, Clubs and Auxiliaries.

JANUARY 24th EVENTS



Chief Rabban David Armstrong II invites all Presidents and line officers to attend a meeting January 24th at 9am in the Alee Ballroom. Formally known as President's Orientation. This meeting will layout the year in detail and answer any questions you may have to better prepare the Presidents for a successful year!

8:30—Coffee and doughnuts

9:00 Meeting begins

12:30—Lunch

Ladies are invited to lunch

There will be a ladies program in the Arena (Candle Making Party) and the ladies will join us for lunch



**Thank YOU !!!! Thank YOU !!!!
Thank YOU !!!!**

On behalf of Alee Shriners, I would like to extend a heartfelt **THANK YOU** to Noble Chris Hafer from the Alee Clown Unit and to the South Georgia State Fair - Exchange Club for once again trusting Alee Shriners to handle the parking for the Fair.

A huge thank you also goes out to all the Nobles, Unit and Club Fair Chairs/Liaisons, Divan Representatives, and Illustrious Potentate Danny Fries for their support and hard work.

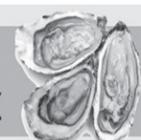
I have to say — for all the FUN we had, we should almost pay them! (Okay, I said almost! 😊)

It truly was a great time, and we're already looking forward to doing it again next year!

Freddie Humphries Jr, P.P.



**DEGREES
BEGINNING AT
2PM, ANYONE
INTERESTED IN
GOING THROUGH
A DEGREE,?
THIS IS THE TIME!
Cost varies per degree!**



Awww Shucks!
Oyster Roast
\$TBA per person
 Patio 6 pm
 Chili for non Oyster eaters —no charge
 No tickets sold at door!

**If You
Find Mistakes**



IN THIS PUBLICATION, PLEASE CONSIDER THAT THEY ARE THERE FOR A PURPOSE. WE PUBLISH SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE AND SOME PEOPLE ARE ALWAYS LOOKING FOR MISTAKES!! GLAD WE COULD ACCOMMODATE YOU.



May you be proud of the work you do, the person you are and the difference you make.



**Alee Shriners
"Legion of Honor"**

**Merry Christmas
to all!
CHANGING LIVES IN '25!**

Tattnall Shrine Club

Greetings Nobles!

Are you ready for the Holidays? We know we are! One of our favorite times of the year is upon us. Christmas parades are one of the pillars of our club because we get to interact with the public while we ride our rides, and dance to music that is sometimes not on the approved list ;) The interaction with the public helps all of us spread not only cheer, but awareness in our brotherhood as well as our hospitals. This is a great opportunity to make kids and adults alike smile and laugh. Isn't that the job of a Shriner in public? Isn't that the mission? You bet it is!!!

That being said, are you a member who only comes to the parades? Do you forgo driving to a meeting once a month but will also allow hell to freeze over before you miss a parade? So what is your intent in this? Maybe you joined our fraternity just to "kiss hands and shake babies." If so, that's completely fine and you are fully entitled to do just that. Some people like the attention a parade gives them, which again is just fine. But look in the mirror, are you doing public events just for the recognition? If that is your intent, then you are way off base my brothers. I absolutely agree that life gets in the way, and it becomes difficult to be a regular in normal communications. I too struggle with this. Once you get out of your rhythm it gets harder and harder to get back in. I challenge you to think about this statement.... Use the upcoming parade season to get motivated again. Go see your club/unit on a regular meeting. I feel fortunate to be in a club with above average participation most months, but I know there are many who struggle to get more than a quorum in attendance regularly. If we don't keep this train rolling it will fail in the near future. We are the ones who can keep relevancy in the public eye, as well amongst ourselves.

I encourage all present and past masters, presidents, potentates, and any other figurehead, to call your troops to arms. Get the members back involved, even if it's for one meeting. Maybe they will remember why they joined this to begin with.

I know some of my articles this year have been a little "deeper" than the standard info about what's happening in our specific club. For the 10-12 of you that actually read this, I hope that maybe you see what I see going on with our fraternity as a whole. Freemasonry is on a decline, and we need to all work together to change the value of our stock! If we can get just one member back involved, or bring on a new brother, what impact could that produce? The sky is the limit!!! We need this to happen from a personnel standpoint, not a financial standpoint. Sure, more bodies will potentially mean more money, but really, we need more brothers. We have truckloads that stay at home during the regular meetings, so if only 10% of those came back, we would see a quick and profound turnaround!

Ok, rant is over for this year. On behalf of all members of Tattnall Shrine Club, I would like to sincerely wish each and every one of you a Merry Christmas! We will see you guys in the upcoming parades!

Dustin "White Chocolate" Nail
TSC Secretary 2026



Approved Projects

DECEMBER

12/9/2025	Hinesville/Ft. Stewart Gun Raffle
12/13/2025	Mobile Unit Beauty Pageant
Now - 12/11/2025	Quint Gun Raffle
Now 12/23/2025	Waynesboro Gun Raffle
Now - 12/31/2025	Ala Oba selling items
Now - 12/31/2025	Director Staff, Brick Sales
Now-12/31/2025	Tybee Tuesday Supper
Now-12/31/2025	Oriental Band Mandarin Degree
Now - 12/31/2025	Metter Selling Discounted Car Wash



Oriental Band

Season's Greetings from the Oriental Band!

Sending out warm **Season's Greetings** and **Merry Christmas** to all! We hope your **New Year** begins with joy, health, and success.

A **big thank-you** to everyone who helped the Oriental Band achieve our goals this year. Let's keep up the great work, finish the year strong, and get ready to make next year our best yet!

Welcome to Our New Candidates!

Nobles and Ladies, we invite you to visit the Oriental Band room and join in our activities. We'd love to have you be part of the fun and fellowship!

What We've Been Up To

Congratulations to the **2026 Oriental Band Officers**:

President: Franklin Wallace
Vice President: Charles Draeger
Secretary: Terry Wright
Treasurer: Garry Hendricks

We look forward to another exciting year together. Thank you for your continued **support and participation!**

Keep Those Cans Coming!

Help us fill the trailer located next to Skidaway Road. The more we collect, the more we can support the Oriental Band and contribute to our beloved Temple.

Ladies of the Oriental Band

Fez cases, ties, and other accessories are available! To place a special order, please contact:

Cindy Hendricks - 912-663-2370

Annette Perry - 912-308-2980

Stay Connected

Want to know what the World-Famous Oriental Band is up to or need more information? Reach out to:

Garry Hendricks - 912-429-1626

Frank Wallace - 912-222-6195

Or speak with any of the Bandsmen — we're always happy to help!

In Gratitude

We offer our prayers and thanks to our **Military, First Responders, Doctors, Nurses, Shrine Children**, and to one another.

Remember: *Many hands make light work.* Let's continue to show our strength in unity — we hope to see everyone out and about at the Temple!

Fraternally,
The Oriental Band

Effingham Ladies Auxiliary

Merry Christmas everyone!

This year has flown by; we would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Thanks to everyone that supported us in our fundraising projects. This helps us to give some money to our Shrine, Shrine Children and Hospitals.

Congratulations to our new officers for 2026, we are looking forward to another great year.

President: Tamie Patnaude
Vice President: Josette Foster
Secretary: Stacy Mitchell
Treasurer: Mitzi Leddick

We would also like to congratulate our Effingham Shrine Club Nobles as they start the year with a new slate of officers. Ratz to the front!!

Prayers for everyone to have a safe holiday season. Let's always remember our Shrine Children, hospitals and medical personnel. As always remember our country, emergency personnel and our service men and ladies in our prayers and thoughts.

Until next time, sending hugs,
Lady Donna



ALEE PIRATES

Merry Christmas!

As the year draws to a close and Christmas cheer fills the air, the Alee Shriners Pirate Unit sends a warm and hearty **Merry Christmas** to all our Pirates, their families, and the entire Alee community.

Looking back over the past month, one event stands proudly above the rest: the **Surrender the Booty Partaie**. This year's gathering was nothing short of tremendous—truly EPIC. The night was filled with energy, excitement, and Pirate pride, all leading up to the presentation of a **\$5,000 check** to Potentate **Danny Fries Jr.** The ballroom looked stunning, the shenanigans were unforgettable, and the fellowship was second to none. A heartfelt thank-you goes to every Pirate and every Pirate wife who poured time, talent, and heart into making the evening such a legendary success.

As we begin planning next year's Partaie, there's no doubt the Pirates will once again show why **Pirates are Number 1!** Keep your eyes open for ticket announcements as they become available.

November also saw the Pirates marching proudly in the Savannah Veterans Day Parade as we prepared for the Fall Ceremonial. Now our sails turn toward the Christmas season. We look forward to the Children's Christmas Party, the Nobility Christmas Party, the Pirate Christmas Party, and all the festive Christmas parades that brighten our communities this time of year.

Let us keep the Roadrunners in our thoughts and hearts, as their work remains one of the most important missions we support. Let us also remember those who are sick or in need of a helping hand. May we lift them up and do our part to make this Christmas season joyful for every child and every family we can reach.

To stay current on all Pirate adventures and upcoming events, keep your compass fixed on **AleePirates.com**, the safe harbor for news, schedules, and ways to support the noble mission of the Alee Shriners.

In closing, *The year's winds shift, the nights grow clear, But Pirate hearts stay strong each year.*

Respectfully submitted,
Bill Whiteman for the Pirate Unit

Yours in Service,
Matt Butler
Pirate President, Alee Shriners Pirate Unit



Hello Nobles, Ladies and Flatlanders,

Just a quick reminder that Dec will be FULL of parades and wishing everyone SAFE Travels !!

Congratulations on our New Nobles and their Ladies that you begin a journey that I've been on for 35+ years.

You only get out of it what you put into it so give it your ALL.

Thanks to our Divan for a wonderful 2025 !! Hillbilly Degree will be the usual New Presidents Orientation day in January as in years past for anyone wantin' to climb them Highest Hills.

'Ticulars for this Lifetime membership.... You Not obligated to join the Hillbilly Unit ifn' you have other plans but we sur wish you would !

Men: \$50.00 (Plus \$2.00 in yurn Left front pocket)
Ladies: \$40.00 (Plus \$2.00 in yurn Left front pocket)

Peace Out - JT Dah Hillbilly

Happy Holidays!

Alee Dune Cats



Dear Nobles and Ladies,

We've been busy **prepping our buggies and pressing our clothes** to look our swankiest for all the upcoming Christmas parades! This is the time of year when we proudly thank the many communities that support the **greatest philanthropy – Shriners Hospitals for Children.**

The **Dune Cats** were honored to attend the Fall Ceremonial, where our **Past President, illustrious Sir Freddie Humphries Jr.**, was humbly recognized as the **2025 Fall Ceremonial Honoree.** He works tirelessly for Alee Shriners, and we couldn't be prouder that he's one of ours! Of course, he's not alone in his efforts—**Lady Colleen** is always there lending her unwavering support to both Alee and the Dune Cats.

Upcoming Events

Dune Cat Christmas Party

Saturday, December 13th

Carey Hilliard's – Abercorn Banquet Room

Social begins at 6:00 PM, Dinner at 7:00 PM, followed by Installation and plenty of FUN!

Alee Election Day

Saturday, January 10th at 2:00 PM

Join us as we cast our votes and show support for the **2026 Leadership.** While business is underway, the **Ladies can enjoy Music BINGO in the Arena.** Stick around afterward for the **Installation of Officers.**

Alee Memorial Service

Sunday, January 11th at 2:30 PM

We will come together to **honor those we lost in 2025** and offer our love and support to their families.

Thank you all for your continued dedication and spirit. Let's finish 2025 strong—with fellowship, laughter, and pride in what we do as Dune Cats and Shriners!

Please keep our Troops, Children, Doctors, Shrine patients and their families, the Divan, and each other in your prayers.



Thank you to Sir Phil "Killer" Davis and his Lady, Linda for hosting a unit Oyster Roast in October at their home along the Wilmington River. We had a great time in each other's company and really enjoyed the Oysters. We had some left over which made a great meal the following day at our meeting.

Thank you to George Fox and his Lady Kelli for hosting an Oyster Roast at their home in Richmond Hill to watch the Bulldogs beat Florida! Go Dawgs!!! Once again, a great time together. Once again, had left over Oysters, which made a very good meal the following Monday at our meeting.

Once again, building on last month's article, do you detect a theme??? We have a good time together at each other's homes and at meetings. You too can be part of the fun. Just show up.

Speaking of showing up, thank you to the members who showed up for Ceremonial. I'm sure we were able to perform to our usual high standard but could always use more help and participation. Thank you to the Potentates Aides for their help in getting ready Saturday morning. Many hands make light work. Welcome to the new Nobles!

Thank you to Chairmen Brock McCluskey and John McPipken for a successful unit fundraiser gun raffle. Thanks to all unit members who participated in buying or selling tickets. Your help is really appreciated.

Don't forget the Unit Christmas Party on December 13. I'm sure that by the time you read this, invitations will have gone out. I'm also sure that President Chris has great plans for the evening! Come and see.

We have a hospital fund raiser on December 13 & 14. Please let McPipken know if you will be willing to work.

I think that is all for now,

Until next time,
Ol' (used to be) Sparky



DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

James C Albers	Mark R Lindsay
David C Ashley	Bobby N Lively
Edward A Aycock	Brett L Loehr
Richard D Bartels	Douglas H Long
Parker M Barwick	Joseph K Lynes
Peyton M Barwick	Guy D Macbride
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Michael Gardisser	Jeffery A Sikes
Gregory B Goodrich	Wallace J Smith Jr
Robert F Griner	Roy W Smoak Jr
Steven C Guzan	James E Stevens
Christopher T Hafer	William F Stregles Jr.
Dale M Hardie	Terry L Taylor
Dylan Harper	Brandon D Taylor
Steven E Harrell	Bobby J Taylor
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Donnie E Kicklighter	Richard L Williams
Christopher P Lain	Joey L Williams
David S Lanier	Millard K Williams
Loren R Lewis Jr	Corey C Yarbrough
James S Lewis	

Happy Birthday

Temple Ladies Auxiliary

The last article of 2025...it seems the year has flown by; Our auxiliary has been busy. We started the year with providing refreshments for the Memorial Service and continued the year with a luncheon honoring the Alee Road Runners, two Texas Hold'em Tournament fundraisers, participated in the "Build A Bed" event and ended the year with the Children's Christmas Party. We also donated to Greenville and Dayton hospitals, the Morris Slotin Fund and to the 1st Lady's project. I think that ends a very good year.

Our auxiliary is the only auxiliary at Alee that it doesn't matter what club or unit that your Shriner is a member of. We have members from Augusta, Waynesboro, Hinesville and Effingham. If you are looking for a group of ladies that get together for fun and fellowship, please give us a try. We meet the 1st Tuesday of the month at 11 am in the Bill Porter Room. (we do not meet in the summer months) Hope to see you there.

Our 2026 Officers will be the same as this year. They are elected for a 2 year term. Some way I missed that part of the job.

President – Lady Colleen Humphries
Vice President – Lady Cheryl Armstrong
Treasurer – Lady Laura Grayson
Secretary – Lady Cheri Johns

We have two ladies with birthdays in December, Lady Cheri Johns and Lady Maude Viar. Wishing you both the most awesome birthday. It is a little strange wishing myself happy birthday!

Merry Christmas to everyone. I hope all your holidays are the BEST!

Until next year,
Lady Cheri

Waynesboro Ladies Auxiliary

In this poem, the essence of giving shines through as it emphasizes how acts of kindness unite people. The imagery of love taking flight reveals the uplifting power of generosity, creating an emotional connection during the holidays.

The Gift of Giving

In every act of kindness, love takes flight,
As we give to others, the world feels right.
With open hearts, we share our own cheer,
Binding us closer, year after year.

We so look forward to the New Year and new beginnings for friendships and wish all a very Happy New Year. May God bless you and your family through 2026 and beyond.

Merry Christmas!

Waynesboro Ladies Auxiliary
Melissa Damon



**ATTEND YOUR
BLUE LODGE**

These We Do Not Forget In Memory

Noble Stanley B. Simpson
Noble Terrell D. Nease
Noble Charlie V. Deloe
Noble William L. Dozier
Noble Lawrence F. Sherrod
Noble James Edward Jackson



ALEE Work Day JANUARY 31, 2026



- **Many Projects - fun and fellowship!**
- **Bring a Mason who is considering becoming a Shriner!**
This is an excellent opportunity to show your friend the spirit of Shrine teamwork and the rewarding experience of Shrine
- **Join us as we work together to improve the aesthetics of the Temple in preparation for the Potentate's Ball and upcoming rentals. Ladies are welcome!**

Coffee and doughnuts at 7:30 .
Work begins at 8:00 am. Lunch will be provided.
Contact: P.P. Freddie Humphries—912-313-1450

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Candle Making Party during the Leadership Meeting

January 24, 2026
9am—12pm

Arena - \$70 (Prepaid)

RSVP: by January 15* to

Lady Cheryl Armstrong—

Text 912-313-7446 or

cl_armstrong@hotmail.com

Refreshments and lunch to follow



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Augusta Shrine Club TEXAS HOLD 'EM * TOURNAMENT *

> Tournament open to Ladies & Men

> Registration starts at 11 am

> Play starts at 12 noon

> Food and drink provided

Pre-Register for chip up and questions contact Scooter @ (864)992-9155 or stangs00@msn.com

Jan. 17th
2026

Augusta Shrine Club
1826 Phinizy Rd
Augusta GA, 30906

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ENTRY

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Approved Parades

Georgia Regional Mayors Motorcade Parade

When: Wednesday, December 3, 2025
Where: Eisenhower Drive
Line Up: 8:30 - 9am – Rincon Elementary School Ft Howard
Step-Off: 10am

Rincon Lions Club Christmas Parade

NEW TIMES NEW DATE
When: Saturday, December 6, 2025
Where: Rincon, GA
Line Up: 8:30 - 9am – Rincon Elementary School Ft Howard
Step-Off: 10am

Annual Illuminated Christmas Parade

When: Friday, December 5, 2025
Where: Hinesville, GA
Line-Up: Begins at 4:00pm Step-Off: 6:30pm
Please pass on to all units/clubs participating in the Hinesville Christmas parade. The Staging area for Shriners is the same as last year, the empty lot at 345 W Memorial Dr, between Domino's Pizza and Cohen Clinic. We will have pulled pork BBQ and drinks at our staging area. Plus, port a potties. For more info or assistance call Roger Hutchinson 912-312-1135

Lyons Lighted Christmas Parade NEW route

When: Friday, December 5, 2025
Where: Lyons, GA
Line-Up: 4:30pm at Partin Park (S Washington St (entrance to Partin Park) at the Lyons Fire Department tent)
Step-Off: 6:00pm **Christmas MUSIC preferred**
The area of the parade route located between South Jefferson Street and South Gwinnett Street is designated as a "Quiet Zone" for anyone to view the parade who may need a less noisy parade experience. All parade units should plan to refrain from turning on sirens, blowing horns, playing loud music, or making loud noises. We want everyone to enjoy the Lyons Lighted Christmas Parade and appreciate your cooperation.

Tybee Christmas Parade

When: Friday, December 12, 2025
Where: Tybee Island, GA
Line-Up: 4:30 pm The beginning of the parade is 4th Street. Alee can unload at park.
Step-Off: 6:30 pm
Arrival: Lineup begins at 4th St. at 4:30 PM. All entries must be in place by 5:00 PM.
Lineup: Lineup first come, first serve. If you have multiple entries and want them grouped together, they must arrive at the lineup area at the same time.
Music: Holiday-themed and family-friendly music is encouraged!
Parade Rules
No alcohol on floats or consumption by drivers.
Items may only be handed out by walkers—throwing from floats is not allowed.
Maintain a 10-yard interval between entries and no stopping unless approved.
Maximum float height is 14 feet—no exceptions.
All entries must be decorated in a family-friendly holiday theme.

Jesup Christmas Parade

When: Friday, December 5, 2025
Where: Jesup, GA
Line-Up: 5:00 pm SW Broad Street
Step-Off: 7:00 pm

Richmond Hill Christmas Parade *** (See City of Richmond Hill Facebook page for cancellation announcement if it is rained out with a new time or new date)

When: Saturday, December 6, 2025
Where: Richmond Hill, GA
Line-Up: 8 – 8:45am 508 Timber Trail Recreation Center **NO EXCEPTIONS**
Step-Off: 10:00 am
REMINDER: All groups are encouraged to assemble prior to arriving at the line-up area and enter as a SINGLE GROUP. Any

participant arriving with units that were not included in your registration will be moved to the end of the line-up.
This parade route includes an active railroad crossing. While we do notify CSX about the parade, there is no guarantee that a train will not come through during the parade. DO NOT STOP on the tracks.
Do not throw candy or beads into the crowd

Cobbtown Christmas Parade

When: Saturday, December 6, 2025
Where: Cobbtown, GA
Line-Up: 1:00 pm On Durden Street off Hwy 152 - near water tower
Step-Off: 3:00 pm All Shriners invited prior to parade for lunch at the usual place.

Coastal Christmas Parade – Lions Club

When: Sunday, December 7, 2025
Where: Darien, GA Line-Up: 5:00 pm
Step-Off: 6:00 pm

Port Wentworth Christmas Parade

NEW NEW NEW
When: Saturday, December 6, 2025
Where: Pt Wentworth, GA
Line-Up: 8:00am 201 Oxnard Dr – US Sugar Refinery
Step-Off: 10am

Vidalia Christmas Parade

When: Saturday, December 6, 2025
Where: Vidalia, GA
Line-Up: 9:00 am – 128 Church Street
Step-Off: 11:00am Christmas Music

RULES

All entries must be decorated and be family-friendly. ONLY Christmas music permitted.
All participants need to know their assigned line up number in order for Marshals to assist in the correct order.
Nothing may be thrown to parade watchers. Candy and such can be passed out along the sides. This is a safety issue and is enforced by the VPD.
No commercial or political advertising. You may display the name of your business on a float. No entries allowed in parade with advertising as the sole purpose.
***The Parade Committee/Marshals reserve the right to limit or remove any entries deemed inappropriate or not following these guidelines.
DISBANDING PARADE FOR PICK-UP:
Turn right on Slayton Street before Food Lion or Broadfoot Blvd. after Food Lion Shopping Center or continue straight on Hwy. 280 East. DO NOT stop as soon as you turn off of 280. Groups are to choose a drop off sight such as Sally D. Meadows School, Masonic Lodge, or Calvary on Aimwell. Please DO NOT stop as soon as you turn off of 280, instead continue to chosen drop off location. Walkers you may disband at Truist Bank (formerly known as BB&T) or Checkers/Flash Foods. Drop off CANNOT take place in the Food Lion or CVS parking lots..

Springfield Navigator Lighted Christmas Parade NEW

NEW
When: Saturday, December 20, 2025
Where: Springfield, GA
Line-Up: 4:00 pm along Effingham Board of Education (405 North Ash Street)
Step-Off: 6:00 pm

Cedar Crossing Christmas Parade

When: Monday, December 8, 2025
Where: Cedar Crossing, GA
Line Up: 5:30- Cedar Crossing Community Building and Park
Step-Off: 6:30pm

Wrens Christmas Parade

When: Saturday, December 13, 2025
Where: Wrens, GA

Lineup: 10 am Wrens Walking Track – 101 Griffith St –
Step-off: 11am - Food provided Afterwards to participants

Harlem Christmas Parade

When: Saturday, December 13, 2025
Where: Harlem, GA
Lineup: 4pm Harlem City Park – 385 Church Street
Step-off: 6pm

Brunswick Christmas Parade

When: Saturday, December 13, 2025
Where: Brunswick, GA
Lineup: 2 -3:30 (for judging) pm, Howard Coffin park
Step-off: 5:30 pm
All entries must be lighted
Not allowed to stop
Signs on both sides of entry

Savannah Lighted Christmas Parade

When: Saturday, December 13, 2025
Where: Savannah, GA
Line-Up: 4:30pm West River Street (west of MLK Jr Blvd)
Step-Off: 5:30pm

CHECK IN / DROP OFF

All parade participants must check in with the Parade Organizer, Coach James Deal upon arrival. Check in point will be at the intersection of Warner Street and West River Street just west of the Plant Riverside District Parking Garage at 500 W. River Street.
STAGING
Staging starts at 4:00pm on West River Street. Please see attached for your entry number:
Entries numbered 16-30 arrive at 4:30pm
1. Every vehicle in our unit will be decorated with lights in a Christmas theme. This includes all vehicles and all walkers.
2. Vehicles or walkers not decorated in lights may be excluded from the lineup.
3. All entry fees must be paid prior to the day of the event to be included in the lineup.
4. Staging begins at 4:00pm. The entire unit needs to arrive together at 4pm.
5. I understand if we do not comply with the rules of the parade, we will be asked to leave the lineup.
6. Savannah's Waterfront reserves the right to deny applications. All decisions are final.
7. Any unit that displays unprofessional or unruly behavior will not be invited to participate in the future.
8. Alcohol consumption is not permitted in the staging area or during the parade. Violators of this rule will be asked to leave and will not be invited to participate in the future.

Pembroke Christmas Parade

When: Saturday, December 13, 2025
Where: Pembroke, GA
Line-Up: 4:30 pm Warnell Street (Evening event encourages the incorporation of lights.)
Step-Off: 5:30 pm

Oak Park Christmas Parade

When: Saturday, December 13, 2025
Where: Oak Park, GA
Lineup: 5:00 pm – Main Street
Step-off: 6:00 pm

Hardeeville Christmas Parade (Permission from Omar) NEW

When: Saturday, December 13, 2025
Where: Hardeeville, SC
Lineup: 3:00 pm – 285 John Smith Road
Step-off: 4:30 pm

Annual Portal Christmas Parade

When: Saturday, December 13, 2025 **NEW NEW NEW**
Where: Portal, GA
Line-Up: 12:00 pm Hwy 80 and Old Portal Road
Step-Off: 1:00pm

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Alee Ladies are a busy group. Chief Rabban Lady Cheryl hosted a past 1st Ladies Tea. At the Stated Session the ladies got bags of toiletries for the patient families. Many new Noble' Ladies attended the Luncheon at Tubby's



Ceremonial Time at Alee! Friday night was a BLAST. new Nobles and their ladies join the Alee Family, Fun was had by all. Moving right into Saturday bright and early the Ritualistic kicked the day off... it just kept moving from there. The ceremonial parade was attended by families and spectators. On another note...Pirates present Ill Sir with a \$5000 check after their Surrender the Booty Partaie.



Sometimes this is the hardest page of the Fez. Some months there are more pictures than there is room for and then there are no pictures. I have to say a special thank you to the people that took their time to take pictures of the events. Thank you to Lady Colleen Humphries, Noble Bill Whiteman, Lady Katie Edwards, Lady Donna McCutchen and Lady Cookie Moore. Lady Cookie answered my call for help and posted on Ceremonial pictures on Facebook on Sunday so I would have access. Thank you my friend.



Illustrious Potentate's Message

Hello Alee,

Hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving. We are so blessed to live in the USA and having the freedom to do what we do for our Hospitals.

Thanks to Illustrious Sir Freddie Humphries our Fall Ceremonial Honoree for heading up the fair Parking along with all the Units and Clubs that came out.

Thanks to all that had a hand in the Ceremonial and making it great from Golf on Friday morning to the New Nobles Ceremony Saturday night. Thanks to Mike "Cold Snack" Morris for doing the Morning session of Ceremonial Master. Thanks to the Ritualistic Cast for a great Degree. Thank You to the Directors Staff for introducing or New Nobles Into the Shrine in Due fashion. Thanks to Chris "Skinny" Barnes for doing the Evening Ceremonial Master.

THANKS AGAIN to the ladies for the Awesome Decorations and your support this year.

have a safe and blessed Holiday Season.



Fraternally yours,
Danny Fries Jr.

CHANGING LIVES IN '25!

First Lady's Message

Greetings to all Nobles and Ladies!



November was a very busy month. I hope everyone had a Happy Thanksgiving! I want to extend a personal thank you to everyone who attended the Potentate's Cruise. It was a fantastic time, and I deeply appreciate the fellowship and good time shared by all who joined us. Ceremonial has come and gone, and we welcome all the new Nobles and their Ladies to Alee Shrine. Let's support our new members in any way we can. December will be a busy month with Numerous parades scheduled for this month. We look forward to seeing all the units and clubs participating in them. We all love parades! Thanks to all who helped make our Children's Christmas Party a great success! It's always a pleasure to see the smiling faces of the kids. Danny and I want to express our heartfelt appreciation for all the support and love we have received this year. Your kindness means the world to us. Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

Lady Sheila



2026 ANNUAL ELECTION



**Saturday, January 10, 2026
2:00 pm Annual Meeting
Fez and 2026 Dues Card required
Ladies Program in the Arena**

Dinner following Installation -
Cost is \$30.00 per person. Make reservations at
www.aleshriners.org. No tickets sold at the
door. Please RSVP by January 5th.



When paying with a credit/debit card - 3.5% is
automatically added and there is no additional
fee to purchase online.

Nobles: Coat and Tie and FEZ. Ladies: Dressy Casual

Proceeds benefit Alee Shriners and are not tax deductible

2026 Annual Business Meeting & Election
The 129th Annual Meeting of Alee Shriners, Shriners International
Saturday, January 10th at 2 pm, Alee Ballroom
Annual Reports and Election of Officers and Representatives will be held
2026 Dues Card and FEZ are necessary for admission.

BY THE ORDER OF:
Danny Fries Jr
Illustrious Potentate

ATTEST:
David W. Armstrong, Sr., P.P.
Recorder

§ 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 résumé consisting of his educational background, his vocational history, and his Masonic and Shrine record. Except as provided in the prior sentence, the printing, publication, circulating, 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) Violation. For any violation of (a) or (b), the Imperial Potentate may suspend any offending Noble, and he may declare the election of the officer's void and order a new election.

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



Chief Rabban



It's always a Great Day to Be an Alee Shriner
 Congratulations to the new Grand Master of all Masons in Georgia Most Worshipful Brother Bill Shepard. It was an honor to assist our Potentate to present MWB Shepard his Alee Fez and a check for his travel fund.

Congratulations to all the New Nobles of Alee. Hope everyone had a great time at the ceremonial.

Lady Cheryl and I would like to invite all Nobles and their ladies to the Nobility Christmas party on Dec 17th from 6 - 9pm in the Ballroom. We will have hors d'oeuvres, refreshments, and some door prizes. Your Divan will be tending bar. We will also have an ugly sweater contest, so break out that ugly sweater and stop by and hang out.

I am a candidate for the position of Potentate for 2026. I am asking for all of your support at the annual on Jan. 10th 2pm in the ballroom. It would be my honor to serve this Great temple.

Thank you to all the nobility that was at the November stated session and approved the 2026 budget. We are Looking forward to a great 2026 with help from all the Nobility.

Please remember our blue lodges, our hospitals, our shrine children, our first responders, and our country while on bent knee.

As always if there is anything I can do, please feel free to reach out.

David "D2" Armstrong

Assistant Rabban



Hello fellow Nobles and Ladies,

Well, the Haunted House is in the history books, and I wanted to thank all the Nobles and Ladies who showed up and worked to make it successful. If you haven't worked on it in a while, please try to make it next year. It's a lot different since we began metal screening and it will be better next year because of the walk through metal detectors the Pirates approved to buy. Congratulations to the Pirates for a fun and successful Surrender the Booty fund raiser. It was a great time, and they donated \$5,000.00 to the Hospitals. Christmas parades are coming up soon so be safe and have fun. I will be running for Chief Rabban for 2026, and I would appreciate your support.

If I can ever be of help to any Noble, Club or Unit, please give me a call, text, or email. Thanks, and we'll see you soon.

Fraternally yours
 G. Ray Christian,
 Alee Assistant Rabban 2025

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Oriental Guide



Hello Nobles and Ladies,

Lady Shallyn and I would like to wish you and your Family's Happy Holidays. Reminder, we have the CHILDRENS CHRISTMAS PARTY on December 7th. We have a lot of events and our parades happening hope to see everyone there.

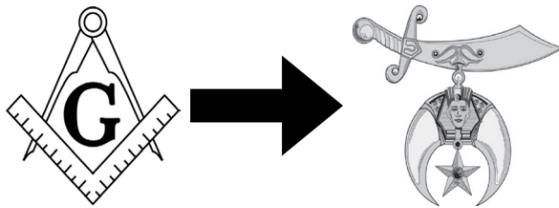
I want to welcome all the New Candidates and Lady's to the Alee team Congratulations! THANK YOU to all the Sponsors, Players and Ladies who supported Ceremonial Golf Tournament. What a great way to start the week-end off.

Also, don't forget to mark calendars for January 10th for our annual elections. Also, it's that time of the year again for dues 2026 is Fastly approaching.

Thank You for all your continued support, and hospitality you have shown to me and my lady. I hope to see you all at the upcoming events and call if you need any assistance.

Andrew Watt, Sr

MEMBERSHIP MATTERS



Never Miss A Chance To Get A New Noble Carry A Petition In Your Pocket

Recorder



Nobles and Ladies

Another great year has passed us by, I can't believe it is December already, Lady Marlene and I are looking forward to the many Christmas Parties when we see so many Nobles and Ladies getting together and having fun.

Some dates for everyone to put on your calendar for December are Alee's Childrens annual Christmas Party on December 7, at 2pm for Shrine Patients and 2:30 for all other children, grand Children and great grand children and then on December 17, it is the Alee's annual Nobility Christmas party, where you can set back and let the Alee Divan serve you in appreciation for all the support and hard work you have shown Alee, throughout 2025, don't forget the ugly sweater contest, so get out the ugliest Christmas sweater you have and you may win one of the prizes.

I want to thank everyone for their support in 2025 and announce that I will be a candidate for the position of Recorder once again in 2026, as well as a candidate for Imperial Representative for my 12th year thanks to all the Nobles at Alee. It is my pleasure to serve in these two positions as Alee moves into another great year in 2026.

Lady Marlene and I want to wish every noble lady and family member of Alee, a Very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year in 2026 and we look forward to seeing you around the Temple.

In a country where you can be anything you want; BE KIND It costs you nothing.

Shriners are brothers, we share a common CREED, with common goals and values.

As always remember our men and women in the armed forces, fighting to keep our country free, your Divan working hard for the success of Alee, and the children and doctors at our hospitals while on bended knee.

Remember to attend your Blue Lodge, Scottish Rite, York Rite regularly.

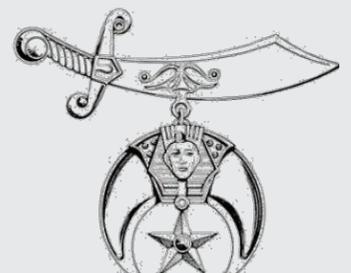
May God Bless America.

We all worked hard in 2025, to keep ALEE great, WHILE CHANGING LIVES IN "25"

Dave Armstrong Sr P P Recorder

Recorders Report November 2025

October 2025		1189
Nobles Created		
Nobles Affiliated		
Nobles Restored	+1	
Nobles Associated		
Total Gain	+1	Total 1190
Nobles Demitted		
Nobles Suspended		
Nobles Deceased	-2	
Nobles Resigned:		
Associate Drop		
Total	-2	Total 1188



NPD – Nobles Not Paying Dues

2025 – 59

September 2024: 1205 - Total members (NPD 83 as of October 31, 2024)

Contact: Will Morgan, Chair: 912-429-6049

CHANGING LIVES IN '25!

Shriners Children's News

Shriners Children's is a Recognized Leader in Burn Care

Since opening the first Shriners Children's hospitals dedicated to treating children with burn injuries in the mid-1960s, our physicians and care teams have contributed to many of the most significant advancements in acute and reconstructive burn care. They draw on their own pioneering work when they treat a child for a burn, which can include acute care, wound care, scar management and reconstructive surgeries.

Specialized Services

Our highly trained and experienced medical teams provide critical, surgical and rehabilitative care to children with varying degrees of new and healed burns, as well as burn-like conditions that can be treated with the same plastic, laser and reconstructive techniques used for burns.

Specialized treatment is available for:

- All levels and types of burn injuries
- Skin grafting
- Healed burns
- Scarring that has caused contractures or limited mobility
- Smoke inhalation
- Facial scarring or deformities
- Congenital hairy nevus
- Port wine stains and hemangiomas
- Complex skin conditions
- Congenital ear deformities

Shriners Children's treats all levels and types of burns, including scalds, chemical burns, electrical burns and flame burns. We're known around the world for our innovative, caring approach to treating burns in children. Our medical teams are driven to achieve the best outcomes for each patient and to provide:

- The physical and emotional support they need to heal
- A specialized treatment plan that minimizes scarring
- A plan to get them back to their daily life with minimal disruptions

Improving Treatments and Saving Lives

The medical teams at our burns hospitals are renowned for their expertise in critical care, particularly in techniques that may help save the life of a patient with severe burn injuries – such as fluid resuscitation, early excision and skin grafting, management of increased metabolism, medication responses and post-burn care.

Since Shriners Children's entered the burn care field, the survival rate for children with burns over more than 50 percent of their body surface has doubled. In addition, today, patients with burns over 90 percent can survive, and go on to lead full, productive lives.

Shriners Children's is a respected leader in the field of burn prevention and treatment. Physicians from all four of our burns hospitals have served as president of the American Burn Association. Our clinicians have published journal articles and book chapters that are widely regarded as primary sources for pediatric burn care treatment. In order to provide the best, most innovative treatment to patients with burns and burn-related injuries, Shriners Children's is committed to research in burn care. Shriners conducts research studies involving different aspects of burn injury and treatment. Currently two of the clinical studies are multisite, involving patients treated at Shriners Children's Boston, Texas and Northern California.

Shriners Children's shares its expertise in burn care and research through academic affiliations with noteworthy institutions and through different medical outreach programs. Shriners Children's offers residency and fellowship programs, as well as opportunities for graduate students and postdoctoral researchers interested in this field.



Kruz experienced a traumatic birth, causing a diagnosis of Erb's palsy, a type of brachial plexus injury.

It is something that no mother wants to experience, yet it happens in **one to three out of every 1,000 births**.

As a result, after he was born, he had no movement in his left arm, and it hung limp at his side. His fingers were curled up, and his hand was stuck in a position pointing behind him. He additionally had very little movement in his fingers on his left hand, but his right arm and hand were unaffected. He started therapy when he was 3 weeks old to help him move his arm.

Erb's palsy is most often the result of a difficult delivery when the infant's neck is stretched during the birthing process. The resulting damage to the brachial plexus, a network of nerves near the neck, causes arm weakness and loss of motion, and possible paralysis of the shoulder, arm, hands and fingers.

Through parent social media groups, Kruz's mom, Briana, learned about **Scott Kozin, M.D.**, from **Shriners Children's Philadelphia**, a leader in treating this condition. He has spent his career specializing in brachial plexus injuries and has written more than 100 peer-reviewed papers, many covering this type of injury. Therefore, Briana knew she and her son were in good hands before she even set foot in Shriners Children's Philadelphia.

After their first appointment with Dr. Kozin, Briana said she "loved him" and felt "very comfortable" with him. She said she knew she wanted Kruz to be under his care. He had his first appointment when he was 1 month old in June 2024. Kruz followed up with Dr. Kozin on a monthly basis to determine if surgery would be necessary.

It was decided that Kruz would need a **closed reduction surgery** on his left shoulder after the humeral head, or ball, began slipping out of the socket, a condition known as subluxation. The surgery was performed when Kruz was 6 months old to push his shoulder back into place. Dr. Kozin also injected botulinum toxin into Kruz's internal rotators to temporarily weaken his internal rotation so that, with **physical therapy** and stretching, his arm could gain external rotation over time. Dr. Kozin said, "Surgery was successful to realign the joint."

After his initial surgery, he was fitted for a **spica cast**, which was used to hold his joint in place. Unfortunately, due to the severity of Kruz's Erb's palsy, Dr. Kozin had to operate again when Kruz was 9 months old due to humeral head subluxation. Kruz then had an open reduction surgery and a nerve transfer, and after surgery, was in a spica cast again for another four to six weeks. That was his most recent surgery. He is now six months post op, and his shoulder has not come out of place.

Briana said she feels reassured that the Shriners Children's Philadelphia team consistently conducts ultrasounds at every appointment to confirm everything is healing properly. She also showed her appreciation not only for Dr. Kozin but also for **Eugene Park, M.D.**, who surgically administered Kruz's sutures, which healed beautifully.

The quality of care at Shriners Children's Philadelphia has been very thorough, and the staff are personable, caring and dedicated to what they do.

Briana, Kruz' Mother

However, it was not just the surgical side of Kruz's care that left Briana satisfied with Shriners Children's Philadelphia. Within the **rehabilitation** team, the **occupational therapists (OTs)** went above and beyond to support Kruz and his recovery from surgery. The OTs took measurements of his arm and fitted him for his nighttime **brace** needed directly after surgery. Due to his progress from OT, he no longer needs to wear the brace. Briana emphasized that the team made sure she was comfortable asking questions during any step of the process.

Right after his nerve transfer surgery, Kruz had OT two times a day and underwent intensive therapy practices. Briana then began to make regular trips to Philadelphia to see the OTs at the hospital instead of her local outpatient facility. She said she felt more comfortable continuing therapy at Shriners Children's after surgery due to the severity of her son's case and recurring shoulder issues. She chose to go once a week and said this also made it an easy way to communicate with Dr. Kozin if she had any concerns. Now, Kruz has follow-up appointments every few months with Dr. Kozin to make sure he is still healing properly. Kruz is now back in **outpatient therapy** at his local facility, along with Early Intervention services at home to aid in his recovery.



Today, Kruz is 16 months old and has more external rotation of his left arm than ever before. Prior to his surgeries, he couldn't move his arm outwards to the side at all. "He would cry in pain if you put his arm in a 'high 5' position," Briana said. "Now, after surgery, he can successfully move his arm actively and passively."

Due to nerves naturally healing slowly, Kruz and his medical team are still waiting to find out if he will be able to put his hands above his head. However, in the meantime, he has improved fine motor skills: he can feed himself, clap, give high fives, and reach his arm out to the side. Due to his injury, he was never able to crawl and bear that much weight on his arms, so he adapted by scooting on the floor to get around. In therapy, the team would work on crawling with Kruz, but it was difficult for him. Therefore, he bypassed crawling and started walking at 14 months. "He's come such a long way," Briana said.

"The quality of care at Shriners Children's Philadelphia has been very thorough, and the staff are personable, caring and dedicated to what they do. The peace of mind knowing that you're in good hands really helps you get through the difficult times," Briana said. "Knowing I was seeing Dr. Kozin, someone who is really good at what he does, helped me know I was in good hands. I hadn't felt that way before."

One of Kruz's nicknames is "Nemo," and his family calls his injured arm his "Lucky Fin." They have additionally referenced "just keep swimming" throughout his journey, just like the motif throughout the film *Finding Nemo*. Coincidentally, Kruz loves water and swimming. Soon,

he will be splashing around with both arms as he continues to regain mobility and rotation in his "lucky

ALEE NEEDS YOU!!



***New Nobles
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Our Philanthropy

A Purpose-driven Fraternity – Membership with a Meaningful Impact

The fraternity established Shriners Children's as its official philanthropy in 1922 and continues to support it today. It is now one of the largest pediatric sub-specialty healthcare systems in the world, with locations in the United States, Canada and Mexico.

In addition, the healthcare system holds hundreds of outreach clinics annually, with medical staff members routinely traveling to places around the world to provide pediatric medical care. The staff of Shriners Children's is dedicated to improving the lives of children by providing pediatric specialty care, conducting innovative research and offering outstanding educational programs for medical professionals.



Alee Mobile Unit Classics Presents

*December
13th*

2025



Miss Alee Scholarship Pageant



*Alee Temple Shrine
100 Eisenberg Dr, Savannah, Ga*

All proceeds go to the Alee Mobile Unit Classics and are not tax deductible

Editorial Without Words

A photo known as the "Editorial Without Words" is probably one of the best recognized photos of Shriners Hospitals, yet it was taken almost by accident. Randy Dieter, the photographer, recalled that in 1970, he had been on assignment covering the local Shriners' annual outing for handicapped children at the now-defunct Mesker Amusement Park in Evansville, Indiana.

While taking shots of the midway and was using my telephoto lens," Dieter said. "I saw a Shrinker walking by carrying a little girl in one hand and her crutches in the other. My camera wouldn't fire. Then they were too close for my lens. I ran past them, but the camera fired. I had to take my last shot as they walked by. It was the end of the roll. If I had to do it over, I wouldn't have come up with something like that. Fate guides you."

"It seems unreal," said Bobbi Jo Wright, the little girl in the photo. "I have many wonderful memories of the years I was a patient at the St. Louis Shriners Hospital and remember all the activities. I was born with cerebral palsy, which resulted in many orthopaedic problems that made walking difficult. I had many surgeries at the St. Louis Hospital. They greatly improved my ability to walk."

Bobbi Jo received her B.A. in English from Anderson University. She is active in her church and attends Sunday School. "I use a cane when I go shopping," she said. "If I'm walking on uneven areas, I use crutches."

The photo has been reproduced on stained-glass windows, mosaics, tie t-shirts, and in statues. A larger-than-life replica of the "Editorial Without Words" stands outside the International Shrine Headquarters building in Tampa. Photographer Randy Dieter currently serves as graphics editor for the Kentucky Post.

The Shrinker who was unexpectedly immortalized carrying Bobbi Jo was Al Hortman. After his daughter Laura began receiving treatment at Shriners Hospitals for Children in St. Louis, Al became a Shrinker.



Original photo from 1970



Bobbi Jo visiting her statue at the Greenville hospital in 2012

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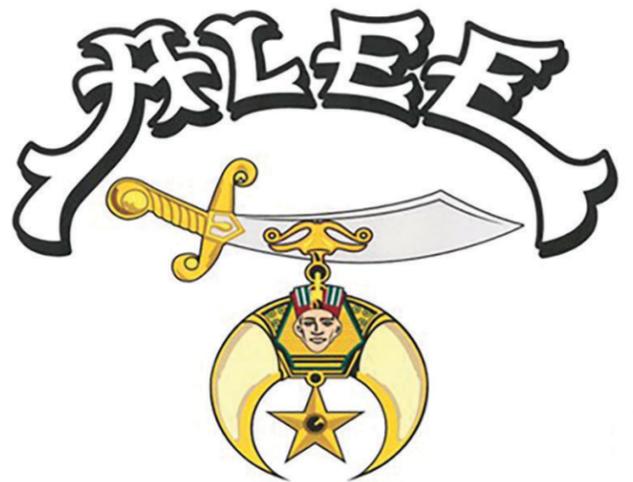
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