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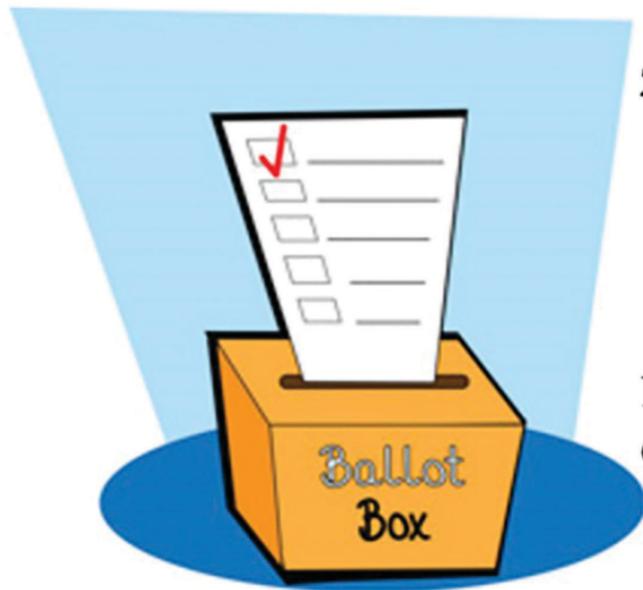
## 2024 ANNUAL ELECTION

Saturday, January 13, 2024

2:00 pm Annual Meeting begins.

Fez and 2024 Dues Card required.

Ladies Program in the Arena



Dinner following Installation -

Cost is \$25.00 per person. Make

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by January 10th.

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

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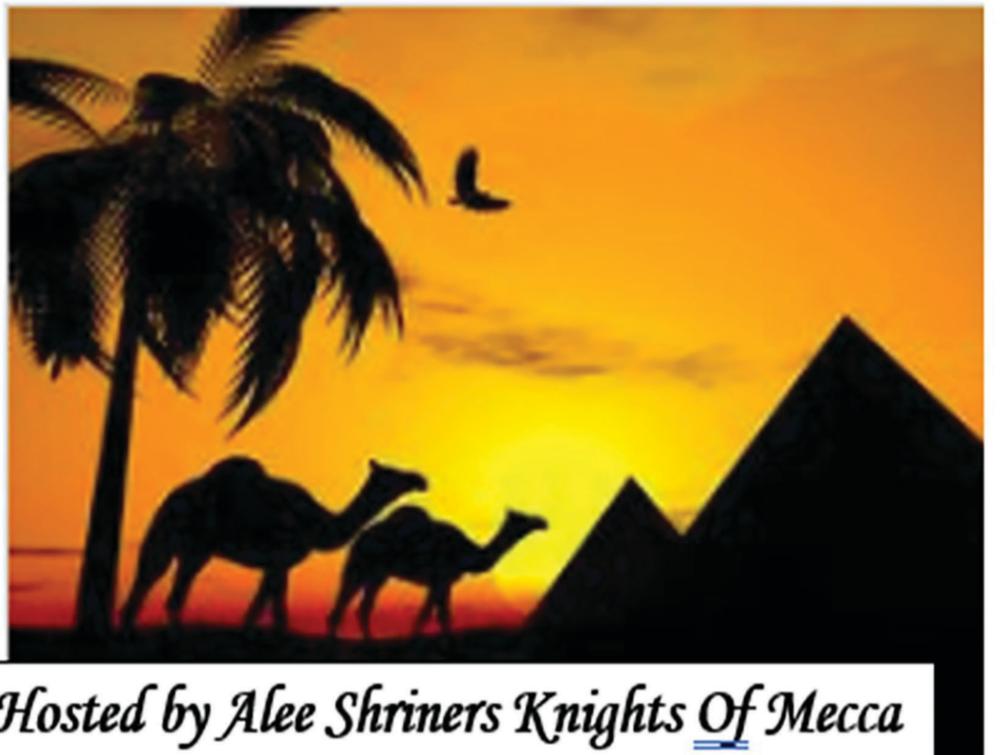
## ALEE SHRINE MEMORIAL SERVICE

January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024

2:30 p.m.



MOSQUE BALLROOM



*Hosted by Alee Shriners Knights Of Mecca  
- a Past Masters Association*

*Refreshments provided by Alee Ladies Auxiliary*

**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"



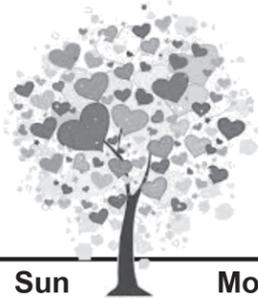
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# February 2024



**2023 APPOINTED DIVAN**  
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 Director - Noble Brian Dixon  
 Temple Marshall - Noble Jamie Corcelius  
 Captain of the Guard - Noble Ryan Fedak  
 Outer Guard - Noble Ken King  
 Chaplain - Noble Carlos Ruiz

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**REPRESENTATIVE TO IMPERIAL COUNCIL**  
 Illustrious Potentate - Robbie Moore  
 Elected - PP James "JJ" Johns  
 Elected - PP Dave Armstrong, Sr.  
 Elected - PP Steve Lingle  
 Emeritus - PP Lester A. Claxton  
 Emeritus - PP Calvin Hodges  
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 Send articles as a word document attached to the email. When pictures are used - please send originals. Photos must be high resolution jpeg. Provide the the photographer's name.

2024 Annual Business Meeting & Election  
 The 127th Annual Meeting of Alee Shriners, Shriners International  
 Saturday, January 13th at 2 pm, Alee Ballroom  
 Annual Reports and Election of Officers and Representatives will be held.  
 2024 Dues Card and FEZ are necessary for admission.

BY THE ORDER OF:  
 Robbie Moore  
 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 resumé 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.  
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 (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 officers' void and order a new election.  
 (d) Notice. At least one week prior to the annual meeting or any election, the temple Recorder shall mail to each member a notice thereof containing this section.

# JANUARY 20, 2024

## Leadership



The 2024 Illustrious Sir invites all Presidents and line officers to attend a meeting January 20 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

12:30ish —Lunch

Ladies are invited to lunch

There will be a ladies program in the Arena (playing card/games) and the ladies will join us for lunch

### DEGREES

**BEGINNING AT 2PM. ANYONE INTERESTED IN GOING THROUGH A DEGREE? THIS IS THE TIME!**

Cost varies per degree!

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Oriental Band— Nobles only Mandarin Degree \$25

Hillbilly Degree: Nobles \$50 and Ladies \$30



Are You A Turtle? Degree Nobles and Ladies

Buffalo Degree Noble \$50 Lady \$50



### Oyster Roast



**\$25 per person**  
Patio 4 pm

3-2-1 bar  
Chili for non Oyster eaters —no charge

**RSVP by January 15**

No tickets sold at door!

Purchase event tickets: [aleeshriners.org](http://aleeshriners.org)

## Thank YOU!!

Alee's Ladies Auxiliary wishes to **THANK** all Nobles and Ladies who helped make the 2023 Children's Christmas Party a success for our Shrine patients and our children. Over 176 Children!! Fun was had by young and older!



**SPECIAL THANKS TO:**

DAVID HUMPHRIES (PHOTOGRAPHER)

DAVE ARMSTRONG II (EMCEE)

DIVAN LIAISON OG RAY CHRISTIAN & LADY ANNETTE  
JOHN WILLIS (SANTA) AND LADY KATHY (MRS. CLAUS)

ILL SIR BUDDY GRAYSON (READ THE GRINCH STORY)

LADY HOLLY HUMPHRIES (GRINCH)

LADY PAT COOPER (TOY GURU)

ILL SIR ROBBIE MOORE & LADY COOKIE (BLOWUPS)

ILL SIR STEVE LINGLE & LADY DONNA MCCUTCHEN (SLEIGH)

**ALL THE UNITS, CLUBS, AND AUXILIARIES DONATED MONEY AND SETTING UP A BOOTH**

Brunswick Ladies Auxiliary, Director's Staff, Drifters, Dune Cats and Dune Cat Auxiliary, Effingham Ladies Auxiliary, Hillbilly Gals, Hinesville/Ft. Stewart Shrine Club and Ladies Auxiliary, Keystone Kops, Ohana for Aziza, Oriental Band, Pirates, Roadrunners, Sharon Jacobs – Face Painting, Statesboro Shrine Club, and Tattnall County Shrine Club.

*From Alee Ladies Auxiliary*



### New Nobles

David C. Ashley	Steven E. Kicklighter
Tyler Barnard	William B. Knight
John A. Bentley	Brett L. Loehr
Dennis Bernal	Luther C. McKenzie III
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Stephen J. Curl	Daniel M. Pelletier
Michael Ellis	Bobby T. Pye
Homer W. Fuqua Jr	Phillip W. Robinowich
Anthony S. Grafton	Thomas Schlappal Jr
Scott R. Hall	Joseph G. Sharpley
Dylan Harper	John W. Simmons
Ira W. Harper Jr	Linny Stone
Robert S. Harper	Brent A. Whitaker
Thomas J. Houser Jr	William G. Whiteman
David Hulett	Joey L. Williams

Alee Shriners would like to **WELCOME** our New Nobles and their Ladies to our family.

To fully enjoy your Shrine experience – **GET INVOLVED**. Do as much as you can to create a wonderful work -play lifestyle that fits your family. Many opportunities to get involved with Unit and Club projects and Shrine events. Also, the many ways we support our Shriners Hospitals.

Looking forward to seeing you around the Temple.

You Are Cordially  
Invited to a Reception  
Honoring  
**Alee's 2024 First Lady**

Sunday, February 4, 2024  
2:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Alee Temple Arena  
Dressy Casual or Sunday Best

Hosted by the Effingham Ladies Auxiliary, and  
the Jesup Ladies Auxiliary  
RSVP: Alee Shrine Office, (912) 355-2422 ext. 4

# ALEE MEMBERS AT WORK

## Work Day

### February 17, 2024

- Projects
- Bring a Mason that is thinking of becoming a Shriner. Excellent opportunity to show your friend Shrine teamwork and Shrine life.

*Work Day is to improve the aesthetics of the Temple in preparation of the Potentate's Ball and for rentals. Ladies 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



## Alee Shriners Ladies Auxiliary

# TEXAS HOLD'EM

- ◆ Tournament open to Ladies & Men
- ◆ Registration starts at 11 am
- ◆ Play starts at 12 noon
- ◆ Food and Drink Provided

Register for chip-up and questions: 912-433-6091 or [armsmka@gmail.com](mailto:armsmka@gmail.com)

February 3rd \$50 Entry

All proceeds benefit the Alee Shriners Ladies Auxiliary and are not tax deductible.

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# Waynesboro Shrine Club

On behalf of our President, Jimmy Atkins, I would like to thank the members of Waynesboro Shrine Club for placing your trust in us to lead our club in 2024. The Officers will do our best to continue moving the club forward. We are all here to support Alee Shrine and Shriners Children's Hospital. President Atkins would also like to thank Illustrious Sir Buddy Grayson and Lady Laura for taking the time to come and install the 2024 Waynesboro Shrine Club Officers and all those who were able to attend the Christmas Dinner and Installation. What a great time we had!

Past President Ellison would like to thank all of the members for their support along with the friends and relatives who came to lend a hand at our fund raisers. These family and friends have been very supportive over the years, and we appreciate all the support and hope you come back. He would also like you to know, we have been honored and very much appreciative of the support given by the members of the Alee Divan who have come to Waynesboro to lend a helping hand at our fund raisers.

As we need our membership to grow in our club, President Atkins would like all Nobles and Ladies to seek out those Masonic brothers you know would make a great Shriner and speak to them about becoming a member of the world's greatest philanthropy and our club. Membership is one key to the success of Alee Shrine and Waynesboro Shrine Club being around for many years to come.

Nobles and Ladies, please, we ask that you keep those friends and relatives in your prayers that may be dealing with difficulties. This world has gone crazy, and prayers do work!

Nobles there is still time to pay your 2023 before I purge the club membership rolls. I will be purging the rolls at the end of February. If you have not paid your 2024 dues, I will be glad to accept them at the next meeting. Should any Noble needs help with paying dues, please contact our secretary, Ill. Sir Clyde Bowie at 706-945-7377 to get your dues paid. Brothers, I always say, if we don't know it is broken, we can't even start to fix it.

Please stop by and see what's going on in the Bird Dog Capital of the World and check out our little club. Come sit with us and enjoy some good food and fellowship! Shriners Children's Hospitals Making Kids Well Over 100 Years.

Fraternally yours,  
Clyde Bowie, P.P.  
Secretary



# Oriental Band

Happy New Year! I hope that you & yours had a wonderful New Year! Let's get this New Year off to a fantastic start for 2024. Thank you to the Bandsmen and Ladies who came out & helped with popcorn for the Kids' Christmas Party. 176 kids came out. A fun time was had by all!!!!

The Band got a check for \$791 for parking cars at the fair. It is easy money and a great time. Be sure to sign up the next time!! The new year starts with a lot going on. Be sure to check your Fez Newspaper for dates and times. On January 14th, Memorial Services for our Lost Brothers. Please come & show your support for the families.

Welcome to the new Ladies & Nobles. Please stop by the Oriental Band Room. The Oriental Band is always looking for new members to enjoy & have fun, ladies also.

We would like to thank you for help filling our can trailer. We were able to present a check to the Greenville Hospital for \$1,000. Please keep bringing cans! The more we fill up the trailer the more we can contribute to the Greenville Hospital.

The Oriental Band Ladies Auxiliary has Fez cases & other accessories you can special order, contact Annette Perry at 912-308-2980 or Cindy Hendricks at 912-663-2370. Thank you to Our Military, 1st Responders, Doctors, and nurses, for what they do! Keep the less fortunate in your thoughts & prayers as well as Tony Stanford. Remember many hands make light work. Hope to see everyone out & about the Temple.

Fraternally Yours,  
Garry Hendricks



# Alee Shriners Past Masters' Association

Happy New Year everyone! We hope your holiday season was filled with joy, love, peace and maybe some "Chicken Grease". We are starting a new year with new hopes and dreams. This month of January will be a busy month so get ready and don't be surprised. We will be voting on a new Potentate, Divan and Oriental Guide at our Annual, which should be lots of fun. We at the Knights of Mecca might not do much throughout the year but this one thing we do well, and it is our Memorial Service Sunday January 14, 2024, 2:30pm when we remember and honor our fellow Nobles whom were visited by the Black Camel in 2023. Everyone is invited to this great event, bring your loved ones and friends. At the end of November, we had our installation service, so please congratulate the following Nobles President Jamie Corcelius, Vice President Lenzy Phillips, Treasure Jordan Foster and Secretary Wayne Foster. Hope to see you in and around the Temple.

"Looking for more in 2024 at Alee"

If you're a sitting Worshipful Master or Past Master and desire to become a member, come join us with your family, we would be glad to have you for some fun and fellowship. We meet on every fifth Thursday; dues are \$5.00 per year or \$100.00 for Life Member, please see our Secretary Noble Wayne Foster. Guests and families are always invited and welcomed.

"Enjoy the Fun"  
Carlos R Ruiz, PM  
Knights of Mecca  
Article Writer Dude



Howdy Nobles, Ladies and Flatlanders,

Welcome New Nobles and Ladies to Alee Shrine!! The Hillbilly Unit wants to invite you to come visit us if-N you iz looking for a Fun Unit to join and get excited and involved with the Shriners!! 1st and 3rd Mondays (upstairs) in the JC Lewis building, Social around 6:30-pm and meetings at 7:30.

This will be my last FEZ article as our new Secretary, JD Ficher will be taking over this task for me because I will be Prez of the Unit for 2024. I hope you've been as Entertained as much as I have been for the last 6+ years of tryin' to remember when to have articles submitted!! Maybe with somebody what haz sum Ed-u-ma-cation will actually rite sumthang you can Actually read! It has been my "Pleasure" to Help (somewhat) to keep you informed of the happenings with our Hillbilly Unit and thangs happenin' about Alee.

Dates to remember: January 13, Divan installation, Jan. 14 Memorial service for Nobles who left us too soon in 2023.

January 20 after the Leadership Orientation for new Unit / Club officers, there WILL be a Hillbilly Degree!! This is a Fun degree and doesn't obligate you to join the Unit if you don't want to (but we hope you would) Men - \$50.00, Ladies + \$30.00 for Lifetime membership in Clan 30, Hillbilly Hat and Dues card(s) provided with installation, and More Laughs than you've had in your life (That alone is worth the price of admission !!) Patches will be available to purchase.

I Hope everyone has an exciting and SAFE Holiday Season the last 2 munths. I know I felt really Blessed to be around so may fine people.

Lets keep our Shrine Children, their caregivers, Our Wonderful Hospitals and Staff(s) in Blessed and Healing Prayers when on bended knee. As well as our Military and First Responders.

It has been a Great year under the current Potentate Robbie Moore's (Lady Cookie) and the Divan!! Once again, felt really Blessed (and Lucky) to NOT have my Shrine Card Pulled!!

"Let's Do More In '24"  
JT Dah Hillbilly - Peace Out !!  
Prez 2024



# ALEE PIRATES

Ahoy Me Hearties

2023 was a success for the Pirate Unit and now we sail forward to 2024. Congratulations to all officers who were elected and to the new president Jeff Roberson. We will continue to steer the Pirate unit forward to many successes.

I would like to thank the Pirate Unit for the opportunity of being your president. The support I received was tremendous and could not have asked for as many mentors as I had to assist me throughout the year. Also, to our Potentate Robbie Moore and the Divan, thank you for your guidance and assistants throughout the year so we could "Sail into the future".

The Annual Pirate Unit Christmas party was a resounding success. Thank you to our Divan Representative, Ray Christian, for installing the officers for 2024 and for all his support throughout the year. Job well done.

A big shout out to "I Got This" Robbie Major!!! He was awarded the coveted 2022 Pirate Presidents Award - The Julian Browne Pirate of the Year Award in recognition of his dedication to service and commitment to the Alee Shrine Pirate Unit. Well-deserved Brother!

As 2024 begins don't forget we have our first social planned for Amelia Island in May. Make sure to make your reservations. We have a lot more socials and we must get the ship ready for Parade season which is just around the corner.

Just want to say thank you again and can't wait to see what 2024 has to offer from our new board of officers.

PIRATES ARR NUMBER ONE!

Andrew Watt SR, President, 2023  
Alee Pirate Unit  
[alee.piratepresident@gmail.com](mailto:alee.piratepresident@gmail.com)

"Now and then we had a hope that if we lived and were good, God would permit us to be Pirates." - Mark Twain



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## Augusta Golf Unit

Our unit Christmas dinner and election of officers was held at Applewood Golf Course on December 3<sup>rd</sup>. The following Nobles were elected and installed as the 2024 Augusta Shrine Club Golf Unit Officers, Noble Floyd Sherrod as President, Noble Andy Cato as Vic President, Noble Ernie Martin as Treasurer and Illustrious Sir Clyde Bowie as Secretary. Congratulations to all of our 2024 Officers.

On behalf of President Sherrod, our members would like to thank Chuck Baer for taking the time to host and prepare some delicious steaks, baked potatoes, salad and dessert for our Christmas Dinner and the Installation of Officers. Those who were not able to attend missed a good night.

President Sherrod has hit the ground running as we are ramping up and preparing for the Augusta Shrine Clubs Golf Unit Annual Tournament at Applewood Golf Course with a tentative date of May 3, 2024 upon Potentate approval.

Nobles and Ladies, please keep all those who are dealing with health issues and other reasons in your prayers as you get on you knees and bow your heads. All of our members are valuable to making our unit better and help us accomplish goals set forth by the unit President.

If anyone is in the Augusta area and would like to join us for a great game of golf, let us know so we can hit a few rounds. We have a lot of beautiful golf courses to choose from.

Our President would like to invite you to come out and be part of the Augusta Shrine Club Golf Unit. The unit Caddies (Ladies) are always welcome to come join us. We meet on the fourth Thursday of the month, after the meeting, we usually go to one of the many local restaurants for great food and fellowship. We look forward to you visiting and getting involved in this outstanding unit.

Clyde Bowie, P.P.  
Secretary and  
Golf Unit Ball Washer



Well, we made it to a new year in spite of ourselves! Congratulations to all who did so.

We had a good end of the year. Christmas Party, Richmond Hill Christmas Parade, Children's Christmas Party, Gun Show fund raiser and a few other things that I forget.

Congratulations to Past President Chris Hutson and his Lady, Erica for hosting a wonderful unit Christmas Party. If you didn't make it, shame on you. Someone said that the Hutsons should plan the Christmas Party every year. All in favor...?

Thank you to Spanky the Snowman, Angie the Elf, Benjamin Rudolph, Lenzy and Melanie for helping with the Children's Christmas Party. The kids loved you.

Congratulations also to the new officers, President Ben Kates, Vice President Chris Morris, Treasurer Lenzy Phillips, and newly elected Secretary Steve Lewis. You guys have big shoes to fill, but we will follow where you lead.

Bobby told me that the difference between him and a calendar is, the calendar has dates.

Thanks to the unit members who worked the Gun Show. It is an easy way to raise monies for the hospitals. The hope is that more members will get involved in this endeavor.

There are some big plans for this coming year to try and get more members involved. Socials, pop-up socials, unit fundraisers, etc. Please help support the Director's Staff.

Anyways, thanks to everyone who made 2023 a good year and will help make 2024 even better.

Until then,  
Ol' (used to be) Sparky

## Jesup Shrine Club

Greetings from the Jesup Shrine Club,

The year is coming to an end and what a great year it was!

Members of the Jesup Shrine Club went to Ceremonial in November to support the Temple and New Nobles. What a great time we had! On Friday night, candidate Jim McPipkin was busy raising money for the children by selling samples of his granddaddy's (recipe) apple pie. Great job New Noble for presenting your fundraising efforts on Saturday night!

But on Saturday morning, who loves a parade?? We all do but Noble Jim was particularly fond of the new Shriners parade! You represented us well, Jim! Saturday night we all had a great time. I love the Fezzing, it's my favorite part! Jesup Shrine Club and our ladies auxiliary both made presentations. We enjoyed the food and a little dancing and a lot of making memories. Thank you to the Temple and all who were involved in hosting Ceremonial.

December brings parades and although the Jesup Parade got postponed due to rain, we were able to make it to Hinesville Parade, Vidalia Parade, Ludowici Parade and even Screven and Baxley which were on the same day, but the Hillbillies were able to divide and conquer!! Thank you, Hillbillies, for all you do to make the Jesup Shrine Club look good!

Speaking of looking good, Regulators and Hillbillies united to be in the Jesup Veterans Day Parade!! Thank you to the Divan and other clubs and units who came out to support our small town parade with a big heart!

Locally, and also making us look good, Noble Dawson Trapnell and Nobel Michael Burch were inducted into Jesup's prestigious 40 Under 40! This is an award that goes to 40 individuals each year in honor of their life accomplishments and achievements for people who are, you guessed it, under 40 years of age. We are so proud of you both and I give you my most sincere and warm congratulations!

Upcoming: Jesup's annual Turkey Shoot got postponed and will now be on January 27, 2024! Yall come on out and help us with this fundraiser! If you'd like to have a rootin' tootin' shootin' good time or if you'd just like to socialize, call Noble Hunter McCrary [912-256-2301](tel:912-256-2301) or Noble Shane Poppell [912-269-3521](tel:912-269-3521) for all the information.

That's about all I have for now. I'd like to wish you all a very merry Christmas and Happy New Year from all of the Jesup crew!

Best Regards,  
The Jesup Shrine Club  
Lady Denise Bennett

## Waynesboro Ladies Auxiliary

Happy New Year  
Happy, Happy New Year!  
We wish you all the best,  
Great work to reach your fondest goals,  
And when you're one, sweet rest.

We hope for your fulfillment,  
Contentment, peace and more,  
A brighter, better new year than  
You've ever had before.

President Waynesboro Ladies Auxiliary  
Past First Lady Tigris – Melissa Damon

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## Augusta Go-Cart Unit



Congratulations to the following Nobles who were elected and installed as the Augusta Shrine Club Go-Cart Unit Officers for 2024, Noble Don Harris as Captain, Noble James Paul, as 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant, Noble Jimmy Atkins as Treasurer and Illustrious Sir, Clyde Bowie as Secretary.

Captain Harris would like to thank all our members for a fantastic year in 2023. Even though we did not get to ride in all the parades we wanted we did accomplish a lot with the carts. We are looking forward to a great year in 2024!

Nobles and Ladies, take a moment and check out the new and improved Augusta Shrine Club website at [www.Augusta-Shrine-Club.com](http://www.Augusta-Shrine-Club.com) and see all the improvements Illustrious Sir Gary Damon has made to it.

Nobles and Ladies, while on bended knees please keep all in your prayers as we know many who are dealing with difficulties in their lives.

Noble's your 2023 and 2024 Go-Cart Unit dues are due. If you are suffering a hardship, please let Captain Harris or myself know so we can help. We are all Shrine Masons and are here to help our brothers in need.

If you are interested in visiting our meetings, we meet on the third Wednesday of each month at the Augusta Shrine Club 1826 Phinizy Road Augusta, Georgia. We eat at 7:00 pm and we meet at 8:00 pm. Ladies are always welcome. If you would like to visit our meeting, please call our Secretary, Clyde Bowie P.P. at 706-945-7377 to make sure we have enough food to go around.

Clyde Bowie, P.P.  
Secretary and  
Tire Changer

## Alee Dune Cats



Have a Happy New Year!

Great time at the annual Dune Cat Christmas Party and Installation of the 2024 Officers. It was awesome to see so many Nobles and Ladies celebrate with us. Lady Tiffany Stewart did a great job with the Christmas gifts/game. It was great to see ladies: Delaine Sumner, Shirley Boyles, Linda Burns and Tonya Thompson. Thank you Divan members: Ill Sir Robbie Moore, Lady Cookie Moore, HPP David W Armstrong II and Lady Cheryl Armstrong for attending. Also, it was great to see Ill Sir Brooks Gaudry and Lady Dianne out and about.

2024 Officers:  
Pres. Noble Aaron Sauls  
VP Noble Elliott Phillips  
Chief Mechanic Ill Sir Freddie Humphries Jr  
Treasurer Noble Bob Ward  
Secretary Noble Jamie Corcelius  
Alee Dune Cats of the Year, very well deserved...  
Past President, Noble Neal Thompson

I would like to remind you that our meetings are on the first Monday of each month at 7:30 in the Dune Cat room located on the second floor of the JC Lewis Building. Also, we have an Election on January 13 and the Memorial Service on January 14 at 2:30 pm.

We really need to get your involvement. If you haven't been able to attend, you are missing the fun and fellowship that only face-to-face meetings can create. We have missed YOU and we hope we can count on you to attend the next meeting. The Dune Cats look forward to another great year it would be greater if you joined us for the fun and fellowship.

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

Speedy

## Temple Ladies Auxiliary

Hello Alee Nation!

Can you believe it's 2024!!!!

We are so looking forward to the New Year and have big things planned.

We will again, as we have for many years, provide the refreshments after the Alee Memorial Service to be held on Sunday January 14<sup>th</sup>. It is a really special tribute to Shriners who have passed on in the past year. Please come and pay your respects to fallen men who have made Alee what it is today.

Calling all Nobles' Ladies! You would be so welcome at the Alee Ladies Auxiliary!

Please Ladies, if you want to get to know other Shrine Ladies outside of your usual group, come and be with us. Our meetings are held on the First Tuesday at 11AM in the Bill Porter Room. We have refreshments and a lot of fun!

Also, the election and installation of new Divan is coming up fast on January 13<sup>th</sup>. There is a Ladies program that day so come and join your Shriner as he elects a new Divan and remains active in this worthwhile organization.

We will continue our Poker Tournaments in the new year with 2 planned already. It is a fun day for us and an excellent fundraiser for our Auxiliary.

Also, with 176 children - over twice as many children as last year! - attending our Children's Christmas Party we have depleted our toy inventory and will be asking for each Unit, Club, and Auxiliary to please find it in your hearts to donate to this worthwhile cause for us. It was a great time, and we would like to say the biggest thank you to ALL clubs and units, auxiliaries, that participated in the party with crafts and lots and lots of Holiday fun. Also, a big thank you to Santa and Mrs. Claus for traveling so far to greet each child with a picture and a toy. Thanks to Illustrious Sir Buddy Grayson and the Grinch for sharing the story of the Grinch with the children. There were smiles everywhere that day. Personally I believe that we were the ones who received the blessing.

We sure would love to have you join us. Find out what's going on with Alee Shriners even if your Shriner's unit doesn't have an Auxiliary or if it does, come meet new ladies.

Hope to see you at all of these fun events!

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## Hinesville - Ft. Stewart Shrine Club Alee Club of the Year 2016, 2017, 2018 & 2021 Alee Parade Club of the Year 2018

As we wrapped up 2023, we talked about how fast the year passed and reflected on what we did as a club. It's quite a list:

In our community we hosted our annual Pumpkin Patch and participated in the Small World Festival, Scarecrow Stroll, supported the Food Truck Festival, set up Shriner booths at local high school football games, sponsored a local high school band, and sponsored a kid's shooting team for the Potentate's Clay Shoot. And of course, we hosted the Hinesville Christmas Parade.

We like to support other clubs and units. We helped Jesup Shrine Club with concessions at the Rodeo, joined others at Alee for the Drifter Easter Egg Hunt, teamed with Alee Hillbilly's for Black Friday at Bass Pro, purchased Boston Butts from Bryan County Shrine Club, and attempted to support Effingham Shrine Club in the annual Savannah River Poker Run (but Captain Lee sank the boat, almost). We also donated to the Iron Knights Iron Butt Ride.

We held 4 fundraisers this year: the unforgettable pool/billiards tournament, the awesome gun raffle, the Pumpkin Patch and the fairgrounds parking detail. We sold all 16 tickets allocated to us for the Alee \$10k raffle. And as usual we held 2 paper drives (Hospital Crusade).

We purchased and modified a flatbed truck that will complement our decorated trailer and will soon be able to transport our hillbilly truck to all our parades and events. This is a welcome addition to our club with an awesome but temperamental sound system.

Our support of Alee is phenomenal. Members of HFSSC have attended every President's meeting, every Stated Session, the Annual Meeting, Annual Memorial Service, Valentines Dance, Children's Dance, Temple workday, Potentate's Ball weekend, Alee Auction, SASA, Imperial, Haunted House workdays and security details, Fall Ceremonial, Children's Christmas Party, Nobility Christmas Party, and numerous parades.

HFSSC Nobles and the Lady's Auxiliary donated to the Alee Auction, Greenville Hospital, Morris Sloton Fund, Hillbilly Gals Love Quilt, and First Lady's Project.

In addition to being members of a Blue Lodge, many of our Nobles are active in Scottish Rite, York Rite, and Sojourners. We also have members who serve in leadership positions in local organizations like the Liberty County Chamber of Commerce, Long County Development Authority, Coastal Georgia Military Affairs Committee, Hinesville Rotary Club and Hinesville Kiwanis Club.

Several members of our club support Alee in official capacities including the primary and assistant Parade Marshalls, 2 personal aides to the Potentate, 4 members of the Alee Color Guard, 5 members of the Ritualistic Divan, the Alee Chaplain, 1 member of the Alee Membership Committee, 1 recently appointed Associate Representative to the Shriners Hospital in Greenville, and Past Potentate (2015) JJ Johns who also serves as an advisor to the Potentate and Imperial Representative for Alee.

For a club of less than 30 members this is an awesome checklist of accomplishments and support. Congratulations to HFSSC Nobles, Ladies, and families for a great year and thank you for all you do. You are an exceptional collection of assorted and entertaining personalities who make things happen and exemplify the concepts of friendship and fellowship.

## Augusta Ladies Auxiliary

Happy New Year  
A bright, shiny new year  
Empty, bet, pristine,  
Waiting, ready  
for us to get it right.  
Another chance  
To love and forgive.  
Another chance  
To make a real effort  
To give more than we get.  
Another chance  
To make a difference.  
A good new year.  
A Happy New Year!

President Augusta Ladies Auxiliary  
Past First Lady of Tigris - Melissa Damon

## Augusta Shrine Club

Can you believe it; we are in 2024, boy does time does fly when you are having fun. The Augusta Shrine Club Installation of Officers and Awards Banquet was held on December 13, 2023. On behalf of the members of the Augusta Shrine Club, I want to congratulate the newly installed Officers for 2024, Noble Andy Cato as President, Illustrious Sir, Gary Damon as Vice President, Noble Jimmy Atkins as Treasurer and Illustrious Sir, Clyde Bowie as Secretary. I look forward to working with all the officers to help continue moving our club forward. I understand President Cato has some awesome plans and a busy year planned for us. On behalf of all of the 2024 Officers, I want to thank the members for placing their confidence and trust in us too lead the club and we assure you, we are willing to assist Alee Shrine and Shriner Children's Hospital and look forward to working with the 2024 Divan.

Nobles and Ladies, let's offer our congratulations to Past President, Noble Mark Blackburn for a successful year. Thank you for your leadership and manning the helm to continue the forward momentum of our club. Before the installation, Past President Blackburn gave awards out to some very deserving Nobles and Ladies. Congratulations to the family of our late brother, Noble Charles Gay for posthumously receiving the award as the 2023 Shriner of the Year. Noble Gay worked hard for the Augusta Shrine Club for many years, helping it become what it is today. We also want to congratulate Illustrious Sir Gary Damon and Lady Melissa for receiving the award as the 2023 Most Valuable Shriner and Noble Clayton Thompson for receiving the award as the 2023 Rookie Shriner of the year. These are all well deserving Nobles and Ladies and we thank you for all your hard work!

Please come out and join us for some good fellowship during what I think will be a very busy year. The Augusta Shrine Club meets the second Wednesday of each month. We have a wonderful meal starting at 7:00 pm and we meet at 8:00 pm. Ladies are always invited and they conduct the Ladies Auxiliary meeting while the Nobles are having theirs. Prospects for the Masonic Degrees and Masons are always welcome to come and see what we are all about. We are always looking for good Master Masons to be part of our fraternity.

On behalf of President Cato, we would like to invite all of Alee Clubs and Units to come to Augusta in March and participate in the Augusta St. Patrick's Day Parade. More information will be coming as soon as we can confirm the date and times for line-up and step-off. Come join us for an awesome time and lunch will be served afterward at the club.

Fraternally yours,  
Clyde Bowie, P.P.  
Secretary  
Augusta Shrine Club

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# MEMBERSHIP MATTERS



# Keystone Kops

So, 2023 has come and gone like the many years before. The Masters of Mystery and Mayhem had an enjoyable year as always quietly doing their thing. While I was at the Alee Childrens Christmas party a fellow noble pointed to the Keystone KOP (Nobel Terrance White KOP 61) in full parade attire playing with some children and he said "Hey look! one of your KOPs, that's the first thing I've seen you guys at all year." I thought about this for a moment and then realized, this particular Noble must think the KOPS wear their full parade uniform everywhere they go, or maybe he thinks we are only ALEE KEYSTONE KOPS when we are wearing parade regalia.

That being said, I decided to summarize our blessings this year and offer thanks and praise to the Great Architect of the Universe for the time, resources and opportunities he has provided for the Kops to accomplish the things we did in 2023. We are humbled and blessed every year to see the many smiling faces and hear the happy cheers of the lives touched and aided by the efforts of the Keystone KOPS.

With that I present the **2023 KEYSTONE KOPS** calendar of events

*Note: Not all events attended in parade uniform.*

## 2023 A KOP YEAR IN REVIEW

### The things you see...

Keystone KOPs attended several parades in 2023 as most units do. Sav St Pat's, Shellman's Bluff, SASA, thunderbolt, ceremonial and others.

Keystone KOPs had a shooting team in the Potentates shooting tourney.

Keystone Kops had a golf team in the Ceremonial golf tourney.

KOPS won an award at SASA for parade unit.

### The things you should see...

Kops attended the Temple workday to prepare the temple for the Potentates ball.

Kops attended both Haunted House work days to prepare the house for the season.

What does the 2023 MC of the Potentates Ball, the 2023 ALEE Auctioneer, The 2023 Haunted House Liaison, the 2023 MC of the ceremonial and the 2023 HONOREE of the Ceremonial all have in common?

---THEY ARE ALL KOPS!!!

### The things you don't see...

The Auction and Haunted House are the 2 largest fundraisers for the temple (over \$250K raised together)

The food and labor for the Leadership orientation luncheon and oyster roast – provided and served by the KOPS

The Friday night Low Country Boil at the Potentates ball where everyone got enough shrimp and leftovers for the hospitality room – Provided and served by the KOPS.

The Food and Labor at the Chief Rabban budget meeting – provided by the KOPS.

The new paint and the labor to paint the new maze at the haunted house – provided by the KOPS.

The gun shot windows at the temple – repaired and replaced by the KOPS.

The Skidaway side door and the Arena door – donated and replaced by the KOPS.

Several Kops are proud members of the 2023 Ritualistic Cast for the Ceremonial and provide the music for the second session as well. **This is also not done in KOP parade regalia.**

Well, that about sums up temple business for the Kops for 2023. As you can see, we place time, effort and resources on the temple itself. I promise to return to telling our readers about our adventures with the sheik and trips on the winged paddy wagon and the fun places we go and things we do on our own time. Turns out we are not going to be in the rose bowl parade this year, something to do with the sheik no longer supporting any organization that can't tell men from women or identifies as A\$\$ holes!

The way the KOPS see things is simple really. The Shrine is a volunteer organization that raises money for a specific cause, and it takes time, effort and resources to operate such a venture. We find it most effective when you remember 3 key principles about charity work...

1. Leadership has No power over a Volunteer, make your policies with this in mind

2. The people providing the time and effort for your organization should not be the targets for your revenue.

3. Make the best decision for the people, then focus on finances. Don't let finances make the decision.

That's enough wisdom for today, if we keep giving you these nuggets and pearls too many people will wanna be Kopps and the winged Paddy wagon only has so many seats.

Fraternally yours

Public Relations Officer, KOP 52.

# Shriners Children's - Greenville

On behalf of Board Chairman, Most Worshipful Brother Bobby Simmons, the Board of Directors and Hospital Staff, we hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and Happy New Year. I am proud to report, your Greenville Hospital continues to operate under budget, as we provide the best care possible to children with orthopedic and many other conditions.

Greenville continues to improve all numbers set forth by Tampa which are used to measure progress and performance of our hospital. Due to some changes in the reporting (STR) system, there are still a few of the Strategic and Tactical numbers that are not available in the below chart.

## Hospital Performance Dash Board:

	YTD 2022	Goal	YTD 2023
<b>Total Referrals</b>	3,859	TBD	-
<b>New Patient Visits</b>	2,848	2,933	-
<b>Clinic Visits</b>	12,057	12,419	11,544
<b>Telehealth Visits</b>	1,821	1,839	-
<b>Outreach Clinic Visits</b>	123	TBD	-
<b>Inpatient Discharges</b>	244	258	264
<b>Outpatient Surgery Encounters</b>	742	785	789
<b>OR Utilization</b>	73.18%	70.00%	73.67%
<b>Percentage of First Case on Time Starts</b>	80%	80%	82%
<b>Average Daily Census</b>	3.30	3.47	4.30

At the December Board meeting I had the distinct honor to present a check to the Board of Directors from the Nobles and Ladies of Alee Shrine in the amount of \$171,770.00 bringing our total to \$228,058.36 donated to Greenville in 2023. The Nobles and Ladies of Alee continue to amaze us all with the generous donations to Greenville Hospital and will surely make it another record breaking year. As of December, the 18 temples which support Greenville, has donated a total of \$1,577,851.15 to the hospital. Shriner Children's Greenville has 18 of the greatest Shrine temples in the world supporting our mission. I have to give a huge shout out to Tattnall Shrine Club for their generous donations over the years. Since 2009, Tattnall has donated \$1,078,000.00 to our hospitals.

Our Alee Roadrunners have made 21 trips safe and sound to Greenville. These dedicated Nobles and Ladies go above and beyond to transport our most precious cargo to our hospitals safely. I cannot say enough about these dedicated individuals. Thank you again for your hard work and dedication to Greenville, our patients and Alee Shrine for all you do!

**Calling all Alee Shrine Clubs and Units,** I am still looking for craft shows, other events and outlets to set up a booth to hand out pamphlets to advertise the services offered by Shriner Children's Greenville and transportation options provided by the Alee Shrine Road Runners. If you can get me a contact person who I can get in touch with to reserve a spot, please let me know.

If any club or unit would like to make an in-person donation to Greenville or have a member of our donor relations team come speak with your club or unit, please let Noble Hutchinson or myself know, so we can get it scheduled.

Noble's, on behalf of Board Chairman, Most Worshipful Brother Bobby Simmons and the entire Board, we want to thank each of you for all the support Alee Shrine has given Shriners Children's Hospital Greenville and look forward to your continued support!

Respectfully Submitted,  
Clyde Bowie, P.P., Member  
Roger Hutchinson, Associate Member  
Board of Directors  
Shriner's Children's Greenville



## Recorders Report

### November 2023

October 2023		1252
<b>Nobles Created</b>	36	
<b>Nobles Affiliated</b>	1	
<b>Nobles Restored</b>	1	
<b>Nobles Associated</b>		
<b>Total Gain</b>	+ 38	<b>Total 1290</b>
<b>Nobles Demitted</b>		
<b>Nobles Suspended</b>		
<b>Nobles Deceased</b>	- 10	
<b>Nobles resigned:</b>		
<b>Associate drop</b>		
<b>Total</b>	- 10	<b>Total 1280</b>





Christmas is a very special time of the year in the Alee Nation. Our Famous Annual Children's Christmas Party. We celebrate the holidays with parties, installations, and PARADES! Jesup Hillbillies got a jump start on parades by participating in the Jesup's Veterans Day parade. Hinesville kicked off the Christmas parade season



There are many ways of raising money for our cause. Ill Sir Steve Lingle accepting a \$150 check from Rincon Chevrolet for Alee Shriners after the purchase of a vehicle. This is part of a special program to donate to charities. Need a new car check them out!



The beginning of 2023 and the end! Each year at Alee is different and a new adventure. Congradulations to our 2023 Potentate Robbie and 1st Lady Cookie Moore. Thank you for your leadership, fellowship and fun. Not every Potentate would put a turkey on his head. Love You!



Welcome to our new Nobles and their Ladies. Wishing you many years of Fun and Fellowship



Photos provided by Lady Annette Sutton, 1st Lady Cookie Moore, Lady Denise Bennett, Noble Benjamin Kates, Ill Sir Freddie Humpries and Ill Sir Buddy Grayson. Thank you.

# Illustrious Potentate's Message

Well hello nobles and ladies of ALEE, 2023 has been an amazing year and I would like to thank each and every one of you for everything you have done to make this a great year for myself, lady Cookie, the Divan and all of Alee. I hope that we have lived up to the expectations of every Noble and Lady that is ALEE and THANK YOU for the confidence that you placed in me over the last 5yrs, it has been an amazing ride but, it is time for me to fade into the background and be a supporter of everything that is ALEE SHRINERS.



Without you the nobility, none of this would have been possible and all I can say is THANK YOU again from the bottom of my heart. My wish is that you continue to support the most amazing divan and in all of shrinedom, our children, hospitals, and Alee Shriners. You get it and that means so much to so many that depend on us to do what we do.

I would like to congratulate the 2024 Divan and let each of you know that I will support you and Alee in any way possible. Always remember that we are a team and there is no "I" in Team or Alee!! So, Let's Keep Alee sailing into the future, and for the last time it truly is with a heavy heart that I say to you,



"LOVE, PEACE AND CHICKEN GREASE" until we meet again!!!!!!

ROBBIE MOORE POTENTATE 2023  
**SAILING INTO THE FUTURE**



# First Lady's Message

Hello Everyone, Hope you and your families had a Beautiful Blessed Christmas & Happy New Year! Thank You! Thank You! Thank You! Thank you for everything! I am so honored and humbled for all the Love and Support that you all have given Robbie and I in 2023.

I was asked to help with the purchase of new Christmas trees for next year, I am happy to say I have purchased four Beautiful 12 ft Christmas trees for the Ballroom. Thank you so much for all your help with the First Ladies project!♥

Congratulations to the Divan Officers for 2024  
Every Smile tells a Story!

Much Love!  
Your Past First Lady of 2023  
Cookie Moore



I'll leave you with my poem. By Spike Milligan



## Smile: A Poem by Spike Milligan

Smiling is infectious,  
you catch it like the flu,  
When someone smiled at me today,  
I started smiling too.

I passed around the corner  
and someone saw my grin.  
When he smiled I realized  
I'd passed it on to him.

I thought about that smile,  
then I realized its worth.  
A single smile, just like mine  
could travel round the earth.

So, if you feel a smile begin,  
don't leave it undetected.  
Let's start an epidemic quick,  
And get the world infected!



*Every Smile Tells a Story*



## Past First Ladies



First Lady 1990  
Marya wife of  
the late  
III. Sir Billy Phillips



First Lady 1992  
Nell wife of  
the late III. Sir  
Freddie Johnson



First Lady 1998  
Nellie wife of  
the late  
III. Sir Albert Nelson, Jr



First Lady 2007  
Pat wife of  
the late  
III. Sir David Blisset



First Lady 2013  
Pat wife of the late  
III. Sir Howard Cooper

# Chief Rabban



Hello Nobles and Ladies,

What a great day to be an Alee Shriner. Congratulations to Ill Potentate Robbie Moore and First lady Cookie for an outstanding year. Congratulations to all the new officers for the clubs and units. Looking forward to working with each and every one of you. Thanks to all the clubs and units for all the Christmas parties. We enjoyed each one. What do we love? A parade! We paraded in Christmas parade after Christmas parade. What a great time seeing all the smiling faces in the crowds. Thanks to the Ladies Auxiliary, the clubs, units, nobles, and their ladies for the largest Children's Christmas party we have ever had. 176 children were in attendance. It would not have been the same if our own Santa and Mrs. Claus had not shown up. Also, the Grinch and snow men were in attendance. If you missed our Nobility Christmas party, you missed out on a fun time of fellowship. Thanks to my lady Julie for making this a success. January will be another busy month. It will start off with our Annual election on January the 13<sup>th</sup> at 2pm. This is when we hold the election for the 2024 Divan, SASA reps, and your Imperial representation. 2024 dues cards and Fez are required. There will be a meal after the installation of officers provided by Carey Hillard's. The next day, at 2:30 pm, will be our memorial service for all the Nobles that were visited by the dreaded Black Camel. It is hosted by the Knights of Mecca. Please come to this service and show your support for all these nobles' families and friends. I am a Candidate for Illustrious Potentate for the upcoming elections. I appreciate the continued support you have shown me and Lady Julie on this journey. Keep our sick and shut-in Nobles and their ladies in your prayers, as well as our soldiers and their families, police officers, and our health care workers. And, most of all, pray for our country. Thanks again for all you do! If you need me, please call, text, or email. Continue to support your Blue Lodges, Scottish Rite, York Rite and your clubs and units. We are Alee Strong!

Fraternal yours,  
Carey Hodges

# Oriental Guide



Hello fellow Nobles and Ladies and Merry Christmas. It's hard to believe that my first year on the Divan has gone by so fast. I'd like to thank Illustrious Sir Robbie Moore for your guidance and encouragement this year and Sailing Alee into the Future. You will always be my Forever Potentate. I'd also like to thank my wife Annette for supporting me this year and always being there when I need you. I couldn't do this without your support. To all the Nobels that supported me this year, Thank you. I look forward to what comes next, and I'd like to announce that I am running for the position of High Priest and Prophet for 2024, and I would appreciate your support. If I can ever be of assistance to any Unit, Club or Noble, I'm a phone call, text or email away. Merry Christmas to you all.

Fraternal yours  
G. Ray Christian  
Alee Oriental Guide 2023

# Assistant Rabban



Hello Alee,

Another year has flown by and what a great year it has been. A lot of positive things happened in and out of the temple.

Congratulations to all the new nobles, welcome to the family. What a fun ceremonial we had. Congratulations to all the new presidents of the Units and Clubs.

Congratulations to Illustrious Sir Robbie and Lady Cookie on an amazing year.

What a great start to the Christmas Parades despite the weather, it was a great time.

Thank you for your continued support of our Hospitals and the Temple. Remember I am just a phone call away and don't forget to support your Blue Lodge and the Rites.

Fraternal yours,  
Danny Fries Jr

# High Priest & Prophet



It's always a great day to be an Alee Shriner. Lady Cheryl and I hope you all had a wonderful Holiday season.

Well, what can I say but Wow. What a great year 2023 has been.

First congratulations to all the new nobles of Alee. Hope to see you around the temple and look forward to getting to know each of you.

It's been a lot of fun at all the parades this year. Alee really knows how to show out.

Thanks to all the clubs and units for your continued support. Lady Cheryl and I have had a Blast at all the club and unit functions. We really enjoy spending time with our Alee Family.

Thank you, Illustrious Sir Robbie Moore, for sailing Alee into the future in 2023. Great job this year Illustrious Sir. It was truly an honor to serve this temple under your leadership.

Nobles I hope to see you all at the Annual on January 13<sup>th</sup>. Also, I am asking for your continued support as I am a candidate for the position of Assistant Rabban for 2024.

Again, thank you all for a wonderfully successful 2023 and I know 2024 will be just as awesome.

Fraternal  
David Armstrong II  
"D2"

**Candidates are everywhere...  
It is not too early to start looking**



**Have you found any yet?**

**Get Those Petitions Ready!**

# Recorder



Nobles and Ladies

Another great year for the Alee family in 2023, Lady Marlene and I hope everyone had an enjoyable holiday season and Happy New Year.

Don't forget about the annual meeting on January 13, 2024, at 2pm. We will have annual reports on the year 2023 and election of officers for 2024, there will be a lady's program in the arena while the nobles are in the business meeting.

After the business meeting awards will be given for the Unit and Club of the year, most money raised for the hospital by a unit and club, Shriner of the year and Shrine Mason of the year, plus various individual awards.

I want to thank everyone for their support during my time as recorder and once again I am a candidate for the position of Recorder for 2024 and it would be my pleasure to serve Alee once again in that position. I am also a candidate for Imperial Representative, which I have had the honor to serve in that position for the last nine years and would love to have your support once again in 2024.

Leadership Orientation Meeting is scheduled for January 20, 2024, please try to have all officers attend this meeting, more information to follow after the annual.

As our Illustrious Potentate of 2023 would say Love, Peace, and Chicken Grease, as we sail into the future, and make 2024 Alee Great as always.

Once again Lady Marlene and I say thank you for all your support as we attend to the business of Alee and hope to see you all at the annual meeting.

Fraternal  
David W Armstrong Sr P P  
Recorder

## Ceremonial Honoree

Dear Nobles and Ladies of Alee,

Lady Laura and I wanted to thank everyone for a wonderful weekend at the 2023 fall ceremonial at Alee. We were treated like royalty and had a grand time with old friends and had fun making new friends. I am truly humbled that Illustrious Sir Robbie chose me as the ceremonial honoree and was a bit taken aback. The entire weekend was a spectacular showing of what it means to be an Alee Shriner. The new nobles and ladies who became a part of the family were the true honorees of the weekend, taking that blind step to join one of the greatest fraternities in the world. Fun and fellowship with a purpose. We all experienced this firsthand. We had a great time hanging out with our family and friends, raising money for the temple and the hospitals. We had a little bit of an emergency at the new nobles' ball Saturday evening and in true Alee style, the festivities ceased, and we came together to take care of one of the family.

It was great to watch the caring attitude, selfless service to others, and genuine love in the room. Witnessing all the new nobles, ladies and unit and club presentations to not only help our great temple but also to help our Shrine children and the temples of mercy made me proud to be a part of this ceremonial event even more. The evening was topped with the Tattnall Shrine Club making the largest single donation I have ever seen to our Greenville Shriners Childrens Hospital. I can only imagine what the new nobles and ladies must have thought with all the work happening in and about Alee.

Again, Lady Laura and I would like to thank Illustrious sir Robbie and First lady Cookie for their hospitality and friendship and for including us on this special weekend.

Buddy Grayson

AS SHRINERS, WE LOOK BEYOND OURSELVES TO SERVE THE NEEDS OF OTHERS,

WITH EACH OTHER TO SUPPORT ITS "TEMPLE OF MERCY" WITH SPIRIT, TIME, TALENT, AND MEANS.

# TATTNALL SHRINE CLUB

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- 2023 President Richie Waters



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CHILDREN TO BE THE WORLD'S GREATEST PHILANTHROPY, AND WE COVENANT

## Oriental Guide....Must be Selected Wisely

When the members of a Shrine Temple elect a Noble to the office of Oriental Guide they are virtually starting that Noble through the Divan line on the assumption that he will prove qualified for and worthy of advancement to the high of Illustrious Potentate.

Hence it is quite evident that the nomination for Oriental Guide should be based upon thorough and accurate evaluation of character, ability, prestige, interest, and experience.

A Noble can be a good fellow, a hard worker and a loyal Shriner...and yet lack the basic qualifications which make a good Potentate. Unless a Noble is fully qualified for the job he is unfair both to himself and his Temple in seeking the office or in permitting his fellow Nobles to support and promote his candidacy.

Each Shrine Temple needs and requires able quality leadership. The normal starting point of that leadership is the office of Oriental Guide. The following checklist may prove helpful in evaluating potential candidates for the office of Oriental Guide. However, no thinking man would be naïve or presumptuous as to believe that any one Noble could possibly embody all of the virtues talents and qualifications which are set forth in this checklist. Nevertheless the list has a practical value...for self-evaluation by the Noble whose ultimate aspiration is the office of Illustrious Potentate. and for the advance evaluation of potential candidates by the voting members.

1. He should have good business judgment.
2. He should have the ability to express himself clearly in language that will make us proud of him rather apologetic.
3. He should present an imposing personal appearance.
4. He should be able to hold his own and advance the interest of his Temple and Freemasonry in high places as well as among the humble.
5. He should be devoted Mason and constantly promote the interest of Freemasonry in high places as well as among the humble.
6. He should be proud yet humble.
7. He should have good character and a past open to investigation.
8. He should be a leader have good standing in his community and be influential in its affairs.
9. He should be financially secure.
10. He should be in good health, full of energy and vitality.
11. He should be able to devote ample time to his Shrine duties.
12. He should be a man who when he appears anywhere in public you will be proud of not apologetic for his short coming.
13. His wife should be able to understand his devotion to duty; realize that he will become a Potentate and not she; be able to dress and wear appropriate clothing and be familiar with social amenities. Remember she is destined to become First Lady.

Nominations for Oriental Guide should be based upon thorough and accurate evaluation of character, ability and interest. Remember you are electing your spokesman and standard bearer, the one who will represent you and your Temple. We have great talent in our Temple. Let us seek out the best man we can find who is willing to make the sacrifice. And it requires great sacrifice! Many Temples have suffered from inferior Potentates because of hasty judgment and oversight of qualifications when selecting Oriental Guides.

## JANUARY BIRTHDAYS



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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.

# News from Shriners Children's TM

## Is it Surgeon or is it Mom? Why Not Both: Surgeon Mom?

**Dr. Poon journeyed down that path as a physician, and then began the parallel path as a wife and mother.**

Long before becoming a mom, Selina Poon, M.D., decided to become a pediatric orthopedic surgeon.

She journeyed down that path as a physician and then began the parallel path as a wife and mother. It was when her son, Kyle, was in the womb that both titles and paths would interchange. During their 20-week anatomy scan, Dr. Poon and her husband, Jeffrey, were told that Kyle would have club feet. Both new parents were filled with mixed emotions. But there was an upside to this. What were the chances that an orthopedic surgeon's child would have a condition that she is trained to treat?

Kyle's diagnosis is known as idiopathic clubfoot, a condition in which a foot is rotated either downward or inward since birth. While this news was frightening to the soon-to-be parents, Dr. Poon looked to her past and knew that Shriners Children's would be the place to treat Kyle. From 2004 to 2009, long before she knew Kyle would come into existence, Dr. Poon trained at Shriners Children's in Houston, Texas. There, she was a resident and learned very well what Shriners Children's had to provide for patients with idiopathic clubfoot. This connection and experience is what would lead her in the future to trust that it was the right place for her son.

In 2011, Kyle became a patient of Robert M. Bernstein, M.D., who is now the chief of staff at the Shriners Children's Portland facility. Since starting his treatment, Kyle has had several rounds of casting, followed by bracing at night. During this time, Dr. Poon was there to offer her knowledge to Kyle, not only as a mom, but also as a trained pediatric orthopedic surgeon. Her experience in both have been instrumental in Kyle's journey.

While idiopathic clubfoot can be challenging, it hasn't stopped Kyle from accomplishing any goal he has set for himself. He enjoys swimming as well as math, speech and debate classes, but none of those compare to his love for Hapkido martial arts. His love for Hapkido began at the age of 6, and he has been working hard at it for years. Now 11, he has his black belt and hopes to keep mastering his skills. Although Kyle's journey has been slightly different from many kids, his parents and younger brother, Tyler, have not missed any moment to cheer him on from the sidelines. Dr. Poon was very proud of Kyle when he earned that black belt, and shyly admitted to shedding a tear that day. When asked what he would say to every child beginning their journey with clubfoot, Kyle had a few words to share.

Stay calm, don't freak out, and your life will be fine.

KYLE, PATIENT, SHRINERS CHILDREN'S SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Dr. Poon has a special connection to the Shriners Children's mission and an impressive devotion to the patients and families she helps. Her own experience, youthful style in her approach, and quirky traditions make her a sought-after professional in pediatric orthopedics.

One can always count on Dr. Poon to start her tradition of dressing up every day in the month of October for Halloween. As someone who has gone through so much as a mother to a child with clubfoot, Dr. Poon simply provides this advice: "Listen to your surgeon! Ha ha! All kidding aside, clubfoot is a treatable problem. There are sometimes bumps along the journey and we can get over them. Kids are amazingly resilient and go on to do not just normal things, but I expect them to do great things in life."



Kyle receiving his Black Belt in Hapkido.

## Achieving Her Goals and Exceeding Her Dreams

**MiKenli is grateful for the care she receives at Shriners Children's Greenville.**

According to an early prognosis, Shriners Children's Greenville patient MiKenli was never supposed to walk or use her arms.

But after observing the strength and tenacity of the 6-year-old, you can tell she has never been one to let another person's estimation of her abilities keep her from accomplishing anything.

Born with arthrogryposis multiplex congenita (AMC), which is characterized by a number of rare muscle disorders that can cause stiff joints and abnormal muscle development, MiKenli's range of motion in her arms and legs is limited. The challenges of the diagnosis could have prevented her from ever leaving a wheelchair. However, thanks to the expertise of Lauren Hyer, M.D., the support of her family and her determined disposition, MiKenli can walk and is working to master life-changing daily tasks.

Coming to Shriners [Children's] was the best move we've ever made.

SHANTEL, MIKENLI'S MOM, GREENVILLE

Even so, the journey to healing hasn't always been easy.

Before Shantel, MiKenli's mother, saw a commercial advertising Shriners Children's and realized there was a hospital with dedicated, optimistic caregivers specializing in pediatric orthopedic conditions just three hours away from her front door, MiKenli struggled through surgery after surgery. During two of them, she had to be resuscitated.

"Because MiKenli is a fighter, she always pulled through," explained Shantel. Then, the family finally met Dr. Hyer. "Dr. Hyer is a godsend ... I trust her to always do the right thing in the right timing for MiKenli. She wouldn't be where she is today without the help of the team at Shriners [Children's] Greenville."

From working with occupational therapists who specialize in helping children with AMC perform daily activities like buttoning a shirt or eating cereal, to undergoing surgery and improving her range of motion, MiKenli has spent countless hours working to meet her goals – and it shows. She loves to dance and do gymnastics, and her journey is chronicled on Instagram, where over 134,000 "followers" get the opportunity to celebrate milestones with MiKenli and her ever-present best friend and twin, MiKenzi.

"By seeing my children, I hope people can see that this doesn't mean your life is over," said Shantel. "It isn't how it starts, it's how it progresses."



MiKenli with her twin sister



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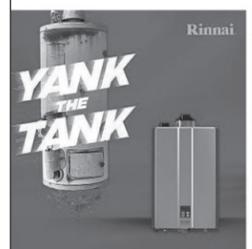
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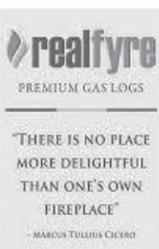
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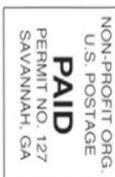


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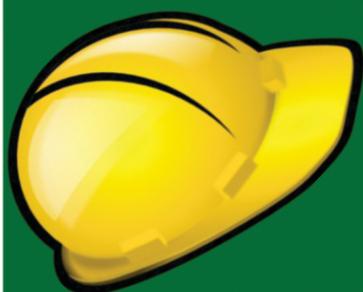
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