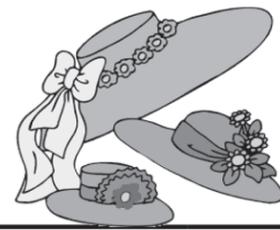


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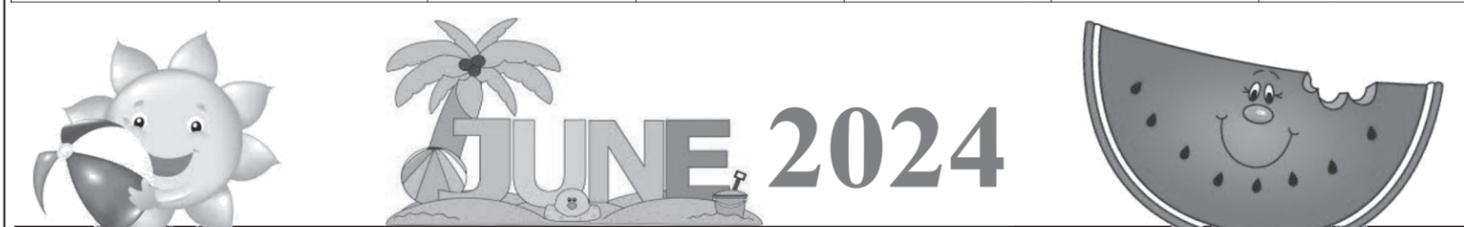
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Waynesboro Shrine Club

Hello from the Bird Dog Capital of the World! Waynesboro Shrine Club hopes everyone is doing well and enjoying this fabulous weather we are having. What a fantastic turnout we had for our Annual Bar-Q-Que plate sale. On behalf of President Jimmy Atkins and all our members we want to thank everyone who came out and supported one of our biggest events of the year. We hope that you will come again in 2025 and enjoy more of the best Bar-B-Que this side of the Mississippi River!

What a fantastic time our members had at the Sylvania Live Stock Parade in Screven County. We want to thank the members of Screven County Shrine Club for their wonderful hospitality and the great food after the parade.

The Waynesboro Shrine Club would like to invite all Alee Shrine Clubs and Units to come and participate in our Annual Waynesboro Shrine Club Farm Festival on Saturday, September 14, 2024. More information will be coming as time gets closer. If you are interested in being a vendor or taking part in the entertainment portion, please let us know so we can get you lined up.

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

Nobles and Ladies, 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!

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



Augusta Ladies Auxiliary

Hello Shriner Family:

We hope this finds you and your family in good health and prosperity as we move toward summer. It's so refreshing to see the flowers blooming and growing and spreading beauty over the land. What a beautiful time of the year with all the renewed growth. Maybe we can follow nature's example and renew ourselves by growing the membership of our Ladies Auxiliary. If you know a Shriner wife who isn't already a member, invite them to a meeting and show them Shrine Family working to support our hospitals and most importantly the children who so desperately need our help and support as they overcome their medical issue.

Please remember our widows and widowers and keep them in our prayers. Reach out to the widows and bring them into your Auxiliary to share in the Shrine love. Love goes a long way in healing and isn't that what we are about, sharing the love.

Augusta Ladies Auxiliary has been busy working on an upcoming fundraiser, which will be held on November 2nd, 2024. This fundraiser will be an indoor yard sale and a pop up Holiday Market event with craft vendors and food vendors. So, stay tuned for upcoming information.

Lady Melissa Damon
Augusta Ladies Auxiliary



Oriental Band

Hello Everyone!!! Happy Memorial Day and Happy Mother's Day! Thank you to all the Mother's for all they do for us! The Band would like to give a special shout-out and big thank you to those who helped on St Pat's Day when Cleo broke down. The Clowns and Director Staff stopped to pick us up when Cleo broke down. They have supported us, and we greatly appreciate it. Thank you to Patrick, Sr for ensuring the wrecker returned Cleo home to the Temple. Congratulations to Bandman Illustrious Sir Charlie Stokes for getting his 50-year Masonic Apron.

Great news! The Mandarin is coming to a town near you! Be on the lookout for more information to be announced.

If you are not on the Oriental Band call-out list please, contact President Terry Wright at 912-222-8356 or Garry Hendricks at 912-429-1626. We are always looking for new members. Everyone is welcome! You do not have to play an instrument to be a Bandsman.

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. Please reach out to those in need or not feeling well. Remember many hands make light work. Hope to see everyone out & about the Temple. Let's do more in 24!!!!!!!

Fraternally Yours,
Garry Hendricks
Oriental Band

Temple Ladies Auxiliary

Attention All Ladies of Alee!

We have lots of fun and fellowship at our monthly meetings and it doesn't take too long out of your day. Hope all you ladies will consider joining us the first Tuesday of every month in the Bill Porter Room to find out what is going on in Alee and meet other ladies from other Units and Clubs.

We are excited to be growing and supporting our Nobles, no matter what Unit or Club they belong to.

We are continuing our Poker Tournaments and have another one planned for July 13th. This is our second fundraiser this year. It is a fun day for us and an excellent fundraiser for our Auxiliary.

Please remember, 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 is a great time for our Shrine Kids, Shrine Grandchildren and Children and even the adults, 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. We hope you plan to have a table this coming December. I promise, YOU are the one who will receive a blessing that day!

We all had a wonderful Potentate's weekend with our Potentate and First Lady and look forward to supporting them all year.

Again, come join us!
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ALEE PIRATES

Pirates,

Well April is in the books; the year is flying by. The Easter Egg Hunt was a huge success by the Alee Drifters, Thank You to all the pirates that joined and helped out. Everyone had a great time during the Potentates Ball weekend. We have our Pirate Golf Tournament coming up on May 18th, let us get out there and get those sponsors and let us make this a huge success.

Our first social is at Amelia Island and it is just around the corner.

Please remember to pay your Shrine and Unit Dues as soon as possible if you have not already.

PIRATES ARR NUMBER ONE!

Jeff Roberson, President, 2024
Alee Pirate Unit
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

Tattnall Shrine Club

Greetings fellow nobility,

We know it's been a while since you have heard from us, but we are back! We have been very busy lately working for our cause. This year is off to another booming start. We had our annual white perch tournament that was another huge success. We had our annual bass tournament as well, which is yet another awesome event that gets our local kids involved with the outdoors. These events may be small in monetary donations but provide a huge impact on our local community!

The St. Patrick's Day parades were all fortunate to have great weather this year, and we had a blast getting to participate alongside everyone who was there.

We attended Warrior Day at Tattnall County High School to provide music and drinks to all of the special needs kids that participate in this event. If you haven't been to a Special Olympics type event, you are truly missing out on tons of laughter and smiles. The Onion Festival is May 11th, and TSC would like to cordially invite any club or unit to come back to our club for lunch and fellowship after the parade.

Brother Greg Strickland went on his latest Iron Butt ride, where he had to ride from coast to coast to coast in 100 hours or less. He has again pledged to raise money in conjunction with Greenville hospital.

Our annual mud bog is on May 4th this year. We are again hoping for great weather so each patron of this event can enjoy a day of watching the mud sling down the track. This has been a staple of our fundraising platform for the last 10+ years and we always have a great time.

Our next big event is our golf tournament. We are making preparations for this event to be bigger and better than last year. If you wish to get more information on this event, look us up on Facebook by searching for Tattnall Shrine Club - Birdies at the Beach. We post most of our information on this event thru Facebook.

All in all, we are gearing up for another big year in 2024. President Ashley has a gameplan to steer us in the right direction to keep our club moving forward. We hope everyone had a great Easter weekend and also hope that we never lose sight of what that week truly means for us all.

In closing, please remember all those who are less fortunate than ourselves while upon bended knee. Also pray for all of our military, and all other first responders. Their sacrifices are what keep us free and safe!

Enjoy your day Nobles!

Submitted by Dustin "White Chocolate" Nail

Augusta Golf Unit

Our members look forward to seeing everyone at the Augusta Shrine Club Golf Units Annual Tournament, held at Applewood Golf Course on May 4, 2024. Our unit can use help if you are interested. Come out and support a great event for a great cause. A fine lunch will be served at the conclusion of the tournament.

Members of the Go-Cart Unit are selling Vidalia Onions again this year. If you are interested in purchasing any, please contact any member. You can purchase a 5lb bag for \$6.00, a 10lb bag for \$10.00 or 25lb bag for \$20.00.

Nobles and Ladies, please keep all those who are dealing with health issues and other reasons in your prayers as you get on your 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.

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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



Effingham Ladies Auxiliary

Hello everyone!

We would like to thank everyone for coming and helping with our Ham Jam. We had great attendance, and everyone had a great time.

Thanks for all the support in our fundraisers.

If you didn't come to the Potentate weekend you missed a wonderful time. The decorations were great, and the fellowship was fantastic.

We want to wish all having a birthday in May a Happy Birthday!

Until we meet again, please keep all our Shrine Children, doctors, emergency workers, military personnel and our country in our prayers.

Until next time,
Lady Donna



Alee Shriners Past Masters' Association

The next Knights of Mecca meeting will be held on May 30 at 6:30 at Carey Hilliard's on Hwy 21. This will be a Potentate's Visit with a special guest speaker.

The Alee Knights of Mecca invite all Past Masters and current sitting Masters to join. We meet on the Fifth Thursday of the month (approximately 4 times per year).

Mark your calendar for August too - next meeting will be August 29th. The meeting starts at 7 pm, with the social starting at 6:30 pm.

Dues to join are \$5 per year or \$100 for Lifetime.

Jesup Shrine Club

Greetings from the Jesup Shrine Club,

March has marched its way on out and it was definitely a busy month! If you love a parade, as I know we all do, you love March! Nobles, Ladies, Hillbillies and Regulators loaded up and started the convoy, being led by PP John B. Johnson and OG Larry Brantley, to Claxton for the Claxton Wildlife Parade on March 9th. Started is correct because we quickly got turned around because the parade was cancelled. Bummer! There were three buses and three carts ready to parade! I believe I counted 25 that morning at the club, dressed in green and ready to go. Gladly, there were more parades to come. March 16 brought the St. Patrick's Day Parades in both Savannah and Augusta! Divide and conquer is the way to tackle two parades so far apart in one day! The Regulators represented Jesup in Savannah and they did an awesome job as always, dancing in the street, bringing the sound and the smiles! Hillbillies went to Augusta for a long ride and a long day but also represented us well, bringing the smiles and shenanigans! Also, the Hillbilly bus was sporting a new sound system! Thank you all for representing us all so well!

March 21st was the first meeting of the newly formed Jesup Shrine Club Hillbilly Unit Gals! Your eyes do not deceive you, I said that! There were 10 in attendance and a few who could not make it. We elected officers and they are: President Debbie Kay, VP Denise Bennett, Secretary Kim Sumner, and Treasurer Jane O'Quinn. We are so excited and can't wait to get started adding more to the fun of Jesup Shrine Club and supporting our club, our men, and of course Alee! Thank you to all who advised, supported, approved and put in the work to make our Hillbilly Gal dreams come true! Get started we did....our first official parade as Hillbilly Gals was in the Shellman Bluff Parade! A big group of Regulators, Hillbillies and Hillbilly Gals turned out for this big-little-fun parade that we always look forward to! Jesup wasn't done with parades though, one last parade in March was the Screven County Livestock Parade! March 30th the men went off to LOVE one last parade for the month and the ladies went to Alee for the Easter Egg Hunt. Jesup Shrine Club Ladies/gals showed up with two cakes, an adult basket, and a lot of cupcakes to support the Drifters' auction. We brought kids and family to enjoy the day, and a great day it was! Thank you, Drifters, and Alee for hosting, we had a huge time.

I guess that's about all I have for now. Until next time...

Best regards from the Jesup Shrine Club,
Lady Denise Bennett



Happy May Nobles and Ladies,

Well, we're starting spring off with a bang! We've had some great parading and fellowship and several more to come. It's a great time to be an Alee Shriners and more so an Alee Iron Knight.

We just completed our Annual Iron Butt Ride for Chicago Shriners Childrens Hospital. We rode a total of 1000 miles in 24 hours only stopping for gas and breakfast, leaving Savannah and ending in St Augustine going the long way. All of our proceeds are going to be delivered to our Chicago hospital via one of our own Shrine children Bella Grace Bartels.

We will also be announcing the winner for our gun raffle in July so if you haven't purchased a ticket find you an Iron Knight and grab one from them.

And lastly if you're ever looking to dust the bikes off or ride a little more come see us so we can get you involved in the ongoings.

Fraternally,
Scooter Trash



Augusta Go-Cart Unit

On behalf of our members, we would like to congratulate Augusta Shrine Club Go-Cart member, Noble Clay Thomson and Lady Toni on their wonderful day as they shared their wedding vows. What a wonderful couple, who are a very important part of our unit!

Our unit is a little slow this time of year, but Captain Harris has us working hard on the carts to make sure they are cleaned up and in top running order.

Members of the Go-Cart Unit are selling Vidalia Onions again this year. If you are interested in purchasing any, please contact any member. You can purchase a 5lb bag for \$6.00, a 10lb bag for \$10.00 or 25lb bag for \$20.00.

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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 Phinzy 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

Bryan County Shrine Club

Well, our year has started, and we already got three new members in the club. The club would like to welcome John Bently, Stephen Curl, and Donald Neumans (D.J.) and their ladies. We have Just made it through all the St. Patrick's Day Parades and the bus looked great. We have a lot coming up so look out for the President to be calling and getting some dates pushed out. What a great time at the Potentates Ball, want to thank all who attended.

We have the Memorial Day Boston Butt Sale fast approaching and we are still looking for sponsors. We are trying to grow the club and move into the future. Don't forget our Shrine project and to get those High Roller Tickets sold and money turned in.

The Lady's Auxiliary is working hard on fundraising and growing its membership as well. Want to thank the ladies for the outstanding dinner before the meetings. Also, for the wonderful steak dinner for the Divan Visit on Valentines. And if see our ladies don't forget to tell them how good their new shirts look.

Also, don't forget to support all the other unit and club events and attend Blue Lodge. We also need to get our Fez Patron dues membership turned in let's get as many as we can. While down on bent knees pray for our brothers, children, and those we have lost.

Andrew Watt Sr.
Secretary Bryan Shrine Club

ALEE STRONG!

Augusta Shrine Club

The members of the Augusta Shrine Club would like to congratulate our member, Noble Clay Thomson and Lady Toni as they shared their wedding vows on Saturday April 6, 2024. What a fantastic couple!

Members of the Go-Cart Unit are selling Vidalia Onions again this year. If you are interested in purchasing any, please contact any member. You can purchase a 5lb bag for \$6.00, a 10lb bag for \$10.00 or 25lb bag for \$20.00.

The Augusta Shrine Club Golf unit will be holding their annual Golf Tournament at Applewood Golf Course on May 04, 2024. Come out and join and if you are interested in helping, I am sure they have some tasks that will need to be done.

Nobles and Ladies, please take a moment to visit the Augusta Shrine Club website at www.augusta-shrine-club.com. Illustrious Sir, Gary Damon has made improvements to the site. You can view event calendars; make reservations and you will be able to pay for events online in the future. Please take time to visit this valuable tool for information on club happenings. We extend a huge thank you to Illustrious Sir Damon for all the hard work and time spent on improving our site.

If anyone is interested in renting our club for an event, please contact Noble Jimmy Atkins at 706-305-6869. We have many dates booked, so don't let the date you want get by you and book now!

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.

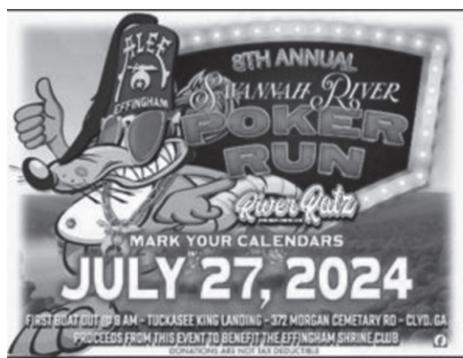
Fraternally yours,
Clyde Bowie, P.P.
Secretary
Augusta Shrine Club

EFFINGHAM SHRINE CLUB

Hello Fellow Ratz and Friends,
WOW – WOW - WOW!! We have an amazing Club! The First Annual Ham Jam was a success to say the least. We are appreciative of all that helped to make this event happen and put it on the map! With a Special Thank you to Glenn Edwards and his family for letting us take over their space. We cannot wait until next year!!! Also, a big Thank you to the other Clubs and Units that came out to support our event. We appreciate you All.

Thank you to all that helped and participated in the Easter Egg Hunt and Potentates Weekend! I am sure everyone enjoyed themselves. We are looking forward to our Annual Savannah River Poker Run coming up. Remember to tell your friends. We will see you there!!

#Ratztothefront
Thank you,
Your Effingham Shrine Club President



Hinesville - Ft. Stewart Shrine Club

Alee Club of the Year 2016, 2017, 2018 & 2021

Alee Parade Club of the Year 2018

Most of us agree that the big highlight of the past month was the 200th annual St Patrick's Day Parade in Savannah. The crowd is always large but this year it was bigger than ever and was filled with spirited and energetic spectators and participants. Although the wait time between our arrival and step-off time is sometimes excessive it is a great time to see all Alee together in a fun, decorative, and festive atmosphere, all while laughing and telling lies on each other.

HFSSC was not able to attend the Shellman's Bluff parade as we were all present at the 1st District Masonic Convention that day. The event was hosted by Hinesville Lodge #271 where Noble Charlie White (PM and Past Club President) celebrated his 50th year in Masonry and was presented his apron and pin by the Grand Master. Noble Carlos Ruiz (DDGM) was installed as the 1st District WM for 2024/2025. It was a great day for HFSSC and Hinesville Lodge and we are proud to have these two fine gentlemen as members of our lodge and club.

HFSSC was honored last night with the presence of Illustrious Sir Carey Hodges and Lady Julie and several members of the Divan and Ladies. Hillbilly attire was the uniform of the day, and the club was decorated in railroad theme. We enjoyed a traditional southern meal of ham, various beans, rice, salads, desserts, and more. As usual, if anything can go wrong it will go wrong on a special occasion, and this was no exception. Our air conditioner quit working and as we prepared for a hot and stuffy evening someone came to the rescue and had the unit powered up within an hour. It was a great and successful evening, and we are grateful for all who were able to attend. Thank you to the Nobles and Ladies who did all the prep work to make it a fantastic night.

Next up on our horizon is our 2nd annual pool/billiards tournament on Saturday, May 4th. 1-5 pm at Doodle's Billiards in Hinesville GA. This is not an ordinary pool game, nor is it an ordinary tournament. You may be a self-proclaimed expert, or you may be one who has never shot a pool ball, it doesn't matter. There are skill levels, challenges, and fun for everyone. Team participation is \$25 per player (\$100 per 4 person team). We had a blast last year and expect even more fun this year. You can also sponsor a table for \$100. Registration forms are available on our Facebook page, or you can contact Bill Badger (912) 432-1269 or Roger Hutchinson (912) 312-1135 for more information.

The month of May brings two special events: the end of the school year thus the beginning of summer vacations, and Mother's Day. HFSSC wishes a Happy Mother's Day to all the mothers in Alee and hope your kids make it a special day for you. Whether it's a special meal, a trip to the beach or lake, lounging by the pool, or visiting with family, we hope you have the best Mother's Day ever.



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Nobels, Ladies and Flatlanders,

Well, I still can't call myself an expert at this secretary stuff, even though this is my 3rd FEZ article and my 4th meeting minutes, I still classify myself a novice, albeit a little more of an "experienced" novice, it's DEFINITELY progress.

We AGAIN have some good news for the Alee Hillbilly Unit. TWO more Nobels were voted into the unit and are now OFFICIAL Alee Hillbillies. That would be Galin Hulett, father of David, also a new Hillbilly, and William "Paul" Gale who goes by Paul. Even though they have been ELECTED into the Hillbillies and are OFFICIAL members, they still have to have been through the Hillbilly Degree itself. Galin has already been through the degree, but Paul still needs to go through it. What that means is, until he goes through the degree, even though he can still parade, he has to wear a PINK Hillbilly hat, but it's all in fun!! So, WELCOME NOBLES! Meeting attendance has been quite exceptional lately. I don't know, but I think regular attendance of Hillbilly extraordinaire, Illustrious Sir Carey Hodges, just might have something to do with that, and we're extremely happy to have him there! While I'm on the subject of membership, those Nobels that have already taken the degree, all you have to do is get a petition from one of our fine UPSTANDIN' Hillbillies along with \$36 and we'll git r turned in and voted on. I KNOW there's a bunch of you out there, so come on down! Heck, you don't even have to have been through the degree to join, don't be bashful. The Hillbillies are FUN, and it'd be GREAT to have you!

You might already know the following information, but for those who haven't heard, Dr. David Westberry, who previously served as medical director of Shriners Children's Greenville Motion Analysis Center, as well as leader of the limb deficiency program, has been named the Chief of Staff and we would like to congratulate him along with wishing him well.

There're also some upcoming parades in May, so get your petitions in so you can parade with us Hillbillies! There's the Pine Tree Festival Parade on Saturday, May 4th in Swainsboro, Ga and the Annual Sweet Onion Parade on Saturday, May 13th in Glennville, Ga. Don't miss 'em, parades are always a HOOT!

I decided to make this one a LOT shorter than last month's article, so y'all be good and I'll see you around the Shrine!

Your Cuzzin, DJ
Hillbilly Secretary

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Alee Dune Cats



Our April meeting was no joke, even if it was on April Fool's Day.

We had a good showing of buggies representing the Dune Cats in the Savannah St Patrick's Day and Shellman's Bluff Parades. Woo Hoo!! More parades are just around the corner!! We voted to attend the Stand Up for America Parade in April. Get those buggies cleaned back up for the Pinetree Parade on May 4th and Sweet Onion on May 11. And after each parade Swainsboro (5/4) and Tattnell (5/11) will be feeding us. Stop by for fellowship and thank them for their hospitality. Remember while we are having fun, our presence in the community brings awareness to Shriners, our hospitals, and the next class of Masons.

Also, check out the calendar for awesome Unit and Club events. We need to support our fellow Shriners and as a tradeoff, we will have an amazing time and feztastic fellowship.

The Ladies will meet on Tuesday, May 7th in Bill Porter at 6:30 to discuss the Children's Dance on July 20th sponsored by the Dune Cats and Ladies Auxiliary. **SAVE THAT DATE TOO!**

We 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. We need to get your involvement. It would be great to see you at the April meeting.

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

Mobile Unit Classics

Greetings and Salutations,

We are officially in the second quarter of 2024. March was a fantastic and enjoyable month for the Mobile Unit Classics. The weather cooperated with the MCU for the Savannah St. Patrick's Day Parade. It was a long one and we made the YouTube channel. Great times were had, and memories made. The Shellman Bluff parade may have out-did the Savannah parade. Folks were lined up elbow to elbow all along the parade route, The Mobile Unit Classics were in full force. Can't wait for next year. Upon the ending of the parade the MCU arrived at Noble Harry Rogers house for a Unit Social. Noble Harry showed the MCU how folks in the Harris Neck area feed a group of misfits like ours. The weather was perfect, and the food was outstanding. Oysters were sucked and consumed, we were glad to have Noble Ben Carroll manning the grill and we did a good job of keeping our President Noble Pratt from trying to cook something. We all survived.... Thanks Brother Carroll. Before leaving President, Noble Pratt had not attempted a burn out across Noble Harry's beautiful lodge. Needless to say, Noble Pratt's attempt was very short, Noble Porter had longer skid marks in his drawers.

The MUC attended the Darien Blessing of the Fleet parade. Great parade for a small town. The Cruise-In after the parade was an enjoyable topping of the day. We are looking forward to the Port Wentworth Stand Up For America Parade. The MCU will be providing parade transportation for Miss Georgia and Local Padgett winners. This will be a first for the MCU and an honor, the MCU will attend the Dixieland Cruisers car show in Rincon on 13Apr24, hopefully we can report next time on some trophies the MCU acquired.

Respectfully

Fastlane and the Pit Crew

Shriners Children's - Greenville

On behalf of Board Chairman, Most Worshipful Brother Bobby Simmons, the Board of Directors and Hospital Staff, Noble Hutchinson and I, are 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 from around the world.

Greenville continues to improve on all numbers set forth by Tampa which are used to measure the progress and performance of our hospital. You will notice changes in our articles as Tampa continues making changes to the way we collect and maintain data on the progress and performance of our hospital. Here are some important numbers from the end of 2023. Adjusted Length of Stay for Patients 5.2 days, Outpatient Surgical Encounters 960, New Patients 3,634, Inpatient Discharges 315 and a very important number is our Average Daily Census, which remains at an all-time high with 4.4 heads in the bed! This number must be 3.0 or higher to maintain our hospital status.

As of January 2024, the Nobles and Ladies of Alee Shrine donated a total of \$5,049.50 to Greenville. The members and ladies of Alee continue to amaze us all, with the generous donations made to Shriners Children Greenville and surely it will be another record breaking year. As of January, the 18 temples which support Greenville have donated a total of \$159,380.82 to the hospital. Shriener Children's Greenville has 18 of the greatest Shrine temples in the world supporting our mission.

As of this report, our Alee Roadrunners have made 4 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!

On behalf of Noble Roger Hutchinson and myself, **THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU** to the 26 Nobles, Ladies and Family Members who were able to attend Shriners Children Greenville Hospital Days

event held on March 8th and 9th. What a fantastic turnout! We hope you received some great information and gained more knowledge on the operations of Shriners Children. We also hope you were able to take one of the tours offered while you were there. If you have any suggestions that may help others better understand the hospital, please let myself or Noble Hutchinson know so we can relay the information to the hospital staff for the next year. The 2025 Shriners Children Greenville Hospital Days event, will be held on Friday March 7th and Saturday March 8th, 2025. Please make your plans to attend next year as we would love for you to come visit Greenville and get a better understanding why Shriners do what they do! Look forward to seeing you there in 2025!

Calling all Alee Shrine Clubs and Units, we are still looking for craft shows, other events and outlets to set up a booth to hand out pamphlets to advertise the services offered by Shriners Children Greenville and the transportation services provided by Alee Shrine Road Runners. If you can, please get us the name and number of a contact person at the event who can assist us to reserve a spot at the event.

Noble Hutchinson and I would be honored to make arraignments for any club or unit who would like to make an in-person donation to the Board of Governors or have a member of our donor relations team speak at your club or unit. Please let Noble Hutchinson or myself know so we can get the details worked out for your event.

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 Governors
Shriener's Children's Greenville



Already writing for the month of May. Where does the time go?

We had a good turn out for the Shellman Bluff St. Patrick's Day Parade. A good time was had by all. Well, maybe not by all. I did see the Pirates walking for much of the parade. A sad sight. Other than that, everyone did have a good time. Rerun might not remember most of it, but he did, too!

Some camped out in the luxurious, Belle Island Campground with 550,000,000 feet of illuminated, Aluminum docks. Nobody joined the Creek Crawl Degree this year, so current membership remains at 3. There is room for more.

Upcoming events. We will have a Boston Butt cookout/social/sell on the afternoon and evening on May 23, with pickup the morning of the 24th. We had a good time last year and are looking forward to the same. Make your plans to come help and stay overnight. Plenty of food, drink, and company.

We will have just finished working the Gun Show which raises monies for the Childrens Hospitals. Easy to work these and meet many people. Thanks to Chairman PP John McPipkin for heading this up.

We still have some High Roller Raffle Tickets to sell. Who does not need an extra \$10,000? Get yours at the next meeting.

We finally have a full table of officers. Now, if we can just get them all to the same meeting...

Director Brian Dixon told me that he had asked his gym trainer which machine would make him irresistible to women. His trainer replied, "the ATM".

I sent Bobby a "get better soon" card. He isn't sick, I just know he can get better.

Do you ever wonder about those people who spend \$2.00 for a bottle of Evian water??? Spell Evian backwards.

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Until later,
Ol' (used to be) Sparky

ALEE DRIFTERS

Alee Drifters: A Hopping Success at This Year's Easter Egg Hunt!

In the spirit of community and camaraderie, the Alee Drifters, under the stewardship of our Brother Bobby Simons, President, wish to extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who participated in this year's Easter Egg Hunt. This was not just any event; it was a gathering that truly showcased the joy, unity, and strength of our beloved community—making it one for the ages.

We were honored by the presence and unwavering support of the 2024 Divan. Your leadership and dedication inspire us, and your participation added a layer of delight to the festivities, enriching the day for everyone involved.

Our gratitude extends to our fellow units and clubs, whose assistance was crucial in making the event a resounding success. The spirit of teamwork and support that characterizes our collective efforts was brilliantly on display, strengthening the bonds within our Shrine family.

Special thanks are deservedly directed to our Rainbow Girls. Your hard work, enthusiasm, and commitment played a pivotal role in the success of this year's Easter Egg Hunt. We are profoundly thankful for your invaluable contributions and the love you infuse into every task.

Looking forward, the Alee Drifters are thrilled to announce our inaugural Alee Drifters Cornhole Tournament! Set to take place in the Alee Temple Ballroom on Sunday, May 5th, at 10 am, this event is poised to be a fantastic occasion filled with fun, friendly competition, and fellowship. For more details, please visit our Facebook page. We warmly invite everyone to attend, whether you aim to claim the cornhole crown or simply wish to enjoy a day filled with laughter and community spirit.

If you or someone you know is interested in supporting this exciting event through sponsorship, we'd be delighted to connect with you. Please reach out via our group page or directly at drifters.alee@gmail.com. Your support not only enhances the tournament but also furthers the noble causes we champion.

Once again, a huge thank you to everyone who made the Easter Egg Hunt a memorable experience. We eagerly anticipate seeing you at the cornhole tournament in the Alee Temple Ballroom—let's come together to make it another unforgettable event!

Fraternally Yours,
Brother Christopher Epps
Secretary, Alee Drifters



Parades...Parades...St Patrick's parades are a BIG deal in the Alee Nation. Nobles entertain children and adults with their shenanigans. They dance with pretty ladies, hold babies and march with soldiers. No costumes is too outrageous. Pre-parade a lot of fellowship amongst Nobles, Ladies and parade participants. This is a time to make new acquaintances and renew old friendships..



A lot of work goes into an Easter Egg Hunt and the Drifters did an awesome job this year, like every year. There was a HUGE turnout to enjoy all their hard work. Ham Jam security was pint sized but everything was under control.



Pictures provided by Lady Denise Bennett, Lady Amanda Sutton , Noble Benjamin Kates and Ill. Sir Carey Hodges.

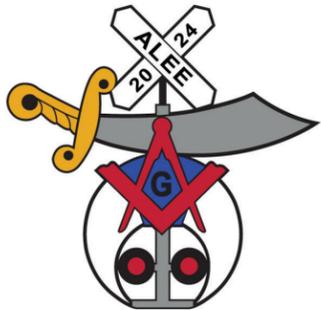
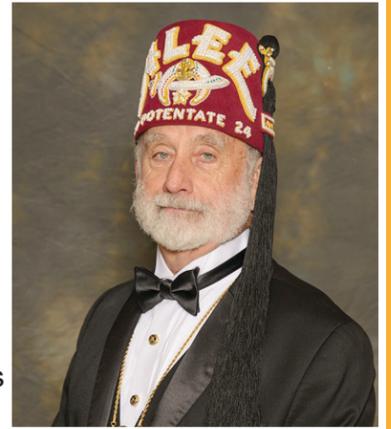


Illustrious Potentate's Message

Hello Nobles and Ladies,

It's always a great day to be an Alee Shriner. Wow! What a great time we had at the Potentate's Ball weekend. It's so hard to be able to thank everyone who attended these very special occasions. Thanks to all, but especially Mrs. Bobbie and her decorating crew for their amazing job on the ballroom. We appreciate the Hillbillies for bar tending, and Mrs. Colleen for making sure it went off without a glitch.

An awesome meal was prepared by Billy Underwood and his cooking crew on Friday night. Thanks to Johnny and Stacy Mills for always playing some awesome tunes. There are many more clubs and unit fundraisers this month, so check out the Fez for all the information. We have two parades this month. The Pinetree Parade and the Sweet Onion parade. It's the Thanks again for all you do! Focus on what matters while doing more in 24!



Continue to support your Blue Lodges, Scottish Rite, York Rite and your clubs and units. We are Alee Strong!

Fraternally yours,

Carey Hodges

Focus On What Matters While Doing More In '24

First Lady's Message



Greetings All,

What an awesome weekend was had by all! I would like to thank all the Nobles, their ladies, my family and visiting Shrine members for making our weekend a wonderful memory to add to our experiences. A special thank you goes to those behind the scenes who worked so diligently to make it a success and so much fun. Carey has mentioned a few of those, but I know there were many more Nobles and ladies who came to their aide! Kudos to you all!!

I hope all mothers have a wonderful Mother's Day and all have a safe Memorial Day! As always, educating others about our mission for children is doing more in 2024 to get others involved in our cause!



First Lady Julie



Chief Rabban



Hello Alee,

What a great time we had at all the parades that didn't get rained out. Alee showed up and showed out. Congratulations to Swainsboro and their new ride.

What a beautiful day we had for the Childrens Easter Egg hunt the Drifters did an awesome job. Huge turnout and lots of children everywhere.

Congratulations to Tattnall and Effingham on their successful fundraisers.

Lots of good stuff coming up look forward to seeing you soon at all these events.

Remember to support your blue lodge and the Rites. Remember our brothers and sisters while on bended knee. I am just a phone call away if you need anything.

Fraternally yours,
Danny Fries Jr.

Assistant Rabban



It's always a Great Day to Be an Alee Shriner,

Congratulations Illustrious Sir. Carey Hodges and First Lady Julie on a wonderful Potentates Ball weekend. We started the weekend with a Great time at Savannah Smiles on Thursday night and the fun continued with a Clay Shot at 17 South Rod and Gun Club Friday morning followed by Friday Nights social at the temple. Everyone had a wonderful time at the hillbilly hoe down. We finished the Weekend with a Beautiful Ball in our Ballroom. All the Ladies looked Amazing as always, the Ballroom was Beautiful, the meal was delicious, and a good time was had by all.

Please keep our Shrine Hospitals, Shrine Patients, Doctors, Fellow Nobles and Ladies, Our Military, First Responders, Our Country in your Prayers.

Support your Blue Lodge and the Rites

Fraternally,
David W. Armstrong II
Assistant Rabban

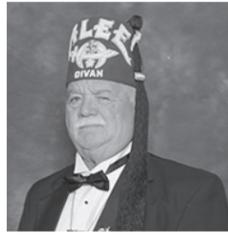
High Priest & Prophet



Hello fellow Nobles and Ladies. Well, the St. Patrick's parades are history fun was had by all. It's great to see so many Nobles, Units and Clubs show up, have fun and promote the Shrine. Nobles, as I write this article, we still have 148 Nobles who owe dues for 2024. Please remember these are due January 1. If help is needed to access the Webfez site to pay your dues, please give me a call. We need to retain good Nobles and we need good Master Masons to become new Nobles to ensure the future of our fraternity. 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.

Fraternal yours,
G. Ray Christian
High Priest and Prophet 2024

Oriental Guide



Greetings from your Oriental Guide,

I hope this news article finds everybody well. I want to thank everyone for all the kindness and great times you have shown me with our parades and festivities. As you know the Saint Patrick's Day parades turn out to be very good

I've had the pleasure of parading with two of our shrine children one was at Saint Patrick's Day in Savannah that was Bella she is such a delight to be around and the other one Baby Teagan she also will light up your day at the Screven County Farm Days Parade. The Potentate had asked me and Treasurer John Farley to stand in for him in this Screven County parade because that was one of my clubs President Chris and his group put on a big feed and a lot of fun. I would like to thank all the clubs and units they showed up for this parade as they say they showed up and showed out.

I would like to give a big shout out to the newly organized unit of the Jesup Shrine Club Hillbillies new unit the Jesup Shrine Club Hillbilly Gals. They have organized, elected their officers, and already started fundraising for our children and for our club play. President Debbie Kay and her officers are to off to a great start congratulations Lady Gals.

A big thank you to Alee Drifters for doing a fantastic job on our Easter egg hunt for our children. I understand it was a great success. Also, the Hillbilly Gals from Jesup that went in my place and everyone else that showed up and showed out at Easter egg hunt.

The Tattnall County Shrine Club had their largemouth bass tournament, and it was a good success. A whopping 12 pounder took the top prize. Jerry Powell snagged him under the direction of Robbie Sikes' Team effort. The team of Zack & Buck Bowen had largest harvest with 25 pounds. All those that won turn their winning back to the club. We have such great support from our members and friends. I am not calling names Brook Rogers, but I did get to see a pink Rod & Reel given to a young fisherman. Great fun and fellowship Thank you Tattnall County.

OK enough for the past let's get to the future, May is a very busy month. May the 4th will be a very busy day, be sure and look at our calendar and decide where you want to go, it is a very busy. I will be at Tattnall County Mud Bog, so everybody needs to try to pick where you want to go and go have fun.

The visitations are continuing and I'm getting to meet a lot of great people and as all of you know the food is great.

God Bless America, God bless our Children and the Doctors that work on them.
Most of all God bless you.

O.G. Larry Brantley

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Nobles and Ladies

What a great day to be an Alee Shriner. May is a busy month at Alee, starting with the Pinetree parade in Swainsboro and Tattnall County Mud Bog and the Hinesville Ft Stewart Billiards Tournament all on May 4, 2024, then the Sweet Onion parade in Glenville on May 11, 2024.

Some of the doors and the gate to the J C Lewis building have been left open after Monday's meetings, I'm asking that if you are a unit president please tell your members to make sure the gate and doors are closed and locked if you think you may be the last person leaving shut the door and close the gate, if someone is still in the building they can still get out, but no-one can get in.

Just a reminder about dues cards stickers, Shriners International is not sending stickers any longer, you can download your current dues card to your smart phone, just go to your apple play or android play store and search of Shriners International and download My Fez Card Viewer and follow directions, you will need your Shrine ID number which is on your dues card if you need assistance you can call the office and Colleen or I can help you with the download. If you do not have a smart phone, call the office and we will send you a sticker.

Lady Marlene and I would like to wish all mothers everywhere a Happy Mother's Day on May 12th, and just a hint to the men in their life a nice home cooked breakfast would be a great start to her day, and dinner at a nice restaurant would be a great end of her day.

Shriners are brothers, we share a common CREED, and 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.

Let's All work hard to keep ALEE great and focus on what matters while DOING MORE IN 24.

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Well, The rules are simple – We will be auctioning off gently used or new purses that have a pound of something inside each one. You will be bidding on the purse of your choice. The contents won't be revealed until after the auction is complete. We will be having tea and finger foods for you to enjoy, while bidding on your purses.

Admission tickets are \$5.00 each and can be purchased from a Waynesboro Ladies Auxiliary Member

Raffle tickets \$5.00 each for a Designer Purse for sale at the door

When: July 27, 2024

Where: Waynesboro Shrine Club
817 Georgia-24, Waynesboro, GA 30830

Time: 2:00 pm

Any question contact Melissa Damon 315-345-6362

All Proceeds are to benefit Waynesboro Ladies Auxiliary and are not tax deductible.

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MAY BIRTHDAYS



Approved Parades

Pine Tree Festival Parade
When: Saturday, May 4, 2024
Where: Swainsboro, GA
Line-Up: 9:30 am Goody's clothing store parking lot (look for Swainsboro Shrine Bus)
Step-off: 10:30am
Swainsboro Shrine Club has graciously invited all Shrine parade participants back to their Shrine Club for lunch and fellowship.

Annual Sweet Onion Parade
When: Saturday, May 11, 2024
Where: Glennville, GA
Line-Up: 8:30 am on Hwy 144
Step-Off: 9:50 am
Tattnall Shrine Club has graciously invited all Shrine parade participants back to their Shrine Club for fellowship and lunch!

Beach Bum Parade (This is a water gun parade)-
When: Friday, May 17, 2024
Where: Tybee Island, GA
Line Up: 5:00 Line up North Beach Parking Lot
Step Off: 6:30 pm

Rincon Freedom Day Parade
When: June 29, 2024
Where: Springfield, GA
Line Up: 9:00 Effingham County Board of Education, 405 No. Ash Street
Step Off: 10am (parade travels south on Laurel, East on Zoller and ends at Effingham Fairgrounds)

2024 SASA Fall Festival Parade SPOT #5
When: Saturday, September 21, 2024
Where: Myrtle Beach, SC
Line-Up: 8:30am
Step-Off: 9:00am



Approved Projects

MAY	Name	AUGUST	
5/4/2024.	Tattnall Mud bog	Now - 8/3/24	Mobile shotgun Raffle
5/4/2024.	Augusta Golf Tournament	8/24/24	Quint Sportsman Banquet
5/4/2024	Hinesville Billiards Tournament	8/3/24	Mobile Classics Car Show
5/5/2024	Drifters Corn Hole	SEPTEMBER	
5/9/2024	Brunswick Ladies raffle	9/7/24	Hinesville Paper Drive
5/11/2024	Hinesville Paper Drive	9/15/24	Pirate poker run
5/18/2024	Patrol 10K	9/14-15/24	Tattnall Birdies Golf Tournament
5/18/2024	Pirate Golf Tournament	Now-09/21/24	Hinesville drawing
Now – 5/24	Thomson Vidalia Onions	9/7/2024	Anglers Kids Fishing
5/24/2024	Director's Staff Boston Butt	OCTOBER	
5/24-25/24	Bryan Boston Butt	3/1-10/21/24	Pirates 21-gun salute
JUNE		NOVEMBER	
Now - 6/3/24	Clowns raffle	3/3-11/30/24	Swainsboro 5050 raffle
6/1/2024	Quint Corn Hole Tournament	11/27/2024	Swainsboro BBQ
now-6/30/24	Augusta Go Cart Vidalia Onion	DECEMBER	
JULY		Now-12/31/24	Alee paper Crusade
Now – 6/1	Iron Knights Henry .22 rifle raffle	Now-12/31/24	Dune Cat 5050 raffle
7/27/2024	Effingham Poker Run	Now-12/31/24	Hillbilly Unit bartending at events
Now – 6/1	Brunswick Grill drawing (Pending)	Now-12/1/24	Swainsboro Fox Pen
		now-12/31/24	Tybee Lite Supper Club

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Shriners Children's Patient Stories

Eliza's family is feeling forever grateful that their daughter received her cleft lip surgery at Shriners Children's Boston.



"The first surgery was rescheduled because I had COVID. Second was because Eliza was sick," explained Eliza's mother, Michelle. "By the third surgery, we were so nervous, but as the saying goes, the 'third time is the charm.'"

Michelle received her daughter's diagnosis during a 20-week anatomy scan and was referred to Shriners Children's Boston by her obstetrician, where she met with Kavitha L. Ranganathan, M.D., via a Zoom call. Michelle felt reassured by that meeting and, shortly after Eliza was born, she became a patient of Dr. Ranganathan.

Dr. Ranganathan is a board-certified plastic surgeon and co-director of the Shriners Children's Boston Cleft and Craniofacial Center, a collaborative program with Mass General for Children. Patients coming for care receive a comprehensive plan to meet their clinical and developmental needs. They also have the opportunity to meet with plastic surgeons, speech pathologists, orthodontists and dietitians in a single visit.

"It is an honor and privilege to take care of children with clefts and their families at Shriners Children's. It is extremely rewarding to provide such care, beginning in infancy and extending into the young adult years. And providing this care, alongside the exceptional team that we have, is the absolute best," said Dr. Ranganathan.

Facial clefts form in the womb and are the No. 1 craniofacial birth difference treated at Shriners Children's. A cleft lip forms when the lip does not properly develop, causing a newborn's smile to split. The opening can be repaired with reconstructive plastic surgery. Many craniofacial differences will require multiple surgeries to improve

appearance and function.

"All the staff were great, Dr. Ranganathan, everyone was so supportive and encouraging."

MICHELLE, ELIZA'S MOTHER

A cleft lip by itself may only require one operation when a child is a baby – the cleft lip repair surgery. A Shriners Children's surgeon will perform a cleft lip repair shortly after birth. Michelle remembers during her daughter's surgery that "all the staff were great, Dr. Ranganathan, everyone was so supportive and encouraging." Babies usually see the surgeon for a follow-up appointment two weeks after surgery. Depending on a child's age, soft foods are typically added back into their diet after the visit.

Before her surgery, Eliza's family struggled to get her to eat, so she was given a gastrostomy tube (G-tube). A G-tube is placed in the stomach as another way for children to receive nutrients when they cannot get enough by mouth.

Eliza loves trying new foods since her surgery and even participates in family dinner. Her mother cherishes these moments after fearing the worst. "It fills our heart with love and laughter seeing Eliza have such positivity towards food," said Michelle. "Seeing her struggle as a newborn, we were worried this would be something that would affect her life and growth overall." She added, "Words cannot express the respect I have for Dr. Ranganathan. She is so caring and treats us like family. I am so proud she is my daughter's surgeon."

Eliza's family is active in Shriners Children's Boston's signature fundraising event, the Boston Haunted Walk. "We are proud to say that we fundraised \$1,500 for the 2023 Haunted Walk," Michelle said. The family looks forward to continuing to help the hospital through donations, so that children with Eliza's condition, or other medical needs, can get the help they need from Shriners Children's Boston.

Michelle is offering hope to other families who are going through similar situations as Eliza. "Things will be very hard, overwhelming and emotional, but remember, there are so many people going through the same thing, we are not alone," she said.



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Nate was 5 when his family was burning yard debris in a metal barrel in the backyard of their Florida home on Christmas Eve in 2022.

His mom, Katelyn, was inside taking a nap, and his dad, William, had just called the kids inside to eat lunch. While everyone else was going into the house, Nate stayed back and turned to notice the flames in the barrel were dying out.

Before eating, he decided he would get the fire going again by throwing a can of gasoline into the barrel, which immediately exploded. Little Nate took the brunt of the explosion, and sustained burns over 68% of his body. He later lost his dominant left hand, along with three quarters of the length of his fingers on his right hand.

Nate spent the next three grueling weeks after his accident in a local Florida hospital in the intensive care unit. His mom, an emergency room nurse, did her research and was confident that Shriners Children's Texas would be the best place for Nate to recover from his injuries. So, he was flown to Galveston where he would spend more than six months undergoing several surgeries and therapies before he would be released to return home to Florida.

Fun-loving and always talkative, Nate brings a ray of sunshine to the halls of Shriners Children's Texas, no matter the weather outside. He brightens the mood of everyone he meets, befriending other patients, staff members, and even Shriners who come to visit the hospital. His favorite thing to do while hanging around between appointments is to make people laugh. His positive attitude and optimistic outlook have made him a popular character among hospital staff, who always look forward to their encounters with him.

"The staff at Shriners goes out of their way to make Nate comfortable. Shriners has been so warm and comforting, it has become a home away from home."

KATELYN, NATHAN'S MOM



Speaking of home, Nate returned to Florida in the summer of 2023, where he was finally able to have the Christmas celebration he had missed while he was in the hospital. Since leaving the hospital, Nate has not let his injuries slow him down a bit. Katelyn said that he is enjoying many of the things he was doing before the accident, including fishing, riding his scooter, driving go-carts, and performing flips on the trampoline.

Nate is a normal, active 6-year-old boy who loves being on the go. So much so, that the Shriners Children's Pediatric Orthotic and Prosthetic Services team is creating a custom prosthetic device to assist him with riding his bike and holding a fishing pole.

In addition to all his favorite activities, Nate also enjoys making new friends wherever he goes. "He likes going to breakfast at this tiny little café," Katelyn said. "And he sits with all the retired men that go there to drink coffee in the morning. He drinks his chocolate milk. So he knows more about local politics and weather than any 6-year-old I know."

"I like hanging out with Mr. Harold and Mr. Billy," Nate said. "I like to get sausage and gravy for breakfast. But, the sausage and gravy here (in Texas) is too spicy." Aside from not eating his favorite Florida breakfast fare, Nate enjoys regularly returning to Shriners Children's Texas every few months to continue his treatment and therapy, and to brighten the day of friends he has made at the hospital.

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Nobles Created		
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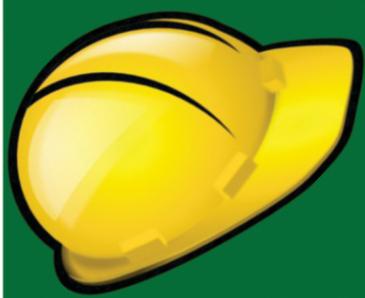
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