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ALEE SHRINERS



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2025 ANNUAL ELECTION

Saturday, January 11, 2025

2:00 pm Annual Meeting begins

Fez and 2025 Dues Card required

Ladies Program in the Arena



Dinner following Installation -

Cost is \$30.00 per person. Make

reservations at www.aleeshriners.org.

No tickets sold at the door. Please RSVP
by January 5th.

When paying with a credit/debit card - 3% is automatically
added and there is no additional fee to purchase online.

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

Proceeds benefit Alee Temple and are not tax deductible



ALEE SHRINERS *MEMORIAL SERVICE*

January 12th, 2025

2:30 p.m.



MOSQUE BALLROOM



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

**Refreshments provided by the
Alee Shriners Ladies Auxiliary**

We encourage Unit and Club members and ladies to come support the families and each other as Alee Shriners will honor the Nobles and their families that passed away in 2024.

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"



JANUARY 2025



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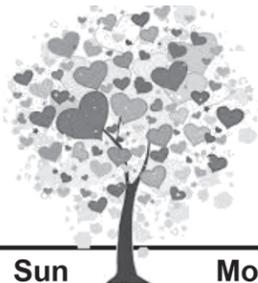
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5	6	7 Bill Porter Ladies Aux 11am	8	9	10 Office Closed FEZ article Due: aleefez@gmail.com	11 Election 2pm
12 Memorial Service 2:30pm	13	14	15	16	17 Office Closed	18 LEADERS Leadership Orientation 9am Degrees Oyster Roast
19	20	21	22	23	24 Office Closed	25 MEMBERS AT WORK Work Day
26	27	28	29	30	31 RSVP—deadline for Potentate Ball events	



February 2025



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Ladies Aux—Poker
2 First Ladies Tea Arena 2pm -4pm	3	4 Bill Porter Ladies Aux 11am	5	6 Savannah Smiles 	7 OFFICE CLOSED Clay Shoot Potentates Ball	8 Potentates Ball
9	10 FEZ article due aleefez@gmail.com	11	12	13	14 OFFICE CLOSED 	15 Valentine's Dance 
16	28 17 OFFICE CLOSED	18		20	21 OFFICE CLOSED	22
23	24	25	26	27	28 OFFICE CLOSED	

ALEE SHRINERS 2025 POTENTATES BALL

Thursday, February 6
 Savannah Smiles Dueling Pianos
 314 Williamson Street, Savannah, Ga
 7:30 PM—Dutch Treat

Friday, February 7
 Sporting Clay Shoot
 17 South Rod & Gun Club
 5899 N. Coastal Hwy, Fleming, GA
 9 am* \$125 Single / \$500 Team
 Limited carts available—feel free to bring one

Saturday, February 8
 Potentate's Ball
 Alee Shriners Ballroom
 Social—6:00 pm
 Introductions: 6:45 pm
 Dinner, Presentations and Dancing to follow
 Dress: Formal with FEZ
 Event Ticket: \$50 per person

All Event Tickets can be purchased at www.aleeshinners.org **Deadline is January 31st**
 All proceeds benefit Alee Shriners and are not tax deductible

Host Hotel: Hampton Inn & Suites * 20 Johnston Street, Savannah * 912.721.3700
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JANUARY 18th EVENTS



Chief Rabban Danny Fries invites all Presidents and line officers to attend a meeting January 18 at 9am in the Alee Ballroom. Formally known as President's Orientation.

This meeting will layout the year in detail and answer any questions you may have to better prepare the Presidents for a successful year!

8:30—Coffee and doughnuts

9:00 Meeting begins

12:30—Lunch

Ladies are invited to lunch

There will be a ladies program in the Arena (more details to follow) 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!

Awww Shucks!

Oyster Roast

\$TBA per person
 Patio 4 pm
 Chili for non Oyster eaters —no charge
 No tickets sold at door!



**You are Cordially Invited to
 Alee Shriners
 Potentate Ball Honoring**

*Illustrious Sir and
 First Lady*

**Saturday, February 8, 2025
 Six O'clock in the Evening**

**Alee Shriners Ballroom
 100 Eisenberg Drive
 Savannah, GA 31406**

**Social * Grand March * Dinner *
 Presentations * Dancing**

Presentations: 8 o'clock

Formal Attire with FEZ
 Event Tickets: \$50 per person
 RSVP by January 31st (912-355-2422 ext 4)
 Tickets may be purchased at
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GET READY TO PARTEA

*Reception for the
 2025 First Lady*

**Sunday, February 2
 Alee Shriners Ballroom
 2:00 PM—4:00 PM**
 Hosted by the Effingham Shrine
 Ladies Auxiliary

STAR WARS

**5 YEARS AGO,
 IN A GALAXY NOT SO FAR AWAY...**
*ILLUSTRIOUS SIR
 AND FIRST LADY
 BEGAN THEIR ALEE
 SHRINERS QUEST.*

FEBRUARY 7TH
 Social – 6pm
 The Force Be With You at 7pm
 Dinner and Dancing to Follow!
\$30 per person
 Dress: Star Wars or casual
 Purchase tickets at aleeshriners.org
 RSVP: (912) 355-2422 ext 4 or aleesecretary@gmail.com
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ALEE SHRINERS

POTENTATE BALL Sporting Clays Shoot

February 7, 2025
Take your BEST Shot!

**17 South Rod
 & Gun Club
 5899 N. Coastal Hwy
 Fleming, Ga. 31309**

Registration will begin at 9 am * Coffee and Donuts provided at Registration.

Shooting begins promptly at 10 am following registration.

There are 10 shooting stations.
 Carts, Shells, Clays, and Water is provided at the course.

Lunch and awards will begin at approximately noon.

Please call and RSVP to the temple (912) 355-2422 ext 4 by Wed., February 5th so that we may plan accordingly

There are limited carts available – if you have one and can bring it, please inform.
 P. Carey Hodges
 912-660-1302

**\$125 per shooter
 Limited entries**
 Eye and hearing protection must be worn.
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Alee Shriners Past Masters' Association

Thank you to Knights of Mecca officers for 2024. Congratulations to our new Officers for 2025.

Noble Lenzy Phillips is President
Noble Wayne Foster, Vice President
Noble Jim Hood, Secretary
Noble Jordan Foster, Treasurer

We look forward to another year of Fellowship with fellow Past Master Masons!

Please Mark your calendar for January 12, 2025, the Annual Memorial Service hosted by the Knights of Mecca. This annual event allows Alee to honor the Nobles who passed away in 2024. Alee is very thankful to the families for allowing their Noble to work and play supporting our Shriners Children's. It is at times like this when your Shrine family is most important in honoring the Black Camel.

Our next meeting will be on January 30, 2025. The meeting starts at 7 p.m., and the social starts at 6:30 p.m. at Carey Hilliard's on Hwy 21 in Garden City. Dutch treat and ladies are welcome to attend.

All Alee Shriners who are Past Masters or sitting Masters in 2024 or 2025 are encouraged to join. The Nobles and Ill Sirs who are members of the Knights of Mecca have been where you are and sat where you sit, they are a wealth of support! Dues are \$5 per year or \$100 for a Lifetime!

Happy New Year!



Oriental Band

Hello Everyone! Happy New Year! I hope Santa was good to all of you and the reindeer did not leave a surprise on the roof or yard! Thank you to those who helped with the Kid's Christmas Party popcorn. Calling all Bandsman...Let's come alive in 25!!!!!! We hope to see all of you at the next meeting. A call-out will be sent about the next meeting.

Please keep your thoughts and prayers for the passing of Illustrious Sir and Oriental Bandsman, Warren Brown. Let's show our support for the lost loved ones this past year at the Memorial Service on Sunday, Jan. 12, at 2 PM.

Please keep bringing cans to fill the trailer located next to Skidaway Road. The more we fill it up the more we can help the Oriental Band and contribute to Greenville Hospital. The Ladies of the Oriental Band have Fez cases & other accessories. You can make special orders by contacting Cindy Hendricks, at 912-663-2370 or Annette Perry, at 912-308-2980. If you need any information, you can contact Pres. Terry Wright 912-222-8356, or Garry Hendricks 912-429-1626, or any Bandsmen can get you an answer. Thank you to our Military, First Responders, Doctors, Nurses, & each other. Many hands make light work. We hope to see everyone out & about the Temple.

Fraternally Yours,
Garry Hendricks



I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and Holiday season! Thank you to President Ben Kates for an enjoyable Christmas party and to all who attended.

We put on a very good 2ND section at the Ceremonial in November. Even with the restraints put on us, we showed up and showed out. Many thanks to Director Brian Dixon for keeping the enthusiasm up and the day exciting. I think the new Nobles enjoyed the day. Thanks to our few members who showed up to work that day. Remember, as part of being a member of the Director's Staff, you have agreed to be at Ceremonial and help, if at all able. I know some members are not able to be there and we understand. Just thought I would throw that out there...

The Black Camel visited us again in November. We lost long time member Tom Rushing. He has had a rough couple of years. I hope he is resting well. He deserves it. God bless you, Tom. Please keep Lady Yvette and the family in your prayers.

Congratulations to the officers elected in December! President-Chris Morris, Vice President-Lenzy Phillips, Treasurer-Steven Lewis, Secretary- Brock McCluskey, Executive Committee-George Fox, John McPipken and Jeff Ball. Thank you for agreeing to serve.

Bill Mewborn told me that the hardest part about being a Vegan is keeping it to yourself.

Brian Dixon told me that he read an article on the dangers of drinking. It scared him. He is never going to read that article again!

All in all, we have had a good year. Here's hoping that 2025 will be even better. Keep coming to the meetings and supporting all our efforts.

Ol' (used to be) Sparky

Alee Dune Cats



Happy NEW YEAR!

We begin 2025 with New Officers:

Noble Aaron Sauls is the President
P.P. Freddie Humphries Jr, Vice President
Noble Wilton Harper, Chief Mechanic
Noble Dylan Harper, Assistant Mechanic
Noble Bob Ward, Treasurer
Noble Jamie Corcelius, Secretary

We hope all enjoyed the Annual Christmas Party! It was great to see everyone. The first quarter of 2025 is gonna be rockin.

Hope to see you all at the Annual Election on January 11th at 2 pm. The only people that can complain are the ones who vote!

January 12th is our Annual Memorial Service. The one time we all came together to support the families of those who passed away in 2024 and thank them for their service to our great fraternity.

The annual Orientation – Leadership meeting is on January 18. Anyone in a Leadership role should attend. That afternoon will be Degrees, and that evening will be an Oyster Roast.

I need everyone to come out for Workday on January 25th. Bring a new Mason to show him how well we work as a team, and maybe he will join the Spring Class of Shriners this June. We have a Workday to prepare for the Potentate's Ball on February 7 – 8.

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 your involvement. It would be great to see you at the meeting.

Please keep our Troops, Children, Doctors, Shrine patients and their families, the Divan, and each other in your prayers. Remember, our Nobles lost to the Black Camel in 2024, especially on January 12th.

Speedy

Effingham Ladies Auxiliary

Happy New Year!

We hope everyone had a Happy New Year and are looking forward to 2025!

We would like to congratulate all the new officers in the clubs and units. Our next meeting is January 28th, ladies we will be serving covered dish dinner before the meeting for the men and ladies. Please try to attend as we start off the new year.

The Annual Election is on January 11th. I want to congratulate the new Divan for 2025.

The Alee Annual Memorial Service will be on January 12th at 2:30 PM. This is where we remember the Nobles we lost in 2024. Please try to attend if possible, it is a very nice service that is put on by the Knights of Mecca and refreshment are provided by the Alee Ladies Auxiliary.

On January 18th is the Leadership Day, where all the new Presidents and officers come to the Temple for a meeting about the upcoming year. Ladies are invited.

Then on January 25th is the Annual workday for the temple that we do to get it spruced up for the upcoming year. Please come out to help, ladies included.

Please remember all our Shrine Children, Hospitals and Medical staff, also our Country, Military, and Emergency workers in your prayers.

Until next time,
Sending hugs,
Lady Donna

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Jesup Shrine Club

Greetings from the Jesup Shrine Club, 2024 has been a whirlwind of activities, parades, new beginnings and love for our Shriner Hospital Children! I cannot wait to see what the next year brings! Speaking of new beginnings, the Jesup Shrine Club has 5 new nobles who officially started their journey as a Shriner at Fall Ceremonial. Please help me welcome Noble Ricky Purvis and Lady Lisa, Noble Tristan Anderson and Lady Mattie, Noble Jeff Sturgil and Lady Angie, Noble Roy Tabb and Lady Andie and Noble Jacob Harrison. We had a fine looking group of Nobles and Ladies at our table on Saturday night of ceremonial. I counted 53 in attendance. I'm not sure about Friday night because we were all busy doing different activities. The Jesup Shrine Club Ladies Auxiliary sold hats and t-shirts, and the Jesup Hillbilly Gals sold raffle tickets for "It's still time", a table full of fun and spirits. Our new Nobles were busy raising money for their presentation as well. Great group effort by all! Thank you to all Nobles and Ladies who give so freely of their time! We all had a great time the whole weekend! As the year comes to an end, there is a flurry of parades, parties and Christmastime events! Our first Christmas parade was the Jesup Lighted Christmas parade. Even though the town itself decided to move the parade to an earlier date, can I just say how proud I am of Alee Shriners? Parading in full color and sound, Tattnall County, Bryan County and Effingham River Rats were here along with The Jesup Shrine Club Regulators, Hillbillies and Hillbilly Gals. I've had many people tell me that the Shriners are the best part of the parade! Of course it wouldn't be a parade without our Divan, Chief Rabban Danny Fries and OG Larry Brantley and Lady Lib. Thank you all for coming and putting on your best show! The next day was filled with excitement as we headed out early in the morning to Vidalia for their parade, next to Cobbtown. Thank you, Vidalia, for welcoming us to your fine city and thank you to Cobbtown as well for your hospitality! At the end of the day, it was divide and go conquer as the Regulators headed off to the Tattnall County mud-bog in Cobbtown where they ran concessions for the Jesup Shrine Club (some did not parade as they were getting ready for the concessions) and Hillbillies and Gals headed to Hazlehurst for their parade. This was a first and the city of Hazlehurst seemed happy and appreciative of our visit. It was a fun parade and hopefully we will be invited back! This next part is my favorite. If you have never been to or participated in the Alee Shriners Children's Christmas Party, you are missing out. The Jesup Shrine Club Hillbilly Gals had a Duck Pond booth for the children to pick up a duck and win a prize. Seeing those smiles on the children's faces as they got their toy made us all warm and fuzzy! We also got to meet a special family. We met the family that our own Roadrunner, David Sumner, took on his first trip to the hospital and found out it was also their first trip. What a neat story they shared with us as they were asking how David and his family are doing. Thank you, Noble David, for your giving heart! We appreciate Alee for allowing us to be a tiny part of the big picture! Looking forward to the new year and all it brings, but we still have half of December to go with more parades and parties. I hope to see you all there!

Best regards from the Jesup Shrine Club,
Lady Denise Bennett

Waynesboro Shrine Club

The Waynesboro Shrine Club held our Annual Christmas dinner and Installation on Saturday December 14, 2024, at the club. Congratulations to our 2025 Officers, President, Noble Dennis Kirkland, Vice President, Noble Howie Miller, Treasurer, Noble Tommy Nix and Secretary, Illustrious Sir Clyde Bowie. We look forward to a wonderful year in 2025! We would like to thank Illustrious Sir, Steve Lingle and Lady Donna for coming and performing the installation. Thank you to all who visited and enjoyed a wonderful fillet grilled by our house Chef, Noble Jody Ellison and all the other dishes the ladies made! What a great meal.

As we need our membership to grow in our club, lets 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 Lady Meisha Kirkland in your prayers as she is having some medical issues. Also, please keep those friends and relatives in your prayers that may be dealing with medical and life 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! We eat at 7:00pm and we start our meetings at 8:00pm. Shriners Children's Hospitals Making Kids Well Over 100 Years.

Fraternally yours,
Clyde Bowie, P.P.
Secretary

Augusta Golf Unit

The Augusta Shrine Club Golf Unit held our annual Christmas Party/Election of Officers at Applewood Golf Course on Sunday December 1, 2024, with a great steak supper served by Mr. Chuck Baer. Congratulations to the 2025 Officers, President, Stephen "Scooter" Edmunds, Vice President, Noble Andy Cato, Treasurer, Noble Ernie Martin, Secretary, Illustrious Sir Clyde Bowie.

We will be planning our Annual Golf Tournament and will have more information coming in the future.

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.

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.

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



Augusta Ladies Auxiliary

Greetings nobles and ladies from the Augusta ladies auxiliary.

Wishing each of you a very happy, healthy and prosperous new year. I sincerely hope that all of you had a wonderful Christmas with family and friends.

By the time this article goes to print Augusta will have had its installation of officers for 2025. As is tradition in Augusta, we have a candlelight installation after our nobles are installed.

Our slate of officers for 2025 are President, Lady Wendy Cato, Vice president is Tony Thompson, Secretary is Tonya Edmunds and our Treasurer if Sarah Braswell.

A big thank you to these ladies for stepping up and filling our chairs for this year. You are very much appreciated for your loyalty to our auxiliary.

It has been a few years since I have served as being in charge of our publicity so have patience with me and I will do my best to send an article in each month.

Please keep our children and their families in your prayers. Also, each of our members, ladies and our nobles.

Until next time, may God bless each one of you and keep you safe,

Ramona Martin



Howdy Nobles, Ladies and Flatlanders,

We-uns had a Grand time at all the parades we attended and met a lot of grateful people whos kids we helped by being Shriners. Sure make all the time and effort dedicated to such a worthy cause.

As President in 2024, I would like to Thank all those who supported me over the past year and made my year one to remember.

Next years line up of Hillbilly officers are: Greg Spell - Prez, Scott Crips - VP, Ralph Smith - Secretary and Treasure - Dutch Martin. Great choices by the members and I KNOW another GREAT year is on it's way for us.

Before I forget (old men do that) We will be having a Hillbilly Cuzzin's Degree January 18th after the Presidents Orientation for new officers.

Men - \$50.00, Ladies - \$40.00 and all the memories that go with it.

Please have your Clubs or Units give us a headcount of all that plan to attend soz we can make sure we have enough Ceremonial Cobbs for everyone to enjoy. You can Text JT Dah Hillbilly at 912-777-8389, with your headcount and I'll pass it on to the Planning committee !!

There may be other Degrees that day also but THIS one should be on your "Gotta Have" List. Options to join the Unit are there but as it is a Cuzzin's degree you can still go to, or be in the Unit / Club of your Choice, this does NOT obligate you to BE a Hillbilly Unit member, just to enjoy that climb into the Highest Hills that over 600 Shriners and their Ladies have done already.

Please, as Always, "Focus On What Matters" and keep our Kids, their parents, Hospitals, Staff, our Divan / Divan Ladies and First Responder as well as our Military in your prayers and they all try to make this world a Better and Safer world for all of us.

JT Dah Hillbilly (Prez 2024)
Peace Out !!

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Augusta Go-Cart Unit

Members of the Augusta Shrine Club Go-Cart Unit voted to keep the same officers for the 2025 year. Congratulations goes out to our Captain, Noble Don Harris, 1ST Lt. Noble James Paul, Treasurer, Noble Jimmy Atkins and our Secretary, Illustrious Sir Clyde Bowie.

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

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

Augusta Shrine Club

On behalf of our members, I would like to congratulate the following Nobles for being elected to serve in their respective offices for the next two-year term: Noble Stephen "Scooter" Edmunds as President, Noble Mark Blackburn as Vice President, Noble Jimmy Atkins as Treasurer, and Illustrious Sir Clyde Bowie as Secretary. These Nobles stepped up to serve our club for the next two years and we thank each of them for their service.

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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

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 the numbers set forth by Tampa which are used to measure progress and performance of our hospital. Changes to our articles have been made, as Tampa continues changing the way we collect and maintain data on the progress and performance of our hospital. Below you will find some important numbers compared from 2023 to now. End of 2024 totals will be included in next month's Fez Article.

Hospital Performance Dash Board:

	YTD 2023	Goal	YTD 2024
New Patient Visits	3,349	3,449	3,810
STR O/P Visits	19,022	19,593	20,775
Telehealth Visits	1,448	1,492	1,545
Inpatient Discharges	288	288	351
Outpatient Surgery Encounters	880	928	759
OR Utilization: Adjusted for Capacity	73.78%	70.00%	74.02%
Percentage of First Case on Time Starts	83.00%	80.00%	91.00%
Average Daily Census	4.40	4.05	4.30

As of November 2024, the Nobles and Ladies of Alee Shrine donated a total of \$62,876.04 to Greenville. At the December meeting, I had the distinct honor in making a donation to the Board of Governors on behalf of the Nobles and Ladies of Alee in the amount of \$64,658.00 which was not included in the total above. The members and ladies of Alee continue to amaze us all, with the generous donations made to Shriners Children Greenville surely make it another record-breaking year. As of November, the 18 temples which support Greenville, have donated a total of \$2,410,264.48 to the hospital. Shriner Children's Greenville has 18 of the greatest Shrine temples in the world supporting our mission. I also had the distinct honor to present our Director of Patient Care Services and Member of the Board of Directors of the Ronald McDonald House Greenville a donation on behalf of Illustrious David W. Armstrong and Lady Marlene. Thank you for allowing me the honor of making the donations on everyone's behalf!

The dedicated Nobles and Ladies of the Alee Road Runners have made 48 trips safely to Greenville as of September 2024. Thank you again for your hard work and dedication to all Shriners Children's Hospitals, patients and Alee Shrine!

Noble and Ladies, please put the 2025 Shriners Children, Greenville Hospital Days event on your calendar. The 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 of why Shriners do what they do! Noble Hutchinson and I look forward to seeing you there in 2025!

Here is some important information on our International Patient Program. Our hospital provided 4 surgery cases for international patients in Greenville. Greenville has provided 38 inpatient and 68 outpatient surgeries for international patients so far. There are 11 International Patients currently in Greenville. We have 11 families utilizing services at the Ronald McDonald House of Charities during their treatment. Nobles and Ladies, I cannot give enough praise to our staff, for all the hard work and dedication they have for all of our patients and their families!

Calling all Alee Shrine Clubs and Units, we continue to look 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 a 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 I 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
Shriner's Children's Greenville

2025 Annual Business Meeting & Election
The 128th Annual Meeting of Alee Shriners, Shriners International
Saturday, January 11th at 2 pm, Alee Ballroom
Annual Reports and Election of Officers and Representatives will be held
2025 Dues Card and FEZ are necessary for admission.

BY THE ORDER OF:
Carey Hodges
Illustrious Potentate

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

§ 325.11 Election Regulations.

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

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

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



Alee Shriners

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The Memorial Service is open to all wanting to celebrate the life of the Nobles lost in 2024. These hard-working Nobles will be missed, and this allows us to thank the family for letting the Noble support Alee Shriners. We invite Units and Clubs to attend to support the families. When the Noble's name is announced, members of the Unit and/or Club may walk up with the family or stand in support. If no family members are in attendance, members of the Unit and/or Club may walk up to display the flower.

Alee Shriners Valentine's Dance

*Bring Your
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And Dance
the
Night Away*

**Doors open at 7pm
Ballroom**

**Saturday,
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New Nobles – November 2024

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Jarod A. Gibson	Christopher Talbert
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	Dan VanBrackle

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.

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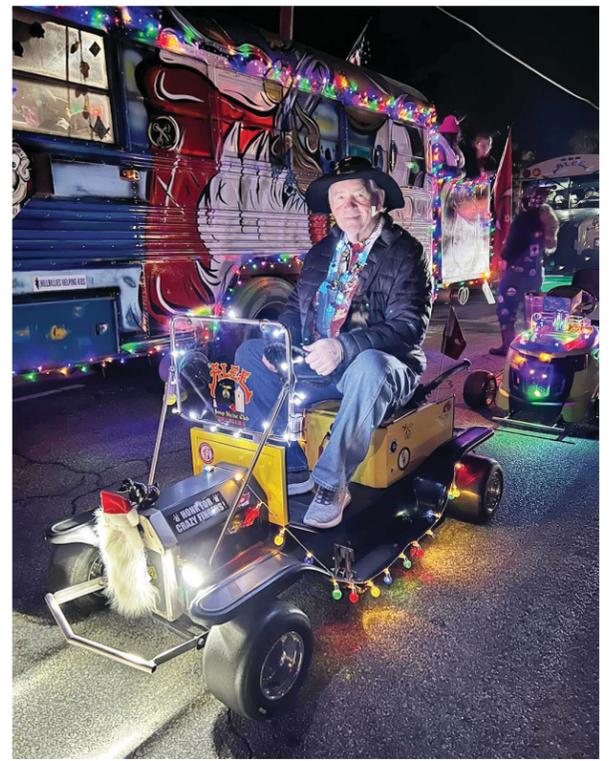
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Christmas Time in the Alee Nation..consist of Parades, Annual Children's Christmas Party, Club and Unit Christmas Parties, Installation of 2025 Officers and New Nobles. Never a dull moment. Nobles not only like to dress up for parades they dress up any chance they get, Grinch visited the Children's Christmas Party, so did a pirate Santa. But the highlight was Mr and Mrs Claus. Smiles all around that is what counts.

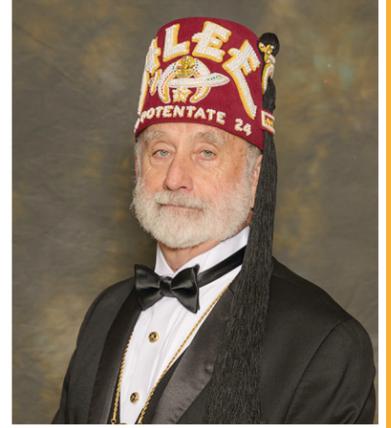
Thank you to all Clubs, Units and Auxiliaries that submitted articles. As always Thank You to Lady Amanda and Lady Colleen for the pictures

Focus On What Matters While Doing More In '24

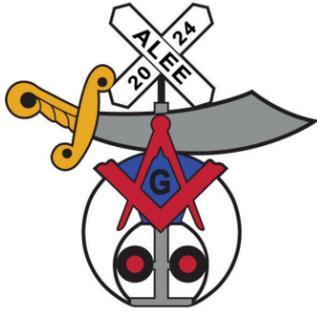
Illustrious Potentate's Message

Hello Nobles and Ladies,

What a great day to be an Alee Shrine. Wow another year has come and gone. First, Lady Julie and I want to thank everyone for the support you showed us in 2024. Congratulations to all the Club and Unit officers. Thanks to all the nobles and their ladies for attending all the Christmas parades, the Children's Christmas Party and the Nobility party. We really enjoyed spending time with each and everyone. Don't forget to come out and support your 2025 Divan on January the 11th for the annual elections and installation of the divan. Then, on January the 12th is our memorial service for all the Nobles that passed last year. 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 Nobles and Ladies,

Carey and I would like to thank all who has supported us during this year. Many thanks to a hard-working aide staff, the decorating committee for the beautiful decorations, the staff, nobles, and ladies who dedicated their time to the Haunted House and many other fund raisers for our hospitals and temple. Without you, Alee Shrine wouldn't be the best temple in Georgia! We hope your holidays were full of love and cheer. Even though the First Lady's project has been delayed, it is still going to be finished in the near future. Kudos to all who helped with the donations to improve the Woody Dyches Building by purchasing t-shirts and jewelry! It has been a pleasure serving as your first

lady! Remember that educating others about our mission for the children keeps us dedicated and strong!

Thanks, and love,

2024 First Lady Julie Hodges



Every year at the Children's party The Grinch Who Stole Christmas is read maybe that is why the Grinch shows up. He shows on shirts also. Ill. Sir Carey got the biggest gift of the night in a small bottle. The Potentate and 1st Lady were presented with the Quilt. This is a project of the Hillbilly Gals. It is beautiful .



HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Chief Rabban



Hello Alee,

What a great year we all had. Illustrious Sir Carey and First Lady Julie did an excellent job.

Thanks to all nobles and ladies for your support this year. I look forward to working with all of you in the future.

It was great to see everyone at the Nobility Christmas party and hope everyone had a great time. Thanks to all that helped me with it.

Remember your Blue Lodge and the Rites support and guide the new brothers in their new path.

Fraternally yours,
Danny Fries Jr.

High Priest & Prophet



Hello fellow Nobles and Ladies. Hard to believe that 2024 is gone. It's been a great year and thank you to Illustrious Sir Carey Hodges for your leadership this year. I am a candidate for Assistant Rabban for 2025 and I would appreciate your support. Our NPDs for 2024 are currently down to 56 Nobles and if your Club or unit has a member that you haven't seen in a while, please check on them and ensure they're okay and keep the new nobles involved. 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

Recorder



Nobles and Ladies

It was another great year for the Alee family in 2024, Lady Marlene and I hope everyone had an enjoyable holiday season and Happy New Year.

I would like to say thank you to all the nobility and ladies of Alee, for the support you have given the Divan and your Temple during 2024.

Don't forget about the annual meeting on January 11, 2025, at 2pm. We will have annual reports on the year 2024 and election of officers for 2025, there will be a lady's program in the arena while the nobles are in their 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 2025 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 ten years and would love to have your support once again in 2025.

The Leadership Orientation Meeting is scheduled for January 18, 2025, please try to have all officers attend this meeting, more information to follow, after the annual. January 25, 2025, will be the annual workday getting ready for the Potentates Ball on February 7th & 8th 2025,

As our Illustrious Potentate of 2024 would say Focus on what matters as we did more in "24", as we move into 2025, and make 2025 another great year for Alee.

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.

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

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

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

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

May God Bless America.

Fraternally
David W Armstrong Sr P P
Recorder

Assistant Rabban



It's always a Great Day to be an Alee Shriner.

Lady Cheryl and I hope everyone had a safe and happy holiday season. We would like to thank everyone for their support this year. We are looking forward to another Great Year in 2025. It would be my honor to continue to serve our temple as your Chief Rabban next year. If so elected.

Congratulations to all the new officers of the Clubs and Units. I wish you all the best in your elected positions. If there is anything I can do to help you, please feel free to contact me and I will do my best to give you any assistance I can.

Hope to see you all at the Temple Annual on January 11th at 2:00 pm in the ballroom.

January 12th The Knights of Mecca will host the Annual Memorial Service for those Nobles we have lost in 2024. Please come out and help us honor these Nobles and their Families.

Officers for 2025 don't forget about the Leadership Orientation Saturday January 18th in the Ballroom. Come out for some fun and fellowship and hear about our Potentates Plans for the year.

God Bless you all.

Remember our Hospitals, our Children, Doctors, and all Staff while on bended knee.

Fraternally
David Armstrong II

Oriental Guide



I hope this finds everyone well and Santa Claus was good to all of you. We had a great time with our parades and the buses and the hillbillies with the loud music did so well the playing Christmas music. The hospitality from the Christmas parties have been so outstanding and I would like to thank all the units and clubs that invited Lib and I to them.

Lib and I have had so much fun and thank y'all again.

One of the greatest joys that I have encountered is the children's Christmas party. I did not know that I could have so much fun if you missed it, you missed a wonderful time and a lot of smiles and hugs.

I would like to thank the Alee Shrine ladies auxiliary that put on the children's Christmas party. They did an outstanding job. I believe from what I counted there were approximately 150 kids not counting their families. My Lady Lib was so impressed with the turnout she is new to this shrine family and is so impressed and what we do and how we support our children.

I would like to thank the clubs and units they're set up tables at our Christmas party. I know it was a lot of work for the units and clubs but every one of them felt like it was worth it. just to see the smile on the kids' face

The nobility Christmas party was a great success, and it was such an honor for me to be able to wait on the nobility. I hope they had as much fun as I did. I encourage you if you have never been you should come and let your divan wait on you. Without you we are nothing.

The New Year is here, and I hope everyone can be prosperous and be healthy this new year. Don't forget we have our election on the 11th of January, and I would like to be you're a high priest and prophet for 2025.

God bless you God Bless America and thank you for letting me serve you

Larry Brantley and Lady Lib



**ATTEND YOUR
BLUE LODGE**

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.



But what day is it today?

MEMBERSHIP DAY



Recorders Report December 2024

November 2024		1199	
Nobles Created	+31		
Nobles Affiliated	+ 1		
Nobles Restored	+ 1		
Nobles Associated			
Total Gain	+33	Total	1232
Nobles Demitted			
Nobles Suspended			
Nobles Deceased	- 5		
Nobles Resigned:			
Associate Drop			
Total	- 5	Total	1228



NPD – Nobles Not Paying Dues 2024 –57

November 2023: 1280-Total
members (NPD 81 as of
November 30, 2023)
Contact:
Will Morgan, Chair: 912-429-6049
Walt Pelton, Chair: 912-572-4989



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Gary A Arnold	William H Hopkinson III
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Christopher M Busbie	Mickey F Lindsey
Randall O Butler	Ryan D Lipe
Matthew R Butler	Frederick L Maiden
Bobby N Canady	John L Miller
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Happy Birthday

ALEE MEMBERS AT WORK Work Day JANUARY 25, 2025

- **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

February 3rd \$50 Entry

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Shriner Kids

Shriners Children's News

Noah's Story: Anything Is Possible

Noah, 18, began his collegiate football career at Westfield State University this fall. At first glance, he was like other incoming freshmen athletes chasing their dreams, but for Noah, this milestone was especially meaningful.

Diagnosed with clubfoot before birth, Noah became a patient at Shriners Children's New England when he was just 1 week old. Clubfoot is a congenital orthopedic condition that results in one or both of a baby's feet pointing down and turning. In Noah's case, just his right foot was affected. His care team began casting treatment immediately to correct his foot position, and then bracing to try to maintain it.

When he was 3, Noah was also diagnosed with fibular hemimelia, a congenital limb deficiency condition characterized by the underdevelopment or absence of a lower leg bone. Two bones in his right foot had also fused, making walking difficult and movement painful. Despite this, he still learned to ride a bike and tried every sport that interested him as he got older. "We always told Noah he could do anything he set his mind to," said his mom, Melissa. "It might be a little different than his friends, but with the help of Shriners Children's, we found a way to make it happen."

Treatment options for Noah's limb deficiency ranged from foot reconstruction to a guided growth procedure, to amputation. With a goal to improve function and provide a stable base for weight-bearing, amputation appeared to offer the best outcome.

"We went to amputation clinics, talked to many families and did a lot of research," said Melissa. "We spent three years thinking about this very serious decision and included Noah in the decision-making process. It all came down to how he felt."

When he was 9 years old, Noah underwent an amputation of the foot at the ankle joint that preserved the heel pad. He was optimistic about the decision. "I had seen athletes do great things with prosthetics," he said. "I was ready and kind of excited."

The best part of my experience during my treatment at Shriners was hearing other people's stories. It always helped me figure out ways to adapt and move through problems, and now I want to help others in the same way.

Noah, Shriners Children's New England patient

After the surgery, Noah worked with physical therapists at Shriners Children's New England to acclimate to his new prosthetic leg and foot. "It was weird to walk at first; kind of like learning to ride a bike again," he recalled. Moving with equal leg lengths and without pain enabled Noah to progress quickly. "Before, I would hobble or skip around. Afterward, I was more stable and could quickly change direction. It was the best decision I could have made."



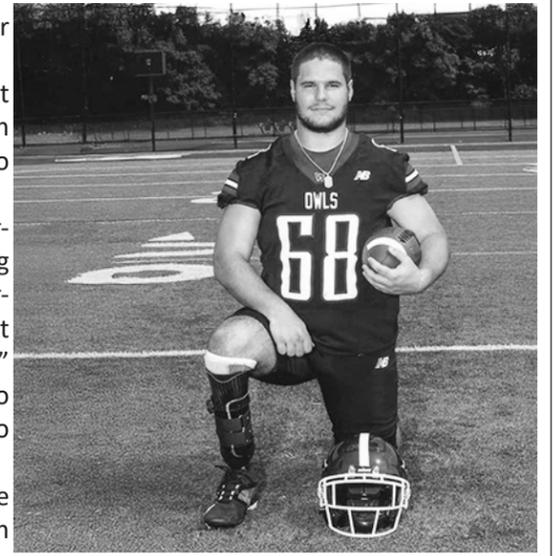
As Noah grew, football became his passion, and the Pediatric Orthotic and Prosthetic Services, or POPS, team at Shriners Children's worked with him to determine which prostheses could withstand the physicality on the field. In high school, he played offensive and defensive tackle. "You need the power of leg drive to help move a person who weighs 300 pounds," he explained. "In one week, I broke my prosthesis four times, and the POPS team was there to fix it for me every time."

Today, Noah is grateful to be able to compete alongside his peers at the college level. "I'm just as capable as anyone else," he said. "When players from other teams find out I wear a prosthesis, they are blown away."

While his limb deficiency may not be evident to those on the football field, Noah is happy to share his inspiring story with others. "The best part of my experience during my treatment at Shriners was hearing other people's stories," he said. "It always helped me figure out ways to adapt and move through problems, and now I want to help others in the same way."

Today, Noah serves as a Shriners Children's New England Patient Ambassador, and most recently spoke to all-star high school football players from Vermont and New Hampshire at the Shrine Maple Sugar Bowl in Castleton, Vermont.

"I want to show others that anything is possible," Noah said. "Thanks to the support of Shriners Children's New England, I'm living proof of that."



Reprint from Shriners Children's website

First Steps: Johan Walks With Prosthetic Minutes After Fitting

Thanks to the care received at Shriners Children's Lexington, Johan was walking, doing exercises and climbing stairs just minutes after the fitting of his first prosthetic.

Two years to the day after a motorcycle accident took his right leg, Johan arrived at Shriners Children's Lexington, marking a pivotal moment in his journey toward recovery.

The accident, which occurred when he was hit by a bus in his native country of Ecuador, had left the young man uncertain about his future. A chance encounter at a gym connected him with members of the Shriners Children's medical team who were in the country on a mission trip.

In September, Shriners Children's was able to bring Johan and his mother, Ruth, to the United States for the first time. Thanks to the skilled team at Shriners Children's Lexington, Johan received his first prosthetic leg just a few days later and, remarkably, was walking just minutes after the fitting.



Speaking through a translator, Johan expressed his gratitude: "For the first time in forever, I feel complete."

"I have never seen anyone excel like that in my 20 years doing this." Eric Miller, Pediatric Orthotic and Prosthetic Services manager

Eric Miller, the manager of the in-house Pediatric Orthotic and Prosthetic Services department, was amazed by Johan's rapid progress as he walked through the hallways at the medical center unassisted and performed exercises in the physical therapy gym. Johan even went up and down stairs.

Johan's story is a testament to the life-changing work at Shriners Children's and the incredible strength of spirit our patients exhibit. As he prepared to return to Ecuador just one day after receiving his prosthetic, Johan said he understands he still has much to learn about using it every day but is thankful for the progress made toward healing.

"The care at Shriners Children's was excellent, so good," he said. "It was like my destiny to come here."



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Yes stand so tall and walk so straight.

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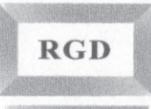
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