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STATED SESSION



MARCH 10, 2025

ALEE BALLROOM AT 7:30

FEZ AND DUES CARD REQUIRED

BUSINESS ATTIRE

Dinner at 6:15 - 6:30 \$TBA per meal - Only RSVP meals can
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Please RSVP by March 7, 2025



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MARCH

2025



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		Tybee Tuesday Supper Club				1
2	3	4 Bill Porter Ladies Aux 11am	5	6 Tattnall Potentate Visit	7 OFFICE CLOSED	8 Claxton parade Anglers Sheepshead
9 FEZ article due 3/10 aleefez@gmail.com 	10 STATED SESSION 7:30—Fez & Dues Card required 6:30 dinner 7:30 Ladies Program	11	12	13	14 OFFICE CLOSED	15 Tybee Parade
16	17 Savannah Augusta 	18		20	21 OFFICE CLOSED	22 Shellman's Parade 
23	24	25	26	27 SASA Mid Winter Charleston, WV	28 Office Closed SASA Mid Winter Waynesboro & Thomson Potentate	29 SASA Mid Winter Augusta Potentate Visit
30 SASA Mid Winter	31					



April 2025



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	Swainsboro Gun Raffle-4/1-30/25 Thomson Onion Sale til 4/30/2025	1 	2	3	4 Office Closed	5 Ladies Aux Poker
6	7 President Meeting—6:30 Bill Porter Room	8	9	10 Fez article due aleefez@gmail.com	11 Office Closed Hasan Ball	12 Darien Blessing Fleet Parade Hasan Ball
13	14	15	16	17	18 Office Closed Brunswick Aux Craft—4/19	19 Drifters 
20 	21	22	23	24	25 Office Closed Iron Knights Butt Ride	26 Stand Up for America parade •Iron Knights Butt Ride •Augusta Golf •Effingham Ham Jam
27	28	29	30			

Irish Blessing

*May love and laughter light your days
and warm your heart, and home
May good and faithful friends be yours
wherever you may roam*



Alee Shriners Ladies Auxiliary
TEXAS HOLD'EM
*** TOURNAMENT ***

- ◆ **Tournament open to Ladies & Men**
- ◆ **Registration starts at 11 am**
- ◆ **Play starts at 12 noon**
- ◆ **Food and drink provided**

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May 31, 2025 @ Alee Shriners

Tournament Day

1st Flight
 8:30 am Registration
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2nd Flight
 12:30 pm Registration
 1:00 pm Mandatory Safety Meeting

After Party

6:30 pm -Dinner, Music, Awards
 Located at Alee Shriners
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 \$40 per person for non-shooters
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Registration

\$1000 4-person team/shells included
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- 4 person teams plus 4 After Party tickets

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**ALEE SHRINERS
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Sporting Clays Tournament

Registration Form

4-Person Team Entries \$1000, 100 Shells included plus 4 Tickets to the After Party

Name: _____ Phone# _____

Email: _____

Team Name: _____

Contact Name: _____ Email: _____

Shooter#1 _____

Shooter#2 _____

Shooter#3 _____

Shooter#4 _____

For anyone not shooting and would like to join us for the After Party (Live Music, Food, and Awards), tickets are available for \$40 and open to everyone.

Number Attending _____

SPONSOR FORM

Sponsors need to have the Application and Logos in by May 10th to david.armstrong2.alee@gmail.com

_____ Platinum \$3000 _____ Gold \$2000
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PAYMENTS

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 Located at 100 Eisenberg Dr., Savannah Ga, 31406
- Or through Alee Shriners website @ aleeshriners.org

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PETITIONS

Petitions must be in the office no later than
June 5 by 5pm.

*Absolutely, no late submissions
 will be accepted.*

FINAL Vote is at the next Stated Session, June 9, 2025

Cost: \$275 (2025 Dues and FEZ)

**Need Petition with two (2) Alee Nobles signatures,
 Check/Cash/Money Order and a copy of their Blue Lodge card**

Form: aleeshriners.org/resources/forms/Alee-Membership-Petition.pdf



**Spring Ceremonial is
 June 13-14, 2025**





Alee Shriners Past Masters' Association

Have you been to a Lodge meeting lately? Every Master Mason has a moral obligation to be loyal and supportive by active participation offering guidance, and support to the current leadership. Your experience is valuable – Mentorship, Advisory and Maintaining tradition.

Our next meeting will be May 29th. The meeting starts at 7 p.m., and the social begins 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 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!

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

Augusta Shrine Club

Our President, Noble Scooter Edmunds has a very busy year planned for 2025. The club will hold our First Augusta Shrine Club Scramble on August 30th, 2025, at Bartram Trail Golf Club. We are also holding a \$1000.00 Cash Giveaway. The winning ticket will be drawn on October 11, 2025, so get your tickets soon. President Edmunds also plans to have a Bar-Q-Que sale during the year. More information will come in the future.

Please say a prayer Lady Gloria Reed as we lost her husband and a great Shriner, Noble Steve Reed. He was a great man who loved the Shrine and helping the children. Noble Reed was a long-time member of Alee Shrine and the Augusta Shrine Club where he was instrumental in starting the clown unit at the club. He also served our fraternity in many positions over the years. RIP in my brother, we will continue your good work.

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 on 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



Oriental Band

Greetings from the Oriental Band. Happy ST. Patrick's Day! Let the Shenanigans begin! Who loves a parade....yes, we love a parade! It's that time of the year for parades. The Force was with us. It was a Great Potentates weekend. A good time was had by all! Thank you for this special time for our Illustrious Potentate Danny Fries and 1st. Lady Sheila. The World Famous Oriental Band has a new Mandarin. We had one of the most beautiful and memorable degrees, Al-Sol! Thank you to the 18 Neophytes who met the great Mandarin.

The Oriental Band has been busy coming together! Thank you to the following who will lead the Band in 2025 Officers, President Patrick Welsh, Vice-President Frankie Wallace, Secretary Terry Wright, Treasurer Garry Hendricks, and the rest of the Band. Calling all Band members please return and help make this the best year ever! Let's come alive in 25! OB4 Life! We are looking at some upcoming fundraisers to help with the Temple Projects. Please help make a difference. The band is looking for new members. If you haven't yet joined a unit and want to be involved, give us a call or come by visit. Music is not all we do, nor is it important that you have a musical background. Come to visit and parade with the World Famous Oriental Band. We would love to have you and your lady.

We want to send love and prayers for the Philadelphia plane crash victims and their families. We lost members of our Shrine Family, a shrine child, and her Mom.

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 the Greenville Hospital. The Ladies of the Oriental Band have Fez cases, ties & 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 Terry Wright at 912-222-8356, or Garry Hendricks at 912-429-1626, or any Bandsmen can get you an answer. Prayers and thank you to our Military, First Responders, Doctors, Nurses, Shrine Children & each other. Many hands make light work. We hope to see everyone out & about the Temple. Oriental Band let's come alive in 25!

Fraternally Yours,
Garry Hendricks

Augusta Ladies Auxiliary

Here we are already in the third month of 2025, hope this year has been good to you so far.

Wishing everyone a happy and fun filled St. Patrick's Day. Looking forward to seeing everyone at the Augusta shrine club after the parade. I am sure the nobles along with our auxiliary will have food prepared to all who want to come by and visit. It is always a pleasure to have visiting clubs and units stop by to socialize with us.

We are extending our sincere and heartfelt sympathies to the family of Noble Steve Reed who recently passed away. He and Gloria were always gracious and friendly Ades. Both were hard working members of Alee and will surely be missed.

Please always remember to pray for our shrine children and the doctors and staff at the shrine hospitals who treat them, along with the nobles that transport them to the various hospitals. And never forget why you became a Shriner and always be proud to be a Shriner's wife. Keep each other in your prayers as well.

Until next time, may God continue to bless you and keep you safe,

Ramona Martin

Alee Dune Cats



Happy St Patrick's Day better known as Spring Parade season!

I hope you are ready! It is the time to get our buggies ready for the upcoming parade season: Claxton, Tybee, Savannah, Augusta and Shellman's Bluff – and that is just March.

Welcome Al and Will and their families to the Dune Cat Family!

What a great time was had at the Potentate's Ball. We bowled, re-created the 1977 blockbuster Star Wars and ended the weekend dancing to the sounds of DJ Wiki Wiki and celebrating Ill Sir Danny Fries Jr and Lady Sheila and Imperial Sir Richard Burke and Lady Judy.

Our Chief Rabban, Dave D2 Armstrong II, is working on the Clays for a Cause, a fundraiser Clay Shoot/Party on May 31. We need to get some sponsors, put up a team and sell \$10 raffles for a Mossberg Silver Reserve 28" barrel 12 gauge over-under.

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.

Speedy

Effingham Ladies Auxiliary

Hello March! Happy St Patrick's Day!!

We had a fantastic time at our Potentate Danny Fries and First Lady Sheila's Potentate weekend. If you didn't come you missed a wonderful time. Everything was off the chain according to our Potentate. We had the Imperial Potentate Richard Burke and First Lady Judy with us. It is always a pleasure to have them come to our Temple.

Thanks to all the ladies that came and helped with our First Lady's Reception. It was beautiful. Fun time was had by all.

We have parades starting up this month, starting with Claxton Parade on March 8th, Tybee Irish Festive Parade, March 15th, Savannah St Patrick's Parade on March 17th and last but not lest Shellman's Bluff St Patrick's Parde on March 22nd. We love going and participating in the parades.

SASA mid-winter is March 27th - 30th at Charleston, West Virginia.

Happy Birthday to all Birthdays in March. Sorry I left out the January and February Birthdays. Happy Birthday to all.

Our dinner for our March meeting will be Potluck. Bring something and enjoy dinner with our men and then have a great meeting at our Ladies Meeting.

As always, remember our Shrine Children, Hospitals, Medical Personnel, Military, Police, Fire and all First responders in our prayers.

Until next time,
Hugs,
Lady Donna

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Tattnall Shrine Club

Greetings Nobles! We hope everyone had a great 2nd month of 2025. With cupid now on his way out the door, we welcome in the month of March and hopefully some warmer weather. After this cold and snowy winter, I am ready to get into some outdoor activities this spring!!!

We hosted our annual white perch tournament on Feb. 22nd again this year. If you missed out on it this year, we encourage you to take a kiddo fishing and come on out to our club for a great time next year. We hosted many kids who fished with a sibling, parent, or buddy again this year. This event is always one that is near and dear to us. It's not our most profitable day each year but definitely one of the best!!!

Keep your eyes peeled for another tournament coming soon. We will have our bass tournament this spring as well.

With St. Patrick's Day coming up soon, we look forward to again taking part in the festivities in Savannah. This yearly event is always one to remember, especially when we get blamed for stealing things when we actually didn't. (Clown car has entered the chat ☺). It's always a great sight to see the thousands of people who come to enjoy one of the best parades in our area.

With the beginning of warmer weather approaching, I want to encourage each of you to get outdoors. It doesn't matter what the activity is, just get outside and partake in some sort of activity.

We are now starting to get into the year with all of our new officers. If you haven't been to your lodge or club/unit in a while, I urge you to do so. The new leadership of your group would love to see your face. Just come visit your brothers for a night. Catch up on the local gossip. We all know there is some sort of story to be told at our meetings.

As far as our group, we will have more updates in the coming months on our events. We had another great year in 2024, and we aren't slacking up in 2025!!!

As always, if we can help with anything please reach out!

Respectfully submitted,
Dustin "White Chocolate" Nail
TSC Secretary 2025

Waynesboro Ladies Auxiliary

Hello all, the Ladies of Waynesboro hope all is well with you and your families. Now that spring is just around the corner and the clocks Spring ahead an hour once again, we will be enjoying more sunshine and outdoor get togethers. The Augusta St. Patrick's Day parade is going to be kicking off the season. We look forward to this parade every year.

Hospital Days are March 7 and 8, 2025. If you have never been to Greenville Hospital, you should really try to get there. It is wonderful to see what is going on there. Ladies, you will be glad you went. At least go Saturday, it is well worth the trip and time.

Our big Spring event that will be so much fun we hope all come out to enjoy our Waynesboro Shrine Club Annual BBQ, it will be on May 3rd, 2025. We sell by the plate, and I assure you it will not leave you hungry. What's better than food, friends, and fun and you will not want to miss it. Our teams are gearing up for a good BBQ. Do not be bashful, get the best BBQ, and hash, and enjoy.

We anticipate a year of good times throughout the year. God Bless and be with you throughout your journey.

Melissa Damon
Vice-President

Augusta Golf Unit

Our President, Stephen "Scooter" Edmunds and the members of the Augusta Shrine Golf Unit are preparing for our annual Augusta Shrine Club Golf Unit Tournament which will be held at Applewood Golf Course on Saturday April 26, 2025. Look forward to seeing all come out and enjoy a fun filled day for a great cause!

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



Temple Ladies Auxiliary

It is PARADE Time! Shriners and their Ladies love a parade. The crowds enjoy seeing the Shriners having fun. I hope it is mild weather so everyone can enjoy the parade without having to bundle up.

The snow caused all kinds of issues here in the South. It made us reschedule our Texas Hold'em Tournament to April 5th. This is our big fundraiser. We hope to fill the Arena with poker players. We can dream, can't we! Mark your calendar and join us for the fun.

At our February meeting President Colleen invited a guest speaker, Noble Roger Hutchinson. He gave a great presentation on "Sleep in Heavenly Peace". It was very informative about this organization that builds beds for children that sleep on the floor or couch. Thank you, Roger.

Our Auxiliary is open to any lady of an Alee Shriner. We meet once a month on the first Tuesday at 11:00 am (we do not meet in the summer months). It does not matter if you are a member of another Auxiliary. We would be glad to have you join us.

Until Next Time,
Cheri

BRIAN K. DIXON
REGISTERED REPRESENTATIVE

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Alee Anglers

Greetings,

The Alee Anglers are starting the year out Wide Open Throttle with our upcoming Sheepshead Showdown fishing tournament on March 8th. The tournament committee has been hard at work getting the hook set with all their planning. We also have a Catfish and a Tarpon tournament on our horizon. And as always, our 4th Annual Free Kids Fishing Derby will be held once again at Creek-Fire Resort on Sept 6th. Several socials are also in the works and ready to be launched. A lot of great things are happening with our Unit. We meet on the 4th Mondays of each Month. Feel free to drop in and visit. You never know, Captains Chris Lain and Guy MacBride MIGHT even give out some secret fish drop numbers to those that decide to join.

FISH ON!!!
Brian Cribbs
President 2025



Hello 2025! You would be amazed at how many comments I receive when I don't submit an article for the Fez. Can you guess??? That's right. None. It's a good thing that I write this for my own enjoyment. Kind of like my sense of humor. What I find funny doesn't depend on whether you think it's funny! Now, that's funny!!!

As I write this, we are awaiting the Past President's Oyster Roast. Always a good time. We usually see members we haven't seen in a while. Like in a year. Maybe we should have other "free" events to spur attendance. Like meetings. We would love to see some new faces at meetings. The old faces are, let's face it, getting old.

It appears the Executive Committee is getting together to discuss a major fundraiser for the unit. Finally. We'll see what they come up with, but whatever it is, we could use all members' help and support to make it a success. Think about joining us.

Just in case you don't recognize it, the following is a humor break.

Do you know why there aren't any Walmarts in Iraq? Because everything is a Target.

bobby told me that he sympathizes with batteries. He's not included in anything, either.

Back to boring stuff.

We will be participating in the Savannah St. Patrick's Day Parade, and the Shellman Bluff Parade. Maybe the Tybee Parade, also.

Thanks, as always to Past President Ben Kates for the informative call outs. I was afraid of who might take over, but Ben does an excellent job.

Thanks also to George Fox for keeping us hydrated. And to Barack McCluskey for keeping us fed. Now that Barack is on the front table, we will need to take turns supplying a meal. I think the plan is to have a signup sheet, so everyone knows well in advance who is supplying food. Plan accordingly.

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

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Augusta Go-Cart Unit

Captain Don Harris has our unit preparing for the Augusta St. Patrick's Day parade which will be held on Monday March 17, 2025, at 2:00pm. Look forward to all who can come and parade with us! Lunch will be provided at the Augusta Shrine Club for all the Shriners and Ladies who are able to attend.

Please continue to pray for Lady Faye Harris as she continues to recover from surgery. She is doing well and continues to get better with each day.

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.

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 Phinizy Road Augusta, Georgia. We eat at 7:00 pm and we meet at 8:00 pm. Ladies are always welcome. If you would like to visit our meeting, please call our Secretary, Clyde Bowie P.P. at 706-945-7377 to make sure we have enough food to go around.

Clyde Bowie, P.P.
Secretary and
Tire Changer

Waynesboro Shrine Club

Our President, Noble Dennis Kirkland, has us preparing for our annual Bar-B-Que Plate sell. Come out and get you a plate of the best bar-b-que, rice and hash, cole slaw and a slice of bread.

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.

Please say a prayer Lady Gloria Reed as we lost her husband and a great Shriner, Noble Steve Reed. He was a great man who loved the Shrine and helping the children. Noble Reed was a long-time member of Alee Shrine and Waynesboro Shrine Club. He also served our fraternity in many other positions over the years. RIP in my brother, we will continue your good work.

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 2025 dues, I will be glad to accept them at the next meeting. Should any Noble need 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

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 progress and performance of our hospital. Changes in 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.

Hospital Performance Dashboard:

	YTD 2023	Goal	YTD 2024
New Patient Visits	3,634	3,743	4,083
STR O/P Visits	20,693	21,314	22,572
Telehealth Visits	1,558	1,605	1,667
Inpatient Discharges	312	315	378
Outpatient Surgery Encounters	954	998	831
OR Utilization: Adjusted for Capacity	73.78%	70.00%	73.63%
Percentage of First Case on Time Starts	83.00%	80.00%	91.00%
Average Daily Census	4.40	4.05	4.40

As of January 2025, the Nobles and Ladies of Alee Shrine donated a total of \$152,478.20 to Greenville. 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, has donated a total of \$3,166,122.08 to the hospital. Shriner Children's Greenville has 18 of the greatest Shrine temples in the world supporting our mission.

The dedicated Nobles and Ladies of the Alee Road Runners have made 48 trips safely to Greenville as of January 2025. 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 calendars. 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 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 6 surgery cases for international patients in Greenville. There are 24 International Patients currently in Greenville. We have 17 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

Recorders Report February 2025

January 2025		1182
Nobles Created		
Nobles Affiliated		
Nobles Restored	+ 1	
Nobles Associated		
Total Gain	+ 1	Total 1183
Nobles Demitted		
Nobles Suspended		
Nobles Deceased	-2	
Nobles Resigned:		
Associate Drop		
Total	-2	Total 1181



**NPD – Nobles Not Paying
Dues
2025 – 251**

January 2024: 1214-Total members
(NPD 301 as of January 31, 2024)

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

ALEE STRONG!

Jesup Shrine Club

IT'S ALL FOR THE KIDS!

Greetings from the Jesup shrine club. Well, 2025 is moving right along, Jesup Shrine Club elected new officers, and this group of men all have the same vision and goals in mind for our Shriner Kids and that vision is to encourage, support and help in anyway, possible for the happiness and well-being of the kids. This group of men is headed up by our newly elected president, Noble Hunter McCrary.

Hunter's lady, Kaitlin Parker is President of the ladies auxiliary and has already started laying out plans for fundraisers. And the first one is actually starting off this month (February). The ladies will be auctioning off a hand sewn Shriner quilt. Please contact one of our ladies to get the information and purchase those tickets.

Huge, thanks to our Jesup shrine club Regulators for showing their support and going to the "Night to Shine". The attendees had huge smiles while riding around in the Regulator bus and listening to music!!

Now for the big weekend, it was the Potentate Ball honoring Illustrious Potentate Danny Fries and First Lady Sheila. And a great time was had by all that attended. And again, a huge thanks to the ladies and men for decorating for the ball and for making everything run so smooth.

And now moving on into February and March, it starts the busy season of parades, Divan visits and just doing anything that we can to help our Shriner kids. Until next month, always remember it's a GREAT TIME with GREAT PEOPLE for a GREAT CAUSE!

Debbie Kay



It has been a busy month with the beginning of the year. We have had some ups and downs already for 2025 but all in all it is shaping up to be a good year. We are looking forward to the leadership provided by Illustrious Sir Danny Fries and the Divan. If you ride a motorcycle and are interested in becoming an Iron Knight please contact any of the current Iron knights. Presently we are starting to gear up for the Annual Iron But Ride in April and welcome anyone that would like to ride. 1000 miles in 24 hours and all for the benefit of our Kids at the Shriners Hospital for Children. Until next month, keep the shiny side up and the rubber side down.

Walt



St Mary's Mardi Gras Parade

When: Saturday, March 1, 2025
Where: Kingsland, GA
Line Up Begins: 8am – Hwy 17 and Royal Parkway
Step off: 10am

56th Annual Claxton Rattlesnake Parade

When: Saturday, March 8, 2025
Where: Claxton, Ga.
Line Up: 8:30 am Evans County Board of Commissioners Administrative Building and the Evans County Public Library (Clark Street and James Street). All parade entries must be in place by 9:45 am.
STEP-OFF: 10:00 am

St. Patrick's Day Parade – Savannah -

When: Monday, March 17, 2025
Where: Savannah, Ga
Line-Up: 8 Am
Step-Off: You enter at Henry and Lincoln and they will direct you to East Bolton and Abercorn. Between Drayton and Abercorn

"Shellman's Bluff Saint Patrick's Day Parade"

When: Saturday, March 22, 2025
Where: Shellman Bluff, GA
Line-Up: 9:00am @ Masonic Children's Camp/Home
Step-Off: 11:00am (Meal after provided by Friends of Shellman)

Blessing of Fleet Parade

When: April 12, 2025
Where: Darien, GA
Line-Up: 8:30 am – Bluestein parking lot -1225 North Way in Darien, GA
Step-off: 10:00am

Stand Up for America Parade

When: April 26, 2025
Where: Port Wentworth, GA
Line-Up: 7:30 am 201 Oxnard Drive US Sugar refinery Port Wentworth
Step-off: 10:00am

*** There are other parades that we are awaiting their invitation – please check the Facebook page for parade updates



MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Patrick J All
David W Armstrong II
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Bill Arnold
James H Ashdown
Byron S Barnett
Christopher S Bell
Archie W Black
Joseph W Black
Donald J Blanton
John R Blocker
Christopher A Boatright
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Bobby Brigdon
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John F Krueger
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Christopher A Tuten
Gary Thomas Vinson Sr
James W Waters

Happy Birthday

Mobile Unit Classics

The Mobile Classics are excited and gearing up for the big St. Patrick's Day Parade! It's always one of the biggest and most anticipated parades of the year, and we can't wait to hit the streets, bring smiles, and represent Alee in style. However, while we enjoy the excitement of the parade, let us not forget the children we serve who face challenges far greater than our own. They remain in our thoughts and efforts, and we continue to support them and their families during these difficult times. Our commitment to these brave young ones is unwavering, and they inspire us to keep pushing forward in our mission.

We'd also like to give a big thank you to the Alee Drifters for their generosity in allowing our ladies to use their room during our meetings. Your hospitality does not go unnoticed, and we truly appreciate the camaraderie and support.

And finally, we have something exciting in the works! Keep an eye out for more details about our inaugural Alee Mobile Classics Beauty Pageant, which is coming up around next Christmas. It's shaping up to be a fun and entertaining event, and we can't wait to share more as we get closer. Stay tuned!

Fraternally Yours,
Brother Christopher "TBD" Epps, Mobile Classics



An error was made in last issue. Hinesville/Ft. Stewart Shrine Club Shriner of the Year is Noble Roger Hutchinson.

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"No Man Stands So Tall As When He Stoops To Help A Child!"



February 2025 was FUN from start to finish!

We started with the First Lady's Reception. The committee did an awesome job on the decor and food. Lady Sheila's family came to celebrate with her. 10 Past First Ladies were there to show their support of Lady Sheila. The next weekend was full of fun and fellowship. The Star Wars theme was a hit! Many people got into the spirit. We were honored to have Imperial Sir Richard Burke and his Lady Judy to celebrate with us. They saw the Alee Nation at it's BEST!



Also happening the Jesup Regulations participated again in Tim Tebow's Night to Shine". It is an great way to show support to the community. Thank you to Lady Debbie Hughes, Lady Cookie Moore and Lady Amanda Sutton for the pictures. The Fez Staff appreciate your support!!!



Illustrious Potentate's Message

Hello Alee,

What a great start to the year we had a great turn out for the workday over 50 nobles and ladies were in attendance. Thanks to Illustrious Sir Freddie Humpries for heading this up along with Effingham Shrine Club for cooking lunch.

Thank you, Effingham Shrine Ladies, for putting on the First Lady Tea for Sheila it Turned out Fabulous.

THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU for a great Potentate's Ball I cannot Express how proud I and Lady Sheila are of Alee and the three day event. Bowling on Thursday night was filled with great fellowship and a bunch of trash talking while bowling lol.

The Clay Shoot was well attended and fun Thanks to Illustrious Sir Carey Hodges for taking care of this. Fridays Star Wars theme party was off the chain with a bunch of awesome decorations and nobles and ladies dressed up.



I can't say enough about the ball room Mrs. Bobbie Stephens and your group of ladies they knocked it out of the park. Thank you to all my Aides, the whole weekend went smooth and all had fun. Thanks to the Pirates for taking care of the Bar the Wilson's were BooYah. To all that made donations and presentations to Me and my Lady along with those to the Temple and the Hospital's very much APPRECIATED. Thank you to my Chief Aide Illustrious Sir Freddie Humphries, Lady Colleen and the Aides for taking the extra steps for making Imperial Sir Richard Burke and Lady Judy along with my family feel welcome. ALEE IS THE BEST.

Fraternally yours,
Danny Fries Jr.



CHANGING LIVES IN '25!

First Lady's Message



Hello Nobles and Ladies

First and foremost, I want to give a special shout-out to all the wonderful ladies who made my first Ladies Tea Party a success! The decorations and food were amazing, and I am incredibly grateful to everyone who came out to celebrate this special day. It was a beautiful gathering, filled with laughter and camaraderie; thank you all!

Wow, where do I begin!! The decorations for the Friday night Star Wars event were awesome!!! The decorations for the Potentate Ball were truly amazing! Our decorations committee did an outstanding job on the floral arrangements, table settings, and lighting- transforming our ballroom into an inviting haven of beauty and elegance. There are no words to express how incredibly grateful Danny, and I are for all the hard work and time everyone put into making this event special. We have the best decorators and Personal Aides Team you could ask for! We enjoyed spending time talking with the Nobles & Ladies, the visiting Divan, Imperial Potentate Richard Burke and his Lady, Judy. We received so many compliments on decorations for the entire weekend and how good it is to see everyone so

involved at our Temple. Thank you all for making our families and visitors feel welcome. Danny and I are so proud of how well we were represented for these events and truly believe that our teamwork and fellowship shined! We are looking forward to making many more great memories with all of you this year.

Lady Shelia



Ill Sir Danny and First Lady Sheila celebrating with family and friends. The weekend started with Bowling and ended with the Ball honoring ou Potentate. It was a busy fun time. The decorations were outstanding.



CHANGING LIVES IN '25!

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Chief Rabban



It's always a Great Day to be an Alee Shriner Congratulations Illustrious Sir Danny Fries and Lady Sheila on a wonderful Potentate's ball weekend. It was beautiful and everyone had a wonderful time.

All those who attended the Valentine's dance had a great time dancing the night away with our Sweethearts.

Parade season is gearing up, remember to get all of your paperwork in so we can have a successful season. Hope to see everyone at the upcoming parades.

Don't forget about the "Clays for a Cause" gun shoot coming up on May 31st. Please get all sponsor information in as you get it. We must have all the sponsor info in by May 1st. If any club or unit has any questions regarding the gun shoot, please give me a call at (912) 313-7448.

Fraternally,
David W. Armstrong, II (D2)
Chief Rabban

Assistant Rabban



Hello fellow Nobles and Ladies
Hard to believe that January is already gone. Time really does fly by. Thanks to all of the Nobles and Ladies who came to the Temple clean up day and make our temple look great for all of our visitors. Congratulations to Illustrious Sir Danny Hodges for a great Potentates Ball and the Alee Decorating committee for the wonderful job decorating Alee for the event. Mrs. Bobbie and her team always do a great job. If you didn't attend, you missed a fun time and great fellowship. The Valentines Dance will be over by the time you receive this, and I hope all of you enjoyed the special day. 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
Assistant Rabban

Recorder



Hello Nobles and Ladies
Well, its March already and Alee is getting geared up for the upcoming parade season, with Claxton Rattlesnake Wildlife parade on March 8, 2025 then on March 15th is the Tybee Island St. Patrick's Day Parade, March 17th Savannah's 201th St Patrick's Day Parade also on March 17th is the Augusta St Patrick's Day parade. The Shellman's Bluff St Patrick's Day parade is on March 22nd.

Greenville Hospital Day's are March 7 and 8, 2025 and Lady Marlene and I are excited about representing Alee at Hospital Days.

Don't forget the first Stated Session is on March 10th with dinner/supper at 6:30pm, Stated Session starts at 7:30pm and nobles bring your lady as there will be a lady's program in the Arena.

All unit and club presidents get your fundraiser requests in at least 30 days in advance of the event and remember all fundraiser financial reports are due within 30 days of the completion of the event, if it is not turned in within those 30 days any future fundraisers may not be approved by the Illustrious Potentate. Please check the Potentates Newsletter (A Little Extra Effort), given out at the Presidents meetings and The Fez Magazine for your fundraiser to be listed if you do not see it after it was approved, please let me know so I can get it listed for you.

If you know of anyone who has been lost in the Desert, tell them we miss them and would like them to come home, and join in the fun and fellowship we are having at Alee. The cost is only \$310.00 you don't have to make up any further back than 2024 and the current 2025 dues. If you need more information on how to reinstate just call my cell phone at (912) 695-7132 or email me at recorder.alee@gmail.com and I will help you get them reinstated. We sure would love to see them at Alee again.

Lady Marlene and I are excited about and will work to do our best to help Keep Alee Strong and moving in a positive direction by changing children's lives in 2025 and wish everyone a safe and Happy, St Patrick's Day. We all love parades.

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

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

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.

Let's All work hard to keep ALEE great and focus on what matters while changing lives in 25.

Dave Armstrong Sr P P
Recorder

High Priest & Prophet



I hope this finds everyone well and doing good. I wanted to let you know that the Potentate Ball was a great success in my opinion and the decorating crew made us proud it was beautiful. I want to thank everyone that came and I'm sure the Potentate will too, but it was so much fun.

By the time you get this, the Valentines dance will have come and gone, and I want to thank everyone for coming and participating. It also was a lot of fun.

As you know, our Parade season is right here upon us please make sure you get your insurance and your copy of your driver's license into the Temple as soon as you can especially for Saint Patty's day in Savannah Georgia we will be calling the units to make sure.

Also keep in mind if you have not paid your 2025 dues, you cannot parade or participate in any shrine activities so please pay your dues as soon as you can. I will be sending out text to help remind you so you don't get into a situation and cannot Parade and have fun with Alee

God bless you God bless America and have a wonderful year.

Your High Priest and Prophet
Larry and my Lady

Oriental Guide



Hello Nobles and Ladies
Well, the year has started, and it's been busy, what a Potentates Ball. Congratulations to our Illustrious Potentate Danny Fries and Lady Shelia may the force be with throughout 2025. Thank you for all who came out and supported our Valentines Days Dance.

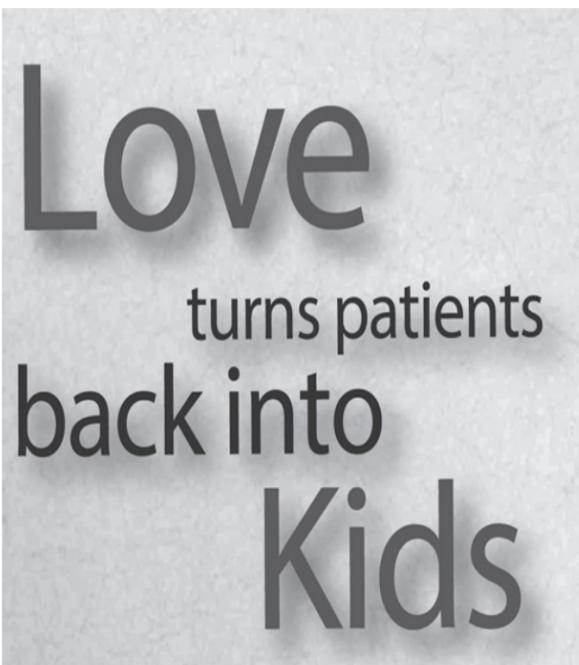
The Temple has a lot of events coming up and we need sponsors, support and teams. We have our Clay Shoot and Golf Tournament. Well, it's time for the Parades to kickoff, so get your vehicles ready and make sure your dues are paid, and a parade sticker is bought. Also, don't forget stated Session on March 10, please RSVP.

The calendar for events is filling up around the temple. So, if your unit or club needs a particular area at the temple please book your area.

Remember to attend your Blue Lodge and make sure to get all dues paid for the year.

Thank You for the support and it's an Honor serving such a great group of Nobles and Ladies. Please call me or any member of Divan for questions and to purchase the great looking hat our Chief Rabban is selling in support of our clay shoot.

Fraternal Yours,
Andrew Watt Sr.





Approved Projects

<u>MARCH</u>	Project	Report DUE
3/7-8/25	Anglers Sheepshead Showdown	4/8/2025
<u>APRIL</u>		
4/25-26/25	Iron Knights Butt Ride – CHARITABLE	5/26/2025
3/31-4/30/25	Thomson Onion Sale	5/30/2025
4/26/25	Augusta Golf Tournament	5/26/2025
4/5/25	Ladies Aux Poker Tournament	
4/19/25	Brunswick Auxiliary - Craft Bazaar	5/19/2025
4/1-30/25	Swainsboro Gun Raffle	5/30/2025
4/26/25	Effingham Ham Jam	5/26/2025
<u>MAY</u>		
5/3/25	Waynesboro BBQ	6/3/2025
5/10/25	Pirates Golf	6/10/2025
Now - 05/08/25	Jesup Aux Quilt	6/8/2025
<u>JUNE</u>		
6/06-07/25	Jesup Boat Poker Run (Pending)	
Now - 06/02/25	Clowns Raffle	7/2/2025
<u>AUGUST</u>		
8/9/25	Mobile Car Show	9/9/2025
8/30/25	Augusta Golf	9/30/2025
<u>OCTOBER</u>		
10/11/25	Augusta 10K	11/30/2025
<u>DECEMBER</u>		
12/13/25	Mobile Unit Beauty Pageant	12/31/2025
Now-12/31/25	Tybee Tuesday Supper	



ALEE SHRINERS SAVE THE DATE



MARCH	10	Stated Session
APRIL	19	Easter Egg Hunt—
MAY	31	Clay Shoot fundraiser and Dance
JUNE	9	Stated Session
	13	Ceremonial Golf
	13	Ceremonial—Meet & Greet
	14	Parade and Ladies Luncheon
	14	Ceremonial Formal Ball
	28 – JULY 3	Imperial—Atlanta
AUGUST	16	Auction
SEPTEMBER	8	Stated Session
	19—21	SASA
OCTOBER	3,4,10,11,17,18,24,25,31	Haunted House
NOVEMBER	10	Stated Session
	14-15	Potential Ceremonial
	16	Potential Ceremonial
DECEMBER	7	Children's Christmas Party
	17	Nobility Christmas Party—6-9

*All Dates Subject to Change

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Yours in the Faith,
Illustrious Sir Danny Fries Jr.

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Women Impacting Care, chaired by Shriners International's First Lady, is a thoughtful group of women donors, supporters and advocates who have bonded together to help highlight services and programs of Shriners Children's. This year, First Lady Judy Burke has chosen to focus on Shriners Children's mission to provide life-changing care to children with burns with her program, "On Angels' Wings."

Inspired by a personal firsthand experience with the exceptional care provided by Shriners Children's, Lady Judy has chosen to support burn care and all the wraparound support services that are needed to provide healing for children and their families who have experienced devastating burn injuries. The theme, "On Angels' Wings," reflects how it often feels that our patients and families stand on the wings of angels. These wings are often borne by our healthcare team – doctors, nurses, rehabilitation specialists, psychologists – as well as road runners and the amazing network of nobles and ladies. Our patients and families know these angels supply their wings of love through their work and dedication.

COMPASSIONATE BURN CARE THAT EMBRACES THE WHOLE FAMILY

Pediatric burns can be among the most painful and difficult injuries a child can sustain and are frightening and stressful for the whole family. Shriners Children's treats all levels and types of burns, including scalds, chemical burns, electrical burns and flame burns. The highly specialized teams are known around the world for their expertise and their innovative, caring and personalized approach to treating burns in children.

After the patient arrives at one of our hospitals, our incredible doctors and nurses develop a treatment plan for the child. They share what to expect with the family and continue to partner with them throughout the healing journey. Lady Judy knows firsthand that this gives the family a sense of relief that our providers will do the very best to help their child return to their daily lives as quickly as possible.

Parents play a large part, as well, in caring for the child. Shriners Children's is a special place where compassionate nurses, care managers, therapists and physicians care for the whole family as much as the child.

WRAPAROUND SUPPORT SERVICES

Shriners Children's has the resources to support patients throughout their treatment, including occupational, physical and child life therapy, scar management, prosthetics and orthotics. They also focus on the emotional healing that comes after a burn injury. Patients have access to psychological services as well as school and community re-entry programs to help children adjust to life outside the hospital.

EDUCATION IS KEY TO BURN PREVENTION

Education and prevention are essential in reducing the number of burn injuries sustained by children and adults every year. Shriners Children's burn care teams work with local organizations to promote health and safety through education and research. They also conduct burn prevention programs for schoolchildren. In addition to supporting the burn care services at Shriners Children's, "On Angels' Wings" seeks to raise awareness and support programs that educate the public on how to keep their families safe from burn injuries.

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Six-year-old Natalie has a spark that lights up any room.

She's feisty, determined and full of life – qualities that have helped her navigate a rare and challenging condition known as bilateral proximal femoral focal deficiency, a diagnosis that affects only **one in 50,000 children**.

Born prematurely at just 31 weeks, Natalie's arrival was a whirlwind for her parents. Hanna and her husband did not know about her condition throughout the pregnancy. "When Natalie was born, it was a shock to everyone," Hanna said. "We had no explanation, no clue, no help. No one knew what was going on."

Despite the uncertainty, the hospital staff directed the family to **Shriners Children's Shreveport**, where they found the answers and support they desperately needed. "Shriners [Children's] was our starting point," Hanna said. "They made us feel at ease and prepared us for what was ahead."

Natalie faced numerous medical hurdles in her early years. She was born with **clubfoot**, which was corrected through braces and a procedure to clip her Achilles tendon. By the time she was 3, Natalie began moving around independently by scooting. Although she found this movement comfortable, it ultimately led to complications. "Over time, her tibia and fibula fused together, and she never developed kneecaps," Hanna said.

To address her unique needs, Natalie began seeing pediatric **orthopedic surgeon** Patrick Powell, M.D., at Shriners Children's Shreveport. When she was 5, she underwent a life-changing osteotomy, where her bones were carefully realigned and secured with an external fixator. "It was a scary process because we didn't know anyone whose child had gone through this," Hanna said. "But the staff answered every question and made sure we felt prepared."

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Even with the challenges she faces, Natalie's resilience shines. She's thriving with her external fixator, and her progress has been remarkable. "Her latest X-rays looked phenomenal," Hanna said. "We've been on top of her care to ensure she can get the fixator off as soon as possible."



Natalie's vibrant personality has made her a favorite in her school and community. While the fixator has temporarily limited her mobility, Natalie stays busy with hobbies like playing video games and spending time outdoors. She is also looking forward to an active future, and is excited to try wheelchair tennis and dreams of one day becoming a Paralympian.

For Hanna, this journey has been one of growth and adaptation. Her advice to other parents facing similar challenges is to seek out connections and support. "You're not alone. There are people who understand your struggles and can help you navigate them."

Natalie is eagerly anticipating the next chapter of her life, as her fixator is expected to come off in a few months. With her determination and the support of her family and care team at Shriners Children's Shreveport, she's set to achieve whatever she sets her sights on. As Hanna put it: "Our hope is for her to have every opportunity to do what she wants. And knowing Natalie, she's going to make it happen."

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When Dan and Julie walked through the doors of Shriners Children's New England for an appointment with their son, Daniel, it was a full-circle moment 25 years in the making.

Not only did they both receive care there, but it's also where they had their first date.

Dan and Julie met as teenagers when they attended the Harvest Ball at **Shriners Children's New England** in the fall of 1996. At that time, regular social events were held for patients of all ages. Dan and Julie spent most of the evening together and realized they only lived a short distance from one another. The smitten teens connected via telephone over the next few days and soon began dating.

Julie became a patient at Shriners Children's New England after being diagnosed with **scoliosis** when she was 12 years old. Julie's younger brother had been treated there for **clubfoot** since infancy, and her family felt reassured knowing she would receive the same level of personalized care. She attended the scoliosis clinic and was treated with **bracing**, significantly improving the curve in her spine over several years. Dan was a patient for a shorter time after he was diagnosed with a weak muscle condition in his shoulders. He was fitted for a brace and underwent **physical therapy**, which successfully resolved his symptoms.

The next time Dan and Julie attended the Harvest Ball, they went as a couple. By the time they married and had two sons, the story of how they met was a well-known and frequently told tale among family and friends.

Dan and Julie kept ties to Shriners Children's New England, bringing their sons to a fundraising walk there. "It was great to go back and participate in the walk," said Dan. "If it wasn't for Shriners Children's, we wouldn't have our family. We were happy to give back."

When their oldest son, Daniel, began experiencing back pain at the age of 12, it was recommended that he see a provider specializing in **spine conditions**. Luckily, Dan and Julie knew exactly where to turn. Entering Shriners Children's New England, now as parents, felt familiar and comforting. "I remembered the exam rooms and the X-ray department well," said Julie. "Since I had been treated for scoliosis, I could tell Daniel what to expect and wear to his appointment."

The ties with my work to healthcare, and our family's history with Shriners Children's, gave us a large support system. We had the utmost trust and confidence in our care team, knowing Daniel was in the best hands.

Daniel was diagnosed with **kyphosis**, a forward rounding of the back. This differs from scoliosis, which causes a sideways spinal curve. Daniel's care team, including **Adam Iwanski, PA-C**, continued to monitor his condition as he grew. When he developed leg pain and had difficulty running, it was discovered that he had a **leg length discrepancy** and malrotation of the lower extremities. As Daniel's pain became worse, it prevented him from doing the things he enjoyed, especially rock climbing. A junior firefighter and scout troop member, he is an active teen who loves the outdoors.

Daniel and his parents began to discuss the option of surgery with Adam and **Lael Luedtke, M.D., orthopedic surgeon** and medical director at Shriners Children's New England. With her child now a patient, Julie had a new appreciation for what her parents experienced. "It was overwhelming being in the parent's shoes. I didn't know what my own parents went through until we went through it with Daniel," she said.

As Dan and Julie helped Daniel weigh the pros and cons of surgery, they were grateful for his care team's patient-centered approach. "The whole team was great at making sure he was included, and the information was directed at him," said Dan. That summer, Dr. Luedtke performed femoral and tibial de-rotation osteotomies with tibial shortening on Daniel's left leg to improve his overall alignment and function.

Dan's training as a paramedic in the local medical community helped to prepare him for what his son's surgery and recovery would be like. Julie's dad was also a source of support for them after navigating many years of care for Julie and her brother. "The ties with my work to healthcare, and our family's history with Shriners Children's, gave us a large support system," said Dan. "We had the utmost trust and confidence in our care team, knowing Daniel was in the best hands."

With his post-operative physical therapy complete, Daniel, now 15, is preparing for surgery on his right leg. The comprehensive treatment he has received is one of many reasons Dan and Julie are grateful for Shriners Children's New England. "We all have more knowledge going into this surgery, and it is comforting knowing how well he has been taken care of," said Dan. "Our experience has always given us confidence that he is in the right place."

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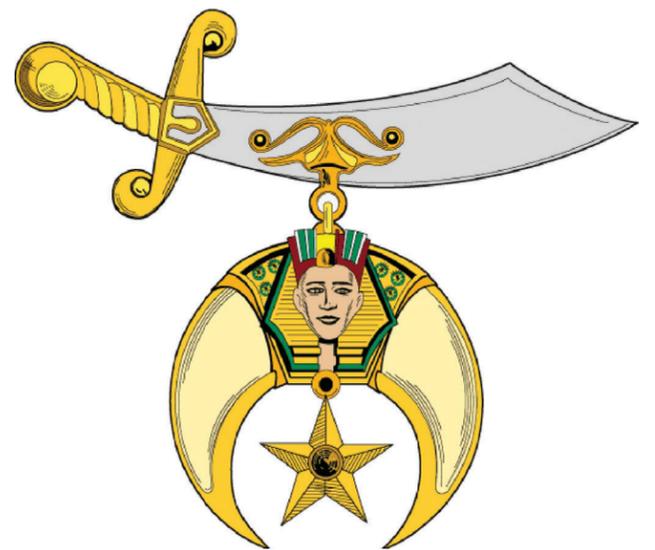
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