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Alee Shriners
Potentate Ball Honoring

*Ill. Sir Carey Hodges
and Lady Julie*



Saturday, April 13, 2024
Six O'Clock in the Evening
Alee Shriners Ballroom

Formal Attire with Fez
Event Tickets: \$40 per person available
thru aleeshriners.org
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HILLBILLY HOEDOWN

Come dressed as a hillbilly or
casual to celebrate
Illustrious Sir Carey Hodges
and Lady Julie.

Friday, April 12, 2024

SOCIAL: 6:00PM
INTRODUCTIONS: 7:00 PM
SUPPER: 7:15PM
DANCING/STOMPING TO

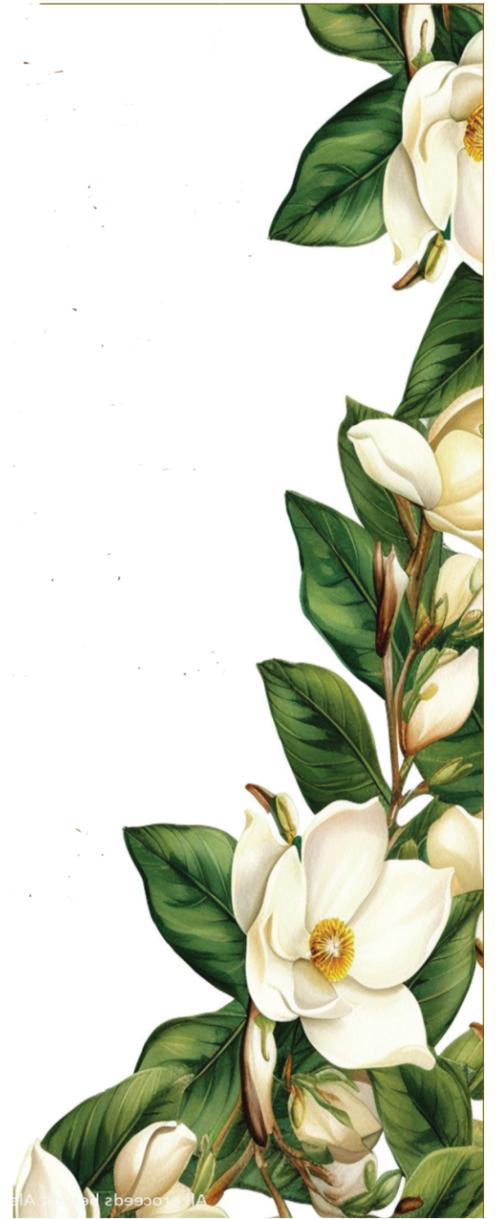
Event Tickets: \$25 per person

Purchase at aleeshriners.org

Alee Shriners Arena

Proceeds benefit Alee Shriners and are not tax deductible

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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"



April 2024



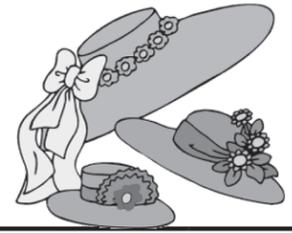
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 <i>President's Meeting 6:30</i> Happy April Fool's Day	2 <i>Swainsboro Gun Raffle til April 30</i>	3	4	5 <i>Office Closed</i>	6 <i>Darien Blessing of the Fleet</i> • Tattnall • Largemouth Bass Tournament Effingham Ham Jam
7 <i>Tattnall FL-CA motorcycle Ride— Greg Strickland-4/14</i>	8	9	10 <i>FEZ article Due: aleefez@gmail.com</i>	11 <i>Savannah Smiles 7pm</i>	12 <i>Office Closed</i> Potentates Ball weekend <i>Clay Shoot Iron Knights Butt Ride</i>	13
14	15	16	17	18	19 <i>Office Closed</i>	20 <i>Waynesboro BBQ</i>
21	22	23	24	25	26 <i>Office Closed</i> <i>Effingham Ladies Raffle drawing</i>	27 <i>Thunderbolt Blessing of the Fleet</i> <i>Pt Wentworth Stand Up for America parade</i>
28	29	30				



MAY 2024



2024 APPOINTED DIVAN
Ceremonial Master - Noble James Derrick Lewis
Director - Noble Brian Dixon
Temple Marshall - Noble Clint Carter
Captain of the Guard - Noble Ryan Fedak
Outer Guard - Noble John Adams
Chaplain - Noble Carlos Ruiz

REPRESENTATIVE TO IMPERIAL COUNCIL
Illustrious Potentate - Carey Hodges
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Elected - PP Dave Armstrong, Sr.
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<i>Thomson Vidalia Onion Sale</i>		1	2	3 <i>Office Closed</i>	4 <i>Pinetree Parade</i> • Tattnall Mudd Shootout • Hinesville Billiards • Augusta Golf
5	6 <i>President's Meeting 6:30 Bill Porter</i>	7	8	9	10 <i>Office Closed</i> FEZ article due aleefez@gmail.com	11 <i>Sweet Onion Parade</i> <i>Hinesville Paper Drive</i>
12	13	14	15	16	17 <i>Office Closed</i>	18 <i>Patrol 10K</i>
19	20	21	22	23	24 <i>Office Closed</i> <i>Bryan Co Boston Butt</i>	25 <i>Bryan Co Boston Butt</i>
26	27	28	29	30	31	

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Send articles as a word document attached to the email. When pictures are used - please send originals. Photos must be high resolution jpeg. Provide the the photographer's name.

Approved Parades

Blessing of Fleet Parade
When: April 06, 2024
Where: Darien, GA
Line-Up: 8:30 am Sailfish off Blount's Crossing Road in Darien, GA
Step-off: 10:00am

Blessing of the Fleet Parade
When: April 27, 2024
Where: Thunderbolt, Ga
Line-Up: 10am Cesaroni Park
Step-Off: 11am

Stand Up for America Parade
When: April 27, 2024
Where: Port Wentworth, GA
Line-Up: 7:30 am 201 Oxnard Drive US Sugar refinery Port Wentworth
Step-off: 10:00am

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

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

Rincon Freedom Day Parade
When: June 29, 2024
Where: Rincon, GA
Line Up: 9:00
Step Off: 10am

**ALEE SHRINERS 2024
POTENTATES BALL**

Thursday, April 11
Savannah Smiles Dueling Pianos
314 Williamson Street, Savannah, Ga
7:30 PM—Dutch Treat

Friday, April 12
Sporting Clay Shoot
17 South Rod & Gun Club
5899 N. Coastal Hwy, Fleming, GA
9 am* \$125 Single / \$500 Team

Friday, April 12
Hillbilly Hoedown
Alee Shriners Arena/Patio
100 Eisenberg Dr, Savannah, GA
6:00pm * Event Ticket: \$25 per person
Dress: Hillbilly, hobo or casual

Saturday, April 13
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: \$40 per person

All Event Tickets can be purchased at
www.aleeshriners.org
Deadline is April 8
All proceeds benefit Alee Shriners and are not tax deductible

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ALEE SHRINERS
POTENTATE BALL
**Sporting
Clays Shoot**
April 12, 2024
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., April 3 so that we may plan accordingly or register at aleeshriners.org

\$125 per shooter
Limited entries
Eye and hearing protection must be worn.
Proceeds benefit Alee Shrine and are not tax deductible.

PULL!

SPONSORSHIPS:
Have your business name and logo displayed at a shooting station - \$100.
Contact Robbie Moore, P.P. (912-856-0326) for a sponsorship.

 **Approved
Projects**

<u>APRIL</u>	Project	Report DUE
4/6/2024	Tattnall Largemouth Bass	5/6/2024
4/6/2024	Effingham Concert Ham Jam	5/6/2024
4/20/2024	Waynesboro BBQ	5/20/2024
4/12-13/24	Iron Knights Butt Ride (Charitable)	5/12/2024
4/1-30/24	Swainsboro Gun Raffle	5/30/2024
04/6-14/24	Tattnall FI-CA motorcycle ride- Strickland (charitable)	
3/26-4/23/24	Effingham Ladies Raffle	
<u>MAY</u>		
5/4/24	Tattnall Mudbog	6/4/2024
5/4/24	Augusta Golf Tournament	6/4/2024
Now - 5/24	Thomson Vidalia Onions	6/20/2024
5/4/24	Hinesville Billiards Tournament	6/4/2024
5/11/24	Hinesville Paper Drive	6/11/2024
5/24-25/24	Bryan Boston Butt	6/24/2024
5/18/24	Patrol 10K	6/18/2024
5/4/24	Drifters Corn Hole	6/4/2024
<u>JUNE</u>		
Now - 6/3/24	Clowns raffle	
6/1/2024	Quint Corn Hole Tournament	7/1/2024
now-6/30/24	Augusta Go Cart Vidalia Onion	7/30/2024
<u>JULY</u>		
Now - July 1	Iron Knights Henry .22 rifle raffle	8/1/2024
7/27/24	Effingham Poker Run	8/27/2024
<u>AUGUST</u>		
Now - 8/3/24	Mobile shotgun Raffle	9/3/2024
<u>SEPTEMBER</u>		
9/7/24	Hinesville Paper Drive	10/7/2024
9/15/24	Pirate poker run	10/15/2024
9/14-15/2024	Tattnall Birdies Golf Tournament	10/15/2024
Now - 09/21/24	Hinesville gun drawing	10/21/2024
<u>OCTOBER</u>		
3/1-10/21/24	Pirates 21-gun salute	11/21/2024
<u>NOVEMBER</u>		
3/3-11/30/24	Swainsboro 5050 raffles	12/30/2024
11/27/2024	Swainsboro BBQ	12/27/2024
<u>DECEMBER</u>		
Now - 12/31/24	Alee paper Crusade	
Now - 12/31/24	Dune Cat 5050 raffle	
Now - 12/31/24	Hillbilly Unit bartending at events	
Now - 12/1/24	Swainsboro Fox Pen	
now - 12/31/24	Tybee Lite Supper Club	

 **Celebrating 51 years!!**

SASA
September 19-22



Alee's Hospitality Room
is located at the
Landmark Hotel.
1501 South Ocean Blvd
Myrtle Beach, SC 29577
855-338-0226

REGISTRATION INFO:

Each Noble **MUST** be registered to be in Parade

Registration : **SHOULD BE AVAILABLE IN JUNE OR JULY**

Ladies Brunch: TBA
President's Bash: TBA
Parade Placement: TBA

**P.P. Freddie Humphries Jr will be installed
as 2nd Vice President!**

More information soon regarding the SASA events
and information!

LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU THERE!!



**ILL SIR CAREY HODGES AND LADY JULIE ARE GOING ON A
CRUISE! THE CARNIVAL ELATION CRUISE TO BE EXACT.**

NOVEMBER 21-25, 2024

Leave Jacksonville FI- 3 pm November 21

Freeport Bahamas November 22

Nassau (8-4) November 23

Fun Day at Sea November 24

Arrive at Jacksonville- 8 am November 25

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Additional Services: Vacation Protection (\$49 per person)

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Full booking deposit with actual room assignment (\$150 per person)

Contact: —Ronald Futch—912*289*3434—awayknttravel@gmail.com

Waynesboro Shrine Club

Hello from the Bird Dog Capital of the World! Waynesboro Shrine Club hopes everyone is doing well and getting prepared for spring and summer. We are preparing for our annual Bar-Q-Que sale to be held on April 20, 2024. Get your tickets soon for some of the best food you will ever put in your mouth! The plates include Chopped Bar-B-Que Pork, Homemade Hash over Rice, Cole Slaw and Bread. Plates are \$13.00 each. See any member to get your tickets before or pay at the door. We provide a drive through service from 12:00pm till 4:00pm. Don't miss out, come get yours early before we sell out.

Our President, Jimmy Atkins would like to thank those members who were able to attend the Augusta St. Patrick's Day Parade on Saturday March 16, 2024. What a great time we had while making the parade attendees smile and laugh! We would also like to thank Augusta Shrine Club Nobles and Ladies for the awesome hospitality after the parade while serving some delicious food, fun, fellowship.

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

We will also hold our Annual Waynesboro Shrine Club Farm Festival September 14, 2024. More information will be coming as time gets closer. If you are interested in being a vendor or taking part in the entertainment portion, please let us know so we can get you lined up.

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

Nobles and Ladies, please keep Lady Sue Canady in your prayers as she continues to recover from surgery. We also ask that you keep those friends and relatives in your prayers that may be dealing with difficulties. This world has gone crazy, and prayers do work!

If you have not paid your 2024 dues, I will be glad to accept them at the next meeting. Should any Noble needs help with paying dues, please contact our secretary, Ill. Sir Clyde Bowie at 706-945-7377 to get your dues paid. Brothers, I always say, if we don't know it is broken, we can't even start to fix it.

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

Fraternally yours,
Clyde Bowie, P.P.
Secretary



Oriental Band

Hello Everyone, what a great time we had shaking our shamrocks & looking for those Easter eggs. Let's get rested up for the big weekend, the Potentate's Ball. Savannah Smiles will be on Thursday, April 11th. Friday morning, April 12th will be the Sporting Clay Shoot at 17 South Rod & Gun Club. Friday night is the Hillbilly Hoedown located in the Arena/Patio area. Saturday, April 13th is the Potentate's Ball in the Ballroom. Let's come out and drink, dance, & have a great time supporting our Potentate & his Lady. April 27th is the Thunderbolt Blessing of the Fleet. Line up on River Dr. at 10 am & step off at 10:50 am, more information to come.

If you are not on the Oriental Band call-out list, please contact President Terry Wright at 912-222-8356 or Garry Hendricks at 912-429-1626. Everyone is welcome, old members as well as we are always looking for new ones.

A big THANK YOU to Gary Vinson and Frankie Wallace for driving Cleo for us!!!! We also would like to thank all of you for your help filling our can trailer. Please keep bringing cans!!! The more we fill up the trailer the more we can contribute to the Greenville Hospital.

The Oriental Band Ladies Auxiliary has Fez cases & other accessories. You can special order, contact Annette Perry at 912-308-2980 or Cindy Hendricks at 912-663-2370. Thank you to Our Military, 1st Responders, Doctors, and nurses, for what they do! Keep the less fortunate in your thoughts & prayers as well as Tony Stanford. Remember many hands make light work. Hope to see everyone out & about the Temple. Let's do more in 24!!!!!!!

Fraternally Yours,
Garry Hendricks



ALEE PIRATES

Pirates,
Wow what a March!! St Patrick's Day Parade Season started with a bang by raining out the Tybee & Claxton parades, so we moved on to the 200th Savannah St Patrick's Day Parade which was one to remember. We finished with the Shellman's Bluff Parade. It was great to see everyone on the parade routes, and we sure missed our Brother Logan Spencer, but we know he was with us from above!!

Our first social is at Amelia Island and it's just around the corner. Don't forget if you came last year, we had a blast and will be bigger this year. Also, will probably have the chance to parade so bring your Pirate gear.

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

PIRATES ARR NUMBER ONE!

Jeff Roberson, President, 2024
Alee Pirate Unit
alee.piratepresident@gmail.com

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



Well, parade season has come and gone. Unfortunately, the Tybee Island Parade was cancelled due to weather, but the Savannah Parade and Shellman Bluff Parade are still on as I write this. Thanks to Shriner of the Year Lenzy Phillips for driving and to all members who marched and had fun!

Thanks to Barack McCluskey for feeding us each week, and to George Fox for providing refreshments to was it down. You guys make coming to meetings enjoyable!

As far as I know, we have a full compliment of officers for the unit, although you would never know it by the attendance. We also have a lot of members we haven't seen in a while. I wonder which ones we will see first.....

(I'm taking a big chance here.) bobby staples told me he had a problem. Every morning at 8:00, he had to use the bathroom. I asked him why that was a problem. He said he never wakes up before 9:00.

bobby also told me that golf is a hard game to figure. One day you will go out and slice it and shank it, hit into all of the traps and miss every green. The next day you will go out and, for no reason at all, you really stink.

If you haven't helped by buying or selling a Hi Roller Raffle Ticket, it isn't too late. See President Ben for yours.

We should be getting close to time to have another social, so keep listening to the call outs for information. All the call outs. All of them. Every. Single. One. All. Of. Them.

bobby told me that he gave up golf for painting because it took less strokes.

Director Brian Dixon told me that his wallet was just like an onion. Every time he opens it, it makes him cry.

If you can't tell, I'm just trying to fill up valuable space in the Fez. If you have anything you would like me to add let me know. It doesn't even have to be true. Especially, if it concerns a fellow unit member. Give me your best shots!

Until later,
Ol' (used to be) Sparky

Temple Ladies Auxiliary

Hey Ladies of Alee!

We had such a good meeting yesterday! Lots of fun and fellowship and it doesn't take too long out of your day. Hope all you ladies will consider joining us on the first Tuesday of every month to find out what is going on in Alee and meet other ladies from other Units and Clubs.

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

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

Please remember, with 176 children - over twice as many children as last year! - attending our Children's Christmas Party we have depleted our toy inventory and will be asking for each Unit, Club, and Auxiliary to please find it in your hearts to donate to this worthwhile cause for us. It was a great time, and we would like to say the biggest thank you to ALL clubs and units, auxiliaries, that participated in the party with crafts and lots and lot of Holiday fun. We hope you plan to have a table this coming December. I promise, YOU are the one who will receive a blessing that day!

Remember our Potentate's Ball Weekend coming up April 12-13. It should be a great time you won't want to miss.

Again, come join us!
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Augusta Golf Unit

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

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

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

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

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

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



Effingham Ladies Auxiliary

Hello everyone!

We want to start off by thanking our Effingham Shrine Nobles for getting our little building updated. We are growing out of it. We had 22 beautiful ladies at our February Meeting. It looks great. Ladies, if your Noble is a member of Effingham Shrine Club come join us. We meet every 4th Tuesday of the month.

We have a few things coming up in April, the first being the Ham Jam on April 6th. I know it will be a wonderful time. Our ladies will have food and soft drinks out there for purchase.

We have a raffle coming up and it is a Gift Card/Lottery tree with over 20 cards and/or lottery tickets. The cost is 1 ticket for \$10 or 3 for \$20. We will be drawing at our April 23rd meeting. Contact any Effingham Ladies Auxiliary member and we can get them to you.

The Potatoes Weekend will be on April 12th and 13th. Hope to see all of you there.

We want to wish everyone having a birthday in April a very Happy Birthday!!

Let's remember our Shrine Children, Medical personnel, Military, and all Emergency Personnel in our daily prayers.

See y'all next time.
Lady Donna

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Jesup Shrine Club

Greetings from The Jesup Shrine Club,

Spring has sprung!! At least it looks that way by all of the pollen and gnats! I don't have a lot to write about this time, but that's okay! Parade season is here, and I know there will be much to say next month!!

But first, a big group from Jesup went to Alee's Valentine Dance and we had a blast!! We socialized, ate/drank/was merry, and danced the night away. Thank you for this always looked forward to event at Alee. We even saw cupid and got our picture made with him and watched as he led us with a crowd favorite, YMCA. Oh what fun! I know I can't wait until the next one because they just seem to get better and better each year.

Our fearless leader President Jasper Blanton, went out and supported Tattall Shrine Club at their two man team Crappie Tournament on March 2nd. Thank you, Jasper, for the fine example of leadership that you portray for us in all you do! We appreciate you!

Speaking of parades, today March 9th, we were meant to be at the Claxton Wildlife Festival Parade and the Tybee Irish Heritage Parade. We were geared up, gassed up and ready to go. As a matter of fact, we were on our way when we found out the Claxton parade was cancelled due to the weather. We had a caravan of sorts, led by OG Larry Brantley and PP John B. Johnson. Three buses from Jesup Shrine Club, two Tin Lizzies and a lawnmower were to invade little ol' Claxton with fun and music. But alas, it wasn't meant to be this time. We had 20 folks from Jesup (at least) that got up and got ready and were disappointed because no parade, and WE LOVE A PARADE!

In local news: We had another amazing blood drive, hosted by the Jesup Ladies Auxiliary. 54 units of blood were donated, this has the potential of saving many lives! Thank you, Lady Jan Arwood, for being the leader and organizer of this and thank you to all of the volunteers for your time and effort!

PP John B. Johnson is running for District Attorney on the Republican ticket! We support you and we are proud of you!!

In and about the club: The Hillbilly Bus has had a boost in its speaker system and improvements to the playlist. We can't wait to share that at the next parade! The club continues to make improvements, it is a work in progress that will surely shine for years to come!

Thank you to all who continue to support our club! Until next time....

Best regards from the Jesup Shrine Club,
Lady Denise Bennett

Waynesboro Ladies Auxiliary

Wife of a Shriner

I am the wife of a Shriner,
A man far more precious than Gold;
His talents and virtues are finer
And more than can ever be told,
He is jolly and gay – kind and friendly,
He still loves to frolic and play,
He follows the law, and the Golden Rule
From morning till night every day,
He is a proud of the Shriner's Fez he wears.
With the crescent and scimitar pin,
And I as the of a Shriner rejoice
That he is kind hearted within,
To help crippled children get well again
Is his heartwarming labor of love;
It makes him feel buoyant and young again,
With the blessing of heaven above.
Yes, I'm proud, as the wife of a Shriner,
That a gem of a man is he,
And I'm grateful beyond all recounting
That God gave this Shriner to me.
Author Unknown

Submitted by Melissa Damon President of Waynesboro Ladies Auxiliary



Augusta Go-Cart Unit

On behalf of Captain, Noble Don Harris we would like to thank all the clubs and units who made the Augusta St. Patrick's Day parade, especially Jesup Shrine Club as they continue to join our parade year after year. What a fantastic time we had by all. A thank you to all who help prepare the delicious food for all to enjoy after the parade. As the song says, the parade stretched out for a mile!

Nobles, let's support the Augusta Shrine Club Golf Unit Nobles at their annual Golf Tournament to be held on May 4, 2024 at the Applewood Golf Course. Get your team together and enjoy some fun and fellowship.

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

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

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

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

Clyde Bowie, P.P.
Secretary and
Tire Changer

Tattall Shrine Club

Hello Nobles and Ladies!

Greetings from Tattall Shrine Club. We hope everyone has recovered from the St. Patty's Parades as another great year of fellowship was had by all. Looking forward to many more.

We want to thank our sponsors and everyone who came out for our annual white perch tournament. We had 33 teams competing for the bragging rights as well as prize money which was all donated back.

Just a few reminders... of our annual 2-man team bass tournament on April 6th with weigh at 3p.m. at TSC. Y'all can reach out to any of our members for more details. Our mud bog is coming up on May 4th and then May 17th is the Glennville Seet Onion festival followed with meal at the Club. We are looking forward to another great Golf Tournament coming up on Sept 14 and 15. Reach out to Dustin Nail if you have any questions.

As always, while on bended knee, remember our shrine children and their families. Remember those within our clubs, units and temple that have been paid a visit by the Black Camel. Reach out to our brothers, Nobles, and those within our clubs and lodges that we have not seen in a while.

Fraternally Yours,
"Clark"
Rodney Todd #47
TSC Secretary

Augusta Shrine Club

On behalf of President Cato and our members, we extend a heartfelt thank you to all the Alee Shrine Clubs and Units who were able to attend the Augusta St. Patrick's Day Parade on Saturday March 16, 2024, especially Jesup Shrine Club, who continues to join our parade year after year! Coy can't out do Jesup Shrine Club! We also want to thank all those Nobles and Ladies who prepared the food for all who came back to the club to enjoy some delicious food, fun and fellowship after one of the largest parades in Augusta!

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

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

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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

EFFINGHAM SHRINE CLUB

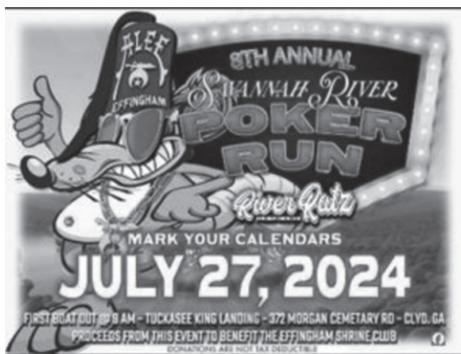
Hello Fellow Ratz and Friends,

This year is already flying by. I hope everyone enjoyed their St. Patrick's Day and Easter Holidays. I'd Like to thank All that have helped us prepare for Ham Jam!! You all are greatly appreciated!!

Mark your calendars for the 8th Annual Savannah River Poker Run, July 27th.

We hope to see everyone at the Potentate's Ball and adjoining Festivities.

#Ratztothefront
Thank you,
Your Effingham Shrine Club President



Hinesville - Ft. Stewart Shrine Club

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

Alee Parade Club of the Year 2018

Spring is in the air which brings 4 things to mind; Parade Season, Fishing Season, Easter Celebration, and time for Spring Cleaning.

As of this writing we are scheduled for parades in Shellman's Bluff, and the big St Patrick's Day parade in Savannah. Parades are awesome and full of fun and laughter so hopefully the weather will cooperate.

We hope you and your family had a Happy Easter. If nothing else, you probably learned that Easter Egg hunts are proof that kids can find things when they want to.

We jump started the spring cleaning around the club. As you drive by you should notice that the bushes and palms have been trimmed or removed and the building was pressure washed. It looks much better. The broken water line from the water heater turned out to look worse than it was. It took more time to clean the mess than it did to repair the line. Thank you, Dwayne Sutton, for taking care of this.

Several club members and families traveled to Greenville in March for Shriner's Day at the Greenville Shriners Hospital. This is always a special event where Shriners can see the results of their hard work and contributions. This is a beautiful facility and if you have never been you are missing something.

Coming up soon is our annual Potentate visit, featuring Illustrious Sir Carey Hodges and Lady Julie, along with the Divan and their ladies. The event is scheduled for 9 April at 6:30 pm. You can't complain that you have nothing to wear because the attire is Hillbilly!. We have a great meal planned and look forward to seeing all of you there.

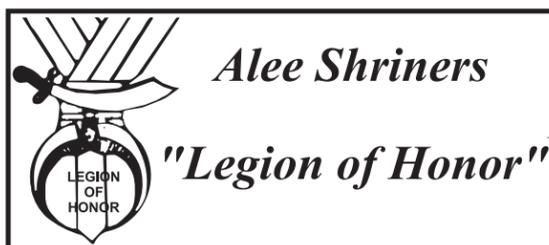
Next up is the Potentate's Ball weekend, beginning with a fun night at Savannah Smiles on Thursday, April 11th at 7:30 pm. The next day we have the Sporting Clay Shoot at the 17 South Rod & Gun Club in Richmond Hill at 9 am. Remember that HFSSC has again sponsored a youth shooting team for this event so come out and support them. There are some openings for our club team so get with Bill Badger if you are interested.

That Friday night is the Hillbilly Hoedown followed by the Potentate's Ball that Saturday. All the details are in the FEZ.

Time is fast approaching for our 2nd annual Pool/Billiards Tournament on May 4th. The games start at 1:00 pm with nothing but fun, drink, and food for the next 4(ish) hours. We still have room for teams, or you can register solo and we'll put you on a team. Those who joined us last year will tell you that you have never seen a fun and entertaining pool tournament like this. You don't even have to know how to play but still have a chance of winning. Either way, you'll have fun.

Our next bed building event is scheduled for Saturday May 18th. This is when HFSSC families will join forces with other community groups to build beds for kids in need. These bed building events involve a little bit of work and lots of fun and fellowship while helping others in our community. More details to follow.

As a reminder, remember that our regular club meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month. See you there.



Nobels, Ladies and Flatlanders,

Well, I still call myself a "virgin" at this secretary stuff, but I think I might be STARTING to get the hang of it, but we'll see. This'll be my 2nd FEZ article and my light bulb has gone from "off" to "dim", so I guess that's progress.

Got some good news for the Alee Hillbilly Unit last meeting. TWO of the folks that took the Hillbilly degree Jan 20th were voted into the unit and are now OFFICIAL Alee Hillbillies. That would be David Hulett and Phillip Kay. WELCOME NOBLES! Now I'm just wonderin' where the other 4 that took the degree that day are?!? While I'm on the subject of membership, those Nobels that have already taken the degree, all you have to do is get a petition from one of our fine UPSTANDIN' Hillbillies along with \$36 and we'll git r turned in and voted on. It'd be GREAT to have you!

Now let's talk business, of course Hillbilly business first. This here's a message from Unit President, Nobel JT;

"I talked with MY cruise person Zach Ansley (Carnival Cruise line) about a Hillbilly Cruise out of Jacksonville, Fla. to the Bahamas and he told me April 25-29, 2024 (4 days) has rooms available for booking Now. I've got mine booked !!

Rates differ depending if you have cruised with Carnival in the past or not. I have several with him so I got a SWEET deal.

His information is Zach Ansley (800) 819-3902 Ext: 85852 Monday - Friday 8-am to 8-pm or leave a voicemail. Mention Hillbilly Cruise for possible Group Discount".

Now, I wasn't a member of the Hillbillies back when they had the last cruise, but from what I heard, everyone took their bibs and hats and drew quite a crowd. The cruise ship captain even came down and joined the festivities. The thing is, you don't have to be a member of the Hillbillies to attend, you just need to have been through the Hillbilly Degree, and I KNOW there's a bunch of you out there that have been through the degree over the years, so you're welcome to go. Don't be shy! Get you some bibs, bring your hat and it'll be a hoot!

Now for upcomin' Alee SHRINE events. I think everyone probably already knows about these events, but here's a reminder. Thursday April 11, Savannah Smiles Dueling Pianos – Friday April 12, Sporting Clay Shoot – Saturday April 13, POTENTATE'S BALL – and let's not forget an event that's near and dear to us Hillbillies, Illustrious Sir Carey Hodges (Hillbilly Extraordinaire) and Lady Julie are puttin' on a HILLBILLY HOEDOWN, on April 12, the same day as the Sporting Clay Shoot, but that night. Dress as a Hillbilly or just come casual and do some dancing/stompin'! All Alee Shrine event tickets can be purchased at www.aleeshriners.org. But NOT the Hillbilly cruise.

I'm gonna quit writin' this book and sign off, for now! Be seein' y'all around the Shrine.

Cuzzin DJ,
Hillbilly Secretary



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Sharing her wisdom with others:
Helping them to learn to live each day.

Walking by the Father's side, in His sheltering arms
From trouble, you can hide.

She always has an encouraging word
To pick you up when you're down.
Then, she'll flash you an outstanding smile
That will turn your gloomy day around.

She laughs with you when you're happy.
She cries with you when you're sad.
She's there as an anchor of strength
When everything seems to have gone bad.

She's a true friend. She'll stand by your side:
and to have her as a friend, makes your heart
swell with pride.

She's a rare jewel, worthy of praise. In gratitude,
her name should be raised..
She is there for her Shriner, to support him in all he
does;
She gives him love.

So, if you are friends with a Shriner's wife, consider
yourself blessed.
Because you'll never find a friend any better, not in
the East of West.

She's a wonderful woman, loyal and true:
And, I'm glad that I've found that friend in you.
Author Unknown

Submitted by Melissa Damon –President of Augusta Ladies Auxiliary of Augusta Shrine

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

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

As of this report, our Alee Roadrunners have made 4 trips safe and sound to Greenville. These dedicated Nobles and Ladies go above and beyond to transport our most precious cargo to our hospitals safely. I cannot say enough about these dedicated individuals. Thank you again for your hard work and dedication to Greenville, our patients and Alee Shrine for all you do!

On behalf of Noble Roger Hutchinson and myself, THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU to the 26 Nobles, Ladies and Family Members who

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

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

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

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

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

Alee Dune Cats



Our March meeting was well attended and very promising. We had a good turnout for our Oyster Roast. Many thanks to Dave Armstrong's friend, Michael Parsons, and his dad for cooking the oysters – three party packs. Thanks to Lady Colleen, and Holly for getting the chili, hot dogs, chicken nuggets, and more for the non-eaters. We had children attending, which made the event more family-oriented and fun. There were even a few who played cornhole. Our President, Aaron Sauls, had a few raffle items which added to the fun and fellowship. Colleen made some dessert she saw on TikTok with frozen fruit; snickerdoodle mix and Sprite. It was interesting.

The first set of parades were rained out but that did not dampen our spirits. We are all pumped up waiting for Savannah St Pat and Shellman's Bluff. Woo Hoo!! Parade season is just around the corner!! Remember while we are having fun, our presence in the community brings awareness to Shriners, our hospitals, and the next class of Masons.

We would like to remind you that our meetings are on the first Monday of each month at 7:30 in the Dune Cat room located on the second floor of the JC Lewis Building. We need to get your involvement. It would be great to see you at the April meeting.

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

Speedy

Mobile Unit Classics

Greetings and Salutations,

Our engines are running at full throttle. We hit the ground pulling wheelies and chirpin' tires. Spring has sprung and so have the Mobile Unit Classics members. Illustrious Sir Lester Claxton, Noble Ken Porter, and President Noble Pratt were just caught sitting around telling lies and stories about their pristine cars and counting down the days for parade season. The birds have a song in their heart, flowers are blooming everywhere, and the trees are turning green with envy. The bugs are doing what hey do best in South Georgia, annoying everyone. Soon, Noble Ken will be in shorts sporting his bird legs for all to admire.

The Mobile Unit Classics Ladies Auxiliary has been re-established with an overwhelming request by the Ladies. We are proud to have them back with us during our monthly meeting dinner. Lady Candice Sauls will be heading the Ladies auxiliary this year with many new and fresh ideas. We look forward to the Auxiliary's growth and will help foster their ideas into fruition as quickly as possible.

Thank you goes out to President Noble Pratt. His work and commitment to bring our room back to life has changed the appearance and ambiance of the entire room. We now have pictures up and a new feel to the atmosphere. He has committed himself to bringing his hillbilly way of cooking to the last few meetings. He has kept the flatted fauna throughout Effingham County to a minimum. Just the other day I passed him in Rincon, on a back road, picking up

something furry. I could see he lifted it slowly and took a good sniff. He shrugged his shoulders and put it in a bag. Two nights later we had "corn beef" and cabbage in the Unit room.

The Mobile Unit Classics is preparing for our yearly Car show coming in Aug. Please be on the lookout for flyers. Any assistance in getting help with sponsors would be greatly appreciated. We are hoping for another stellar year.

By the time you read this the Mobile Unit Classics will have participated in many parades. Our lineup includes Savannah St Patrick's, and Shellman Bluff. We look forward to putting smiles on the crowds' faces. We can't wait to see Our Vice-President Noble Frank Norris slide his big self-down into a tin Lizzie.

A special thought goes out to one of our longest members, Noble Bill Barrows. Bill has had a slew of health problems lately and while on bended knee, keep him in your thoughts and prayers. Noble Stathy and Noble Trey have both slowly recovered from the ailments and hopefully soon will be 100%.

Our tradition lives on thanks to Noble Harry Rogers. We will have the Mobile Unit Classics Social at his house. This tradition went to the wayside during Covid. It has been resurrected and our members are looking forward to attending this after the Shellman Bluff Parade On 23 Mar 24.

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Jesup Shine Club Hillbillies all dressed up and no where to go when the Claxton Parade was cancelled.



The Cabiri had their social at Sam Sneed's and the newest member got a welcome hug!!!



Thank you to everyone that submitted articles. It takes a team to make this happen each month.



Special Thanks to Lady Amanda Sutton, Lady Cookie Moore, Lady Colleen Humphries, Lady Denise Bennett and Noble Benjamin Kates for submitting pictures.

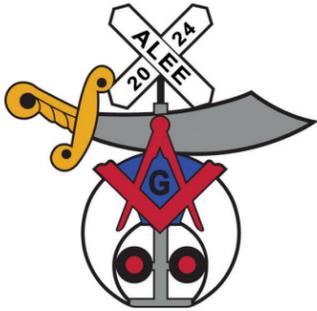
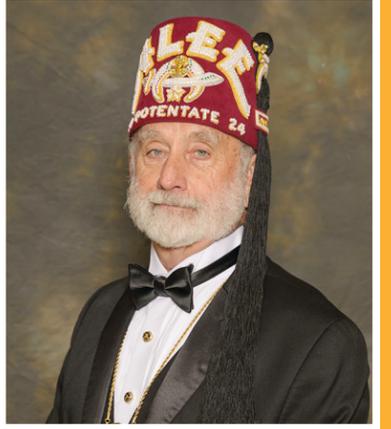
Our Potentate and Divan have been very busy visiting Clubs...Bryan County, Quint and Swainsboro Shrine Clubs. Good Food and Fellowship was had by all. We also had Nobles and their families participate in Greenville Hospital Days were they got a chance to meet some of our Shrine Children. Director's Staff had their annual Oyster Roast. We are very busy in Alee Land!

Illustrious Potentate's Message

Hello Nobles and Ladies,

It's always a great day to be an Alee Shriner. Well March is in the books. What a month it was with parades, Stated Session, Ladies program, more visits to the clubs and an Easter egg hunt hosted by the Drifters. Thanks to all Nobles and ladies who made these events successful! April will be another fun filled Month. Lady Julie and I are personally inviting each and every one to our Potentate Ball weekend. It starts April the 11th through Saturday night the 13th. We hope to see all of your smiling faces. There are many more clubs and unit fundraisers this month, so check out the Fez for all the information. We have another parade this month. It's the Thunderbolt Blessing of the Fleet. Thanks again for all you do! Focus on what matters while doing more in 24!

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



Fraternally yours,
Carey Hodges

Focus On What Matters While Doing More In '24

First Lady's Message



Greeting to all Nobles and Ladies of Alee:

It has been an exciting month! We all know our Nobles love a parade! And parade they did! Ladies love them, too! We watch our Nobles in parades put so much pride in what they do for the number one temple in all of Georgia! It also makes our hearts just as proud! The Easter Egg hunt was such a joyous event. The kids were delighted to see the Easter Bunny. Thanks to all who made it happen. We are gearing up for the Potentates Ball weekend starting on the 11th through the 13th. It is going to be a memorable event for us. Thanks to all who attended the Stated Session and the wreath making class! We always have so much fellowship and fun! Remember to let's do more in

'24 to keep everyone educated about our mission, Children's Shriner's Hospitals! There are many fund raisers listed in your Fez. Check them out to see how you can participate.



First Lady Julie Hodges



Annual Temple Workday...Nobles and Ladies of Alee pitch in to make our temple sparkle for upcoming events and rentals. It takes a team to make it work. No part of the temple is safe from this team. How is it I do not see any men cleaning the kitchen? Thank you to everyone that participated in the Workday.



Focus On What Matters While Doing More In '24

Chief Rabban



Hello Alee,

Hope everyone is doing well as we come to the end of the Divan visits to the Clubs all I can say is it has been great fellowship and food. Have enjoyed talking to all of you.

There are a lot of lodges doing degree work so go see if you can help them out.

Looking forward to the St. Patty's parades.

As always, I would like to Thank everyone for what you do for our hospitals and temple. Remember I am just a phone call away and looking forward to seeing you at future events.

Fraternally yours,
Danny Fries Jr

High Priest & Prophet



Hello fellow Nobles and Ladies. Congratulations to Tattnall Shrine club on a successful crappy tournament. Annette and I enjoyed watching the weigh in and enjoyed the fellowship. The Divan visited Claxton, Quint and Swainsboro shrine clubs and the food and fellowship was great. If I keep eating like that, I'm probably gonna need a Jenny Craig membership. Nobles, one of my major responsibilities this year is membership and I need help from the Unit and Club presidents to remind their members about their dues. As I write this article, we still have 200 members with unpaid dues. We need good Nobles so we can keep doing what we do to raise money for our children and hospitals. It takes all of us to be successful. We've lost seven Nobles to the Black Camel this year so please keep them and their families in your prayers. If I can ever be of help to any Noble, Club or Unit, please give me a call, text, or email. Thanks, and we'll see you soon.

Fraternally yours
G. Ray Christian
High Priest and Prophet

Recorder



Hello Nobles and Ladies

The first Stated Session of the year was on March 11th after a great meal, came the business meeting at 7:30 pm where there was a review of the first quarter's business, and announcements on upcoming events at the Temple. If you were unable to attend, please make plans to attend the second Stated Session on June 10, 2024, your attendance is always welcomed as well as any input you may have.

Several Alee Units and Clubs were ready to start the parade season off right at Claxton Wildlife and Tybee parades on March 9, 2024, but mother nature had another plan and both parades were cancelled due to bad weather, but there was always the Savannah St. Patrick's Day 200th parade and it was well attended by Alee and it was another great parade.

Lady Marlene and I were attending Greenville Hospital Days on March 9, 2024 along with many others from Alee what a great time we had visiting with other Temples, Hospital Staff, and especially the Shrine Patients at Greenville.

They say that April showers bring May flowers. Well, I think we had the showers a little early this year and all the beautiful flowers and Azaleas are in full bloom already, warm weather is on the way.

March 30th was the Alee annual Easter egg hunt sponsored by the Alee Drifters Unit. It was well attended by the children, grandchildren, friends, and neighbors' children.

Lady Marlene and I hope everyone had a Happy and Blessed Easter.

Don't forget about the 2024 Potentate's Ball on April 11- 13. Thursday April 11th is the annual event at Savannah Smiles Dueling Piano's all are invited and it is a Dutch treat event. Friday is Hillbilly Hoedown and of course Saturday Night is the Formal Ball Honoring Ill Sir Carey G Hodges and Lady Julie, I hope all plan on attending.

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

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

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

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

Dave Armstrong Sr P P
Recorder

Assistant Rabban



Its always a Great day to be an Alee Shiner.

This year's parade season started off a little wet and rained out the first 2 parades. I'm sure we will be blessed the rest of March, and we will enjoy the remainder of St Patrick's Day Parades.

We had a awesome stated session on March 11th, and got a lot of great information from our 'potentate. The food was delicious. Many thanks to all that made it a wonderful night.

The easter egg hunt is always one of my favorite events at our temple. This year was no different as the kids ran around the temple with smiles from ear to ear. It is not possible to have a bad day with so much joy and laughter all around. Thank you to everyone who had a hand in making it such a special day.

The clubs and units are doing a great job with the High Roller Raffle. Remember if your club or unit sells 20 tickets your club or unit will receive one free ticket in the drawing. Remember to turn those tickets in as you sell them. Thank you all for your hard work in making this fundraiser a success.

Remember our children, Doctor, nurses and everyone at our hospitals, and our Road Runners carrying our special cargo to and from the hospitals while on Bended Knee. Also Pray for our country, Military, and First responders.

Fraternally,
David Armstrong II

Oriental Guide



Hello nobles and ladies Alee I hope this newsletter finds you all well.

I've had so much fun going to the visitations and meeting our nobles and their lovely ladies. Most of all I've enjoyed their hospitality. I know it's a fact we have some of the best cooks in all the shrine world. Thank you, Waynesboro and Thomson Shrine Clubs for a great steak meal. Thank you, Tattnall Shrine Cub, for the hamburger steak It was great. Thank you, Jesup Shrine Club, for the cube steak. You all Made me very proud of being a member of Jesup shrine club. Thank You Quint Shrine club for the old-style pig picking with all the trimming and some of the best Brunswick stew I have ever eaten thank you David Smith and Bear Johnson. I am so thankful that the Quint shrine club never competed against me with the Brunswick stew competition. I want you to know that was great.

Now on a different note the Drifters do a great job with the Easter egg hunt on at our temple. The kids and grandkids always have a good time. A big thank you thank you thank you to The Drifters for putting it on. Thank you to everyone that came.

Keep in mind the keep in mind the Tattnall County mud bog will be may the 4th everyone needs to come out and watch these bud boggers have a great time. They're just trying club will be doing the concessions again this year. They will be having hot dogs and hamburgers French fries boiled peanuts and all kind of other good stuff please come by and support your friend's clubs

I would like to thank everyone that came out for the work day. It was a big success. We got a lot of work done and had a good time doing it. And the old saying you cannot teach an old dogs new tricks is a lie. Berry and Glenn taught this old man how to cut angles with the skill saw going on a roof.

God Bless America, God bless alee temple.
Do More in 24
Oriental Guide Larry Brantley

Did you know?

Shriners have an Official Song

A Brother's Love: Makes Anything Possible

The official Shriners song is told from the perspective of a parent with two sons. You will see that there is a dual meaning to the word brother: one that talks about the care and love of a young sibling, and also the Shriners' brotherly love that comes to show us that

A Brother's Love: Makes Anything Possible.

<https://www.shrinersinternational.org/Shriners/Official-Song/A-Brothers-Love>



Golf Unit
 Augusta Shrine Club
 Invitational Golf Tournament
Scramble at Applewood Golf Course
Saturday May 4, 2024



FOUR PERSON SCRAMBLE
1st Place \$280
2nd Place \$210
3rd Place \$180

Free beverages on course
 Mulligan's available
 Free range balls

Prizes for:
 *Long drives, closest to pin - One WINNER PER CATEGORY
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8:30 AM
 Please arrive 30 minutes before start

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Sunday May 12, 2024
 at **1:00pm**

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\$13.00 PER PLATE



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Thank you for your continued support,
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Shriners Children's Patient Stories

Former Patient Now Provides World-Class Care

Kandace Stratton, the new nurse manager of surgical services at Shriners Children's Lexington, is a familiar face around the medical center.

She has not only been working at [Shriners Children's Lexington](#) for 15 years, but she started her journey as a patient when she was a preteen.

When Kandace was 11, her pediatrician discovered she had [scoliosis](#) and referred her to Shriners Children's for specialty care.

Kandace had adolescent [idiopathic scoliosis](#). Idiopathic means the cause is unknown. Idiopathic scoliosis can run in families, affects girls more often than boys, and is one of three types of scoliosis that causes the spine to develop an abnormal curve. This type of scoliosis typically appears after the age of 10.

For two years, Kandace wore a [thoracic lumbar sacral orthotic \(TLSO\) brace](#). A TLSO brace is the most common type of brace worn for scoliosis. The brace is made of plastic and is contoured to conform to the body. Kandace wore the close-fitting brace for 23 hours a day in hopes of correcting her spinal curvature as she grew.

Unfortunately, the bracing was not effective for Kandace, and she ended up requiring [surgery](#) to permanently correct her curve when she was 14.

Kandace, who had an S-shaped spinal curve, started with an anterior spinal fusion surgery to correct the curve at the lower part of her back in hopes that the upper curve would correct itself. Eventually, she needed a posterior spinal fusion to correct the top of her spine as well.

Just five years after recovering from her own spinal fusion surgery, Kandace came to work at Shriners Children's Lexington as a certified nursing assistant (CNA) in the inpatient unit, helping other kids recover from their own surgeries.

She said her time as a patient at Shriners Children's inspired her career choice.

"Working at Shriners feels like a full-circle moment for me," she said. "I didn't want to be a nurse until I started coming to Shriners. I hated that I had scoliosis as a kid, but working at Shriners Children's now has brought purpose behind it. Having scoliosis led me to this job and this career that I love. I would not have it any other way."

Overall, the mission of Shriners is what stands out from other places. The staff became like family to me and made a scary time more comfortable for me and for my parents.

Kandace changed from being a CNA to working as a registered nurse in the inpatient unit, and when Shriners Children's Lexington moved to its new state-of-the-art medical center in 2017, she switched to working in the post-anesthesia care unit (PACU) in the ambulatory surgery center (ASC).

In 2021, Kandace became the supervisor in the ASC, and was recently promoted to nurse manager of surgical services, where she also serves as the infection preventionist. In this new role, Kandace oversees all aspects of the ASC, including the operating rooms, pre- and post-operative rooms, and the PACU.

Being a former patient amplifies the care she is able to provide as a nurse and a manager, she said.

"Having been in the shoes of our patients makes it easier to relate to them, and makes me more empathetic in my care for them," Kandace said. "When they are in pain and I say, 'I know how you feel,' I really mean it because I have been there. I have been through the recovery process. I can tell them that I was in their shoes, and they can see where I am now and maybe have a little more hope."

Connie Wilson, director of patient care services/nurse executive at Shriners Children's Lexington, said having someone like Kandace in a leadership role helps the patients and staff.



"We are extremely fortunate to have Kandace in her new role as ASC manager," Wilson said. "Because she has experienced Shriners care from a patient's perspective, she has firsthand knowledge that is invaluable in guiding the provision of patient care and directing process improvement initiatives that really matter to our patients. She knows better than anyone what we do well and where we have opportunities to improve. Her contributions to quality improvement are priceless."

The mission of Shriners Children's, and the people who work to fulfill that mission, are both special to Kandace.

"Overall, the mission of Shriners is what stands out from other places," she said. "There's just a different feeling here. It's not like any other place. The staff became like family to me and made a scary time more comfortable for me and for my parents."

Now, Kandace plays a key role in providing that very same compassionate, wrap-around care for patients and their families. She even works alongside some of the same people who provided the most amazing care anywhere to her as a child.

"It's surreal sometimes to see where I came from and where I am now," she said. "It's been a full-circle experience for me. I was meant to be here. It feels like part of a greater plan in my life. I take a lot of pride in my job."

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Lu-Na's mother, Laura, remembers seeing the Shriners in her Florida hometown while growing up, but admits that all she knew was that the Shriners International fraternal organization did "something good."

Years later, she and her family would learn just how much good they do, especially for children.

When Laura and her husband were in the process of adopting Lu-Na from China, they learned that she had a limb difference. They were also told that the tibia bone in her right leg was missing, and there was a strong possibility she would need surgery. Despite these challenges, the family decided to continue the adoption process, and when she was 2, Lu-Na would eventually have her right leg amputated below the knee.

While Lu-Na was healing from her amputation, Laura learned about Shriners Children's and their mission of caring for and helping transform the lives of children around the world. They were living in New York at the time, and the closest location was Shriners Children's Philadelphia.

Laura quickly called the facility and said that becoming a patient was an easy process for Lu-Na. "We made an appointment, and we were off and running – literally," she said. The Pediatric Orthotic and Prosthetic Services (POPS) department would soon provide Lu-Na with her first prosthesis.

"We made an appointment, and we were off and running – literally Laura, Lu-Na's Mom

She was awestruck by how the drivers from Long Island, New York, would wake up early, drive to Brooklyn to pick her and Lu-Na up, and then drive two hours to Shriners Children's in Philadelphia. She remembers how these volunteers would patiently wait, sometimes all day, and then drive them the two-hour journey back home. "That has been one of the more extraordinary things I think I've experienced being a part of the Shriners family, and it took a lot of stress off of me as a parent," Laura said.

When Lu-Na's father accepted a job offer in Houston in 2017, the family had to move across the country. However, transferring Lu-Na's care was easy due to the amazing staff that took over her care at Shriners Children's Texas.

Since moving to Texas, Lu-Na has had opportunities to participate in multiple day camps, meet-and-greets, and patient activities. She has met and played with the University of Texas basketball team, and attended Camp for All in Burton, Texas. Currently, she is looking forward to attending Camp Love Without Limits this year, where she hopes to be the first in line for zip lining.

Laura loves the opportunities that Lu-Na has had since arriving at Shriners Children's Texas, because they allow her to enjoy being a kid without having to explain her prosthetic. "Nobody has to ask any questions, and everybody just gets on with having fun," she said.

Like many children, Lu-Na enjoys all school subjects, but has a special love for recess and PE. She does not go easy on her prosthetic, either. She is on a local softball team and is always full of energy. She said she has lost screws from her prosthetic while playing basketball, and has worn out the leather padding under her prosthetic foot three times. "Thankfully, I'm getting a new one soon," said Lu-Na.



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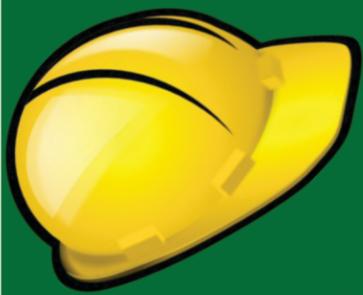
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