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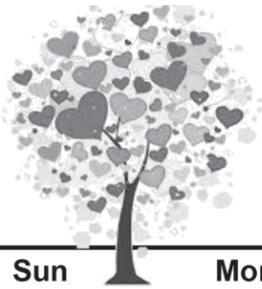
Congratulations to our 2025 Divan

Left to Right - Ill. Sir David W. Armstrong, Sr. - Recorder, Noble Andrew Watt, Sr. - Oriental Guide, Noble G. Ray Christian - Assistant Rabban, Illustrious Potentate Danny Fries, Jr., Noble David W. Armstrong, II - Chief Rabban, Noble Larry Brantley - High Priest and Prophet, and Noble John Farley - Treasurer.

CHANGING LIVES IN '25

Shriner's Pledge of Allegiance

" I pledge allegiance to my Flag and to the country for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with Liberty and Justice for all"



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



March 2025



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4 <i>Bill Porter Ladies Aux 11am</i>	5	6	7 OFFICE CLOSED	8 <i>Claxton Parade</i>
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 <i>Tybee Parade</i>
16	17 <i>St Pat Parades Savannah & Augusta</i> <i>Office Closed</i>	18		20	21 OFFICE CLOSED	22 <i>Shellman's Bluff St Pat Parade</i>
23	24	25	26	27 SASA	28 OFFICE CLOSED SASA Mid Winter Charleston, WV	29 SASA Mid Winter
30 SASA Mid Winter	31					



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**
 Pre-Register for chip-up and questions: 912-433-6091
 or armsmka@gmail.com

Feb 1 2025	Alee Shriners Arena 100 Eisenberg Dr. Look for the Maroon Awning	\$50 Entry
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All proceeds benefit the Alee Shriners Ladies Auxiliary and are not tax deductible.

ALEE SHRINERS
POTENTATE BALL
Sporting
Clays Shoot
February 7, 2025
Take your BEST Shot!



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

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

Shooting begins promptly at 10 am following registration.

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

Lunch and awards will begin at approximately noon.

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

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

\$125 per shooter
Limited entries

Eye and hearing protection must be worn.

Proceeds benefit Alee Shrine and are not tax deductible.



SPONSORSHIPS:
 Have your business name and logo displayed at a shooting station - \$100.
 Contact P.P. Carey Hodges - 912-660-1302 for a sponsorship.

ALEE SHRINERS 2025 POTENTATES BALL

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

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

Friday, February 7
 Star Wars
 Alee Shriners Arena/Patio
 100 Eisenberg Dr, Savannah, GA
 6:00pm * Event Ticket: \$30 per person
 Dress: Star Wars (early years) or casual

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

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

Host Hotel: Hampton Inn & Suites * 20 Johnston Street
 Savannah, Ga 31405 * 912-721-3700
 Overflow: Hilton Garden Inn * Savannah Midtown *
 5711 Abercorn Street, * 912-652-9300

GET READY TO
PARTEA
 Reception for the
2025 First Lady
Sheila Fries
Sunday, February 2
Alee Shriners Ballroom
2:00 PM—4:00 PM
 Hosted by the Effingham Shrine
 Ladies Auxiliary

Alee Shriners
Valentine s
Dance

Bring Your
Sweetheart
And Dance
the
Night Away

Doors open at 7pm
Ballroom

Saturday,
February 15

\$5.00 per person
Music, 4-3-2-1 Ticket bar
Bring Snacks for your own table
Open to the Public
Dress: Business /Dressy Casual
Reserve tables of 10: 912-355-2422 ext 4
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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 be paid at the door No additional meals - Please RSVP by March 7, 2025



Alee Shriners Past Masters' Association

A solemn, yet beautiful service to celebrate the Nobles and Illustrious Sir was conducted on January 12th at the Annual Memorial Service hosted by the Knights of Mecca. This annual event allows Alee to honor the Nobles who passed away in 2024. Alee is very thankful to the families for allowing their Noble to work and play supporting our Shriners Children's. It is at times like this when your Shrine family is most important in honoring the Black Camel.

Our first meeting was on January 30, 2025. The 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 in 2024 or 2025 are encouraged to join. The Nobles and Ill Sirs who are members of the Knights of Mecca have been where you are and sat where you sit; they are a wealth of support!

Dues are \$5 per year or \$100 for a Lifetime!

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

Augusta Shrine Club

On behalf of our President, Noble Scooter Edmunds and the members of the Augusta Shrine Club, congratulations to our 2025 Potentate, Illustrious Sir Danny Fries and the entire 2025 Divan for being elevated to you next position on the line. Our members look forward to a wonderful 2025 and stand ready to assist you in any way we can.

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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

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Oriental Band

Hello Everyone! Hope the New Year is treating y'all well!!! Happy Valentine's Day! Look for Cupid to give out some love in 2025. We have had a busy start for 2025. The great Mandarin made an appearance. Thank you to those that help put on the Mandarin Degree, Ah-So!! Congratulations to our 2025 Illustrious Sir Potentate Danny Fries Jr. and the rest of the Divan. Let's come alive in 25!!!!!! More information on the Band is coming soon.

Please keep bringing cans to fill the trailer located next to Skidaway Road. The more we fill it up the more we can help the Oriental Band and contribute to Greenville Hospital. The Ladies of the Oriental Band have Fez cases, 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 Pres. Terry Wright 912-222-8356, or Garry Hendricks 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

Hello from the ladies in Augusta, hope all of you are doing well and looking forward to a brand new year.

We held our first meeting for 2025 on Wednesday, January 8, 2025, with 9 members present. Although a small number of ladies in attendance, our President, Lady Wendy Cato did a good job in conducting our business and keep the order.

I must say we have had some setbacks and disappointments in the beginning of this year but as always, Augusta has come back stronger and wiser from these disappointments, and we are looking forward to a great year. We have plans for a yard sale this year that we had to cancel last year due to Helene coming through and the devastation she caused is still be cleaned up and will be for some time. However, as bad as it was, we are thankful for our Great protector for keeping us all safe, everything else can be rebuilt or replaced. We were truly blessed to have survived that massive storm; all of our troubles certainly took a back seat to what could have happened. Thankful that we had God's arms of protection around us. Everything else, in comparison, is petty.

Looking forward to a new year, new friendships and old friendships. We need to work together to make all of the auxiliaries stronger and more successful.

Thanks to all the ladies that came to our January meeting and hope to see you next month.

Please continue to support your Nobles, they are more likely to attend meetings and social gatherings if their lady comes with them.

A big shout out and congratulations to the Augusta shrine club for another successful 10 Grand party, 19 years and they have all been a great fundraiser.

Until next time, May God continue to keep you safe.

Remember our shrine children in your prayers and each other!

Ramona Martin

Alee Dune Cats



It was great seeing everyone at our first meeting in 2025. Congratulations to Noble Wilton Harper on being selected as the 2024 Dune Cat of the Year! Great job, Wilton; we appreciate you! February is the time to get our buggies ready for the upcoming parade season in March. Of course, we also need to relax and have fun, and there is no better time than the Potentates Ball. The event of fun and fellowship begins at Savannah Smiles on February 6th. On February 7th, we have a Clay Shoot at 17 South Rod and Gun Club in the morning, and that evening, Hans Solo, Darth Vader, Princess Leia, and friends will overtake the Starship Alee Patio in a Star Wars-themed meet and greet. Saturday we will be dressed in our formal attire for the Grand Ball on February 8th. Purchase your tickets early so you do not miss out on the fun.

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

Happy Valentine Day to all!!

We would like to Congratulate our own, Illustrious Sir Danny Fries and First Lady Sheila on being elected and installed as our new Potentate of Alee. Congratulations to all the other Divan members on moving on up the line. We are looking forward to a great 2025!

As I am writing this the Ladies are working on plans for First Lady Sheila's reception on February 2nd. Hope everyone can come and join us for a nice time and to celebrate and welcome her as our First Lady.

The Potentate weekend is February 7th and 8th. Hope everyone can make plans to come and celebrate with them.

February 15th is the Valentine's Dance at the Shrine.

Our next meeting is February 25th.

Remember the Shrine Children, Hospitals and Medical Personnel as well as Our Country, Military and First responders in your prayers.

Until next time,
Sending hugs and love to all,
Lady Donna

Waynesboro Ladies Auxiliary

The Ladies of Waynesboro wish you a Happy New Year and prosperous year. I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season as we move toward spring, and I know I'm ready for it. Waynesboro Ladies will be developing some fund-raising activities again this year and some with a little twist to them. We want to congratulate our new President Denise Kirkland, and Vice-President Howie Miller, and the Potentate of Alee Danny Fries Jr. and Lady Sheila. May your year be a very memorable one for you and your families. We hope to see some of you at our annual BBQ with will be coming up this spring. The food is always good and worth the drive.

Melissa Damon
Waynesboro Ladies Auxiliary

Tattnall Shrine Club

Greetings Nobles

We hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! We are starting off 2025 with our working gloves on once again. We anticipate this year to be another great year at TSC. The nobility elected past president Jason Willett to be the brother we look up to this year. This does present a challenge, because it's hard to look up to someone who is that short. With all seriousness, we welcome his knowledge and experience to lead us bunch of ragamuffins to have another great year of fellowship and fun.

Our annual white perch tournament will be held this year on February 22nd. If you would like to participate, be on the lookout for a flyer to be shared on Facebook soon. This is one of our best events because we typically have numerous kids that fish with us. So take a kid fishing that day and come out to our club to get some good door prizes and possibly win a little money. We will host a bass tournament in the near future, so keep your eyes peeled for that flyer as well.

Last year we faced numerous challenges. Between weather delays, road closures, damage to homes, and loss of power for many days, we had to make several crucial decisions that were in the best interest of our club and our community. From rescheduling the mud bog 3 times, drenching rain threatening the golf tournament, to delaying the banquet, we had our hands full to make everything happen. I am proud to say that our members did what they always do, and that is to work our asses off to make sure we could have our events. Everything went well and we had another successful year. We are still dealing with the remnants of the hurricane but slowly getting back to normal here in the sticks.

As a result of all the hard work and effort in 2024, we were able to give \$110,000 to the hospitals! We are so thankful and blessed to have a community that supports us in a way that is literally indescribable!

We look forward to a great 2025 and hope that our country is slowly on the mend from the terrible situation we have been in the past few years. We pray that all of our newly elected officers from the club/unit level all the way to the top will keep us strong and prosperous!

Submitted by,
Dustin "White Chocolate" Nail
TSC Secretary 2025

Masonic Youth

"A HUNDRED YEARS from now it will not matter what my bank account was, the sort of house I lived in, or the kind of Car I drove. But the world may be different because I was important in the life of a boy."

I admit I was first introduced to this saying through my involvement with the Order of DeMolay. Matter of fact, the business card I have with it has the DeMolay Shield on it. To be totally honest it fits for a young man of the Order of DeMolay, a young woman of the Order of Rainbow, or the young woman of the Order of Job's Daughters. It also can apply for that matter any youth oriented organization..[i.e... Triangle]

It is my humble opinion that in their own way the Young men of the Order of DeMolay, the young women of the Order of Rainbow, and the Order of Job's Daughters are the future of not only of Freemasonry, but of our Nation and the World. With that thought in mind, I feel we, as Masons, should do what it takes to invest in these Youth organizations and support them in any form that we can.

I encourage the Nobles of Alee to reach out to the DeMolay Chapters and Rainbow Assemblies nearest you and offer any help and/or assistance that you can give. If I am not wrong the following Youth Organizations are within the Oasis of Alee:

Georgia Rainbow:

Savannah Assembly #1: Mother Advisor – Mrs. Deva Underwood savannah.assembly.10@gmail.com

Freedom Assembly #38: Mother Advisor- Mrs. Kelley Flynn momfreedom38@gmail.com

Effingham Assembly #87 LT: Mother Advisor - Mrs. Sandra Gibson sandra55gibson@gmail.com

Martha H. Hardison #88: Mother Advisor - Mrs. Debra Stevens marthahardisonassembly88@gmail.com

Georgia DeMolay:

Augusta Chapter 11903 -Chairman Christopher A. Wiley Christopher.ac.wiley@gmail.com

Cecil Cheves Chapter 11023- Chairman MWB Donald C. Combs PGM don.combs@juno.com

Don R Roberts Chapter 11008 -Chairman Ed Roden gademolay@comcast.net

Please be advised this contact information is current as of December 31,2024.

So let us in the upcoming year do what it takes to make these traditional Masonic-affiliated Youth organizations prosper and be successful.

Any questions contact WB Hugh S. D'Anna III 1st Masonic District Representative to the Youth Council of the Grand Lodge of Georgia at ysecretary@gmail.com.

Augusta Golf Unit

On behalf of our President, Stephen "Scooter" Edmunds and the members of the Augusta Shrine Golf Unit, congratulations to our 2025 Potentate, Illustrious Sir Danny Fries and the entire 2025 Divan for being elevated to you next position on the line. Our members look forward to a wonderful 2025 and stand ready to assist you in any way we can.

We are making plans for our Annual Golf Tournament and will have more information coming in the future.

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

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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

Congratulations to our new Potentate Danny Fries, Jr and First Lady Sheila, we wish you a GREAT year. Congratulations to our other Divan members and our newest addition Oriental Guide Andrew Watt.

2025 is getting off to a fast start! February is an action filled month. Be sure to mark your calendars so you don't miss anything. We have events for everyone. First Lady's reception, Sporting Clay Shoot, Potentate's Weekend with Savannah Smiles on Thursday, Star Wars Social on Friday and Ball on Saturday, finally Valentine's Day Dance. What more could you ask for?? March will begin our Parade Season. Shriners love a Parade!

Our Auxiliary is open to all Alee Noble's Ladies. It does not matter which Club or Unit your Noble is a member of or if you are a member of another auxiliary. Join us for fun and fellowship. Our next meeting is on February 4th at 11:00 am in the Bill Porter Room. Hope to see you there.

Cheri

Recorders Report December 2024

November 2024		1199
Nobles Created	+31	
Nobles Affiliated	+ 1	
Nobles Restored	+ 1	
Nobles Associated	+ 1	
Total Gain	+34	Total 1233
Nobles Demitted		
Nobles Suspended		
Nobles Deceased	-5	
Nobles Resigned:		
Associate Drop		
Total	-5	Total 1228



End of Year RECAP:

12/31/23	1214	
Created	+ 31	
Affiliated	+ 4	
Restored	+ 4	
Associated	+ 4	GAIN: 43
Demitted	- 1	
Suspended	- 44	
Deceased	- 29	
Assoc dropped	- 1	LOSS: 75
12/31/2024	1182	

MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

CHANGING LIVES IN '25!

**If You Find Mistakes
IN THIS PUBLICATION,
PLEASE CONSIDER THAT
THEY ARE THERE FOR A
PURPOSE WE PUBLISH
SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE,
AND SOME PEOPLE ARE ALWAYS
LOOKING FOR MISTAKES!!!**

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Augusta Go-Cart Unit

On behalf of our Captain, Noble Don Harris and the members of the Augusta Shrine Go Cart Unit, congratulations to our 2025 Potentate, Illustrious Sir Danny Fries and the entire 2025 Divan for being elevated to your next position on the line. Our members look forward to a wonderful 2025 and stand ready to assist you in any way we can.

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

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

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

Clyde Bowie, P.P.
Secretary and
Tire Changer

Waynesboro Shrine Club

On behalf of our President, Noble Dennis Kirkland, Vice President, and the members of the Waynesboro Shrine, congratulations to our 2025 Potentate, Illustrious Sir Danny Fries and the entire 2025 Divan for being elevated to you next position on the line. Our members look forward to a wonderful 2025 and stand ready to assist you in any way we can.

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 of the success of Alee Shrine and Waynesboro Shrine Club being around for many years to come.

Nobles and Ladies, we ask that you keep Lady Meisha Kirkland in your prayers as she is having some medical issues. Also, please keep those friends and relatives in your prayers that may be dealing with medical and life difficulties. This world has gone crazy, and prayers do work!

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

Please stop by and see what's going on in the Bird Dog Capital of the World and check out our little club. Come sit with us and enjoy some good food and fellowship! We eat at 7:00pm and we start our meetings by 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. End of 2024 totals will be included in next month's Fez Article.

Hospital Performance Dashboard:

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

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As of December 2024, the Nobles and Ladies of Alee Shrine donated a total of \$152,378.20 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 \$2,410,264.48 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 September 2024. Thank you again for your hard work and dedication to all Shriners Children's Hospitals, patients, and Alee Shrine! I would like to especially recognize Noble Steve Premo who has been the Road Runner Transportation Director since 2022. Thank you for a wonderful job coordinating the trips with drivers and the families while also taking time to keep the hospital vans serviced when needed. Thank you for your dedication and commitment to our kids, Shriners Children Hospitals 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 4 surgery cases for international patients in Greenville. There are 15 International Patients currently in Greenville. We have 11 families utilizing services at the Ronald McDonald House of Charities during their treatment. Nobles and Ladies, I cannot give enough praise to our staff, for all the hard work and dedication they have for all of our patients and their families!

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

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

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

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

THE SILENT SUMMONS

A member of a certain Lodge or Rite or Shrine, who previously attended meetings regularly, had stopped going. After a few months, the Worshipful Master decided to visit him. It was a chilly evening, and the Worshipful Master found his brother at home alone, sitting before a blazing fire. Guessing the reason for the Worshipful Master's visit, the brother welcomed him, led him to a comfortable chair near the fireplace, and waited. The Worshipful Master made himself comfortable but said nothing.

In the grave silence, he contemplated the dance of the flames around the burning logs. After several minutes, the Worshipful Master took the fire tongs, carefully picked up a brightly burning ember, and placed it to one side of the hearth, all alone. Then he sat back in his chair, still silent. His host watched all of this in quiet contemplation. As the one, lone ember's flame flickered and diminished, there was a momentary glow, and its fire was no more. Soon, it was cold and dead. Not a word had been spoken since the initial greeting. The Worshipful Master glanced at his watch and chose this time to leave. He slowly stood up, picked up the cold, dead ember, and placed it back in the middle of the fire. Immediately, it began to glow once more, with all the light and warmth of the burning coals around it.

As the Worshipful Master reached the door to leave, his host said, with a tear running down his cheek, "Thank you so much for your fiery summons, my brother. I'll be back in our Lodge next meeting."
- Author Unknown

Fun, Fellowship, and Masonic Values - I hope we see YOU at the next Meeting, Stated Session, or event. Get Involved!



Noble Bobby Sauls

Jack Hepner Shrine/Mason
of the Year:
Noble John Willis

**MOST MONEY RAISED FOR
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Unit and Club Shriners of the Year:

- **Augusta Shrine Club: Noble Archie Black**
- **Bryan County Shrine Club: Noble Gil Newell**
- **Claxton Shrine Club: Noble**
- **Director's Staff: Noble Brian Dixon**
- **Dune Cats: Noble Ira Harper**
- **Effingham Shrine Club: Noble Glenn Edwards**
- **Hillbilly: Noble Bobby Sauls**
- **Hinesville/Ft. Stewart Shrine Club: Noble Lee Smith**
- **Mobile Unit Classics: Noble "Stathy" Stathopoulos**
- **Pirates: Noble Brian Cullinan**
- **Swainsboro Shrine Club:**
Nobles: Joey Blackmon and Darren McGee
- **Tattnall Shrine Club: Noble Dustin Nail**



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Otis D Gould
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Daniel P Hodges
Clayton R Hodges
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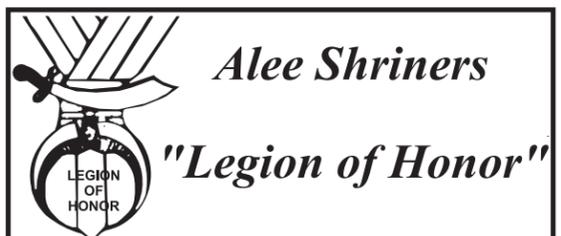


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Annual is Farewell to 2024 and Welcome 2025, Our 2025 Divan and their Ladies are starting a journey. Congradulations to 2024 Award Winner - Shriner and Shrine Mason of the Year. Club and Unit Raising the most money for our hospitals. Most Improved Club. Ill Sir Carey's life membership. And many more... Other events Brunswick Shrine Club installation and Alee's check presentation to the Greenville Hospital. Thank you to Lady Amanda Sutton and Noble Benjamin Kates for sending photos.

Submt pictures of Club, Unit and Auxiliary events to aleefez@gmail.com. Please include photographer's name.

Illustrious Potentate's Message

Hello Nobles and Ladies,

Congratulations to Illustrious Sir Carey Hodges and Lady Julie on a great 2024. Big shout out to the Units and Clubs that won awards, very well deserved. Congratulations to the individual awards also well deserved.

I would like to Thank Craig "SAM" Johnson for preparing my Chief Rabban reception and the Alee decorating ladies for all the decorations this weekend. I would like to thank Illustrious Sir JJ Johns for doing the Installation.

On a bigger note, I would love to Thank my wife Sheila, family and friends that have supported me on this journey.

Thank you, Illustrious sir Freddie Humphries, for being my Chief Aide, I can't say enough for your help and Lady Colleen in keeping me straight.

Thanks to all for the gifts that were given to me.

To all the new Presidents and their slate of officers let's knock 2025 out of the park. My saying this year is "Changing Lives In 25" this is something we all continually do to support our Hospitals and Temple.

If you need anything give me a call and Remember to support your Blue Lodge and the Rites. Looking forward to a great year.

Fraternally yours,
Danny Fries Jr.



CHANGING LIVES IN '25!

First Lady's Message



Greetings Nobles and Ladies of Alee,

First, I would like to thank you for the honor bestowed upon Danny and I for being chosen as Potentate and First Lady for 2025. I would like to congratulate all the newly elected Presidents and Divan members of 2025! Danny and I are looking forward to the upcoming year with you all. We will do our best to promote peace and harmony while supporting the Nobles and Ladies of Alee. I know that we are all committed to the work this year will bring to support our Children's Hospitals and community, and we are excited to support any way we can. While we have been a part of the Shriners for over a decade, we are eager to embrace these new roles and look forward to holding these titles with honor. I am anticipating 2025 will be a great year for us and our mission: Changing Lives in 2025!

Lady Sheila



STAR WARS
5 YEARS AGO,
IN A GALAXY NOT SO FAR AWAY...
The illustrious
Sir Danny Fries Jr.
and *Lady Sheila*,
began their Alee
Shriners quest.

Please help us celebrate!
FEBRUARY 7TH
Social – 6pm
The Force Be With You at 7pm
Dinner and Dancing to Follow!
\$30 per person
Dress: Star Wars or casual
Purchase tickets at aleeshriners.org
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All proceeds benefit Alee Shriners and are not tax deductible

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

*Ill Sir Danny Fries Jr.
and Lady Sheila*

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

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

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

Presentations: 8 o'clock

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

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Annual Election is in the history books. Ill Potentate Danny and Lady Sheila are at the helm. We will be hearing a lot of "PIRATES # 1" in 2025. The Alee Nation is looking forward to a GREAT YEAR!

Chief Rabban



It's always a Great day to be an Alee Shriner
Congratulations to my friend and our 2025 Potentate Danny Fries Jr and Lady Sheila. We are looking forward to a Great year in 2025.

Andrew Watt Sr welcome to the Divan. Hope you have as much fun on your journey as I have the last few years.

Thank you to all the Nobles that came out to the Annual and Elected me as your Chief Rabban.

The Knights of Mecca Memorial service was well attended. what a great way to remember our fallen Brothers.

Hope to see you all at the Potentates Ball Weekend February 6th-8th.

While on bended knee remember our hospitals, doctors, patients.

Fraternally,
"D2"

David Armstrong II

Assistant Rabban



Hello fellow Nobles and Ladies,

I hope your Holidays were enjoyable and Happy New year. Congratulations to Illustrious Sir Danny Fries being elected as our 2025 Potentate and our newly installed Oriental Guide, Andrew Watt. Also, congratulations to all of the Divan officers and thank you for your support electing me as your Assistant Rabban. I'm looking forward to the year. Congratulations Bobby Sauls for earning 2024, Shriner of the year. Well deserved sir Also congratulations to the Effingham Shrine Club and the Alee Pirates as Club and Unit of 2024. Our Alee Potentates Ball will be held on February 6-8, and I hope to see you all there. Lastly, thank you Illustrious Sir Carry Hodges for a great year in 2024. 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

High Priest & Prophet



I hope this finds everyone safe and well. I would like to thank everyone that came to our annual election. We have a new Potentate who is excited and looking forward to changing lives in 25.

I want you to know I am so proud of the fact that you promoted me to the position of High Priest and Prophet. Thank you so very much.

One of my responsibilities is going to be the Valentines Dance on February 15 at the Temple. Tickets are on sale on our webpage. Please go on and order your tickets now. If you have any questions about the dance, please call me at 912-294-3604.

Thank you again for letting me be your High Priest and Prophet.

Larry Brantly and Lady Lib

Treasurer



Hello Nobles,

First and foremost, I would like to congratulate the members of the Divan on the election; Illustrious Potentate Danny Fries Jr & Lady Shelia; Chief Rabban David Armstrong II & Lady Cheryl; Assistant Rabban Noble Ray Christian & Lady Annette; High Priest & Prophet Noble Larry Brantley & Lady Liv; Oriental Guide Noble Andrew Watt Sr and Recorder Ill. Sir Dave Armstrong Sr & Lady Marlene. I want to give a big thank you to Ill Sir Carey Hodges & Lady Julie for your leadership and ensuring ALEE's continued success. Lady Roula and I wish you a well-deserved rest. We look forward to seeing you both in and about the temple. Congratulations to all those that were either elected or appointed to positions in the temple. Well done to all the Units & Clubs and especially to the Unit & Club of the Year, the Mason/Shriner of the Year and our Shriner of the Year. I look forward to supporting you throughout 2025. A HUGE thank you to the Nobility of Alee for your continued trust in overseeing your Temple finances; I will always do my very best for each of you. I want to also thank you for reelecting me as your SASA Representative for 2025; I will do everything to represent you and ALEE well. Congratulations to the entire 2025 Divan as I look forward to working with each of you. Thank you to all the nobles who attended the solemn Memorial Service put on by the Knight of Mecca to honor our fallen Nobles. The Leadership forum provided in great detail what our future holds at ALEE and everyone enjoyed the Degrees and Oyster Roast. The cold weather could not keep the ALEE spirits down. Thanks to the nobility for the wonderful turnout during the Temple Cleanup Day to spruce up our Temple for our visitors next month. Please remember to come out for the Valentine's Dance on February 15th and join us in celebrating our ladies. Lady Roula & I look forward to seeing around the Temple and if I can be of any assistance, please do not hesitate to ask.

Fraternally,
John Farley

Oriental Guide



Hello Nobles and Ladies

I want to thank all the Nobles who came to the elections. It is an honor to be chosen as your Oriental Guide, look forward to working with all the Units and Clubs. I want to Congratulate our New Potentate Danny Fries and Lady Shelia. Thank you, Illustrious Sir Carey, and Lady Julie for a great year in 2024. Also, congratulations to the members of Divan for their advancement.

We had a productive workday in January making our temple look great. Thank you to all who came out and supported the temple, we have a lot of upcoming events so make sure to get tickets in advance.

Thank you to the Knights of Mecca for the celebration of life for the Nobles who we lost. We have a lot to look forward to in 2025. Remember to attend you Blue Lodge and make sure to get all dues paid for the year.

Again, Thank You for the opportunity to serve such a great group of Nobles and Ladies.

Fraternal Yours,
Andrew Watt Sr.

Recorder



From the Recorders Desk
Nobles and Ladies

First, I would like to say CONGRATULATIONS to Ill. Sir Carey Hodges and Lady Julie for the great year 2024. It was a pleasure working with you both throughout the year, you kept us upbeat and positive. We are ALEE STRONG by doing more in "24" and it is a great day to be an ALEE SHRINER.

Congratulations to the new Illustrious Potentate Danny Fries and First Lady Shelia as we will be "changing lives in 25" and I look forward to working with you both to make 2025 another successful year for Alee Shriners.

Congratulations to Chief Rabban, Noble David W Armstrong II, Assistant Rabban, Noble, G. Ray Christian, High Priest and Prophet, Noble Larry Brantley, and Oriental Guide, Andrew J Watt, and their Ladies (because you know we could not do what we do without our Ladies). I look forward to working with each of you in 2025.

I want to thank the Nobles of Alee for the confidence you have placed in me, to serve yet another year as YOUR recorder of YOUR temple and Imperial Representative for 2025. If there is anything that I can be of assistance with, please contact my office. My email is recorder.alee@gmail.com and my cell # is (912) 695-7132 and I will be happy to help you with any situation that you may have.

Congratulations to all the Unit, Club and individual award winners.

Nobles, please send all fundraiser requests to recorder.alee@gmail.com I will check the dates to make sure they do not conflict with Temple dates and forward to the Potentate for his final approval and send you an acknowledgement of approval.

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

It is always a great day to be an Alee Shriner
Let us keep ALEE Great Again while "changing lives in 25"

David W Armstrong Sr P.P.
Recorder

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CHANGING LIVES IN '25!

Remembering Why I Became A Shriner

By Randy Rudge.

If you were asked, "What does your Shriner membership mean to you?" How would you respond?

A few years ago, I was asked to do a Shriner membership presentation. I worked for months preparing what I would say and do. But, the night before the presentation I realized that it was nothing like I wanted it to be. So I decided I wasn't going to do a presentation at all. I was going to listen.

At the beginning of each workshop I had each member think about and write down why he became a Shriner. Then, I asked each to write his two proudest moments as a Shriner. I realize that for many it was hard to pick just two, but I wanted the first two memories that came to mind.

What the attendees didn't know was that each of them was going to share what he had written. That became the most inspirational workshop I have ever participated in.

What we heard were the true tenants of Freemasonry and the principles of our Shriners Creed. While there were inspiring stories regarding the children we serve in our hospitals, many of the stories dealt with the brotherly love and fellowship that are only achieved by being a member.

When I think back about my membership, I think about the incredible friends I have made and how they have become my extended family. How they have lent a hand and listened when I was in need, shared a laugh, dedicated their time and made me their friend.

But most of all, I think of my membership as an incredible bond between me and my father.

I remember the pride he expressed when I became a Shriner, all the responsibilities I took on, and the endless discussions with our mutual friends. And the fun we had together.

My dad passed away four years ago on March 6, after a long illness. During his illness, he had not been out of the house for many months, but he decided to attend a Shriners' function. At the event, we sat him in a chair and noble after noble came up to him to shake his hand and say hello.

Dropping him off at his home later that evening, I gave him a hug and said goodnight. I will always remember him looking back at me with tears in his eyes and thanking me. That was the last time he went out in public.

After listening to many stories similar to mine during the workshop, I asked the attendees what they learned from the exercise. What they said was that they experienced a lot of emotion, pride, love and fellowship in that room.

My message is simple: As Shriners and leaders, it is our responsibility to guide others so that they achieve the same emotion, pride and fellowship we experience as Shriners. When we do, our organization will prosper.

Now, I ask each of you to write down why you became a Shriner and your two proudest moments as a Shriner. If you would like to share your story, please e-mail me through Feztivities.

Thank you all for being Shriners.



Shriners International News

www.shrinersinternational.org

My FezCard Viewer

The new My FezCard Viewer app provides members with immediate access to their digital membership card on their smartphone without the need to carry a hard card in their wallet. Additional benefits of the My FezCard Viewer include a unique QR code function that permits members to check in at their Shrine Center/Club/Unit, earn award points, enter raffle drawings, and more!



The My FezCard Viewer is available for download on the [Apple App Store](#) or on [Google Play](#).

For members who do not own a smartphone, the local Shrine Center, Club, or Unit can scan the QR code on their existing gold-colored membership hard card to instantly determine their membership status and check-in for stated meetings/events.

Newly Designed Membership Card

Equally exciting is the launch of the newly designed membership card. Effective August 2022, members who pay their 2023 dues will have immediate access to their newly designed, Black digital membership card!

Shriners' Creed

Shriners believe in God and that He created man to serve His purposes, among which is service to others in His Name. We believe that care for the less fortunate, especially children who suffer from burns and crippling diseases, is our institutional calling.

We are patriots, each willing to serve his country with fidelity and courage. We cherish independence under law and freedom with responsibility.

We honor family. We respect our parents, wives, and children. We should instill in our children the tenets of this creed, and the heritage from which it emanates.

As individuals, we pledge ourselves to integrity, virtue and nobility of character. Our intentions will be honorable, our relations will be trustworthy and our spirits forgiving of each other.

As brothers, we offer each other fraternal affection and respect. Together we will support each other in adherence to this creed, so that we and our communities will be better because of our fraternity and its principles.

As Shriners, we look beyond ourselves to serve the needs of others, especially children who cannot help themselves. We believe Shriners Hospitals for Children to be the world's greatest philanthropy, and we covenant with each other to support its "temple of mercy" with spirit, time, talent and means.

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- Click on the Register button. You will be directed to the Create a New Account page. On this page enter an E-mail address that you will use to log in with, confirm the E-mail address, and then enter and confirm your Password.

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Shriners Children's News



Help Prevent Serious Injuries

Shriners Children's stresses the importance of burn prevention

For more than 20 years, Shriners Children's has been working to help reduce the number of preventable pediatric burn injuries by increasing awareness of the causes of burn injuries and offering prevention tips.

Burn Awareness Week, observed annually during the first full week of February, is the kickoff of our yearlong educational campaign. Free materials available via our website, including tip sheets and fact cards, are designed to be a resource for firefighters, teachers, parents and others concerned with the safety and well-being of children.

Be Burn Aware

Burn Awareness Week is February 2-8, 2025. Building on the theme *Be Burn Aware*, our efforts focus on preventing burn injuries in the home, because that's where the majority of preventable burn injuries occur. Homes are the sites of thousands of burn injuries to children every year, including scalds, fire-related injuries, electrical burns and flammable liquid burns. With some simple precautions, many of these types of injuries may be prevented.

We have found that educational efforts have an impact: In the U.S., the occurrence of major pediatric burn injuries has decreased since campaigns like this one have been in place.

BE
BURN
AWARE

FAST FACTS ABOUT BURN INJURIES

FIRES

- Fires occur quickly. In less than 30 seconds a single flame can become a fire. In two minutes, it can become life-threatening; in five minutes a residence can be destroyed.

- Every year, hundreds of children under age 10 die in home fires.
- Fires and burns are a leading cause of injury-related fatalities among children under age 15.

SCALDS

- Young children have thinner skin that burns more quickly than adults'. People of all ages can be burned in 30 seconds by a flowing liquid that is 130° F; at 140° F, it takes only five seconds; at 160° F, it only takes one second. For children under 5, these temperatures can cause a burn in half the time.

- Hundreds of children are taken to the emergency room every day with burn injuries, including scalds.

- Most scald injuries occur in residences. Scald burns are typically related to ordinary activities, including bathing, cooking and eating.

The Burn Awareness Campaign

Fraternity members, hospital employees and the public can visit beburnaware.org to order educational materials at no charge.

Quick facts about burn injuries*

- Fire/burn related injuries are among the leading 10 causes of unintentional injury in children ages 0 to 5, with children 2 and younger at greatest risk.
- Every day, hundreds of children ages 0 to 19 are treated in emergency departments for burn-related injuries.
- In 2017, 268 children died in home fires.
- Nearly 87% of all fire-related deaths are due to home fires, which spread rapidly and can leave families as little as two minutes to escape once an alarm sounds.
- Fires are not just a problem in the United States. In 2017, more than 27,000 children around the world died due to a fire or burn.
- Working smoke alarms reduce the chances of dying in a reported home fire by 50%.
- Scald burns, caused by hot liquids or steam, are more common types of burn-related injuries among young children, compared to contact burns, caused by direct contact with fire, which are more common among older children.
- Cooking equipment is the leading cause of home fires and home fire injuries.
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'Limits Do Not Exist' for Patients at Shriners Children's Boston Josue is thriving outside Shriners Children's Boston as he shares a positive message of hope and healing for burn survivors.

"Limits do not exist. I am working at the same time as I am going to university. I am four classes away from graduating. Burns do not prevent us from fulfilling our dreams."

In November 2002, Josue sustained burn injuries when his house in Honduras caught fire because of an electrical short circuit. "I was still sleeping. My mother was on the ground floor of the house. When she realized I was on fire, she ran to get me out, and a neighbor helped." Josue sustained third-degree burns over 75% of his body and lost his right hand. "I was in a coma for almost two weeks, and I remained in the hospital for six months following my initial injuries," he recalled. Josue's care was transferred to Shriners Children's Boston in 2010 when he was 13 years old. His family was assisted by the Ruth Paz Foundation, a nonprofit organization in Honduras devoted to connecting children with quality medical services.

Josue received a wide range of treatment while at Shriners Children's Boston, including laser surgery, physical therapy and tissue expansion. This process involves placing an implant, or expander, underneath the skin to help a patient's body "grow" extra skin by stretching it over time. A surgeon can then use the stretched skin to replace or repair areas that have been injured, burned or scarred. Josue recalled the care at Shriners Children's Boston with appreciation, saying, "My experience was the best. I always felt comfortable and received excellent treatment. Each person on my care team made me feel at home."

Josue, who is now 27, praised the staff's commitment to their patients. "I admire the dedication of my social workers and each of the doctors I met during my time at Shriners Children's Boston," he explained. Josue also spoke highly of the translation services made available to him. "The hospital interpreters are essential, and thanks to them, native Spanish speakers like me have a voice to say what we feel and can understand instructions."

Miriam Kearns has been working as a medical interpreter at Shriners Children's Boston for 18 years, and was an integral member of Josue's care team. "Since many of our patients need to return often for reconstructive surgeries, it is so special seeing them grow and getting to know them," Miriam said. She has fond memories of working with Josue during his time at Shriners Children's Boston. "Josue was a nice, respectful, kind young man, and was always helpful with orienting new patients," she remembered. "I used to tease him that his English was getting so good that soon he wouldn't be needing me!"

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Josue, former patient at Shriners Children's Boston

During Josue's time in Boston, he enjoyed many opportunities not available to him in his home country. One of his favorite memories was a cooking class with Team Brave, where he and other burn survivors learned how to make pasta. Team Brave is a partnership with the Boston Firefighters Burn Foundation where patients, firefighters and hospital staff participate in activities such as bowling, painting and cooking. These special outings help build friendships, strength and self-confidence outside the walls of Shriners Children's Boston.

Josue also participated in Christmas in July, a collaboration between the hospital's child life team and the Boston Firefighters Burn Foundation. The annual event features the arrival of Santa, Mrs. Claus and their elves on a Boston Fire Department ladder truck. Josue remembered how the day "allowed me to get out of my routine." By recognizing birthdays and other special occasions, the child life team at Shriners Children's Boston helps patients stay connected to childhood traditions and build positive memories while away from home. "Promoting age and culturally-appropriate interactions within the hospital is a way to normalize patient and family

experiences," said Jackie Cola, MS, CCLS, a member of the child life team. "Celebrating special events like treatment milestones and holidays also encourages normal routine and development for children."

In 2018, Josue graduated from Shriners Children's Boston. He is reflective of his time at the hospital and those he interacted with along the way. "I met wonderful people, both hospital staff and patients. Living with many cultures, and learning a little about them, was great," said Josue.

Josue is a hard worker who is currently attending college while holding various jobs. "I work in agriculture. Producing food in the field is one of the things I enjoy the most," he explained. "I'm also working in construction while I finish my university degree. When I graduate, I will be an industrial engineer." When Josue is not working or attending classes, he likes to spend time with his family and is "very passionate about cars."

Josue also wants to leave families with a special message about the care their children are receiving at Shriners Children's Boston. "I want to tell patients and their family members they are getting medical treatment from the best hospital in the world. Everything will be fine, and they should always be positive."

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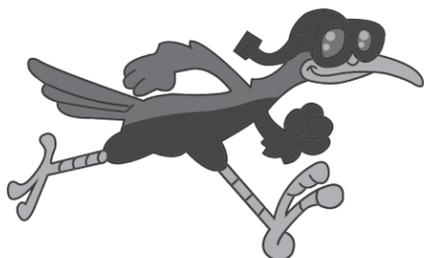
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