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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Iron Knights Henry .22 raffle drawing July 1	1 Imperial Office Closed	2 Imperial Office Closed	3 Imperial Office Closed	4 Imperial Office Closed HAPPY 4 TH OF JULY	5 Office Closed	6 Swainsboro Parade (water gun parade)
7	8 NO President Meeting In July	9	10 FEZ article Due: aleefez@gmail.com	11	12 Office Closed	13 Ladies Aux Poker Claxton Poker Run
14	15	16	17	18	19 Office Closed	20 Kids Dance Boogie, Bop, Bust A Move, sway and dance!
21	22	23	24	25	26 Office Closed	27 Effingham Poker Run Waynesboro Aux Purse Tea Party
28	29	30	31			



August 2024



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3 Dune Cat Kingfish Mobile Car Show & Mobile Shotgun raffle
4	5 Presidents Meeting 6:30—Bill Porter Auction Gun Raffle Drawing	6	7	8	9	10 Fez article due aleefez@gmail.com Directors Staff Dance
11	12	13	14	15	16	17 Alee's Scimitar Sportsman Banquet
18	19	20	21	22	23 Hasan Ball	24 • Pirates dueling pianos • Anglers Catfish Tournament • Swainsboro Golf • Quint Sportsman Banquet
25	26	27	28 Screven raffle drawing	29	30	31 Brunswick Boston Butt



**It' not to late to join
 Ill Sir Carey Hodges and Lady Julie on
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 November 21 - 25
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Contact: —Ronald Futch—912*289*3434—awaykntravel@gmail.com

Alee Shriner patients, their siblings, Shriner's children and grandchildren are Cordially Invited to a

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Saturday, July 20-5pm-7pm

Boogie, Bop, Bust A Move,



sway and dance!!

Alee Shriner Ballroom * 100 Eisenberg Drive, Savannah, GA 31406
No charge * Sunday Dress * RSVP by July 15, 2024 at 912-355-2422 ext 4

Sponsored by the Alee Dune Cats and Dune Cat Ladies Auxiliary



Alee Shriners Ladies Auxiliary TEXAS HOLD'EM

- ◆ Tournament open to Ladies & Men
- ◆ Registration starts at 11 am
- ◆ Play starts at 12 noon
- ◆ Food and Drink Provided

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

July 13th \$50 Entry

Alee Shriners Arena 100 Eisenberg Dr.

All proceeds benefit the Alee Shriners Ladies Auxiliary and are not tax deductible.

JULY 19 TH 20 TH JULY

CLAXTON SHRINE CLUB



INSHORE POKER RUN

2024

\$60 Per Boat
\$10 Extra Hands
Best Hand wins \$1000

Captains meeting and registration at Sapelo Fishing Club 7/19/24 5-7:00pm

Low County Boil and Captains meeting 7pm Captains prize drawing 7:30pm

Late Registration 7/20/2024 9-11am at Shellmans Fish Camp

Any Questions Call Tim Boyette 912-362-0043 or Corey Yarbough 912-429-5853

All proceeds are to benefit Claxton Shrine Club and not tax deductible

Waynesboro Ladies Auxiliary Will be Hosting

A Pound in a Purse Tea Party

What is it that you ask?

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

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

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

When: July 27, 2024

Where: Waynesboro Shrine Club
817 Georgia-24, Waynesboro, GA 30830
Time: 2:00 pm

Any question contact Melissa Damon 315-345-6362

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

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"This Event Benefits Alee Mobile Unit Classics and is Not Tax Deductible."

*** For Event Information Contact: ***
George Pratt (912) 657-4510 or Stathy Stathopoulos (912) 663-9616

Waynesboro Shrine Club

Hello from the Bird Dog Capital of the World! Waynesboro Shrine Club hopes everyone is doing well and enjoying this fabulous weather we are having. With our annual bar-b-que fundraiser over, our club works have slowed for a little while. Our members will now focus on the Annual Waynesboro Shrine Club's Farm Festival to be held on Saturday, September 14, 2024. On behalf of our President, Jimmy Atkins and our club members, I would like to invite all Alee Shrine Clubs and Units to come and participate in the parade and enjoy some good food, fun and fellowship. We will be providing more information 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.

We would like to wish our Imperial Representatives safe travels as they get prepared to depart for Reno Nevada in June, to represent Alee Shrine. We pray God will look over them while they travel to and from and help them make the right choices, as they vote on important legislation that effects both our fraternity and hospitals.

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

Nobles and Ladies, we ask that you keep those friends and relatives in your prayers that may be dealing with difficulties. This world has gone crazy, and prayers do work!

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

Please stop by and see what's going on in the Bird Dog Capital of the World and check out our little club. Come sit with us and enjoy some good food and fellowship! 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



Augusta Ladies Auxiliary

Greetings and I hope this finds all in good health. Please keep those who are in need in your prayers. We would like to remind all that Augusta Ladies Auxiliary will still be Dark for August this year.

We are busy planning the Ladies event coming up in November that we hope you can attend. November 2nd we will host a craft/food vendor event and indoor yard sale. This will be so much fun, and we already have Vendors signing up. We invite you to save the date and come out and do a little Christmas shopping with our craft vendors. The Ladies will be selling their stuff, and the money will go to the Ladies Auxiliary, giving them the ability to support other events and Shriners Children's Greenville.

We pray all stay safe as you plan your summer of fun events. Those traveling to Reno for

Imperial, we pray your travels are safe and your stay is comfortable. All stand proud on

July 4th, as we celebrate our county's founding and we pray for many, many more.

God be with you and thank you for all your support.

Melissa Damon – President
Augusta Ladies Auxiliary



Oriental Band

Hello Everyone! I hope you are enjoying summer! Happy 4th of July!!! Congratulations to all that received their 25 and 50 year of service awards. A special shout out to the Oriental Bandsman, William Boan Sr, Tooter and Charlie H Stokes Jr for receiving their 50 year service award and Patrick Welsh Jr who received his 25 year.

Let's remember to support other units and clubs! The more we work together the easier it is for all! Thank you to John Farley's son for getting Cleo up and running! Cleo cranks easier and is ready to go!

Please do not hesitate to call or text Terry Wright at 912-222-8356 or Garry Hendricks at 912-429-1626 about the band or any questions. We would love everyone's support. Let us know how we can help you! The Oriental Band is looking for new members. Everyone is welcome! You do not have to play an instrument to be a Bandman. Ladies, we welcome you and your support of the Oriental Band.

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.

Please keep bringing cans!!! The more we fill up the trailer the more we can contribute to the Greenville Hospital. Thank you

The Oriental Band Ladies Auxiliary has Fez cases & other accessories you can special order, contact Annette Perry at 912-308-2980 or Cindy Hendricks at 912-663-2370. Thank you to Our Military, 1st Responders, Doctors, and nurses, for what they do! Keep the less fortunate in your thoughts & prayers. Please reach out to those in need or not feeling well. Remember many hands make light work. Hope to see everyone out & about the Temple. Let's do more in 24!!!!!!!

Fraternally Yours,
Garry Hendricks

Temple Ladies Auxiliary

Hello Ladies of Alee!

As we do every month, we invite all Shriners' ladies to be part of our Auxiliary. We are continuing to grow, and we hope you will come and be part of our Auxiliary. We meet the first Tuesday of each month in the Bill Porter room at 11AM.

Please, everyone, mark your calendars for our Texas Hold 'Em Tournament on June 13th in the Bill Porter Room. It's so much fun and all are welcome! Registration starts at 11 and play begins at Noon. Food, Fun, and Fellowship for all who participate!

Our next meeting will not be until September though. We hope to see you there! Plan on joining us!

Have a great Summer,
BS



Alee Shriners Past Masters' Association

The next Knights of Mecca meeting will be held on August 29th. Please mark Your Calendars.

This is a unique group of Nobles from all occupations and life experiences sharing one commonality – each member has been or is the Master of his Lodge. To come together to discuss ways to improve the lodges and the Masons experiences.

Mark your calendar for August too - the next meeting will be August 29th at Carey Hilliard's on Hwy 21. The meeting starts at 7 pm, with the social starting at 6:30 pm.

Dues to join are \$5 per year or \$100 for Lifetime. Hope to see you there!

Happy 4th of July and safe travels!



ALEE PIRATES

Pirates,

Hope everyone is enjoying their summer with friends and family, and all the fathers had a Great Father's Day!! The 31st Annual Poker Run is approaching fast, let's get those sponsors. We also have our 1st Annual 21 Gun Salute Raffle, if you want a chance to win, please reach out to a Pirate to get your tickets, they are going fast.

Please remember all our sick and distressed when on bended knee.

PIRATES ARR NUMBER ONE!

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

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

Tattnall Shrine Club

Greetings Nobles! What a year we have had already!!

At the end of May, a group of dedicated Nobles from the #1 Club in Alee went to Greenville Hospital. We were accompanied by some of our ladies and friends. The intent of this visit was twofold. We have Nobles that have never had the pleasure of visiting any of our hospitals plus we gave a donation of \$10,000 that was raised in a charitable fundraiser. As always, our hats go off to the doctors, nurses, and staff of the Greenville hospital!!! This was a memorable trip for those of us who were involved, and it really puts our hard work into perspective. All the late nights, long weekends, and time away from our families is truly justified when you get to see firsthand what you are working so hard to support. Fellow Nobles, if you have never been to a Shriners hospital, I urge you to go. It will change your life, and your vision on why you are a proud member of our fraternity. On a personal note, I want to give a huge shout out to Greg "Mullet" Strickland. This man has poured his heart and soul into raising money for our cause. He is as dedicated to what we do as any other member of our club. The next time you see him, I urge you to say thank you. He doesn't want any recognition, but he deserves it.

June is typically a slow month for us, but we are planning and preparing in the background for the events we have in the coming months.

In speaking of planning, our Mud Bog is again up in the air on when we can hold this event. The original August 3rd date is conflicting with other mud races. We will post more information when we know more.

We will again be hosting our annual Hunter's Safety Course in August. We have not confirmed the date yet. As soon as we know which Saturday it will be, we will create a Facebook Event as well as share it in our other forms of communication.

In our local Blue Lodge news, we held the second meeting of our Tattnall County quarterly lodge meetings at Philadelphia Lodge in Glennville. For those of you who do not know, all three Blue Lodges in Tattnall County along with Ezel Lodge in Evans County hold a quarterly meeting at each of the four locations. We started this several years ago and it gives us an avenue to hold meetings together for fellowship and furthering our Masonic education. This has been an awesome venture in making our whole county function more as one group of men and has solidified our bond when it carries over to our Shrine meetings.

We all hope that you have a good beginning of Summer!

Respectfully submitted,
Dustin "White Chocolate" Nail
TSC Secretary 2024

Augusta Golf Unit

On behalf of our unit president, Noble Floyd Sherrod and the members of our unit, we hope all have a very enjoyable 4th of July holiday and enjoy time with family, friends and some great food.

We would like to thank everyone who came and participated in the Augusta Shrine Club Golf Unit Tournament on Sunday June 2nd. making another successful event. The weather cleared after some rain in the morning for a beautiful afternoon of golf. A fabulous lunch was provided by Applewood Golf Course. Congratulations to the winners for their fantastic round! We also want to thank all the members and friends who came out to help with the tournament.

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

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

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

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



Jesup Shrine Club

Greetings from the Jesup Shrine Club, It's been a hot one! I do mean that literally! It's hard to think about how the year is already half way over. The Jesup Shrine Club was at the Glenville Sweet Onion Parade! The Hillbilly Bus, Hillbilly buggy and one more car from Jesup all represented well with 12 nobles and ladies present! We always enjoy this parade, it's a good time! Afterwards we went by the Shrine Club for a fantastic meal and social time. The Hospitality can't be beat! The long awaited and much anticipated Jesup Shrine Club Boat Poker Run at Lake Blackshear is in the books. Here is the info: Jesup Shrine Club had 13 members and their ladies present to make this event go off without a hitch! There were 37 boats registered! Whew, that'll stir up the water! Many thanks to the Divan members who attended and lended a hand. Sir John Farley and Lady Roula, Sir Ray Christian and Lady Annette, Sir Danny Fries and Lady Sheila and of course our very own OG Larry Brantley...our hats are off to you for showing up and supporting us always! Several other Shrine Clubs also came to support. Thank you all! There was a great response from the crowd, and they are looking forward to next year's event. Mr. Mullis won the best hand with trip Aces and a pair of kings and kindly donated it back. Noble Steven Boyles won the worst hand and donated his back as well. Thank you both for your generosity! Once again Mr. L.E. Watson handmade beautiful music boxes, lazy Suzan's, and a wooden bench. Of course we want to thank everyone and their support with this event! Also a thank you to the Al Sihah temple for allowing us to host our event at Lake Blackshear. You are very gracious to us and we appreciate y'all! This whole successful event can't happen without many who work behind the scenes to plan and prepare. Thank you to all those unsung heroes who always give of their time over and over again. We appreciate each and every one of you! Noble David Sumner went on his first run as a Roadrunner and already has a second run planned. Thank you, David, for your giving heart and we can't wait to hear of your next adventure! Around the club: improvements continue inside and out so that we have a great meeting place that we are proud of. Lady Kacie, president of the Ladies Auxiliary is making plans to improve the Ladies meeting room and update the furniture. Thank you, Lady Kacie, for all you do! The Jesup Hillbilly Gals have their first fundraiser which is a raffle for a mighty fine set of regulation size cornhole boards. Please contact a Jesup Hillbilly Gal to purchase tickets. Winner will be drawn at SASA and you do not have to be present to win. The Gals thank you for your support! All of us at the Jesup Shrine Club hope you are enjoying your summer and can't wait to see you all soon.

Best regards from The Jesup Shrine Club,
Lady Denise Bennett

Brian Dixon
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Augusta Go-Cart Unit

We would like to wish everyone a happy 4th of July holiday. Please take the time to enjoy some time with you family and friends while partaking in some great food.

On behalf of our Captain, Noble Don Harris and the members of the go-cart unit we want to thank all those who took the time to purchase Vidalia Onions from our members helping us make it another successful event. We look forward to your support in the future.

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

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

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

Clyde Bowie, P.P.
Secretary and
Tire Changer

Effingham Ladies Auxiliary

Happy 4th of July!

The year is going by quickly, we hope that everyone is enjoying their summer.

The Alee Dune Cats and Alee Dune Cat Ladies Auxiliary are putting on a Children's Dance at the temple in the ballroom on July 20th for our Shrine children, our children, and grandchildren. Need to RSVP to the Temple 912-355-2422 ext. 4 by July 15th. This has been a fun time for the children in the past.

Our next meeting is July 23rd. Ladies come out with your noble and enjoy the fellowship with everyone. The ladies provide dinner before the meeting. Our meetings are very informative and fun.

Our Boat Poker Run is July 27th. Let's get out to help and support our nobles in this great fundraiser.

Happy Birthday to everyone having a birthday in July.

Let's remember all the Shrine Children, Hospitals, Medical Personnel, Roadrunners, Military, Emergency Personnel and our Country in our Prayers.

Until next time,
Lady Donna



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Augusta Shrine Club

Hello from the Augusta Shrine Club! On behalf of President, Noble Andy Cato and the membership we want to wish everyone a very Happy Fourth of July. We hope you enjoy time with family, friends and some wonderful food. We in the south love to eat!

On behalf of President Andy Cato and the members of the Augusta Shrine Club would like to congratulate our newest member and his lady, Noble Stephen "Scooter" Edmunds and Lady Tonya on being accepted as one of the newest associate members of Alee Shrine. Thank you for coming and taking part in Augusta Shrine Club.

We want to congratulate the Augusta Shrine Club Go-Cart Unit on another successful Vidalia Onion Sale fund raising event. They provided some of the best onions that are grown just south of Augusta, in and around the Vidalia area.

Congratulations to the Augusta Shrine Club Golf Unit on another very successful Golf Tournament. The morning started off with some rain, but it turned into a wonderful afternoon for some golf. Congratulations to the winners and all of the players. Thank you to Applewood Golf Course for a wonderful lunch that was served before tee off.

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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



Many thanks go to Chairman Steve Lewis for the success of the Boston Butt sale. Thanks to everyone who helped prepare and sell the butts. Also, thanks to those who participated in the social during the evening while watching the butts get smoked! It was a good morning, afternoon and evening. Thank you!!!

We are now quickly approaching our next fundraiser, The Sapphire Bullets of Pure Love concert on August 10, 2024. If you haven't been assigned a job, volunteer!!! If you haven't sold any tickets, but some and sell more! It is a great time, doesn't take a lot of work and is fun! Come out and support YOUR unit!

There is also a gun show in August. Chairman John McPipkin would LOVE to hear from you that you can work. Everything collected goes to the Children's Hospitals. All you have to do is stand, or sit, for a couple of hours. Meet and talk with customers of the vendors. Air-conditioned environment!!!

The ceremony is approaching, and we will need all hands on deck. More information to follow. PLEASE get involved.

I hope everyone enjoys the July 4th holiday. While enjoying the holiday, please say a prayer for our country. But remember, just because someone doesn't agree with you, doesn't mean they are stupid, or idiots, or don't care about our country! There is plenty wrong with both political parties!!! Until we get better choices, we are just voting for the lesser of two evils. Be nice!!!

President Ben Kates has tried encouraging all members to get involved. Please don't make him beg. It is not a pretty sight. We would love to see everyone at some meetings, fundraisers or socials. Come be a part of YOUR unit!

Shout out to some of our members that are not able to participate any longer. I apologize for not doing this sooner. Cle Lynes, and Tommy Rushing, we miss you! You guys were ALWAYS involved, and you are appreciated and missed.

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

EFFINGHAM SHRINE CLUB

Hello Fellow Ratz and Friends,

Thank you to all who are able to show up to the Effingham Freedom Day Parade on June 29. We would also like to wish Illustrious Sir Carey and our 2024 Divan safe travels as they head to Reno for the 2024 Imperial Session. Happy 4th of July from your 2024 officers. We hope everyone has a great day and can spend time with family and friends. We also have our 8th annual Savannah River Poker Run coming up on Saturday, July 27. Don't forget to invite your friends and family, this is always a great time. And as always, please remember your fellow brethren and family when on bended knee.

#Ratztothefront

Thank you,
Your Effingham Shrine Club President



Dune Cats Auxiliary



Happy July 4th – Safe travels to all!

We have been BUSY! We sold Belk Charity Day tickets on June 8th at Oglethorpe Mall's Belk store entrance from 2 – 5. We will do it again in the Fall. You purchase a \$5.00 ticket from us and receive \$5.00 off your first purchase. You will also receive (on the same ticket) a 25% off stackable coupon. We went shopping after and the savings were awesome. So plan now to do some Christmas shopping. Date TBA.

We are planning the Alee Children's Dance sponsored by the Alee Dune Cats and the Auxiliary. We really need some help. This is a BIG project, and many hands make light work. The kids last year had such a blast and the office already had calls asking about this year's dance, July 20 from 5 – 7 in the Ballroom. We will have a meeting on July 10th to prepare for the dance. The Dune Cats will attend our meeting and we are going to have a social with hamburgers too. July 10th at 6pm. Children are welcome!

At the meeting, we will also discuss how the Auxiliary can continue to support the Annual Kingfish tournament with a raffle.

God Bless our troops, Shrine patients, Doctors, Nurses, Hospital Staff, Roadrunners, and YOU!

Lady Colleen

Bryan County Shrine Club

Well, our Memorial Day fundraiser is in the books, and President Rick Newman and your 2024 board of Officer's would like to say, "THANK YOU" to all who helped Friday and Saturday. Even the ladies stayed up and helped with the fundraiser. I would also like to thank the **SPONSOR'S** who helped us. We have some additional fundraisers in the works.

We have a lot of events coming up. Don't forget our Shrine project and to get those High Roller Tickets sold and money turned into our vice president ASAP. S.A.S.A. is coming up quickly don't forget to reserve your rooms.

The Lady's Auxiliary is working hard on fundraising and growing its membership as well. If interested in purchasing a Ladies Shriner T-shirt see a member of the ladies' auxiliary and don't forget they are selling tickets for the wagon that will be raffled off this month on July 10th.

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

Andrew Watt Sr.
Secretary Bryan Shrine Club



Swainsboro Red, Wet, and Blue Parade (This is a water gun parade - No water balloons)

When: July 6, 2024

Where: Swainsboro, GA

Line Up: 5 pm – Green St

Step Off: 6:00 pm (Live entertainment at the Boneyard at 7:30)

Davisboro Ga -Independence Celebration Parade (Per-mission from PP Yawn – Al Sihah)

When: June 29, 2024

Where: Davisboro, GA 31018

Line Up: 5:00pm - top field of S. Main Street- the intersection for GA Hwy 24 and GA Hwy 231 @ 12530 GA – 24

Step Off: 6:00pm

2024 SASA Fall Festival Parade SPOT #5

When: Saturday, September 21, 2024

Where: Myrtle Beach, SC

Line-Up: 8:30am

Step-Off: 9:00am



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Alee Dune Cats



Happy 4th of July to All! Safe travels!

The June meeting brought together friends to discuss the Annual Kingfish Tournament scheduled for August 3rd. We need to begin looking for sponsors and teams.

In addition to the regular July meeting, we have agreed to have a social/meeting with the Auxiliary. Nobles, the next meeting for the Ladies will be July 10th in Bill Porter at 6:30 to discuss the Children's Dance on July 20th sponsored by the Dune Cats and Ladies Auxiliary. I hope your Ladies can help with the Children's Dance.

Noble Dave Armstrong II and III Sir Freddie Humphries Jr are chairing the Scottish Rite "We Care" for Rite Care Golf Tournament on August 9 in Bacon Park. They had to change the date. Looking for teams and sponsors. Thank you, Dune Cats, other Units and Clubs for the sponsorship so far.

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 June 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 All,

Over the last month or so, the Mobile Unit Classics (MCU) has participated in several local events. The MUC attended the Springfield Freedom parade. Big shout out of thanks to Springfield Lodge and the Effingham River Rats for providing Breakfast and Lunch and some great fellowship. Nobel Ken, Harry, Stathy, and George have been busy attending events Cruise-ins to fellowship and to promote our upcoming Show.

The MCU are making plans for our upcoming Car show on 10Aug24 starting 0830 thru 1500hrs at the Temple. Members are doing a great job acquiring sponsorships, but we still need more sponsors to match last year's success. The Effingham Rainbow girls will be providing concessions again this year. The MUC Ladies will be assisting by selling 50-50, Concession Tickets, and Raffle tickets. Our Nobles and their ladies make our unit successful. We appreciate all they do. Miss Savannah, Miss Coastal Empire, and Miss Tybee will be presenting trophies. Surrounding President George with beauty queens doesn't make him any better looking but will provide a George distraction. We need Sponsors to make this a success. Come enjoy the music, cars, food, and fun.

The MCU is also running a gun raffle for a bullpup 12ga shot gun. Get your ticket by reaching out to one of our members. Ticket sales are running strong.

Noble Stathy is developing a Unit Logo for the Hillbilly gals Potentates quilt. Stay tuned for the hot wheels without the flames design. We are looking forward to the final design.

Sincerely,
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Shriners Children's - Greenville

On behalf of Board Chairman, Most Worshipful Brother Bobby Simmons, the Board of Directors and Hospital Staff, Noble Hutchinson and I, are proud to report, your Greenville Hospital continues to operate under budget, as we provide the best care possible to children with orthopedic and many other conditions from around the world.

Greenville continues to improve on all numbers set forth by Tampa which are used to measure progress and performance of our hospital. Changes in our articles have been made, as Tampa continues changing the way we collect and maintain data on the progress and performance of our hospital. Below you will find some important numbers compared from 2023 to now.

Hospital Performance Dash Board:

	YTD 2023	Goal	YTD 2024
New Patient Visits	843	868	-
STR O/P Visits	5,021	5,172	-
Telehealth Visits	402	414	-
Inpatient Discharges	74	71	84
Outpatient Surgery Encounters	244	228	192
OR Utilization: Adjusted for Capacity	73.78%	70.00%	63.62%
Percentage of First Case on Time Starts	83.00%	80.00%	86.00%
Average Daily Census	4040	4.05	4.50

As of May 2024, the Nobles and Ladies of Alee Shrine donated a total of \$20,608.00 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 March, the 18 temples which support Greenville, has donated a total of \$498,338.37 to the hospital. Shiner 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 10 trips safely and soundly to Greenville as of May. Thank you again for your hard work and dedication to all Shriners Children's Hospitals, patients and Alee Shrine!

Noble and Ladies, please put the 2025 Shriners Children, Greenville Hospital Days event on your calendars. The event will be held on Friday, March 7th and Saturday March 8th, 2025. Please make your plans to attend next year as we would love for you to come visit Greenville and get a better understanding why Shriners do what they do! Noble Hutchinson and I, look forward to seeing you there in 2025!

Here is some important information on our International Patient Program. We currently have 20 international patients in Greenville. 12 of those patients have been accepted and families are trying to obtain sponsorship. 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.

Your Hospital Representatives will have a table set up the First Annual Arts & Crafts FEZ'-TIVAL to be held on August 31st and September 1st at the Toombs County AG Center located at 523 Quint Shrine Road Lyons, Ga. 30416. We will be handing out pamphlets to let people know what Shriners Children Greenville has to offer. This event is sponsored by LOSNA Aziza Court No. 108. I want to thank Aziza High Priestess, Dana Johnson and Noble John A. Johnson for helping us to be able to get the word out about Shriners Children Greenville. Come out and see us!

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 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, Shiner's Children's Greenville

Recorders Report June 2024

May 2024		1208
Nobles Created		
Nobles Affiliated		
Nobles Restored		
Nobles Associated		
Total Gain	Total	1208
Nobles Demitted		
Nobles Suspended		
Nobles Deceased	- 1	
Nobles Resigned:		
Associate Drop		
Total	- 1	Total 1207



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May 2023: 1261 (NPD 132)

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As summer is upon us, activities slow down. Alee does not let a little hot weather stop them. At the Stated Session 25 and 50 year awards were presented. Congratulations to these Nobles. Our Nobles are always parade ready. The Glennville Sweet Onion Parade had a plenty of Hillbillies in attendance. Occasionally a parade vehicle will experience problems. There is always a helping hand to give a push, Fundraisers are an important part of Shrine Life. It takes all hands on deck to make a fundraiser successful. It makes sense for the Augusta Golf Unit to have a Golf Tournament. Director's Staff had a Boston Butt Sale. Which mean cooking over night. Dune Cat Auxiliary had a Shop Save Give event at Belk.

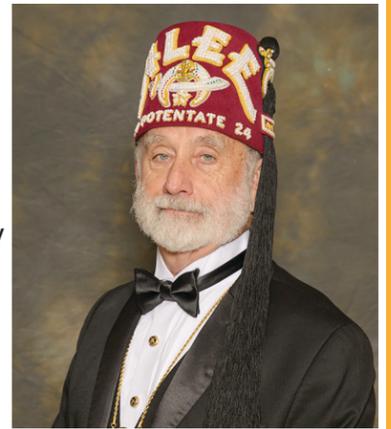


Every month it varies on how many articles, event flyers and pictures that I receive. Thank you to everyone that contributes to the Fez. Special thanks to Ill Sir Clyde Bowie (5 articles a month), Ill Sir Freddie (2 articles a month) and Lady Melissa Damon (2 articles a month).

Illustrious Potentate's Message

Hello Nobles and Ladies,

It's always a great day to be an Alee Shriner. I hope that all the fathers had a great Father's Day. June was a busy month. Your Divan traveled to Potentate ball, and we held a Stated session. We honored those with 25, 50, and 60 years of dedication to the Shrine. As you read this month's article your Divan, Imperial Elected Reps and the Emeritus reps are in Reno for the Imperial session. Please keep all of us in your prayers for a safe trip. Congratulations again to all the Nobles on their milestone for all the years they have been in the Shrine. Lady Julie and I want to wish everyone a safe and wonderful fourth of July. Due to the weather, there were several events cancelled so please check your Fez for the important updates as they become available.



It's the Thanks again for all you do! Focus on what matters while doing more in 24!

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

Fraternally yours,
Carey Hodges

Focus On What Matters While Doing More In '24

First Lady's Message



Greetings all Nobles and Ladies of Alee,

What a busy month for all of the Nobles and Ladies who worked so hard on fundraisers! All were successful in their efforts to educate others about our mission as Alee Shriners. Thanks to all who participated in the June parades. Meanwhile the Divan has been busy visiting other temples, and we are headed to the Imperial Session in Reno to be educated about the amendments that govern our temples. We will be well represented this year.

Hopefully all had a wonderful Father's Day. Many events are happening this month including our annual Kid's Dance by the Dune Cats on the 20th. It's summer, and heat, so all need to be careful while working on these. Happy 4th of July to all! And remember to do more in 2024 for our kids and temple.



Yor First Lady 2024,
Julie Hodges

aleeshriners.org RE-LAUNCHED

Alee Shriners is excited to re-launch our website. It has many cool features including a button to donate to Shriners Children's Paper Sale and the Morris Slotin Transportation Fund.

There will be tweaks over the next few weeks; however, we were so excited to get the information out to our members and the community.

MANY THANKS TO Noble Matt Fischer for his hours of endless work to produce a website that is informative and user friendly.

KEEP WATCHING FOR UPDATES!



Chief Rabban



Hello Alee,

Hope everyone is doing well. What a great Stated Session we had watching nobles receive their 25, 50 and 60 year awards. Hats off to each one and much respect.

Congratulations to Statesboro, Patrol, Clowns, Pirates and the Regulators on successful fundraisers.

The Temple Auction is coming up soon. Please let me know if you know of anyone who wants a table or would like to donate items to be auctioned off.

Thanks to all who came out for the Haunted House work day.

Remember those who are sick and those have lost loved ones in our prayers while on bended knee.

Let us continue to support our Blue Lodge and the Rites.

When you get a minute go on the new website and check it out. Again, if you need anything I am just a phone call away. Hope to see you in and about the Temple.

Fraternally yours,
Danny Fries Jr.

Assistant Rabban



It's Always a Great Day to be an Alee Shriner. Hope everyone had a fun and safe 4th of July. Thank you to all the Alee representatives and Nobles that traveled to Reno for the imperial session. Thanks to the representatives for voting for what is best for Alee.

Hope to see you all and all the Kids at the Children's Dance July 20th from 5 pm to 7 pm. I'm sure a great time will be had by all and our ballroom will be lit up with the smiling faces for all our children. Come out and see what Lady Colleen has in store for Illustrious Sir Freddie Humphries Jr and I for this year. You can bet whatever it is will be fun for the kids and that's all that matters.

While on bended Knee remember our Children, Doctors, Nurses, Therapist, and everyone at our Hospitals. Also remember our Military and our country.

As always if there is anything I can do for you or your club or unit don't hesitate to give me a call.

Fraternally,
David "D2" Armstrong II

Recorder



Hello Nobles and Ladies of Alee

What a great time to be an Alee family member. June 10, 2024, was our second Stated Session for 2024 with many in attendance. If you have not attended a Stated Session in awhile, please try to attend the one on September 9, 2024, and take part in the business of the Temple, we will also have the High Roller Raffle drawing and you might be the lucky winner.

Mark your calendar for August 17, 2024, and attend the Alee Scimitar Sportsman Banquet. Doors open at 5:30 and dinner (Supper as some of you call it) whatever you call it, it will be delicious. There is still time to purchase a table for \$800.00 and bring 5 of your closest friends to join you in the fun, fellowship, and bidding on firearms, fishing equipment, and many other sporting items, or be an Event sponsor for \$125.00. There will also be a silent auction, please check your fez magazine for more information.

Many of the Alee Units and Clubs are having fundraisers such as raffles and various other types of fundraising. Check this Fez magazine and try to support other units and clubs and they will help support your fundraising efforts.

On June 29, 2024, your elected and emeritus representatives along with, Divan members, Nobles and their ladies, traveled to Reno, NV to attend the 150th Imperial Session of Shriners International and vote on many important issues pertaining to Shriners International and Shriners Children's Hospitals. It has been an honor to serve as one of your Elected Imperial Representatives for the last 10 years and I thank the Nobility of Alee for the confidence they have in me to represent the Alee Nobility.

Shriners Children Hospital has helped over 1.5 million children since 1922. Alee Roadrunners need drivers if you have the time and would love to transport our precious patients to and from hospital appointments, please contact the Temple Office or Steve Premo for more information.

Lady Marlene and I want to wish everyone a safe and happy 4th of July, celebrating the birthday of this great country we live in and the freedoms we have. Many thanks to the men and women of our armed forces for keeping all Americans safe.

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.

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

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

May God Bless America.

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

Dave Armstrong Sr P P
Recorder

High Priest & Prophet



Hello fellow Nobles and Ladies. We attended the Glennville Onion Parade May 11 and had a great time. Thank you to the Tattnell Shrine Club for the meal afterwards. I missed it in last month's article so Happy Mother's Day to all the Moms. Also, Happy Father's Day. We attended the Knights of Mecca meeting and enjoyed the Fellowship. June 1, we attended the Quint Shrine Club cornhole tournament and enjoyed the fellowship we were shown from the Members. June 4, we attended the Clowns raffle and that Luck#7 ticket I drew wasn't so lucky but better luck next time. Thank you to Tattnell Shrine for the fun and Fellowship you showed Me and Danny during our recent visit, we had a fun time and enjoyed the meal. We will attend the Lake Blackshear Boat Poker Run on June 7 and 8 and look forward to a great time out on the water. Stated session will be held June 10 and hope to see everyone there. This will be a busy month for your Divan, we are traveling to Reno Nevada for Imperial and Al Sihah Potentates Ball. Looking forward to a great time. Don't forget the Freedom Parade on June 29. Nobles if your Club or unit has a member that you haven't seen in a while, please check on them and ensure they're Okay. If I can ever be of help to any Noble, Club or Unit, please give me a call, text, or email. Thanks, and we'll see you soon.

Fraternal yours
G. Ray Christian
High Priest and Prophet

Oriental Guide



I hope this letter finds everyone well and enjoy there's summer heat. The Jessica shrine club Had a good turnout for their boat poker run. I know for a fact it was the hottest Saturday on record for poker run. President Jasper wanted to thank all the divan that was able to come and participate.

The sweet onion parade was great fun and the meal after was even better I don't know who cooks the onions but they were very good. Great job that Tattnell County

This was Lady Lib's First parade and she loved it.

Everyone needs to get ready for a large Fourth of July. We should sit back and remember why we have it. The signing of the Declaration of Independence declared us free from the British regime and made us an independent country.

I would like to thank everyone for all you do and how you make Alee great.

Do More In 24

Larry Brantley and Lady Lib
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7/13/2024	Ladies Aux Poker	8/13/2024
7/27/2024	Effingham Poker Run	8/27/2024

AUGUST

8/3/2024	Mobile Classics Car Show	9/3/2024
Now - 8/3/24	Mobile shotgun Raffle	9/3/2024
8/24/2024	Quint Sportsman Banquet	9/24/2024
8/28/2024	Screven Raffle Hellcat 9mm	9/28/2024
8/24/2024	Anglers Catfish Tournament	9/24/2024
8/10/2024	Director Staff Dance	9/10/2024

SEPTEMBER

8/31-9/01/24	Brunswick Boston Butt	10/1/2024
9/7/2024	Hinesville Paper Drive	10/7/2024
9/15/2024	Pirate poker run NEW DATE	10/15/2024
9/14-15/2024	Tattnall Birdies Golf Tournament	10/15/2024
Now - 09/21/24	Hinesville cruise drawing (Pending)	10/21/2024
9/7/2024	Anglers Kids Fishing	10/7/2024

OCTOBER

10/5/2024	Tattnall Mudbog (rescheduled date)	11/5/2024
10/19/2024	Brunswick Golf Tournament	11/19/2024
3/1-10/21/24	Pirates 21-gun salute	11/21/2024

NOVEMBER

11/24/24	Dune Cat aux - Belk Charity Days.	
11/9/2024	Anglers craft show	12/9/2024
3/3-11/30/24	Swainsboro 5050 raffles	12/30/2024
Now-11/15/24	Jesup Hillbilly Gals Cornhole boards	12/15/2024
11/27/2024	Swainsboro BBQ	12/27/2024

DECEMBER

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.
Now - 12/31/24	Brunswick Aux sneaker collection

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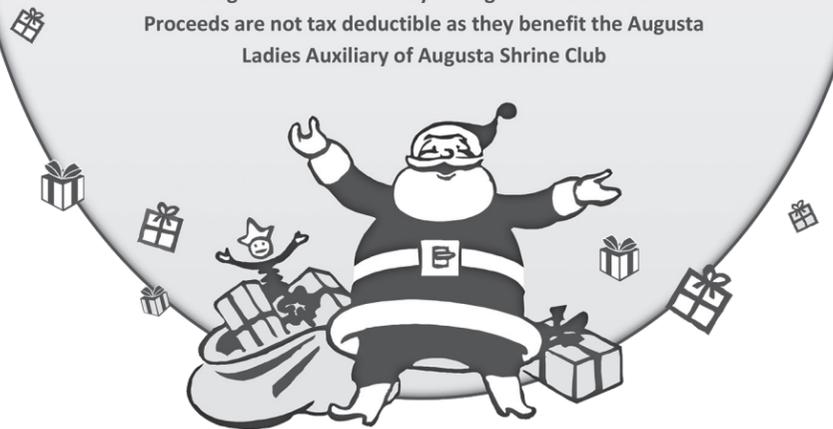
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Shriners Children's Patient Stories

Lila's mom, Alecia, had warm memories of the amazing, family-centered care her whole family received at Shriners Children's Erie when her older daughter broke her hand.

When Lila was diagnosed with joint hypermobility syndrome, she wondered if Shriners Children's would be able to help her too.

At the age of 3, Lila was having regular episodes of pain. "After a family day at the beach, playing in the sand all day, we just knew something was wrong," Alecia said. "She was in extreme pain and vomiting." Visiting a rheumatologist at UPMC Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh finally provided a diagnosis of joint hypermobility syndrome. "The diagnosis offered some peace of mind after people kept saying nothing was wrong," said Alecia. Joint hypermobility syndrome is a genetic condition that involves extreme flexibility along with pain and other symptoms. It is a connective tissue disorder, marked by loose or weak ligaments.

Once they had a diagnosis, Alecia contacted [Shriners Children's Erie](#) and scheduled an appointment for Lila at the specialty care center. Lila's clinical team, led by [Allison Wahoff, D.O.](#), created an individualized plan of care tailored specifically to Lila's needs, and addressed each concern with referrals to medical nutrition therapy, occupational therapy and physical therapy. "Lila was part of a multidisciplinary team approach, which proved necessary for her overall care and diagnosis," said Dr. Wahoff.

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Medical nutrition therapy was included in Lila's plan of care to address her being underweight, unable to gain weight, joint and muscle weakness, and pain and oral-sensory feeding issues, all related to hypermobility syndrome. "Through nutrition intervention, combined with occupational therapy, Lila has been able to gain weight and try new foods," said Wendi Connelly, RD/LDN. "She is also now using vitamin and mineral supplements that specifically improve bone and muscle development, and help to alleviate her joint pain," she added.

"Physical therapy has taught us strategies for strengthening Lila's core, while protecting her joints," said Alecia. Her physical therapist, [Laurie Hudson, PT, BS](#), added that they have spent a lot of time in the therapy pool because the buoyancy of the water helps to reduce stress on joints. "We have taught Lila ways of playing that build her core strength and increase motor control in ways that reduce joint stress," she added. "The pool is an excellent option for that."

Through occupational therapy, Lila learned how to modify her daily activities to allow her to continue to participate in the things she loves to do. She also received a form of desensitization therapy to help lessen her aversion to pressure on her skin. "Her rheumatologist explained to us that her condition causes nerve endings to misfire, which makes her very uncomfortable in her skin at times," explained Alecia. The desensitization techniques provided her body with gentle deep pressure, triggering the sensations that typically make her uncomfortable.

"By incorporating play into each of these activities, the sensation of deep pressure became more tolerable, which in turn was able to be carried over into her everyday life," said Lila's occupational therapist, [Allison Blatt, MS, OTR/L](#). Prior to the therapy, Lila had a hard time sitting side by side with family members because she could not tolerate the pressure on her legs.

Lila's diagnosis of hypermobility syndrome has presented many challenges, but thanks to the comprehensive and compassionate care provided by Shriners Children's Erie, she has found some hope and relief. Every aspect of Lila's care has been tailored specifically to address her unique needs. With the guidance of her dedicated clinical team, Lila has not only found temporary relief of some of her symptoms, but has also learned invaluable strategies to navigate her daily life with greater ease.



Lila smiles ear to ear as she guts a pumpkin to create a jack-o-lantern for Halloween. She loves Halloween and all things creepy and crawly.

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