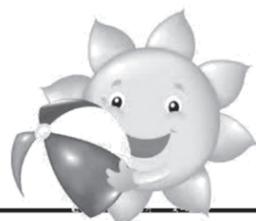




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	Augusta G0 Cart Vidalia Onion Sale til 6/30					1 Quint Cornhole Tournament
2 Augusta Golf (Rescheduled)	3 Clown Raffle	4	5	6	7 OFFICE CLOSED Jesup Boat Poker Run Alhambra Ball	8 Jesup Boat Poker Run Alhambra Ball
9	10 FEZ article due <b>Stated Session</b> Dinner 6:30 pm <b>25, 50 year</b> <b>awards @ 7:20pm</b>	11	12	13	14 OFFICE CLOSED	15 Ridge Peach Festival Parade—Trenton SC
16 Father's Day 	17	18	19	20 First Day of Summer 	21 OFFICE CLOSED Al Sihah Ball	22 Al Sihah Ball
23	24	25	26	27	28 OFFICE CLOSED	29 Rincon Freedom Day Parade
30 Imperial Session Reno, NV 	Iron Knights Raffle ends July 1					



**July 2024**



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 	5 Office Closed	
7	8 NO President Meeting In July	9	10 FEZ article Due: aleefez@gmail.com	11	12 Office Closed	13 Ladies Aux Poker
14	15	16	17	18	19 Office Closed	20 Kids Dance Boogie, Bop, Bust A Move, sway and dance! 
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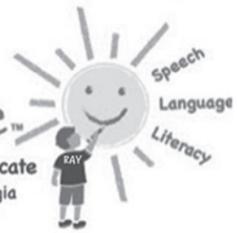
## June 8th, 2024

Captains meeting and registration at Booger Bottom 6/7/24 from 6-8 p.m.  
3077 Lamar Rd. Cobb, Ga 31735

Proceeds to benefit Jesup Shrine Club and are not tax deductible

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Alee Shriners Arena 100 Eisenberg Dr.

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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  
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# 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 be Dark for July and August this year. There will be meetings for committee members of upcoming events such as the 10K party.

We have a Ladies event coming up in November that we hope you can attend. November 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 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 and remember to fly your American flag with pride on Flag Day June 14, and remember your fathers on Father's Day June 16.

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

Melissa Damon



# Oriental Band

Hello Everyone! I hope all is well! A big shout to the dads, Happy Father's Day!!! It's that time again, those hot summer days. Make sure you have plans to stay cool & enjoy that frozen drink.

The Mandarin is getting closer to coming to a town or club near you. We will be sending information on when & where.

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. The World Famous Oriental Band was the first number #1 Unit in the Temple and a great Showpiece of Alee Temple. 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.

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!

Our Mother's Day Luncheon was a huge success. We always have a great time when we are together. We invite all Shriners' ladies to be part of our Auxiliary. We meet the first Tuesday of each month in the Bill Porter room at 11AM. Our next meeting will not be until September though. We hope to see you there!

Also, please mark your calendars for our Texas Hold 'Em Tournament on June 13<sup>th</sup> in the Bill Porter Room. It's so much fun and all are welcome!

Til next time,  
BS



# Alee Shriners Past Masters' Association

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

The May meeting was the Potentates Official visit and we had a special guest speaker. I encourage all members to reach out to your Lodges and invite the sitting Master to join if he is a Shriner. If he is not a Shriner, he may be encouraged to become one. The Alee Knights of Mecca invite all Past Masters and current sitting Masters to join. We meet on the Fifth Thursday of the month (approximately 4 times per year).

Mark your calendar for August too - next meeting will be August 29<sup>th</sup>. 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.



# ALEE PIRATES

Pirates,

Wow, May has come and gone, time sure flies when you're having fun. Our Spring Social in Ameila Island was a huge success, and fun was had by all that joined us. The Annual Pirate Golf Tournament was also a success. I want to thank all that sponsored, volunteered, and played. Remember we go dark in June, so we will only meet on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday.

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

*PIRATES ARR NUMBER ONE!*

Jeff Roberson, President, 2024  
Alee Pirate Unit  
[alee.piratepresident@gmail.com](mailto: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

Hello again Brothers! We hope everyone is now enjoying the warmer weather now that we are phasing into summer. It's time to dust off those fishing rods, golf clubs, and beach chairs!!

We had to unfortunately postpone our mudbog in Cobbtown until August 3<sup>rd</sup>. Rainy weather would have dampened the spirits of our attendees, so the decision was made to move the event. We are sorry if this posed an inconvenience to anyone, but our intent is to let everyone who comes to our events have an awesome time. We will have more information later, as we get closer to August.

Our 2<sup>nd</sup> annual golf tournament planning is now in full swing. This event is shaping up to be another huge success. I will be posting some information on our 'Tattnall Shrine Club - Birdies at the Beach' page soon with more information. If you would like to play or sponsor this event, reach out to one of us.

We want to thank everyone who attended the On-ion Festival parade on May 10<sup>th</sup>, as well as all of you who came back to our club for lunch and fellowship. It's our pleasure to host such a wonderful group of friends at this event each year.

In closing, I would like to encourage everyone who reads this post to take a small portion of your day to thank God for the many blessings he has given you. We all have tough times that we go through, we have mistakes that we make, and we sometimes don't live up to the expectations of living the life of a Mason. Life is hard, but there is always forgiveness if you ask for it. Call that long lost friend that you haven't talked to lately, take a kid fishing, or pick anything else that will occupy an hour or two of your time to make someone else smile. The small sacrifice you make of your time could be an impactful experience for the person you are interacting with.

We here at TSC hope that everyone has a great month!

Respectfully,  
Dustin "White Chocolate" Nail  
TSC Secretary

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## Augusta Golf Unit

The Augusta Shrine Club Golf Unit's annual Golf Tournament was rescheduled due to inclement weather. The tournament will be held on Sunday June 2, 2024 with a tee time of 1:30pm, with lunch served from 12:00pm to 1:00pm., at Applewood Golf Course. On behalf of President, Noble Floyd Sherrod, we would like to apologies for any inconvenience this may have caused and hope you will come out and join us. We thank you for your continued support and look forward to you playing with us in the future.

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

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

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

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

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



## Jesup Shrine Club

Greetings from the Jesup Shrine Club, HowdidMaygetheresoquickly?Thesayinggoes,time flies when you're having fun, and here we are having fun, and the year is already almost halfway through! I have exciting news to share! Noble David Sumner has begun a new adventure as an Alee Roadrunner and will be making his first trip on May 20! We are so proud of you David and thankful for you! We know you will represent the Jesup Shrine Club and Alee well and we cannot wait to hear of your adventures! Hats off to you! There's much excitement in the club as well. The ladies are about to begin a mini remodel of our meeting room! This has been a long time coming and we are all so happy. The men continue to spruce up inside and outside of the club as well. We held our monthly meeting May 9th, and there was much talk of upcoming events and fundraisers. A big one for the Jesup Shrine Club is The Boat Poker Run at Lake Blackshear on June 8 (captains meeting on June 7). Come one and come all! If you don't have a boat, come jump in with someone else! Contact Shane Poppell 912-269-3521 for additional information. Thank you to all who continue to support the efforts of our club! It takes much planning and preparation to make this event happen. Thank you to all who have a hand in it and those who spend their time volunteering to help. Noble Phil Kay and Lady Debbie, and our own OG Larry Brantley and Lady Lib went to Pikeville Kentucky for Hillbilly Days in April. They had a blast and participated in the parade. Thank you all for representing our club, Alee and of course the Hillbillies!! Looking forward to seeing you all soon at a Parade or Lake Blackshear or Alee!!

Best regards from the Jesup Shrine Club,  
Lady Denise Bennett



Well, a huge event has taken place in our unit. After months and months of talking about it, plans have finally been drawn up and approved to remodel the unit meeting room. Plans were presented at the May Business Meeting and a timetable prepared for the demolition and construction to take place. The members present voted unanimously to proceed.

The demolition will start on Monday May 20, 2024, and is expected to take about three weeks and then construction will begin that is expected to last four weeks with the grand opening and dedication of the new space planned for the July Business Meeting.

Director Brian Dixon is taking charge of the project and unit President Ben Kates will assist him as necessary.

As most of the wall space is taken up by past awards, photographs will be taken of the awards and albums will be created to have them available in the room. The plaques themselves will be carefully packed in boxes and stored in the storage unit. Same with the cases holding photos of the Past Presidents.

Obviously, a project of this magnitude has expenses associated with it. While Brian expects to be able to hold some costs down by using unit members to help with the demolition and construction, the total cost to the unit is expected to be around \$20,000. This will require an assessment of all members and associate members in the amount of \$500 each to begin with. Approval was given to Brian and Ben to increase the assessment as needed with a simple majority vote at subsequent Business meetings. The initial assessment is requested to be submitted to the unit Treasurer, Lynzie Phillips by July 1, 2024.

These are exciting times for our unit! Please get involved. When asked to help, say "yes".

If you have any questions about the plans, please contact Brian Dixon or Ben Kates.

Sincerely,  
Ol' (used to be )Sparky

## Augusta Go-Cart Unit



On behalf of Captain Don Harris, we would like to thank all who supported us and allowed us to have another successful Vidalia Onion Sale! We did purchase extras bags and are offering them for purchase until we run out. The bags are 5lb's for \$6.00, 10lb's for \$10.00 or 25lb's for \$20.00.

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.

Our members would like to wish Noble Henry Jenkins, Lady Georgia, Noble Chris Jenkins and Lady Ashley well on their new endeavors, as they have officially moved to Tennessee. We hope you enjoy your new home and please keep in touch with us as we are still your family and know you will be missed!

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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.

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

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

Clyde Bowie, P.P.  
Secretary and  
Tire Changer

## Effingham Ladies Auxiliary

Happy June Everyone!

We would like to thank everyone that helped with our fundraiser. Congratulations to our winner, Kendra Fail.

We had several ladies go out to the Shrine club to clean the kitchen. Thank you for all that came out and helped. It looks great.

We want to wish all the High School and College Graduates, Congratulations and best wishes for their next endeavors in life.

A reminder that the Effingham Shrine Club 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Savannah River Poker Run is coming up on July 27<sup>th</sup>. Let's get out and support our Nobles in this great event.

Happy Birthday to all our June Birthdays. We wish you all a wonderful day.

Please remember all our families that have lost loved ones in our prayers.

Also let's pray for our Shrine Children, Medical personnel, Military, Police and Fire personnel and our Country.

Until next time  
Lady Donna

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## Waynesboro 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 thank the Illustrious Potentate Cary and Lady Jolie, and our Chief Rabban and his lady for coming out to support our annual BBQ sale. We had a great time working with you. It's always good to see those who come every year to purchase form us and we are blessed to have so many people come get the best BBQ in the State of Georgia.

We are not preparing for our Pound a purse and tea party this month (June). This is going to be so much fun, if you need a ticke please contact one of the Waynesboro ladies for a ticket.

Then we have Farm Fest coming in September, guaranteed to be a fun filled day with a parade as well. Come out to shop, all the vendors have some great food and enjoy the parade. We are currently taking on vendors and advertisements. Contact me if you are interested in either.

We pray all stay safe as you plan your summer of fun events and remember to fly your flag with pride on flag day June 14, and remember your fathers on Father's Day June 16.

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

Melissa Damon  
President Waynesboro Ladies Auxiliary

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# Augusta Shrine Club

Hello from the Augusta Shrine Club! Our President, Andy Cato has been out of town due to business, but he has left our club in the capable hands of our Vice President, Illustrious Sir Gary Damon. We hope everyone is enjoying this fantastic weather!

On a sad note, members of the Augusta Shrine Club and Ladies Auxiliary would like to wish Noble Henry Jenkins, Lady Georgia, Noble Chris Jenkins and Lady Ashley well on their new endeavors, as they have officially moved to Tennessee. We hope you enjoy your new home and please keep in touch with us as we are still part of your family and know you will be missed.

Our members would like to welcome our newest member and his lady, Noble Stephen "Scooter" Edmunds and Lady Tonya. Noble Edmunds is a member of Hejaz Temple in Greenville, South Carolina, living in Plum Branch, South Carolina. Noble Edmunds has submitted his paperwork to become an associate member 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.

The Augusta Shrine Club Golf Unit's annual Golf Tournament was delayed due to inclement weather. The tournament will be held on Sunday June 2, 2024, with a tee time of 1:30pm, with lunch served from 12:00pm to 1:00pm., at Applewood Golf Course. Come out and join and if you are interested in helping, I am sure they have some tasks that will need to be done.

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

If anyone is 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

# Hinesville - Ft. Stewart Shrine Club

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

## Alee Parade Club of the Year 2018

April was a lot of fun, beginning with lots of laughter and antics at Savannah Smiles for the beginning of the Potentate's weekend. What goes on in Savannah Smiles stays there so we'll just say we had a good time and leave it at that.

The clay shoot the next morning was fun for some and challenging for others. It was fun for the youth shooting team from a local high school sponsored by HFSSC. It was challenging for our own HFSSC team who had never shot clays before and were suffering the after affects of the previous night at Savannah Smiles. Nonetheless, we had a great time and are grateful the scoring system is on the honor system.

And as always we enjoyed the Potentate's Ball which was well attended by fun loving people to honor Illustrious Potentate Carey Hodges and First Lady Julie.

Thank you to the HFSSC members who were able to participate in the Thunderbolt Blessing of the Fleet parade or the Stand up for America Parade. We know these communities appreciate our support and your participation helps spread the word about who we are and what we do. Thank you Nobles and Ladies.

This past weekend HFSSC hosted it's second annual Pool/Billiards Tournament. We were honored by the participation and support of Past Potentate Buddy Grayson, High Priest & Prophet Dave Armstrong, II and Lady Cheryl, Oriental Guide Larry Brantley, and past First Ladies Nellie Nelson and Donna McCutchen. 1<sup>st</sup> Place was awarded to a team of locals called Twisted Tea, and for the second year in a row second place was awarded to the Liberty County Chamber of Commerce. The 50/50 raffle winners were Noble Mike Smart and Lady Lori who donated their winnings back to the club. As advertised, you do not have to know anything about shooting pool to play in this tournament as 3 of the 4 members of the 2<sup>nd</sup> place team had never shot pool before. Three of the teams had kids as team members with respectable scores. We look forward to doing this again next year and will keep you posted on the date.

HFSSC still has raffle tickets available for a cruise to the Bahamas. Tickets are \$10 each. Second prize is \$500 cash. Just like last year the drawing will take place at SASA. You don't have to be present to win but it's nice to see you there. If you want a ticket call Bill Badger at 912-432-1269 (or send us a text) or contact any member of HFSC.

As we move towards the end of the school year, Memorial Day weekend, and summer fun we hope each of you have a fun and adventurous summer making irreplaceable memories.



Nobles, Ladies, Flatlanders, and HILLBILLIES, Well, "approved" parades are pert near over "for now". Got the Beach Bum Parade on Tybee Island next Friday, May 17, and that's always fun. Then the Rincon Freedom Day Parade Saturday, June 29<sup>th</sup> in, guess where, SPRINGFIELD, Ga. Then a BIG ONE coming up on Saturday, September 21 in Myrtle Beach, SC! That's right, **The 2024 SASA Fall Festival Parade!** We can't forget SASA, where we git to socialize with Nobels we ain't seen in a while!

So, for those Nobels that have already taken our famous Hillbilly Degree that might want to parade with us, git yer bibs, yer hat, a corn cob (just in case), and fall in beside our buggy OR behind the outhouse and we'll git r done! Better yet, get a petition from one of our fine UPSTANDIN' Hillbillies along with \$36 and we'll git r turned in and voted on. I KNOW there's a bunch of you out there that's completed the degree, so come on down, we'd love to have ya! HOWEVER, for the months of June, July, and August, we only meet on the FIRST Monday of the month, INSTEAD OF the first and Third Mondays, so it might take a minute to git yer petition processed, but it's worth it.

Now, I'm sure your Unit Presidents have already shared this tidbit of information with you, but those of us that like to get the Alee Shriner FEZ in hard copy (newspaper), we ALL need to become a FEZ PATRON. I think it's \$25 a year. You will not only get your name (AND your Lady's name, if you so desire) in the paper for sponsoring the FEZ, but we'll continue to receive the FEZ in the mail. Just like everything else now days, inflation has affected the cost of producing/printing/mailling our monthly FEZ, so, unless we can get extensive Nobel participation in becoming Patrons, we will be getting our paper totally electronically. I'm just sayin'.

Anyhow, y'all be good and I'll see you around the Shrine!

Your Cuzzin, DJ  
Hillbilly Secretary

# EFFINGHAM SHRINE CLUB

Hello Fellow Ratz and Friends,

CONGRATULATIONS on Effingham's Most Fabulous Civic Group Award!! Thank you to everyone for your hard work and dedication to our Club. We had a great turnout for the Blessing of the Fleet, and the Glennville Sweet Onion Parade. Also, Thank you to those that attended the Haunted House work day. Our 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Savannah River Poker Run is approaching quickly! Remember to tell your friends. We can't wait to see you on the River!

#Ratztothefront

Thank you,  
Your Effingham Shrine Club President



# Dune Cats Auxiliary

Happy Father's Day to all the Dads, Grandpas, Uncles and friends.

Our May meeting was fun and delicious. The Ladies Auxiliary let us have the remainder of their Olive Garden meal and we had lots of leftovers. We even had Jello shots. Okay there was no alcohol, so it was Jello but felt fun! The children had a good time too. Next meeting is July 10 at 6:30 in the Bill Porter Room. Children are welcome to attend.

We have been BUSY! We are selling Belk Charity Day tickets for \$5. On June 8<sup>th</sup>, we will host a table at the Oglethorpe Mall Belk store entrance from 2 - 5. You can 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 are planning the Alee Children's Dance spon-

sored 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 when this year's dance will be. We will have a meeting on July 10<sup>th</sup> to prepare for the dance.

And if that wasn't enough, we plan to continue to support the Annual Kingfish tournament with a raffle. Again, many hands make light work. A saying Ill Sir Billy Phillips comes to mind..."Get your heart in it or ...

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



# MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

# Alee Dune Cats



Our May meeting had us gearing up for the Annual Kingfish Tournament scheduled for August 3<sup>rd</sup>. We need to begin looking for sponsors and teams.

Many of the Dune Cats are involved in the Scottish Rite Reunion the weekend of May 17-18. We invite other Scottish Rite Dune Cats to take an active part in the Ninth Degree with us. If you want to have a part, but are not members of the Scottish Rite, I urge you to become a member and becoming a Master of the Royal Secrets. Speaking of Scottish Rite, Noble Dave and Ill Sir Freddie are also chairing the Scottish Rite "We Care" for Rite Care Golf Tournament on June 15 in Bacon Park. Looking for teams and sponsors. Thank you, Dune Cats, for the sponsorship.

Nobles, I hope your Ladies can help with the Children's Dance. The next meeting for the Ladies will be July 10<sup>th</sup> in Bill Porter at 6:30 to discuss the Children's Dance on July 20<sup>th</sup> sponsored by the Dune Cats and Ladies Auxiliary. **SAVE THAT DATE TOO!** These ladies have been busy. They will be hosting a table in Belk for Belk Charity Days on June 8<sup>th</sup>!

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

June is here, Summer is a few weeks away. The year is half over and the Summer Heat Car show in August will be here soon. We will be fine tuning the details during upcoming unit meetings so please make every effort to attend, success depends on our sponsorships. Remember every potential sponsor that you don't ask is a no. April and May were great months for the unit. We attended the Dixieland cruiser car show where Lester and Stathy both took home trophies. The Darien Blessing of the fleet parade and cruise in were fun for those that participated. We even met some prospective Shriners and MUC members. The stand up for America parade was a great time. The MUC hosted Miss Georgia, Miss Rome, Miss Costal Empire, Miss Teen Tybee and teen Gwinnett. Unfortunately, Miss Savannah was on active duty and unable to attend but we did have Army Captain Jones, who recently returned from deployment, riding with the MUC President. She represented the US Army and our armed forces well. We were unable to attend the Swainsboro Pinetree festival, although it was wet it looks like those that went had a good time. The Glennville parade is always fun as the Tattnall Shrine club makes the best onion stew. Thanks for your hospitality, brothers. Y'all keep your calendar open for the Rincon freedom parade this month as the unit will attend it on the 29th. Check out our Facebook page for Photos of past events and for upcoming events. The Tokarev TSP12 gauge bullpup shotgun raffle is in full swing. If you took tickets get them sold. If you need more, we have more. The ladies Aux have been busy working on an exciting new fundraiser with the Units full support. The details are being ironed out so stay tuned for updates. Brother, don't neglect your blue lodge and remember that membership day is today.

Fraternally yours,  
Fastlane and the pit crew.



Alee Shriners

"Legion of Honor"

## 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
<b>New Patient Visits</b>	843	868	-
<b>STR O/P Visits</b>	5,021	5,172	-
<b>Telehealth Visits</b>	402	414	-
<b>Inpatient Discharges</b>	74	71	83
<b>Outpatient Surgery Encounters</b>	244	228	192
<b>OR Utilization: Adjusted for Capacity</b>	73.78%	70.00%	63.62%
<b>Percentage of First Case on Time Starts</b>	83.00%	80.00%	86.00%
<b>Average Daily Census</b>	4040	4.05	4.50

As of March 2024, the Nobles and Ladies of Alee Shrine donated a total of \$17,789.50 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 \$452,176.96 to the hospital. Shriener 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 11 trips safely and soundly to Greenville so far this year. They also made 1 trip to the hospital in Shreveport, LA. They drove a total of 7,926 miles going above and beyond to transport our most precious cargo to our hospitals safely. Thank you again for your hard work and dedication to all Shriners Children's Hospitals, patients and Alee Shrine! We want thank God that roadrunners, Stephen Premo and Stephen Anthony Smith are ok after being involved in a motor vehicle accident where there were no patients involved. I understand this was the first accident involving an Alee Road Runner since 2012 and having traveled 472,115 without any accidents. Thank you to Noble Stephen Premo for the information and all the work you do.

Noble and Ladies, please put the 2025 Shriners Children, Greenville Hospital Days event on your calendars. The event will be held on Friday March 7<sup>th</sup> and Saturday March 8<sup>th</sup>, 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 18 international patients in Greenville. 12 of those patients have been accepted and families are trying to obtain sponsorship. We had 6 patients leave in the month of April. 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 are still looking for craft shows, other events and outlets to set up a booth to hand out pamphlets to advertise the services offered by Shriners Children Greenville and the transportation services provided by Alee Shrine Road Runners. If you can, please get us the name and number of a contact person at the event who can assist us to reserve a spot at the event.**

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

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

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

## ALEE DRIFTERS



Alee Drifters Celebrate a Successful Cornhole Tournament

The Alee Drifters are elated to report a fantastic turnout at our inaugural Cornhole Tournament held in the Alee Temple Ballroom. This event not only brought our community together for a day of fun and spirited competition but also exemplified the unity and camaraderie of our members and supporters.

A special thank you to the tournament director, Bryan Perkins, whose expertise and commitment were crucial to the smooth operation and success of the event. Bryan's leadership was instrumental in making this tournament a standout success, and we are profoundly grateful for his efforts.

We would also like to extend another special thanks to Drifter's brother and Vice President, Terry "Worm" Fennell, for conceiving this fantastic event idea. Additionally, our gratitude goes to all the officers who worked diligently to make this vision a reality, especially to our President, Bobby "The Clapper" Simmons. Not to forget, a thank you goes out to our Treasurer, Dusty "Wishbone" Sauls, for manning the grill.

Our gratitude extends to our generous sponsors who made this event possible:

- Gaslight Solutions Plus LLC
- Georgia Skin & Skin Cancer Clinic
- Saul's Conveyor Belt Services
- Southern Brewing Company
- Innovative Vein Center

- Shriners Children's Florida
- Nine 15 Creations
- Eagle Creations

Each sponsor played a pivotal role in the success of our cornhole tournament. Their support not only enhanced the event but also helped reinforce our commitment to the charitable causes we hold dear.

We are immensely thankful to both the current and past members of the Divan for their presence and support. Their efforts in promoting the event contributed significantly to our success. We would also like to thank Miss Colleen Humphries for helping coordinate the use of the temple for our event and ensuring everything ran smoothly.

Additionally, we owe a great deal of thanks to our fellow brothers, who came out to support and help spread the word about the tournament. Your participation and enthusiasm truly bring energy and joy to our gatherings, strengthening our bond as a community.

To everyone who participated and attended, thank you. Your involvement is what makes events like this memorable and rewarding. We look forward to hosting more events like this in the future and hope to see even more of our friends and family joining in the fun. Stay tuned for more activities and get-togethers hosted by the Alee Drifters!

Fraternally Yours,  
Brother Christopher "TBD" Epps,  
Secretary, Alee Drifters



Alee Nation in action - Potentate Visit to Hinesville. HFSSC Billiards Tournament Winners. Jesup Hillbillies ladies forming a new Auxiliary. Glennville Sweet Onion Parade. Them Hillbillies and their Ladies are everywhere. Our very own OG in the Outhouse! The fun never ends....



At the Potentate Weekend Activities you are liable to see anything. Friday started with the Clay Shoot. The winners seem very familiar... That night the Hillbilly Hoedown. Have you ever seen a Hillbilly Chandelier?? If not you have now. Surprise...even Past Potentates can dress like a Hillbilly. The decorations were outstanding. Saturday was the big night...our Divan cleaned up real well after the Hoedown. Alee Color Guard looking good. What a great weekend. 1st Lady and Son celebrating Mother's Day at a parade. Thank you to everyone that sent pictures.

# Illustrious Potentate's Message

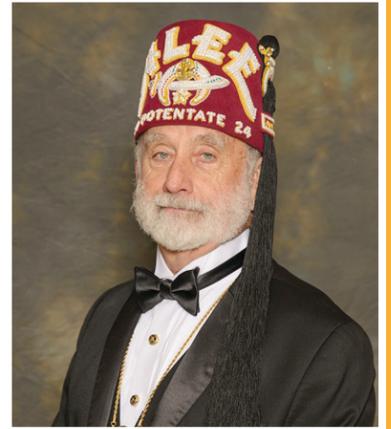
Hello Nobles and Ladies,

It's always a great day to be an Alee Shriner. I hope that all the ladies had a wonderful Mother's Day. Thanks to everyone who showed up and showed out to all the parades we attended in May. Thanks to all the Nobles and ladies who helped with the Haunted House work day. Shout out to all the presidents and nobles that came to the presidents meeting. We will be having a stated session on June the 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:30. Prior to the meeting we will be presenting 25- and 50-years pins and awards. 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



It's so exciting to see all the Nobles and ladies who have participated in parades and fund raisers in our temple. It is those dedicated to our mission who make Alee temple the best temple in Georgia. Carey and I have enjoyed many of these events this last month. Even the rain didn't stop spectators from showing up to watch us parade. I guess all people love a parade as much as we do!! Remember to consult the Fez for upcoming events. Some have been rescheduled because of the rain. Congratulations to all graduates and their families! Also, we hope everyone had a great Mother's and Memorial Day. Soon it will be time to celebrate all fathers. June 10<sup>th</sup> is our Stated Session. Even though we aren't making wreaths, ladies are invited to the arena for an educational demonstration, fun, and games. Let's continue to do more in 2024 to keep our temple great!

First Lady Julie



# Chief Rabban



Hello Alee,

What a great Potentate's Ball we had again Congratulations to Illustrious Sir and Lady Julie.

We had some fundraisers cancelled by weather keep your ears open for the new dates.

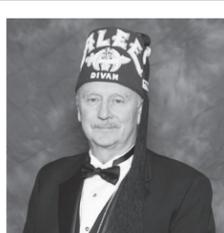
The Alee Auction is coming up soon if you are interested in donating or know someone who wants a table please give me a call. Thanks to those who have already done so.

See you soon in and about the temple as always, I'm just a phone call away. The new Website will be ready to roll soon if you have any flyers you would like to put on the website please send to Mrs. Colleen.

Remember your blue lodge and the Rites as both have a lot of work going on right now. Remember those who are sick and have lost loved ones while on bended knee.

Fraternally yours,  
Danny Fries Jr.

# High Priest & Prophet



Hello fellow Nobles and Ladies. We had planned to attend the Tattnall Mud Run but the weather had other plans and it had to be cancelled. The event has been rescheduled for August 3rd and we'll be there. We did attend the Pine Tree Festival parade and those folks in Swainsboro didn't let the rain prevent them from attending and enjoying a very wet parade. I'm sure those Iron Knights are still drying out. We had a fun time and thank you Swainsboro Shrine Club for the lunch afterwards. We're down to 135 NPDs and the first Noble that reads this and calls me who hasn't paid their dues this year yet, I'll pay them for you this month. 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

# Masonic Youth

I would like to challenge the Nobles of the Oasis of Alee to invest in the traditional sponsored Masonic Youth the future of our Craft, the Shrine and our Nation.

## Contact Information for Georgia Rainbow Assemblies in the Oasis of Alee:

Savannah Assembly No 1: Mother Advisor: Mrs Deva Underwood : [savannah.assembly.10@gmail.com](mailto:savannah.assembly.10@gmail.com)

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Freedom No 38: Mother Advisor: Mrs. Kelley Flynn: [momfreedom88@gmail.com](mailto:momfreedom88@gmail.com)

## Contact information Georgia DeMolay Chapters in the Oasis of Alee:

Augusta Chapter 11903: Chapter Advisor: Dad James C. Hawkins; [jcraighawkins@gmail.com](mailto:jcraighawkins@gmail.com)

Cecil Cheves Chapter 11023: Chapter Advisor: Mom Colleen Eddy: [cullymccauley@gmail.com](mailto:cullymccauley@gmail.com)

Don R. Roberts Chapter 11008: Chapter Advisor: Brad L. Cooper : [tkcautodetail@yahoo.com](mailto:tkcautodetail@yahoo.com)

## Georgia Rainbow

Mom Gena Kelley, Supreme Inspector in Georgia : [gakelley09@gmail.com](mailto:gakelley09@gmail.com)

## Georgia DeMolay

Mark D. Griffis, Executive Officer in Georgia: [mg-riffis@gademolay.org](mailto:mg-riffis@gademolay.org)

## Youth Council Committee

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10th Masonic District: Noah T. Vaught [ntvaught@gmail.com](mailto:ntvaught@gmail.com)

11th Masonic District: Brad L. Cooper [tkcautodetail@yahoo.com](mailto:tkcautodetail@yahoo.com)

Contact your neighborhood DeMolay Chapter and Rainbow Assembly about providing the program for your Unit, Club, Lodge, OES Chapter or Amaranth Court.

I would also like to invite the Nobles of Alee Shrine to attend the Annual Georgia DeMolay Con (Convention) 2024 being held this year at Middle Georgia State University – Cochran campus July 24-28, 2024 in Cochran, Georgia . Registration information is found on the Gademolay website ([gademolay.org](http://gademolay.org)) If you have questions about DeMolay Con 2024, please contact our events staff at [events@gademolay.org](mailto:events@gademolay.org).

# Assistant Rabban



It's always a Great day to be an Alee Shriner. This is going to be another busy and exciting summer with all the parades and unit and club activities on the calendar. Looking forward to lots of fun and fellowship in the next few months.

Your Divan is happy to say we have been working with a web designer that is also a member of Alee Shrine. Thank you, Matt Fischer, for donating your time and talent to help develop our website. Matt has many years of experience developing websites. Matt has been working with your Divan for a couple of months and with his experience I think everyone will find the website easy to use and provide some new options to help put Alee out in Front. The website address will not change, just the look will be much different.

Please get your unit and clubs 10K raffle tickets in as soon as possible. Remember any club or unit that sells 20 or more will receive a free ticket for your club or unit as well as a free ticket to the club or unit that sells the most tickets.

Remember our Shrine Children, Hospitals, Doctors and Staff , our Military, and our country while on bended knee. As always thank you all for all you do.

Fraternally,  
Dave Armstrong II  
"D2"

# Oriental Guide



Hope this letter finds everybody well. As many of you know I have started dating Lady Lib Lewis. I would like to thank everyone for welcoming her into our organization. She has had a wonderful time and really loves it.

I am sorry I missed the special day In Screven, but it was a special day for me also it was my birthday and some family members had scheduled something for me that day. But from what I heard it turned out great. Thank you, President Chris and the gang.

June is going to be a very busy month; we have the Lake Blackshear Boat poker run for the Jesup Shrine Club which will be held the 7th and 8th of June. That's always a big event. That same weekend we have the Alhambra Ball up in Chattanooga TN.

The Hinesville Fort Stewart Shrine Club held a Pool/Billiard tournament. They had a large crowd on hand, and everybody had a good time. If we could have kept Il Sirs Buddy Grayson and. JJ Johns from getting so excited LOL. I had never same pool played quiet that way. I recommend everyone to try to go and play the game. I've seen a couple of past potentates having a large time.

I did not get to go to the Pine Tree festival in Swainsboro, but I understand a large wet time was had by all.

We need to thank Il Sir Buddy and Noble Will Morgan for a great job with the Haunted House and everyone that came out to help on the work day.

I would Like to thank Our High Priest and Profit for a job well done on getting our Non-Payment of due list down. He has worked hard on that.

Thank You for letting me serve you!

Your O.G Larry Brantley & Lady Lib

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**Who Loves a Parade**  
Approved Parades  
**Ridge Peach Festival Parade (permission from Jamil Shriners)**  
When: June 15, 2024  
Where: Trenton, SC  
Line-Up: 9:00 am Ebenezer Baptist Church (275 S.E. Diggs RD)  
Step-off: 10:30am  
**Rincon Freedom Day Parade**  
When: June 29, 2024  
Where: Springfield, GA  
Line Up: 8 - 9:00 Effingham County Board of Education, 405 N. Ash St  
Step Off: 10am  
**2024 SASA Fall Festival Parade SPOT #5**  
When: Saturday, September 21, 2024  
Where: Myrtle Beach, SC  
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- JUNE**  
6/2/2024 Augusta Golf (Rescheduled)  
Now - 6/3/24 Clowns raffle  
6/1/2024 Quint Corn Hole Tournament  
6/8/2024 Dune Cat Ladies Belk  
6/7-8/24 Jesup Lake Blackshear Poker Run  
now-6/30/24 Augusta Go Cart Vidalia Onion
- JULY**  
Now - July 1 Iron Knights Henry .22 rifle raffle  
7/13/2024 Ladies Aux Poker  
7/27/2024 Effingham Poker Run
- AUGUST**  
8/3/2024 Tattnall Mudbog (rescheduled date)  
8/3/2024 Mobile Classics Car Show  
Now - 8/3/24 Mobile shotgun Raffle  
8/24/2024 Quint Sportsman Banquet  
8/28/2024 Screven Raffle Hellcat 9mm  
8/10/2024 Director Staff Dance
- SEPTEMBER**  
9/7/2024 Hinesville Paper Drive  
9/15/2024 Pirate poker run  
9/14-15/24 Tattnall Birdies Golf Tournament  
Now-9/21/24 Hinesville cruise drawing (Pending)  
9/7/2024 Anglers Kids Fishing
- OCTOBER**  
3/1-10/21/24 Pirates 21-gun salute
- NOVEMBER**  
3/3-11/30/24 Swainsboro 5050 raffles  
11/27/2024 Swainsboro BBQ
- 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

**Recorders Report  
May 2024**

April 2024		1209
Nobles Created		
Nobles Affiliated		
Nobles Restored		
Nobles Associated		
Total Gain	Total	1209
Nobles Demitted		
Nobles Suspended		
Nobles Deceased	- 1	
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Associate drop		
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# Shriners Children's Patient Stories

## Orthopedic surgeons, plastic surgeons and specialists have treated Ivan since August 2022 for rehabilitation

and a lingering bone infection.

The 17-year-old has undergone more than 10 surgeries and hundreds of hours of therapy. He and his mother found it too difficult to speak about their experience until now.

Ivan and his family moved to a large city in Ukraine six months before a war began. The 6'1" physically-fit teenager hoped to become a professional arm wrestler and weight lifter. That changed when he barely survived a March 2022 airstrike. Ivan's legs and left arm were trapped for hours before he was freed. He had severe injuries including broken bones. Associated Press journalists captured the incident and included it in their Academy Award-winning documentary 20 Days in Mariupol.

The film's director and narrator said he did not know if Ivan survived, but they have since been in touch. Maiia, Ivan's mother, said the film's director texted the family, "He is extremely happy we all survived. He said he would be thinking about us at the Oscars." During his moving acceptance speech, the director said this was a movie they never wanted to make, lamenting a conflict that has caused so much damage. Maiia said, through translation from Ukrainian, "We didn't want to be in that movie either."

Ivan underwent an operation in the occupied part of Ukraine, in the city of Mariupol, and was hospitalized until the hospital ran out of medicine. Ivan and his parents drove 200 miles, passed many checkpoints and reached the safer city of Dnipro, where he underwent "a large number of operations."

Rehabilitation nurses added to his recovery during inpatient rehabilitation, and our social work and care management team helped with Ivan's transition from the hospital to the community.

GABY MARTINEZ, M.D., SHRINERS CHILDREN'S CHICAGO

A children's charity, led by a physician at [Shriners Children's Boston](#), offered care in the United States. Ivan was flown by air ambulance to Doctors Hospital in Augusta, Georgia, where he had additional [orthopedic](#) treatment for fractures and bone infections, as well as skin grafts. After completing this acute phase of treatment, he came to [Shriners Children's Chicago](#) for [intensive rehabilitation](#), which involves three or more hours of therapy each day. "He was a really strong healthy guy before; he was a power lifter, so that helped his recovery," said [Gaby Martinez, M.D.](#), a physician who specializes in rehabilitation.

When Ivan, 17, first arrived, he could only stand for a few minutes. "He came to us just starting to walk with a walker and bracing on his legs, significantly deconditioned," said Elena Zumbuleva, PT, D.P.T., his [physical therapist](#) who connected closely with Ivan and Maiia because both know Russian. His care team at Shriners Children's Chicago also included physiatrist [Sue Mukherjee, M.D.](#), [occupational therapist](#) Brian Hovorka, MS, OTR/L and physical therapists Alexandra Bailey, PT, D.P.T., and Michelle Urban, PT, MHS, WCC. The care team said that treating wounds of war is not typical in their practice.

Ivan spent seven weeks receiving multiple hours of physical and occupational therapy each day, in addition to [wound care](#) from the rehabilitation team and treatments to reduce scars. Dr. Martinez said Ivan improved with Shriners Children's multidisciplinary approach to rehabilitation.

Unfortunately, during his time in rehab, his surgeon, [Kelsey Davidson, M.D.](#), saw that the fracture in Ivan's left upper leg was not healing. "When the fracture didn't heal, we took out the femoral nail in his bone that was stabilizing the fracture," said Dr. Davidson. "We put a new one in, which is a technique used to stimulate the fracture to heal."

After the surgery, clear signs of infection were apparent in his surgical wounds. Dr. Davidson said, "We got his cultures back and it was the same bacteria he had in his bone in Georgia. It was likely sitting there. So for three months, we were just trying to get that infection under control."

He has also undergone multiple surgeries since, as well as specialized wound care. "After one of his surgeries, the incision opened up, which is not uncommon when there is underlying infection," said Dr. Martinez. "Dr. Davidson managed this with a wound vac, and then I transitioned him to just dressing changes. With wet-to-dry dressing changes, the wound closed up in less than three weeks."

A year later, Ivan continues to use a custom ankle foot orthosis on his right leg. Shriners Children's offers in-house [prosthetics and orthotics services](#) at most locations. As another attempt to restore his left leg bone, Dr. Davidson and [plastic surgeon Chad Purnell, M.D.](#), performed a rare 10-hour surgery with a fibular free flap, moving a bone from his lower leg to the fracture area. "It will be 6-12 months before we know if the surgery worked to give Ivan back the ability to walk without a walker or a wheelchair," Dr. Davidson said. "Ivan and his mom have been so strong and so positive throughout the entire experience, even despite all the setbacks. It's incredible."

The family only recently decided to speak publicly about their experience. "It is all easier to talk about now. It was extremely hurtful to talk about a year ago," said Maiia. "We would like people to know about the war in Ukraine. Not about us in particular, but about the war, so that the war would cease as fast as possible. We need the world's help."

The family looks forward to returning to Ukraine when Ivan is medically ready. During his treatment in America, he completed school online with his class. He is now studying online at a university in Ukraine to earn a degree in physical therapy. The teenager who came across the globe to receive care and therapy now wants to use his experience to help others.

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## Liam's favorite subject in school is science.

The bright and smiley 14-year-old said he loves the idea that, "you can combine different elements and create a new one." Born with a rare genetic disorder, Liam's progress in life has required the perfect combination of necessary elements to help him be successful too. His mom, Melissa, said one of those elements was finding Shriners Children's.

### Looking for Answers

From the time he was an infant, Liam's parents noticed physical differences, especially around the time he started to walk. "He would fall every five minutes or so," Melissa said. "The disorder robs him of his balance. His muscles are very stiff, so he couldn't move his legs correctly. He began [toe-walking](#). He wasn't able to dress himself because of his limited mobility."

It wasn't until Liam was 5 when his parents were able to get answers about his condition. They took him to [Shriners Children's Boston](#), which specializes in [burn care](#). Although the hospital could not treat Liam's condition, they were able to help make connections for his care at Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston.

"The team at Shriners in Boston sent Liam to Mass Gen to see an orthopedic doctor," Melissa said. "They saw Liam's symptoms, but weren't sure what was causing it. We were able to work with a panel of 12 neurologists and get genetic testing."

The testing uncovered that Liam has KIF1A associated neurological disorder (KIF1A), a rare neurodevelopmental and neurodegenerative disease caused by mutations in the KIF1A gene. Symptoms of KIF1A often appear at birth or in early childhood, but the rarity of the disorder makes diagnosis difficult.

### What is KIF1A?

KIF1A is so rare that there are only about 550 confirmed cases in the world, and of those cases, there are more than 100 different mutations of the gene. As of now, Liam is the only person in the world identified with the type of mutation he has. Because of the various mutations, KIF1A affects each person differently. For Liam, the disorder causes stiffness and atrophy of his muscles. He deals with some cognitive impairment and is monitored for atrophy of his optic nerves.

If it weren't for Shriners Children's, we may have never gotten the answers we needed about Liam's condition. Melissa, Liam's Mother

### Staying Connected with Shriners Children's

Thankfully, when the family needed to move, they were able to stay connected to Shriners Children's for Liam's care. "Three days after we got the results of our genetic testing, we moved to North Carolina and were able to establish care at [Shriners Children's Greenville](#)," Melissa said. "Liam was still toe-walking and falling all the time. We were worried about him getting hurt. [[Lauren Hyer, M.D.](#)], in Greenville said she didn't know about KIF1A, but she could treat the orthopedic issues Liam was having."

After his family moved to Ohio, Liam began having [physical therapy](#) appointments at [Shriners Children's Lexington](#). He also sees the [Pediatric Orthotic and Prosthetic Services](#) department for custom ankle-foot orthoses to help stabilize his ankles and feet, improving his ability to walk.

Liam has required half a dozen surgeries over his lifetime to help improve his mobility and relieve some of the stiffness in his muscles. Most recently, Liam had surgery to remove hardware that had been previously installed. After many of his surgeries, Liam has needed to relearn to walk.

"Shriners is keeping him active and loose and limber, and moving correctly," Melissa said. "They have given him the opportunity to be a 14-year-old, to provide for himself and have some independence. It's given him a lot of confidence."

### A Positive Outlook

Even during recovery from surgery and other challenges, Liam remains positive and optimistic. "Shriners has also given Liam a different outlook on life," Melissa said. "It has given him more confidence. Working with Shriners has completely changed his quality of life in many ways – not just surgically, not just physically, but mentally too."



Liam agreed. "Being at Shriners means I get a better life," Liam said. Despite the daily hurdles of living with a rare disease like KIF1A, Liam is a funny, outgoing, friendly and optimistic teen.

"Everything is difficult in Liam's day-to-day life," Melissa said. "But he just has a great insight and positivity about him and life. He just keeps going, telling jokes and making people laugh. He may have had the most difficult day physically, but he'll sing you a silly song and make you laugh. He's a happy kid who just wants a chance at a neurotypical kind of life."

Liam wants people to know that he does not let his disorder hold him back. "I'm still capable in life and I can still do things," he said. Some of those things include archery and fishing. Liam also loves his family and has an affinity for superheroes.

"Shriners has been a key element in Liam's success," Melissa said. "Shriners, for Liam, just equals life. For us, it's such a blessing. They have given him the opportunity to learn and relearn to walk and to take care of himself. Having access to care at Shriners has taken such a burden off our shoulders, and we're able to focus on Liam and the care he needs; not on pushing hard, just getting the treatment he requires. It's very nice not to have to worry about roadblocks to getting him the care he needs."

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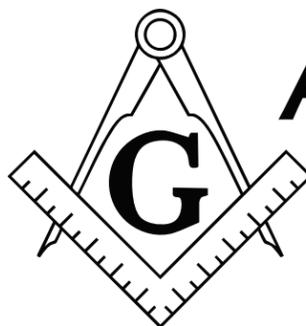


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