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Look what's ahead this month

Ladies Golf Day

September 16



Director's Staff Golf Tournament September 17

Fall Cermonial September 19, 2015





Al Menah Car Show &
Circus Kickoff Party
September 26, 2015

Then it's CIRCUS TIME
Oct 8th – 11th



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POTENAIS MESSAGE



Dear Nobles,

I hope this finds everyone rested and healthy. Although Al Menah has been "dark", the Nobility has not been dormant. The various committees have been hard at work planning upcoming and past events. The Al Menah Clown Golf Tournament afforded us the chance to socialize with non-Shriners and let them know about our great fraternity and philanthropy.

I was able to attend the Greenbrier Parade and enjoyed the hospitality hosted by the Robertson County Shrine Club at the home of Scott and Kim Jones. Next, it was off to Houston for the Imperial Sessions. Imperial Sir Jerry Gantt was elected Imperial Potentate and our own Imperial Sir Jim Cain was elected Imperial Assistant Rabban. We are getting closer to hosting the Imperial Session in Nashville in 2019!

I have visited our hospitals in Lexington and Cincinnati and find them to be in great shape. It is heart-warming to go and see the smiles on our patients and the gratitude of the families. If you haven't been; why not?

The SESA Convention was a success thanks to the hard work from all. The events were outstanding and enjoyed by all. Congratulations to Illustrious Sir David Wantland P.P. and Past President of SESA.

Many events are scheduled in the coming weeks: Ladies Golf Tournament, the Ceremonial, Car Show and CIRCUS! Hopefully, all the ads have been turned into the office. Please don't forget to purchase your tickets.

Attend your Blue Lodge and ask a Master Mason to be a Shriner!

Yours In The Faith, Mike Van Sant Potentate

*Hilry H. Shaffer

*James N. Stansell

From the desk of...

CHIEF RABBAN

Just wanted to say Thank You for all that each of you have done and please know Our Shrine Center is only going to be as strong

as you make it!

Many great activities have happened over the summer and you have been a huge part of making it happen. As we come out of the dark we need to prepare for the Circus. The Circus is scheduled for October 8-11 at Municipal Auditorium. During this week we have a total of 7 shows, this means we will be really busy and really tired before it is all done. So if you can

please show up, we need ticket scanners, please help your unit and take pride in your Shrine Circus, remember for some of the kids this is the only chance they have to see a Circus each year. Please call me if you are available to help in any way. 615-310-9009

If you don't already know, when it gets close to Circus time the Shrine Center will mail you a packet of 8 Circus tickets. They are for you to use or give away, only please remember to pay for them and turn your money in quickly as possible.

During the Circus the Units will all share hospitality as we did last year, so please get with your Captains pick a menu and a night in which you want to host the hospitality. It was great to see everyone working together as a team. Remember the Circus is what keeps the doors of the Shrine Center open, and it's a huge undertaking so it's up to us to make this happen. We will have a Circus Kick-off Dinner on September 26th, hospitality at 5:30 and dinner at 6:00. The Dinner will be hosted by Scott Jones and me. A special

thanks to Scott for helping put this on.

We also need your help with Membership; it is not too late to turn in petitions for our September 19, 2015 Class remember it is up to us to find New Nobles.

Thank you so much for all your hard work.

Yours in faith, Chief Rabban Jeff Head

ASSISTANT RABBAN

Thanks to everyone that made the 2015 SESA Convention a great success. Every event and function

was well prepare and well attended. We received many compliments from the attending Temples.

Our next (and most important) event is our Fall Ceremonial which is September 19th. We need candidates for our Ceremonial. If you know any Master Mason that would like to join our Fraternity please get them a petition and bring them to the ceremony. Just "ASK A MASTER MASON TO BE

A SHRINER". The ceremony will begin with regis-

tration at 8:00 AM and the 1st Section will begin at 8:45 followed by the 2nd Section and a full day of fun and fellowship. The Ladies will have a program in the Vision Building during the morning and then join us in the auditorium for lunch and the afternoon activities.

The AMT Car Show is Sept 26th this is always a fun event. Our Circus is just around the corner; please support this event by buying you circus tickets and participating in the circus.

Working together we CAN make a difference.

Asst. Rabban Frank Hester

HIGH PRIEST AND PROPHET

Summer is over, now it is almost Circus Time at Al Menah. Let us not forget this is our biggest fundraiser, so please support the Shrine Circus!!

If you missed the SESA Convention, you missed a great 4 days of fun and fellowship with Nobles from other Temples. A special thank you to David Wantland P.P., Kenny Loftis and the committee for all the hard work they did. Also, I would like to thank April for her time, Dennis Belford P.P. and committee for the Wednesday Night Fish Fry, and Noble Tom

York for getting Restless Heart Thursday Night.

Great Times At Al Menah!

High Priest and Prophet Horace Perkins III

ORIENTAL GUIDE

The Southeastern Shrine Association was in Nashville a few weeks ago and what a time they had! Many nobles told us that this

was the best SESA they had experienced in years. A big THANK YOU to the nobles and their ladies of Al Menah that not only hosted but rolled up their sleeves and worked hard to pull off an impressive event. We can consider this a successful preamble for 2019 when the Imperial Shrine comes to Music City, USA!

Fall is upon us and that means. . . Car Show, Shrine Circus, Fall Halloween Party and Fall Cere-

monial. Encourage your Masonic Brothers to join Al Menah Shrine for fun, fellowship, and most importantly, to help support the world's greatest philanthropy-Shriner's Hospital for Children. Just like last year, membership fees are \$100 without a fez.

I have my new candidate for September 19, do you?

Oriental Guide Randy Williams

IMPORTANT MEETING

Car Show committee meeting at AMSC, September 10, 2015 @ 6:30 pm.

Anyone else that is interested, please attend.

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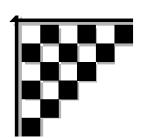




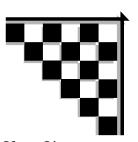
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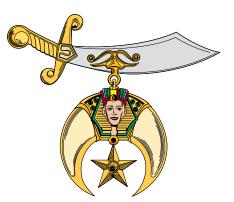


Al Menah Shrine Center Car Show and Swap Meet



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Potentate's Trophy
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Club Participation



14 Acre Show Site at Al Menah Shrine Center 1354 Brick Church Pike Nashville, TN 37207 Exit 87, Trinity Lane Call for directions 615-226-7766

Show Date is Saturday September 26, 2015

Gates open at 7:30am
Registration is from 8:00 am until 12:00 noon
Judging will be from 12:30pm until 3:00pm
Awards will be presented at 4:00pm



Entry fee per vehicle is: \$20.00 at the gate Vendor space is available for \$25.00 Class Sponsorships are \$75.00 per class Kids Model Car Show is: \$5.00

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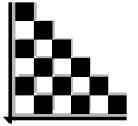
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For more information:

Call Johnny Dudley 615-230-5984 (H) - 615-310-7741 (C)

All proceeds benefit Al Menah Shrine Center and are not deductible as a charitable contribution









PETITION FOR INITIATION AND MEMBERSHIP

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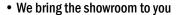


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CENTER NEWS

CLOWNS

Did you see them? Did you see all those Shriners enjoying our beautiful Shrine Center, and all the great southern hospitality? A truly heartfelt THANK YOU to all the men and women who selflessly gave their time and energy to ensuring that Al Menah shined bright as a star during the 2015 SESA Convention in Nashville, TN. There were Shriners on motorcycles, in uniform, in fancy suites and fez, and in clown make-up, and as always the Fabulous Al Menah Clowns represented our unit in excellent fashion.

Starting things off, the prized Children's Choice award recipient was none other than our very own Captain Trov "Paintbucket" Huneycutt. It was Frank "Froggy" Wilson & his lady Valerie whose scrapbook earned the Al Menah Clowns the Presidents Trophy. The hours of carefully designing each page definitely paid off and the creativity was evident on every page. Unit Skit: 1st Al Menah. Unit Paradeability: 1st Al Menah. Individual Paradeabilty 1st Geoff "Sticks" King, 2nd Melvin "Boo" Harrington, Top 5 Troy "Paintbucket" Huneycutt. Character: 1st Danny "Slapstick" Gentry, 2nd Lanny "Snee-Kee" Selby, Top 5 Jim "Snips" Lee. Happy Hobo: 2nd Charles "No Buns" Rivers. Tramp: 1st Melvin "Boo" Harrington, 2nd Frank "Froggy" Wilson, 3rd Oliver "Bo-Diddley" Tribble. Auguste: 1st Geoff "Sticks" King. Whiteface: 1st Vernon "Jingles" Blackburn, 2nd Troy "Paintbucket" Huneycutt, Rookie:1st Shane "Okie" Talkington. One Man Skit: Top 5 Geoff "Sticks" King. Two Man Skit: 1st Geoff "Sticks" King & Troy "Paintbucket" Huneycutt, 2nd Danny "Slapstick" Gentry & Frank "Froggy" Wilson, Top 5 Vernon "Jingles" Blackburn & Jim "Snips" Lee. Single Balloon: 2nd Frank "Froggy" Wilson, Multiple Balloon: 1st Geoff "Sticks" King, 3rd Frank "Froggy" Wilson.

Want to join the Fabulous Al Menah Clowns, or just enjoy some clowning around with your favorite clowns? Then come fellowship with us at the Past, Present & Future party held here at Al Menah on August 29, 2015. Social hour begins at 5:00pm. Dinner will be served at 6:00pm.

Circus is just around the corner so get your outfits packed up and make-up ordered and let's see some record setting participation this year. We have several new clowns that will be experiencing their first circus with us so put your clown shoes on and come help us welcome the new guys to into our unit. Great fun, laughter, and memory making moments are sure to be had by all. The dates for this year's Circus are October 8-11, 2015.

September 11, 2014 is the first day of the Tennessee State Fair, so while you are there make plans to stop by and watch the Al Menah Clowns perform a few skits and entertain the

children. We perform several sets on Fridays and Saturdays during the fair.

The annual Al Menah Clown Auction is being held at Al Menah on Saturday

October 17, 2015. Dinner will be served at 6:00pm. Make plans to join us for dinner and help support your Al Menah Clowns.

As always, thank you for all that you do in support of our hospitals. Please keep the sick and those unable to attend our events in your prayers.

Vernon "Jingles" Blackburn, Secretary

GREETERS

Joe Bell held his annual Cook-out with the addition of guest from the Southeastern once again it was a top ten hit.

Now that Vacations are over its time to start selling those Circus Ads

Keep selling plaques; remember plaque sales run year round

Do you have airline miles that you're not going to use or about to expire? How about donating your miles to the Shriners Children Hospitals. Most airlines will allow you to donate them

How about a new easy way to help our kids. Kroger will donate to the Shriners Children Hospitals Based on your purchases all you have to do is register your Kroger Card. The "Kids" in our hospitals need our help more now than ever before.

Keep all those hurting or in harm's way in our hearts and prayers.

Lou Becker

LEGION OF HONOR

Al Menah Shrine had the honor of hosting the South Eastern Shrine Association Convention in Nashville at the beautiful Music City Sheraton on August 5-9 2015. It was a huge success. If you missed it, you missed many fun and exciting events including great competitions and hospitalities with good friends, good food also a super grand parade.

Our Legion of Honor did great. We competed and won the first place trophy in "In-Line Inspection" and the second place trophy in "Parade Marching". Thanks to all of you who participated. You looked Marvelous!

The Legion of Honor is a proud unit of military veteran Shrine Masons. We are honored to lead the parades carrying our nation's flag. If you would like to join and be a part of it, ask a Shriner or call the Al Menah Shrine office.

Please pray for those still serving in our military in harm's way. Also prayers are requested for Brothers Gary Drennon, Frank Clark and Commander Ron Queen as they are having health problems. May they all recover and be back with us soon. May God Bless,

Roy Lindsey, PC

Legion of Honor

MOTOR CORPS

The Dog Days of Summer / Indian Summer are here and Fall is just around the corner, bringing with it the Fall Ceremonial, our Circus, Car Show, and Halloween Party! We've had a great Summer with good rides, good eats, great fellowship and lots more yet to come!

CELEBRATION - Al Menah Shrine Motor Corps is celebrating 55 years!! We would like to invite all members, past, present and widows to an afternoon of fun on Sept. 12th in the Vision Building at Al Menah from 1:00 till 4:00. Social Hour to begin at 1:00 to reminisce about the past, marvel at the present and look toward the future. Burgers, Hot Dogs and all the fixins will be served at 2:00. Please

RSVP to Bubba Hayes (615-642-9308) or Phil Parman (615-268-6547) so we can make sure to have plenty of food. We hope everyone will come out to join in the fun and fellowship!

STATED MEETING – Sept. 15 – LADIES MEET AT 5:30 IN THE VISION BUILDING.

CEREMONIAL - Sept. 19 @ 8 am - all day.

CAR SHOW – Sept. 26 – 8 am - 3 pm. We will be selling burgers and dogs!

CIRCUS – Oct. 8 - 11 Motor Corps will be hosting Circus Hospitality on Friday night. More info to come. Everyone please do your part! PLEASE BRING 2 BAGS OF WRAPPED CANDY TO THE SEPT. STATED MEETING.

HAUNTED HALLOWEEN PARTY – Oct. 31st – 6 pm. Costume Contest, Chili Cook-off, Best Unit Decorations in Auditorium.

As always, stay mindful of those who need our prayers. Attend your Blue Lodge and spread the word "MEMBER-SHIP". We are always looking for good men who aren't afraid to roll up their sleeves and jump right in! Ladies too! Remember, we ride so they can walk!

Fat Rabbit

"We are the Spirit"

SHRINE CLUB NEWS

Hendersonville Shrine Club

A BIG THANKS goes out to those who worked so hard to make the SESA Convention a great success. We want to thank all the units that participated in the competitions as well as the Saturday morning Parade.

Each week we need to set a goal to call one Master Mason who is not a Shriner but should be, and tell him about our next class at our Fall Ceremonial, Saturday, Sept 19th, and that you would love to sign him up for our fall class.

Remember our Car Show on September 26th at the Al Menah Shrine Center. If you know someone who has a show car, give him a call and invite him to bring it to our show. Registration is from 8:00am to 12:00 noon. Entry fee is \$20.00 per vehicle.

We meet on the fourth Monday of each month. Our September meeting will be September 28th at the Black-Eye-Pea at 164 Main Street in Hendersonville. We meet at 6:00pm for food and fellowship, and our meeting will start at 7:00pm. Make your plans to join us next month.

Keep our kids, the sick, those who have lost a loved one and our Armed Forces in our prayers.

Boyd Parnell

President

HILLBILLY NEWS

Hillbilly Clan #151, Outhouse #1

Hillbilly Clan 151 will be hosting our annual degree on the Tn. River at Bulls Barn on Sat. October 24th. Fun and Games begin at 12:00 p.m. Eat at 3:00 p.m. with the degree to follow. We would like to invite any and all Shriner's to bring any new candidates down and join the fun.

Directions, Exit I-40 at exit #137 and follow the HB151 signs to Bull's barn.

Contacts: Bull Amold Perry County Shrine Club 931-622-5044 or Ronnie Thurman Maury County Shrine Club 931-797-6459

Chuck Beasley Secretary P.C.S.C.





May 6, 2015

Carl Barnes, P.P.
Al Menah Shriners
1620 Old Clarksville Pike
Chapmansboro, TN 37035-5111

Dear Illustrious Sir Barnes:

May we take this opportunity to congratulate you on the success of your temple's efforts in membership during your year as potentate of Al Menah Shriners. Your temple was one of the elite few to have a membership gain and in recognition of this achievement; your temple has been added to the Membership Hall of Fame. Also, your temple name has been engraved on the plaque on display in the Shriners International Exhibit at Shriners Headquarters in Tampa.

We hope you will add the enclosed bar, engraved "MEMBERSHIP HOF 2014" to your Past Potentate's jewel as a reminder of this great accomplishment by you and your entire membership team.

Again, our heartiest congratulations on a job well done and for "Making the Shrine your Priority!"

Yours in the Faith,

Took W. Stams)

DALE W. STAUSS Imperial Potentate

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JEFFREY L. SOWDER

Chairman, Imperial Membership Committee

cc: Temple Potentate Recorder

Enc.

TO ALL NOBLES OF AL MENAH SHRINE TEMPLE:

Thanks from the bottom of my heart to Mike Reeves – former Membership Chairman, Jeff Head – Chief Rabban, Frank Hester – Assistant Rabban and everyone on the Membership Team. And a special thanks to all of the Nobles that signed new Nobles for admittance into the Shrine. We had a total of 164 new members for 2014.

Carl E. Barnes
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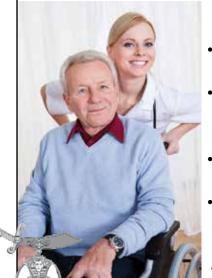












SEPTEMBER 2015

LADIES ONLY!

We had a great turnout for Ladies Nite in August and fun was had by all. We offer a big THANK YOU to the Provost Guard Ladies and Fay Weaver for helping out with the food for our Taco Bar. We had another outstanding line dance lesson by Rachel Whitaker and received some informative details about Daughters of the Nile by Donna Isbell.

Speaking of Daughters of the Nile, their local Chapter will be hosting our Ladies Nite dinner on September 15th. We will meet at 5:30 in the Vision Building along with a 50/50 drawing, door prizes, and other exciting activities. We always have a great time and suggestions for an activity/event are always welcome. If you are not on our Ladies Email list and would like to be added, please let me know. I can be reached by phone (615)308-3920 or email at tracy.crain@vahoo.com.

Please invite a Shrine Lady and come on out and join us! We look forward to seeing you soon. Sincerely, Tracy Hester

Lady of Noble Frank Hester

Al Menah Shrine Circus Kick-off Party.

Chief Rabban Jeff Head & Circus Chairman Scott Jones invite all nobles come out and join us for a kickoff for the fabulous Al Menah Shrine Circus!!!!.

Saturday, September 26th following the Car Show - Al Menah Shrine Center Doors open at 6:00pm with dinner served at 6:30pm. Music will be provided. BYOB -there will be setups and Clown Punch available. Please RSVP at the office before September 21st.

Clown Dinner and Paper Sale Auction

Saturday October 17th Al Menah Shrine Center Doors open at 5:00. Eat at 6:00 auction starts at 7:00.

\$15.00 - all you can eat Uncle Buds fish, chicken and fixins.

Cash bar.

Tickets available from Troy "Paint Bucket" Huneycutt 931-261-1684, Geoff "Sticks" King 615-473-6087, Charlie "No Buns" Rivers 615-596-6889, or Kerry "Mr. Lucky" Fleanor 615-289-8272.

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All proceeds to benefit our Shrine Hospitals.

Interested in a Social Club?

What do you like to do for fun-Grilling Out, Fishing, Dancing, Wine Tasting, Hunting, Fantasy Football League, Camping, Bowling, etc.? With over 3,400 Nobles covering 31 counties in the Middle Tennessee area we like doing different things for fun outside of what we now offer here at Al Menah.

Please send your ideas for a social club to **newclubs@almenahshriners.org** so we can get this ball rolling!

Sept 16th Ladies Golf Tournament
Sept 17th Direct
Sept. 19th Ceremonial Sept 17th Director's Staff Golf Tourney

Sept 26 Car Show

Shrine Circus Kickoff Party

Oct 8th – 11th Shrine Circus Oc Oct 31st Al Menah Haunted Halloween Party Oct 17th Clown Paper Sale Dinner and Auction

The Al Menah Band is recruiting new Unit members

Woodwind Brass

Keyboard Percussion

Guitar Bass

SEPTEMBER 2015

Strings Vocalists

All types and skill levels of musicians are invited to join the Band to perform for

Al Menah events. We currently play dance, jazz and march music and are currently working up music for an Al Menah "Wood & Wire" band. Acoustic instruments, as well as vocalists are needed.

ALL skill levels are welcome and encouraged to participate.

Dig that old horn or instrument out of the closet and join us for music, fraternity, and fellowship. The Band is an active participant in Al Menah and proudly contributes to the Shrine Circus and Paper Sale along with our own Jazz Festival.

Contact our current Captain Victor Smith (615) 948-2684 for more info.



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Registration: 8:00am to 8:45am

First Section: 8:45am to 10:00am / Second Section: 10:30am to 12:30pm

Lunch (Nobles and Ladies): 12:30pm to 1:30pm

Open House begins at 1:30pm

Arch Program: 4:00pm / Dinner: 5:30pm

Units and Clubs: Please show your support and plan to attend this exciting event!

LADIES PROGRAM (Vision Building):

Registration: 8:00am to 8:45am / Ladies Program: 8:45am to 12:30pm

Lunch (Nobles and Ladies): 12:30pm

Will Join Nobles for Open House, Arch Program and Dinner