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Dear Nobles,

It was good to get back in the swing of things after all the snow and ice. The Nobility didn't miss a beat in getting back up to speed. We had a great turn-out for our March Stated Meeting. I was honored to present our own Robert "Butch" Mays with a plaque honoring him as Shriner's International Shriner of the Month award for February 2015. This is a great honor for a hard working deserving Noble. Al Menah is blessed to have so many Nobles and Ladies who go above and beyond in working tirelessly for Al Menah and Shriners Hospitals for Children.

I was honored to visit Clarksville Lodge No. 89 on March 2nd with Cincinnati Board of Governors member Randy "Slappy" Slapak to present an educational program on our Cincinnati Shriners Hospital for Children. Clarksville 89 is the home lodge of Benny Deffendoll, current Potentate of Rizpah Shriners. So that evening there were 2 active Potentates sitting in Lodge together.

I also attended the ground breaking ceremony for the new Lexington Hospital with Lexington Board of Governors members, Illustrious David Wantland and Noble Chris Johnson. While in Lexington, Imperial Potentate Dale Stauss congratulated Al Menah for our success in exceeding membership goals for 2014.

Unfortunately, we are off to a slow start in repeating the successes of last year. We cannot blame it on the weather, but we all must work together and we can "turn the ship around". Our April Ceremonial will be postponed until September. Let's make it a memorable one; get those petitions turned in!

I want to thank Noble Phillip "Fat Rabbit" Parman and Lady Debbie, Noble James Hedgepath and Lady Rene, the Directorettes, the Singles Group and the entire Potentate's Ball Committee for their hard work and dedication in making the Ball a memorable event for all in attendance.

The Squires will be serving dinner before the April Stated Meeting at 6pm. Please show your support for these fine young men and have dinner with your fellow Nobles that night.

The annual Paper Sale is fastly approaching. Be sure to have your locations secured and adequately staffed. Wear your fez and "put your best foot forward" to promote Shriners and Shriners Hospitals for Children.

For all that you do for Al Menah and our philanthropy, THANK YOU! Don't neglect your Lodge, attend and show your Blue Lodge Brothers what a Shrine Mason is about.

Yours In The Faith,
Mike Van Sant
Potentate



From the desk of...

CHIEF RABBAN



As always let me start by saying Thank You! Without you we could not do what we do for our Children. I'd like to thank everyone for the hours of hard work they have put into on all the parties and events, and making everything so nice for the members of Al Menah Shrine. The members all seem to be having a great time. I hear the Ladies group really enjoyed the dance lessons, thank you Rachel Whitaker for teaching them some new moves!

By the next Stated Meeting, I will need to know how many Vidalia Onions your Club or Unit will need (deadline is April 20th). The onion sell is a great way to raise money for your Club or Unit. The onions will be delivered to Jakes Produce like normal; some time the 2nd week of May, depending on weather. I will be contacting your Onion Chairman with more details at a later date.

I would also like to remind you about the 7th Annual John David Dudley Fishing Tournament on June 6, 2015 at Saunders Ferry in Hendersonville. We could use some help, as well as people to work the tournament, so if you can help please give me a call at 615-310-9009. Last year we did a great job growing our Membership, so please don't stop getting New Members now! Please ask at your Blue Lodge or a good man you know to become a Shriner. It's up to us to keep the Shrine alive and growing, remember our Shrine Kids need and depend on us!

Yours in faith,

**Chief Rabban
Jeff Head**

ASSISTANT RABBAN



I Well hopefully Mother Nature is finished with all the snow and ice and real spring time weather is just around the corner. I believe everybody is ready for warm weather. The Erin St. Patrick's Day Parade was fantastic. Thanks to the Houston County Shrine Club and Wisdom Lodge for their great hospitality.

Grand Lodge Session was well attended this year, our Ill. Potentate and several members of the Divan were formally introduced and received by the MW Grand Master at the opening session.

Wow.....what else can you say about the Potentate's Ball? It was fantastic!!! Thanks to Phil Parman (Lady Debbie) and James Hedgepath (Lady Renee) and their committee for an outstanding job. And the Hospitality committee did a great job too.

All who participated in the Paper Sale Caravan had a great time as usual. If you have never ridden with the Caravan you are sure missing a good time.

We have our Annual Easter Egg Hunt coming up on April 4th. It is always good to see so many children having such a good time. Come on out and join us.

Our Annual Paper Sale is just around the corner, April 30th thru May 3rd. let get ready to make this the best year ever. Our Children are depending on us.

Membership.....Membership.....Membership. Everything we do affects membership. How we treat each other...is everyone getting what they expect from our Fraternity, are our activities and events fun and

exciting, are we reaching out to our Brothers that we haven't seen in a while, all these things matter to the success of Al Menah.

Is there something you can do to improve someone else's opinion or cause someone to want to join our great Fraternity? Let's make Membership # 1 in 2015!!!! We need new members we will lose over 100 to the Black Camel alone this year. Nobles Plus One means we need 150 new Nobles to be Gold again.

Do you remember the excitement last year?? This year is no different YOU know how to do it, YOU did it last year!!!! Be active in your Blue Lodge and tell "The Shrine Story" to as many brothers as you can. It is really very simple just "ASK A MASTER MASON TO BE A SHRINER".

Working together we CAN make a difference.

**Asst. Rabban
Frank Hester**

HIGH PRIEST AND PROPHET



Spring is finally here, and we have a lot going on. Hope everyone had a great time at the Potentate's Ball. Everything was beautiful, and big thank you goes out to that committee; great job!

Parade season started with the St. Patrick's Day Parade in Erin, TN. Thank you goes out to the Houston County Shrine Club and the Wisdom Lodge for the great hospitality before the parade.

My congrats goes out to Noble Butch Mays for being named International Shriner of the month.

I ask you to keep Noble Doug Collier and his family in your prayers in the loss of his granddaughter.

In closing, thank you Nobles for what you do for Al Menah and the children. Remember, Paper Sale is here! Please work all you can!

**High Priest and Prophet
Horace Perkins III**

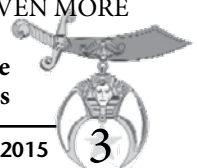
ORIENTAL GUIDE



I hope everyone had a wonderful time at our beautiful Potentate's Ball. Kudos to the committee for a great job and to our Potentate for a wonderful weekend. Hope everyone had a great Easter and that the bunny did not leave any of you rotten eggs. Thanks as well to our Easter Egg Hunt Committee for all of their hard work. Special thanks to Tennessee Demolay for providing the games for the kids to enjoy.

Paper Sale time is fast approaching. I have heard it said by nobles in the past that "no one asked me to work the paper sale anywhere". So. . . . I'M ASKING EACH NOBLE TO WORK THE SHRINE PAPER SALE THIS YEAR! If you need a place to work, please call the office or get in touch with Tom York, our Paper Sale Chairman. I'll say it again- IT'S GREAT TO BE A SHRINER, EVEN MORE AN AL MENAH SHRINER.

**Oriental Guide
Randy Williams**



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Registration 11:00 a.m Shotgun Start @ 12:00

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\$75 per Man /\$300 per team
(Includes gift pack, beverages on course, golf fees, & Lunch)

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We are in need of hole sponsors. A sign will be placed to show your support, with entire amount going to the Hospitals. You will also get a plaque showing your support to the Shrine Hospitals.

Sponsorships are: \$100.00 - sign at a hole & Plaque with Silver sticker.

\$101.00 + - sign at a hole & Plaque with Gold sticker.

So PLEASE let Guy know if you or a business wishes to help donate to the Shrine Hospitals via a hole sponsorship!

Please mail your application with your foursome or sponsorship information to:

Guy Whitley

PO Box 50316

Nashville, TN 37205

for more info email: Guycw@att.net





Al Menah Shriners Golf Tournament



HERMITAGE GOLF COURSE

MONDAY, MAY 18, 2015

Entry Fee: \$65.00 per player (\$260.00 per team)

Four Man Scramble

(Three sets of Tees according to age)

1:00pm Shot Gun Start

11:30am Sign-In (Pre-Registration Advised)

EACH PLAYER MUST BE A SHRINER

PRIZES: Yamaha Golf Cart for Hole In One on #17,
1st Place/Three Flights, Closest to the Hole, Door Prizes,
Ditty bags & Refreshments

AFTER PLAY: AWARDS & DINNER

ENTRY DEADLINE: FRIDAY, MAY 8, 2015

Name: _____

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Name: _____

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CONTACT: Don Hill (615-394-5962) or Al Menah Office (615-226-7766)



CENTER NEWS

AL MENAH BAND

The band is GROWING with new members and we are excited. New players, and possibly a whole new group, more to come. Looking ahead to our Jazz Festival and what an event it will be. Please see the ad in this Shiner. Make plans to attend and be AMAZED.

We are looking forward to the Southeastern Shrine Association and the newly formed Southeastern Shrine Music Association events that are planned. Don't miss out. Please support the Leadership and be a part of any of the upcoming events.

Please check out our new Facebook page and follow us for more events.

Thanks to all for the things being done to support the band.

Victor Smith
Captain

CLOWNS

The Clowns have returned from the 2015 SE-CA Mid Winter and we had a great competition and enjoyed some really good fellowship with our fellow Shrine clowns from across the Southeast. Character: 1st - Troy "Paintbucket" Huneycutt, Auguste: 1st- Geoff "Sticks" King, Whiteface: 2nd-Vernon "Jingles" Blackburn, 3rd-James "Snips" Lee, Tramp: 2nd-Ronnie "Useless" Brown, 3rd-Lanny "Sneeky" Selby, Top 5-Dennis "Chip" Belford, and Frank "Froggy" Wilson, Happy Hobo: 3rd-Charles "No Buns" Rivers, Senior: 2nd-Danny "Slapstick" Gentry, Rookie: 2nd-James "Puzzles" Chambers, Individual Parade: 1st-Troy "Paintbucket" Huneycutt, 2 Man Skit: 1st-Troy "Paintbucket" Huneycutt & Sticks, 2nd-Dennis "Chip" Belford & Danny "Slapstick" Gentry, 3rd-Lanny "Sneeky" Selby & James "Puzzles" Chambers, Top 5-Ronnie "Useless" Brown & Frank "Froggy" Wilson, Individual Skit: TOP 5-Danny "Slapstick" Gentry, Single Balloon: 2nd-James "Snip" Lee, Multiple Balloon: 3rd-Frank "Froggy" Wilson, Unit Skit: 1st-Al Menah Clowns

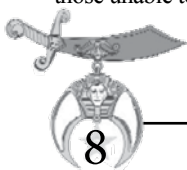
The Potentate's Ball was a huge success. It was exciting to see so many creative and decorative masks!

Be sure to have your onion orders turned in no later than April 20.

Our annual Paper Sale is just around the corner. Whether you're in make-up or Fez, please make time to support our hospitals.

Once again, thank you for all that you do for our hospitals. Remember to keep the sick and those unable to attend events in your prayers.

Vernon "Jingles" Blackburn,
Secretary



D&B MOUNTAINEERS

Boy's, I hope all this old cold snowy weather is gone for good and spring a fast approaching us.

Some of you fellers made it to the big Valentine Banquet. It was a great turn out and everyone had a real good time and lots of fun.

Many things coming down the pike and our calendars getting full. Potentates Ball - March 28th. You better make sure you done paid for for them tickets. St Patrick's Day Parade - Erin, TN March 21st. Watch out for them little people. I remember one of them Leprechaun grabbed old Danny Wyatt and all most pulled him off our float. Be careful, They could be anywhere.

Now getting towards some serious matters. Paper Sale - April 30th. Get ready, we got some doing to beat last years sales. Onions - They will be in early May. Better start taking them orders now. Don't wait until they arrive or it will be to late.

To all our sick Nobles and family folks. We all made a strong Prayer for you and your love ones. Ronnie Berry's - Wife Carol, Charlie Bracey, & Ken Garner. We wish all of you a speedy recovery.

In closing, We Pray for all our Children in our Hospitals, our Troops in harm's way across this troubled world. God Bless The USA.

Until next time. Keep your powder dry and be ready to help a distress Brother at a moments notice.

Captain Ray Cravens

DIRECTOR'S STAFF

I trust each of you, like me, will remember the winter of 2015, with its ice and snow. Upcoming events are: The Easter Egg Hunt, April 4, at the Center; Paper Sale, April 30-May 3; Fun Fest, May 7-9, in Pigeon Forge; Men's Golf Tournament May 18; and the Potentate Trip will be May 24-May 30, 2015. Congratulations to Mike Villines, Jr. on becoming an uncle. Brother who need our prayers are: Ben Helms, lost his mother; Eddie Bryant, lost his wife; Eddie Hill, lost his sister, Karl and Gloria lost their daughter; Dan Stockmeyer lost his wife, Jeannie; Don Young and wife Janie both are dealing with health issues; Rick Rider is on dialysis; Glen Hanna had leg surgery; Carl, Gloria Knight and Barbara Alderdice, each dealing with health issues; and Barbara Franz, recovering from surgery. Remember our military troops on foreign soil and in the States. Al Menah Shiner Director's Staff Pride of the Temple are looking for a few good Shriners. Meeting on the 4th Tuesday in the unit room and the Directorettes meet at the same time.

Cordially
Lt. Joe Stroud

GREETERS

The 2015 Social Season started with the great Sweetheart Dance followed this March by the Potentate's Formal Venetian Masquerade Ball. Both of these events are always a highlight event. All that attended had a great time; it seems both these events get bigger and better every year.

I want to welcome all the new members and there Ladies to our unit. You get out of any origination, only what you put in. Remember the

"Kids" in our hospitals need our help more now than ever before.

It's that time of the year to start planning our Paper Sale and Circus Ads Strategies. Remember plaque sales run year round

Parade season is here! The kick off Erin parade on March 21st was a big success.

Let's celebrate Al Menah's 101st Anniversary by making this year the best year the "Greeters" ever had!

I want to thank the Squires for the great Dinner they provided before our March Meeting

Keep all those that are hurting or in harms way in our prayers

Happy Passover And Easter to all

Lou Becker

LEGION OF HONOR

Spring has sprung and the freezing weather with snow and ice are gone. Ain't it great to be a Shiner? After an excellent Potentate's Ball we started the spring off with a fantastic Saint Patrick's Day parade in Erin, TN.

It's going to be a great year for Al Menah with Mike VanSant as Potentate and the Legion of Honor under the direction of Commander Ron Queen.

We are always looking for members, (Military Veteran Shriners) in the Legion of Honor.

The paper sale is April 30th thru May 3rd. Please keep these dates open so you will be available to help. We need all the help we can get. This is what keeps our hospitals operating.

We will be selling Vidalia onions again this year. All members are requested to do their part when the onions come in. Let's sell them while they are fresh.

If you will keep the following folks in your prayers for medical issues, I'm sure it will help and be much appreciated: Frank Clark, Art Devooght's wife Diane, Troy Smith, Tommy Thompson, Gary Drennon, James Judd and M.O. Pilkinton. May they all recover quickly and be back with us soon. Also pray for those in the military in harm's way. May God Bless,

Roy Lindsey, PC
Legion of Honor

MOTOR CORPS

We hope everyone enjoyed the "Unmask the Night" Masquerade Ball!

We had a nice turnout for the Erin Parade, which kicked off our parade season! It's going to be a busy one, so please try to attend as many as possible.

The Easter Egg Hunt was great as always! Thanks to the committee for all of your hard work and thanks to those Motor Corps Members who attended and helped ride the kids. Special thanks to our Ladies for bringing cake walk items.

Our March Motor Corps Dinner was a good one at Mazatlan. Stay tuned for next month's dinner ride info.

Paper Sale is right around the corner! The work schedule was given out at our last meeting. It is extremely important for everyone to do their part!! Our children depend on us!

Fun Fest - Get Ready - May 8th and 9th. Plans are to meet and ride our motorcycles, more

info to come! Make your room reservations by calling Vacation Lodge and speak to Cathy – 1-800-468-1998. Cut-off date for making reservations is April 15th!

As always, stay mindful of those who need our prayers. Attend your Blue Lodge and spread the word “MEMBERSHIP”. We are always looking for good men who aren’t afraid to roll up their sleeves and jump right in! Ladies too!

**“Fat Rabbit”
“We are the Spirit”**

SHRINE CLUB NEWS

Hendersonville Shrine Club

This year is moving fast. We have already had our Valentine Party, Potentate Ball, Easter Egg Hunt, our first Ceremonial and our first parade. The St. Patrick’s Day Parade in Erin is always a big event. Thanks to all the units that participated. The Clowns are always a crowd favorite for the kids and old folks alike.

This year’s Paper Sale weekend will be April 30th – May 3rd. If you live in our area and can help sell papers on any of the dates mentioned, call me, Boyd Parnell at 615-598-1339 and I will find you a place to work.

Join us for our next meeting on Monday, April 27th. We meet at the Black-Eye-Pea at 164 East Main Street in Hendersonville. We meet at 6:00pm for food and fellowship. Our meeting will start at 7:00pm. Make your plans to join us next month.

Our club will be selling Vidalia onions again this year. If you want to buy or help sell the onions, give me a call. We expect to get the onions in around May 5th – May 10th, depending on the weather.

As we go along in our daily lives, remember those Master Masons we know who are not Shriners but should be. Sign them up for our next Ceremonial.

Keep the sick, our kids and our armed forces in our prayers.

**Boyd Parnell
President**

Shrine Past Masters Association

As mentioned in our February Shriener, our annual meeting was held on the 27th and 28th of February at the Guesthouse Inn & Suites, Music Valley Drive, here in Nashville. We had a great turnout even with the not so good winter weather.

On Friday, our hospitality room opened at 4:00 pm sharp with lots of good eats and wonderful entertainment by our old friend and Past Potentate Jon Weaver III and son Edwin Venson. Our group then made their way to John A’s restaurant for a good old country like set down with some 50 or more folks. We had a great time and John A’s really took care of our group.

Saturday morning started off with a great catered breakfast followed with our annual meeting. Bro. Greg Wickham, our current president, called our meeting to order with prayer by Bobby Joe Vaughn and Pledge of Allegiance to our Flag. Roll call of officers and delegates was handled by secretary/treasurer Lonnie Mullins as well as reading of minutes from our mid-year meeting. Our current president Greg Wickham continued with our unfinished and new business.

Election and installation of officers for 2015-16 was approved by our association. Frank Carter, Al Menah Shriners was installed as president. Walter Waddell, Yarrab Shrine was installed as first vice president. Mike Bryan, Kosair Shrine installed as fourth vice president.

A surprise to all on the installation was to have Al Menah’s own Imperial High Priest & Prophet Bro. Jim Cain to handle this for our group. Jim did a great job and gave our group an update on the Shrine Children’s Hospitals which was really appreciated by all, especially the lady guests who were unaware of all its importance across this country.

In closing, a big thank you for all your help. A special thanks to your ladies who brought all the good eats for our hospitality. We just could not make it if not for you. To all you delegates who came, all 52 of you, from Al Menah, Kosair, and Yarrab Shrine Centers, we know you are committed to the future of the Shrine and its Masonic values. Thanks again for the great turnout. We will see you back here again in August.

God Bless our country, our Shrine children and our military serving across this troubled world.

**See you,
Frank Carter**

Williamson County Shrine Club & Motor Division

We are busy selling Vidalia Onions and we are getting organized for the paper sale which will be April 30, May 1-2&3. I hope you plan to help! This is what we are all about, bringing in Dollars for the Shriners Hospitals for Children. Remember, we can sell Plaques all year long. We have lots of Plaques and stickers so just let us know how many you need?

Our WCSC Motor Division attended the Erin St. Patrick’s Day Parade. It is always a lot of fun - colored Green! Don’t forget about the Franklin Rodeo Parade coming up on May 9. We will have breakfast hospitality at Hiram Lodge beginning at about 9:30 am. The line up is at 11:00 am with the parade beginning at 12:00 High Noon. We hope you can come be in the Parade this year. The Noon Rotary Club sponsors this parade and the Rodeo. They have already told us they want to take a picture with all the Shriners while in the line up area with them presenting us the \$1000 check for the Shrine Hospitals for Children. Come on out and bring your Unit or Club to the parade and get in the picture with us!

If you don’t belong to a club already, come on down and visit with us on the third Thursday at Logan’s Steakhouse – 6:00 pm. We are looking for new members. You can visit us and see if you might want to join?

Let’s remember our sick list which has been real long lately. Say a little prayer for those that are hurting and let’s also remember to thank God every day for the freedom we enjoy in this Great Country!

**Shriners Help Children!
Butch Mays,
WCSC Ambassador**

Noble Robert “Butch” Mays Named Shriner of the Month



Noble Robert “Butch” Mays of Al Menah Shriners in Nashville, Tenn., has been named Shriner of the Month for February 2015. Noble Mays of Franklin, Tenn., has demonstrated a long and active commitment to both Masonry and Shriners International.

Noble Mays joined Al Chymia Shriners in Memphis, Tenn., on May 4, 1974. Since joining Al Menah Shriners in 1997, Noble Mays has served as secretary, treasurer and 2nd vice president of the Williamson County Shrine Club; as an officer in various capacities in the Motor Corps; and as a member of the Hillbillies. Noble Mays established the Williamson County Shrine Club’s Motor Division, serving as its first captain, and currently serves as its secretary and treasurer. He also currently serves as an ambassador and 1st vice president of the Williamson County Shrine Club.

Congratulations to Noble Mays for his achievements and for being chosen as Shriner of the Month.





Shriners Hospitals for Children®
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News from Cincinnati

Specialty care beyond a burn

Cincinnati Shriners Hospital Pioneers Research in Sleep Therapies

SLEEP



"I think sleep can be classified as an essential nutrient," said Michele Gottschlich, Ph.D., clinical research scientist, Shriners Hospitals for Children® — Cincinnati. "It's as vital to health and recovery as proper nourishment." Dr. Gottschlich studies the role of sleep in children recovering

from severe burns.

Healing touch is a non-invasive energy healing therapy to enhance and facilitate physical, emotional and self-healing. Trained and certified practitioners use their hands in an intentional way. A pilot study at Cincinnati Shriners Hospital showed that healing touch was more effective than sleep medication in reestablishing deep, restorative sleep.



For a long time, not much was known about the link between sleep and healing. Shriners Hospitals for Children — Cincinnati is proud to be a pioneer in the developing field of sleep medicine. We are committed to helping our patients get the healing sleep they need to recover as fully as possible and have healthy futures, Gottschlich said.

Shriners Play a Big Role in Referrals

When it comes to finding medical help for children, Shriners are now more important than ever. Members of the fraternity have always played a critical role in helping families in their communities get connected with Shriners Hospitals for Children — Cincinnati, and now it has become even easier with a website and referral cards.

Website

Shriners Hospitals for Children — Cincinnati continues to make referring a patient and obtaining an appointment for care easier than ever through the www.shrinershospitalcincinnati.org website. Every page has a **Schedule an Appointment** and a **Contact Us** feature; both are easy forms that families can complete and submit online directly to the hospital.

Referral Cards

Referral cards are also a great resource that Nobles can use. These cards allow families easy access to hospital information and services. The cards provide hospital contact information to assist in scheduling appointments. On the back of each card is space for the Shriner's name and Temple. Please stop by the Business Development office to pick cards up, or call 513-872-6391 to have them mailed to your Temple.

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Shriners Hospitals for Children — Lexington

News Tuesday, March 17, 2015

Patient ambassador Madelyn Hubbs visits Shriners Hospitals for Children — Lexington

Shriners Hospitals for Children — Lexington was treated to a visit from St. Louis patient ambassador Madelyn Hubbs on Monday, March 16.

When Madelyn's mother, Melissa, gave her daughter the option of traveling to Memphis or Lexington during her spring break, Madelyn chose Lexington. "As a patient ambassador, her goal is to visit all of the Shriners Hospitals for Children locations," Melissa says. "We've been to Los Angeles and Tampa, and we hope to make it to Texas soon."

Born without a left arm, Madelyn has been a patient of Shriners Hospitals for Children — St. Louis since she was only a few months old. By the time she reached her first birthday, she had her first prosthetic, and continues to receive new prosthetic every 12-18 months. She became a patient ambassador at eight years old.

As an ambassador, Madelyn began by giving presentations at the hospital, and then moved into presenting at Shriners events and speaking at elementary schools. She talks to kids about limb differences, prosthetics, abilities, and bullying. "I love meeting lots of new people and sharing the message of what the Shriners and Shriners Hospitals for Children does for kids like me," says Madelyn.

Madelyn and her brother, Kyle, also give back to the hospital by collecting brand new toys and games to donate to St. Louis Shriners Hospital. Last Christmas, they were able to donate over a thousand toys! When she's not traveling to schools to speak about Shriners Hospitals for Children, Madelyn swims on her high school swim team and a disability swim team. The tech-savvy teen also creates videos about how to do things with one hand, such as knitting, and shares them on social media. You can find her videos on [Facebook](#) and [YouTube](#).



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Notices.....

Ladies Only!

What an AWESOME FUN night we had at the March Dance Madness Ladies Nite last month. If you weren't able to make it, but LOVE to dance or want to learn how, don't fret.....there are more dance lessons to come in the months ahead! Thanks again to the Directorettes and Hard Hats' Ladies for sponsoring our meal, it was wonderful. And a special THANK YOU to Ed Buckner for all that he does to help us get ready for this monthly event! You all are greatly appreciated.

Coming up this month we have more fun things planned, but it's a SURPRISE! You will just have to come out and see for yourself what it's all about. The festivities

will begin at 5:30 in the Vision Building and the Clownettes will be providing the meal. Past Captain and Chef Extraordinaire Scott Jones always provides a delicious fare. There will be a 50/50 drawing, door prizes, and other exciting activities.

Please invite a Shrine Lady and come on out and join us! If the Divan Ladies can assist in any way, please let us know. Happy Spring!!!

We look forward to seeing you soon.

Sincerely,
Tracy Crain

Lady of Noble Frank Hester



The Fourth Annual Al Menah Jazz Festival will be held on May 9, 2015 starting at 10:00am. Come see bands from area high schools showcase their talent. In celebration of the event come

dance the night away with FREE Dance lessons and Music by the Moonlighters Big Band starting at 6:30pm and Music stars at 7:00pm. The Admission to the event is a donation to the Shriners Hospital. Come help us make this a BIG success.

CAR SHOW MEETING

If you are interested in helping us Make our car show the best in the south, plan on attending this important meeting.

Wednesday March 11, 2015

7:00pm

AMSC Conference room

Contacts:

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Al Menah will be recognizing Top Line Signers with the most new Nobles for 2014 at the April Stated Meeting. Please attend and show your support and gratitude for these Nobles:

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Apr. 24-25th

Paper Sale

April 30-May 3

Fun Fest in Pigeon Forge

May 7-10

Men's Golf – Hermitage Golf Course

May 18

Potentate's Trip

May 24-May 30

**The Spring Ceremonial
scheduled for April 11th
has been postponed.**

**The next ceremonial
will be the
Fall Ceremonial
on September 19th.**