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Wish you and your family
A Happy Thanksgiving
With thanks for
All you do



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Dear Nobles,

Fall is in the air and I for one am enjoying the crisp cool evenings. But old man winter is breathing down our necks, but what an exciting season to be a Shrine/Mason.

Because of the hard work and dedication of our Nobles and Ladies we had another successful Circus. Attendance was down a bit but our Temple is in good shape. Thanks to all the units and their Ladies for the outstanding hospitality, the food was great! It is so encouraging to see the Nobility and Ladies working together to achieve a common goal. Together we can and will achieve great things.

A special thanks to the Provost Guard under the direction of Capt. Ken Loftis for not losing a single parent for more than 20 minutes! It was a long but rewarding 4 days! Thanks to all!

Soon we we will be honouring our Veterans at several parades in middle Tennessee. On November 11 we will be in Nashville and Lafayette. After those parades we will be hosting hospitality at the Shrine Center. Food and soft drinks will be furnished, but we need to know how many will be in attendance. Please have unit captains call the office with a number so we can plan accordingly.

Information on upcoming Christmas parades will be communicated to unit and club leadership when it becomes available

On December 14 (Monday) I have scheduled a "Cold Sands" initiation. Please turn in a petition (with the \$100 fee) to the office ASAP

As we approach the Thanksgiving season, take a moment or two to reflect on our many blessings

I am so grateful to live in a land where I am free to associate with whomever I choose and to worship my God in peace

Attend your Blue Lodge, visit others and tell a Master Mason what the Shrine is about. Although we enjoy a good time, our institutional calling is to care for children who need our services.

God bless you in every way.

Yours In The Faith,
Mike Van Sant
Potentate



From the desk of...

CHIEF RABBAN



First of all I want to say a big THANK YOU for the outstanding job everyone did at the Circus. Everyone working together as a team made me proud to be a Shriner of Al Menah. I would like to say a special thank you to P.P. David Smith, Scott Jones, Bubba Hayes and P.P. Dennis Belford for all of their help and assistance. The Circus is over but a lot of the Noble tickets have not been paid for, so please do so. The money raised from the Circus helps keep the door open and the lights on.

On December 7th at 6 PM I will be having the Chief Rabban dinner and will be going over the calendar and staff for next year.

In Closing, I'd like say a special thank you to all of our Ladies, you were a great help with scanning tickets, and we are so lucky to have all of you and your support. I want to also thank Ms. April for all the work she does in the office to help everyone, Nobles and patients.

I want everyone to welcome Brittany Shinert to our Shrine family, so please stop by the office and introduce yourself to her.

**Yours in faith,
Chief Rabban
Jeff Head**

ASSISTANT RABBAN



Last month was full of activities; the parade in Manchester with the Grand Master was well attended, our annual Circus was well manned by our Nobles and Ladies. The hospitality was outstanding. Thanks to every one of the units that contributed and worked hard to make those four days fun. The Clowns had a great auction with over 200 people attending and raised over \$6,000.00 for our Hospitals.

The Fall Party this year was a Halloween theme; if you miss it you missed a great time.

This month we will be busy with several parades, Veterans Day Parades begin with Hendersonville on 11/8, Nashville on 11/11 and Murfreesboro on 11/14. Our first Christmas Parade will be in Springfield on 11/21. All of this information is in the weekly e-mail from our Potentate.

As we get ready for the Thanksgiving and Christmas Season let us not forget all that we have be thankful for and the real reason for the Christmas season.

Lots and lots of activities and events coming up. There is an opportunity for everyone to be involved and participate in our Fraternity.

Thank you Nobles and Ladies for making Al Menah the greatest Shrine Center in the world. Be active and encourage others to do the same. Ask a Master Mason to be a Shriner. Working together we CAN make a difference.

**Asst. Rabban
Frank Hester**

HIGH PRIEST AND PROPHET



Once again, I would like to thank all the Nobles and their ladies for what you do at the Al Menah and how you all make sure that it is the best Temple in North America.

The Circus has come and gone. This event allowed great fellowship throughout the weekend along with a fun time and more memories to add. Thank you to all the Nobles and ladies again, that had taken time out of their schedule to help and make sure things went as smooth as they did. With that, a special thanks to Jeff Head and Lady Kim.

As well, another big thank you to the Clowns unit for the great auction and food. We raised of \$6,000 for the hospital because of you guys.

Thank you for your support!

**High Priest and Prophet
Horace Perkins III**

ORIENTAL GUIDE



An Al Menah Noble Challenge:

PROJECT OVERFLOW THE POTENTATE'S FLOAT WITH TOYS

With the holiday parades around the corner along with our Patients Christmas Party the challenge I am presenting to the nobility is to stock up the Potentate's Float with toys from your area for the Patients Christmas Party on December 13. Even if the float does not make it to your local parade you can give them to a parade marshal, unit members, or simply drop off at the Temple Office.

I look forward to seeing everyone during the upcoming busy holiday season. Lady Beth and I would like to wish a Happy Thanksgiving to you and your families!

**Oriental Guide
Randy Williams**

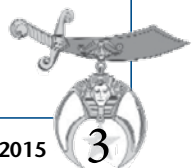
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Topping Out Ceremony



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When: **Tuesday, December 1, 2015 | 2:00 – 3:00 pm**
1:30 pm – Buses leave Shriners Hospital for Children.
(1900 Richmond Road) for Medical Center Site.
Parking also available in parking structure next to site.

Where: **New Shriners Hospitals for Children Medical Center Construction Site.**
(Limestone Street between Conn Terrace and State Streets)

What: A special celebration of the final beam's installation in our new Medical Center!
Refreshments will be served.

Brick Paver Program: **Price:** \$500/brick **Size:** 4" x 8" **Limited to 500 bricks!**
Engraving: 3 lines, 20 characters per line (*includes spaces & punctuation*)
Message to be engraved using state of the art laser technology - more
durable and safer than sandblasted bricks.

See Brochure in Shrine Office for form and additional details!



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Jake Damron to Represent Shriners Hospitals for Children—Lexington at Shriners Open in Las Vegas



Jake Damron, 14, a patient of Shriners Hospitals for Children – Lexington from Ashland, KY, will have the experience of a lifetime in October when he represents the local hospital at the Shriners Hospitals for Children Open, an official PGA TOUR event in Las Vegas Oct. 22-25.

Jake was chosen as one of 18 patient ambassadors throughout the country to represent the hospital network at the tournament, where he will serve as a standard-bearer, carrying the scores of a group of professional golfers as they compete in the tournament. It is a rare “behind the ropes” opportunity at a PGA TOUR event, as well as the chance to share how Shriners Hospitals have helped transform his life.

“I am not only honored, but feel extremely blessed having been chosen to represent Lexington Shriners Hospital at the SHC Open. I am so thankful God led me to Shriners Hospital, Dr. Scott Riley, and all of the other amazing people there that have made my life changing experience possible. I look forward to meeting other patients from around the country and the opportunity to get to know them and hear about their journey,” said Jake. “I am beyond excited to watch some of the best golfers in the world compete in the game I love to play.”

Jake suffered a brachial plexus injury at birth which resulted in Erb's Palsy, leaving him with no mobility in his right arm. When he was five, doctors said he would probably never be able to swing a baseball bat. After years of physical therapy and a surgery on his arm, Jake proved them wrong. Not only did he start playing baseball, basketball, and football—he became a starting player on every team. Jake attributes his attitude and determination to his parents. “They never let me think there was anything I could not do,” he says. “I really didn't think of myself as any different...just never let my arm be an issue to me.”

Jake's parents, Steve and Jenny, were guided to Scott Riley, M.D., pediatric orthopaedic specialist at Shriners Hospitals for Children—Lexington after Jake's arm began to draw up at the age of 12. Within weeks, Dr. Riley performed surgery to elongate the tendon in Jake's arm. Jake's recovery exceeded everyone's expectations. He played in the second half of the basketball season, and when that season he ended, Jake decided to conquer yet another sport: snow skiing. Last year, he decided to take up golf, earning a starting position on his high school's varsity team.

Be sure to tune in to watch the Shriners Open to see Jake as well as patient ambassadors from 18 Shriners Hospitals!



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CENTER NEWS CLOWNS

With another successful circus behind us, we now have a very busy parade season before us, but what a great time of year it is to be a Shriner!

Capt. Huneycutt would like to express his sincerest gratitude to all who helped make the Al Menah Clowns 2015 Paper Sale auction such a huge success. All of those in attendance enjoyed an excellent catfish meal and the fast talking, fund raising team of Ron Gregory and his auctioneers. This was truly a great evening full of friends helping a bunch of clowns raise money for our hospitals.

On Saturday, November 07, 2015 make plans to be at Al Menah for the Ladies Extravaganza. Doors open at 12pm. The ladies of Al Menah have worked extremely hard to ensure this event lives up to its long standing reputation. Come on out and show your support for the ladies of Al Menah.

On Sunday, November 15th bring a toy and \$10 to Al Menah and ride to Henry Horton State Park in support of a great cause. Registration will begin at 9:00am and the ride starts at 10:00am.

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

Now that the Circus is behind us, Parade Season Starts, Schedule will be e-mailed. Election Night is December 15th. Please remember that the Nobles that are running for the Divan and for office in your unit will be our leadership for years to come. Let's make every vote count.

We will also be hearing from those that are running for the Divan. Please remember that the Nobles that are running in your unit and the Divan will be our leadership for years to come. Let's make every vote count on Election Night December 15th.



A few dates to Remember:

11/7 The Ladies Extravaganza

12/4 Open House & Tree Lighting

12/13 Patient Christmas party

The Greeters Christmas Party 12/12 @ Dalts on White Bridge Rd. 6:30 to 8:30 PM
Cocktails before at Charlie Smith's house 5:00 to 6:00 PM

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. 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.

Keep selling plaques; remember plaque sales run year round.

Sad News: Thomas Frost (A Honorary Member of the Greeters Unit) Laid down his Working Tools on Oct. 19th. Keep him and his family in your prayers. We have a number of our Nobles ill or hurting. Let's keep them and all those hurting or in harm's way in our hearts and prayers

Attend and become active in your Blue Lodge

The Greeters wish all the Nobles of Al Menah Shrine a Happy Thanksgiving

Lou Becker

HORSE PATROL

We are all looking forward to the big trail ride out at Walter Johnson's place this weekend. Walter is kind and generous enough to invite everyone out to his property by the Natchez Trace for a good ole fashioned 4 day trail ride. The ride is full of great trails and beautiful scenery. Thank you Walter for your generosity.

We were all saddened by the news of Dan Clark's old trusty stallion, Snazzy passing away. However his offspring live on and Dan now has two of Snazzy's grandbabies. We welcome the grandbabies and look forward to seeing Dan riding them along the journeys and adventures of the Horse Patrol.

Mr. Dale Francis is our newly elected Captain and will be taking office in January. Dale had knee surgery a while back and we are pleased to see that he is still making good progress on his recovery. Dale we all look forward to your reign as Captain.

We have some parades coming up soon and we are proud to say that we have added 2 fine mules and a nice wagon to the Horse Patrol entourage. Hope everyone can make it out to the parades to see the new pair of mules and the wagon full of Shriners. Everyone come by and say hello to the Horse Patrol, and if you like horses why not join us? Until next time, Happy Trails.

(This article is dedicated to our friend Snazzy)

'I have been told what to do all my life by others, but I Listen to you.

You have made me grow up and be Responsible for my own actions, when in today's world It is easy to pass the Blame.

You made me Realize in my younger self that having a Temper would only destroy our Relationship.

You taught me that Consistency is the most Humane way to Communicate.

You taught me often that I had to show Trust first before you could Trust me.

At times I wanted you to do all the changing when it was me that needed to Change.

Thank you for what you've done for me in my Life.

Many Sunday's I have missed Church because I was on your back. But it is here in the Saddle that I am Closest to God.

From , Chris Cox to the Horse."

Benji Maggart

MOTOR CORPS

WOW!! What a great Haunted Halloween Party! Costumes were fun, decorations were great, music was good, food was delicious and fellowship was spooktacular!

Lots and Lots of Parades coming up in the weeks ahead! Keep an eye on your emails and the Temple weekly email blasts for dates, times, etc. PARTICIPATION!!!! VETERANS DAY PARADES – Come out and show your appreciation and support for our Vets, whom without, we would not enjoy the Freedom of our todays.

11/8 Hendersonville LU 1 pm – SO 2 pm @ Drakes Creek Park

11/11 Nashville LU 10 am – SO 11 am @ Interstate Ramp. Hospitality to follow at Al Menah Shrine Center

11/14 Murfreesboro LU 10 am – SO 11 am @ Alvin C. York Campus
MOTOR CORPS CHRISTMAS PARTY – Dec. 5th – American Legion Post 88, 2864 Elm Hill Pike. More Details to follow. Make plans to attend!

PATIENT'S PARTY TOY RUN – Sunday, Nov. 14th. \$10 per person and a toy. Registration 9 AM at the Vision Building. Leave at 10 AM for Henry Horton State Park for lunch. All money raised goes towards the purchase of toys, hats, gloves, etc for our patients who attend the Patient's Party. All welcome! Cars, bikes, dune buggies, etc. The clown bus will also be going with us. Rain or Shine!!

As the Holidays are upon us, let us not hastily dismiss them. Instead, Enjoy! Be Thankful for your many blessings! Be a Blessing to others! Share a kind deed! We wish everyone a very Happy Thanksgiving!

As always, stay mindful of those who are in need of 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! Remember, we ride so they can walk!

"We are the Spirit"

"Fat Rabbit"

SHRINE CLUB NEWS

Hendersonville Shrine Club

What a great time of the year to be a Shriner with the Veteran's Day parades, the Christmas parades and Christmas parties coming up. It's a time to show our love to our kids and Veterans.

Thanks to all our members for their hard work this year by going that extra mile on our Plaques Sales.

We have an opening for a new Oriental Guide. Pick your candidate and come out and

vote at our December 15th Stated Meeting.

Remember, our November meeting is our Christmas Party and the installation of our 2016 officers. We will meet at the Cherokee Steakhouse on Old Hickory Lake on Saturday, November 21st at 6:00pm for the installation of officers and dinner at 7:00pm. We will have Dan McCorkle and his lady entertaining us with Elvis' greatest hits. Hope to see you there.

Boyd Parnell
President

Extravaganza

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For more information contact:

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Patients' Christmas Party

The time is fast approaching for our Hospital Patients Christmas Party. The Program will be the same as in the past so be thinking of what you've normally done and contact me if you need and assistance, advice, or just to let me know what's happening. I'm working on an angle to get the Flyers into more of our Patients hands without any HIPPA violations so hopefully the attendance will increase.

Important notice from the RECORDER'S DESK

The dues notices for 2016 will be processed differently this year. Please pay attention to correspondence from Tampa, as you will

receive your dues notices this year from Shriners International Headquarters.

Thank you,
Robert G. Daniel

Thank You!

The Clown Auction held on October 17th was a great success raising over \$6,000 for the Paper Sale. Food by Uncle Buds was fantastic. Auctioneers provided by Ron Gregory and his team. Much hard work was done by Charlie & Shirley Rives, Bob & Sharlene Owens, JoAnn Tribble, Boo Harrington, Ed Buckner, Dennis Belford, Captain Troy Huneycutt, and the Clown Bartenders. Much thanks to all who donated and bought items. And, thank God for Al Menah and its officers and the opportunity to serve.

Ladies Only

We had a fantastic turnout for our craft night last month! We extend a special thank you to Sara Gentry, Valerie Wilson and Kathy Wantland for sharing their skills and talents with us.

Additionally, I want to thank the Motor Corp ladies for the Hot Dog Bar and also to Ann York, Ursula Taylor, B J Haley and Mary Pollack for the awesome desserts. What a FUN night!

Don't forget that our November Ladies Nite will begin at 6:00pm!! Hopefully this will give some of you ladies more time to get there from work. The meeting night will

be on November 17th in the Vision Building along with a 50/50 drawing, door prizes, a potluck supper and Dirty Santa Ornament Exchange. We are asking each lady to bring a small dish to share and a nice wrapped ornament.

This will be our last Ladies Nite for 2015 due to the December Stated Meeting elections being held. Please be sure to come out and support both of the candidates and their respective hospitalities.

Please invite a Shrine Lady and come out and join us. We look forward to seeing you soon. Happy Thanksgiving!

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
(615)308-3920

Upcoming Events

Scottish Rite

November 6 - 7, 2015

Ladies Extravaganza

November 7, 2015

Scottish Rite

November 13 - 14, 2015

Hendersonville

Veterans

Nov 8th

Nashville Veterans

Nov 11th

Murfreesboro Veterans

Nov 14th

Springfield Christmas

Parade

Nov 21st

Thanksgiving

Nov 26th

Open House &

Tree Lighting

Dec 4th

Nashville Christmas

Dec 5th

**Patient
Christmas Party**

Dec 13th



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News from Cincinnati

Specialty care beyond a burn

Georgia Shrine Club Gets the Word Out

By early August 2015, Alee Shriners' Quint Shrine Club, in Lyons, Georgia, had referred 30 children and families from their area to Shriners Hospitals for Children hospitals in Cincinnati, Greenville, and Tampa, exceeding the number of referrals they accomplished in 2014 in the same period. By the end of 2014, the club referred 70 children and families to the three hospitals.

What is their secret? The promise that Noble Ramon Powell made to himself when he learned about Shriners Hospitals for Children after he joined the Alee Shriners in Savannah, Georgia.



"I made it my personal mission to learn as much I could," said Noble Powell. He began to call the hospitals in Greenville, Tampa and Cincinnati to ask questions about conditions treated and along the way, he made some regular contacts at those facilities.

"One: You need to know your business for people to trust your business, and, Two: We need to be able to recognize the conditions treated by the hospitals, so that when we see a child who can use our care, we can talk to the parent intelligently about the care we can provide," he added.

"When I started talking to everyone I knew about Shriners Hospitals for Children, I realized the public didn't know about our great hospitals. So, I started going to the local schools to

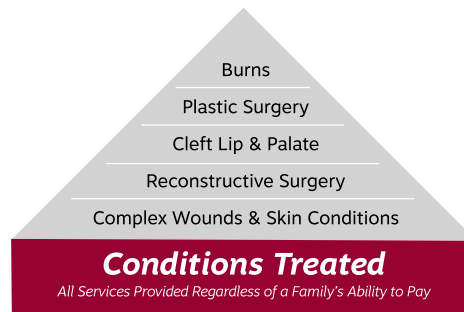
share information about the hospitals," said Noble Powell.

They attribute most of their referral success to Social Media.

"We use Facebook a lot to find these children," Nobel Powell said, including combing Facebook pages from the local news, local hospitals, and families and friends they have in the community.

Their visibility and outreach efforts have made such a positive impact in their communities that many families are reaching out to the Shriners before the Shriners can reach out to them. According to Noble Powell, "It spread like wildfire!"

The Quint Shrine Club has seen another benefit from their hospital outreach:



Increased membership and increased donations.

"You have got to have the love, the heart and the passion for the children. They are what it's all about. Don't be afraid to approach families!"

Noble Powell ended the interview with this sentiment, "I wish I could do this for a living."

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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We are proud to announce that Shriners Hospitals for Children® was part of a team that made medical history earlier this month. Chief of Staff, Scott Kozin, M.D. and Dan Zlotolow, M.D. from Shriners Hospitals for Children – Philadelphia were part of a multidisciplinary medical team that performed the first-ever pediatric bilateral hand transplant by successfully transplanting donor hands and forearms onto eight-year-old Zion Harvey.

When Zion was referred to Shriners Hospitals for Children, Dr. Kozin and colleagues quickly recognized that Zion was a potential candidate for this transformative procedure, making him the first patient to receive a pediatric hand transplant in the world. In keeping with Shriners Hospitals collaborative approach to care, Dr. Kozin worked together with Children's Hospital of Philadelphia and University of Pennsylvania to assemble a 40+ team of medical experts to perform this complex and demanding 12 hour procedure.

Zion is a bright and precocious eight-year-old who has told his doctors that he cannot wait to someday throw a football and climb on the monkey bars. Shriners Hospitals looks forward to continuing our support in Zion's recovery and goals.

Today's announcement is a true testament to Shriners Hospitals for Children's commitment to innovative, world-class pediatric care. Join us in celebrating being a part of history in the making.

Yours in the faith,

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01/13/1928 — 08/19/2015

Tennessee Ridge, TN

Albert Gale Baker

12/30/1938 — 10/02/2015

Decherd, TN

William Malcolm Colson

08/23/1942 — 09/20/2015

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Billy D. Morton

12/14/1933 — 10/03/2015

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