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# EASTER EGG HUNT

## SATURDAY,

## March 26<sup>th</sup>

## 10:00 am—2:00 pm



*Al Menah Shrine 2016 Nobility Celebration*

# A Southern Gathering

*Illustrious Sir Jeff Head and Lady Kim  
The Divan and Nobility invite you to attend  
The Potentate's Ball Dinner and Dance  
Saturday, April 2, 2016*

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Dear Nobles and Ladies,

Let me first say thank you for all that you do. Al Menah is such a great Temple and that starts with each of you. Our first job is to take care of the children and then our temple and each of you do that well. We've got a lot of great events coming up and we hope you can attend as many as possible.

Kim and I would like to personally invite each of you to attend the 2016 Potentate Ball on April 2nd. The Al Menah Shrine 2016 Nobility Celebration a Southern Gathering is all about celebrating the Nobility of Al Menah and to say thank you for all your hard work and dedication to the Shrine. The cost is \$25 per person and as always we will have a great dinner, entertainment and an open bar, so please call April 615-226-7766 and make your reservations before March 15th. For hotel reservations please call The Clarion Nashville-Stadium 615-254-1551 and ask for the "Shrine 2016 Room Block" before March 2nd. We will be having hospitality on Friday night at the hotel and we also plan to take a group down to Second Avenue, so don't miss out on the fun!

The Easter Egg Hunt will be on March 26th. I wanted to say a special thank you to Conley Dykes and Mike Kemp for heading up the committee.

There are so many great projects going on beginning with Membership. Our first Ceremonial is going to be on April 9th, so please be looking for men who would make good Nobles. Sam Isbell is doing a great job but we still need to do our part to help grow our Temple. If you have any questions give Sam a call at 615-579-0765.

Our first parade (Erin, TN) is just around the corner. The Erin parade is always a big time and very much enjoyed by the town of Erin, TN. If you are not in a Unit and would like to participate just give me or any of the Divan a call and we will find you a place, it's a great experience.

Please remember our shut-ins and sick, and family of the Nobles who have been visited by the black camel.

God Bless,

Jeff Head, Potentate  
 615-310-9009



# From the desk of...

## CHIEF RABBAN



Last month was full of Old Man Winter's snow and ice; hopefully this month will bring us closer to warmer weather and blue skies. As you read this, those that went on the Potentate's trip will be returning from the Dominican Republic where they enjoyed some fun in the sun.

Fun was had by all that attended the Clown Super Bowl Party. Thanks for the hospitality and fellowship.

Last month was our annual Valentine party and dance. Thanks to Phil Parman and Barry Molasy and the committee for the beautifully decorated auditorium, a great meal and good music. A special thanks to the DeMolay and Rainbow for their help too.

The new format for the Stated Meeting was another success last month. We had a good meal and great fellowship before the meeting with the Nobles and Ladies. Ill Sir Jeff Head made several announcements about the upcoming events and activities and several others spoke on topics of Membership, 2016 Circus and Fund Raising. There were over 120 Nobles present for the Stated Meeting... great turn out!!

The Demolay held their annual Sweetheart Dinner and Dance last month at Al Menah... these young men and women always do an outstanding job. It was a great to see the young people having a good time.

This month we will have our first parade, St Patrick's Day, in Erin, Tennessee on March 19th. Let's make this a big turnout.

Our annual Easter Egg Hunt will be Saturday March 26th. This is always a wonderful time for the young and the young at heart. The Potentate's Ball will be April 2nd. We hope to see everyone there to celebrate Ill Sir Jeff and Lady Kim.

Membership is our top priority—attend your Blue Lodge and encourage other to do the same. Contact any of the Divan or our Membership Chairman Sam Isbell if you need any membership materials or have any questions. Our Spring Ceremonial is April 9th and we need candidates!!

Lady Tracy and I encourage you to join the Ring Master Club and sell lots of circus ads this year. Any questions please call us or Scott Jones. We are working hard to make this year's circus successful, and we need everyone's help and support to make it work.

Thanks for making Al Menah Shrine the best Temple in Shrinedom. .

**Yours in faith,  
Chief Rabban  
Frank Hester**

## ASSISTANT RABBAN



Thank you Nobles and Ladies for a great start to 2016. Al Menah has started the year off with several great events such as the Clown's Super Bowl Party (Great job, Peyton!). The Valentine's Party was a great success with over 200 Nobles and Ladies attending. The Divan met with the Grand Master and Officers of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee for dinner and fellowship. It was a great night. I would to thank all the committees that made these events possible.

Again I say a big thank you Nobles for making Al Menah great!

**Asst. Rabban  
Horace Perkins III**

## HIGH PRIEST AND PROPHET



Buckle up your seatbelts! We have a busy season as Al Menah Shriners ahead! We look forward to the Irish Day parade on March 19 in Erin, Tennessee. The following Saturday, March 26 finds us looking for Easter Eggs at our annual hunt, along with fun games and a visit by the Easter Bunny. The next Saturday will find us celebrating at our Potentate's Ball on April 2. It is not too early to start getting your dancing shoes ready for a good time.

We would like to welcome our brother Nobles from the South Atlantic Shrine Association for their Mid-Winter in our fair city March 18-20. This will lead us into Grand Lodge Week and we look forward to our Masonic Brothers from across the state joining us at the Grand Lodge Building.

Most special to me, March is DeMolay month. These young men will be celebrating the seven cardinal virtues that make up Demolay all during the month. Many of you may not realize that 70% of DeMolays become Master Masons. Some travel over an hour just to attend a Chapter Meeting. If you know of a young man between the ages of 12-21, they are eligible for membership in this great organization for young men. If you need more information, I would be happy to answer any questions you may have.

**High Priest and Prophet  
Randy Williams**

## ORIENTAL GUIDE



The Valentine Party was a blast. A special thanks to all the committee members that worked so hard to put it together and to the Demolay for serving our food. What a great team of young men and future Mason / Shriners. It has been great visiting the Shrine Clubs and I will try to make it to all the clubs.

The Membership Committee has put together a Shriners' Family Bowling Night on Friday, April 8th at Hermitage Strike and Spare. More information is located

in the Shriner. We hope to see you there!

Remember, we are still looking for active Blue Lodge Members to be a County Chairman that will assist with promoting all the activities and the awesome work that the Shriners do.

**Oriental Guide  
Scott Jones**





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The Divan and Nobility invite you to attend the

**2016 Al Menah Shrine Nobility Celebration**

# *A Southern Gathering*

*The Potentate's Ball*

Dinner and Dance

Saturday, April 2, 2016

Social at 5:00 pm - Grand March at 6:30 pm

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## Membership

Important Date: April 9th, 2016 Spring Ceremonial

I would like to say thank you to everyone who attended the Valentines Dinner and Dance. Fun events like this inspire our Nobles to speak to their brethren about our activities which in turn creates more interest in becoming a Shriner. As every Noble is aware membership is critical to the success of our fraternity. Please help us to continue this great organization by becoming active in our membership drive. Al Menah currently has four Nobles that are spear heading our membership team. I would like to welcome Nobles Andy Baldwin (Beech), Allan Baxter (Mill Creek) and PM Dale Pewitt (Hiram) to the Membership Team. In the near future we will be reaching out via email and other media to ask for your assistance.

Currently Al Menah is scheduling a bus trip to visit one of our hospitals so that each Noble and his Lady can witness some the great work that we help to fund. We hope that once this trip is confirmed that you will take the opportunity to participate and see what your hard work does.

As always thank you to our wonderful ladies. Quite frankly we could not do what we do without you. Your hard work and dedication is greatly appreciated. Once again we thank you! Al Menah Family Bowling Night is scheduled for the evening of April 8th at Hermitage Lanes. Everyone should receive an email or letter regarding this event. We look forward to seeing you there.

Remember that our Spring Ceremonial is April 9th. It is always a blessing to add new members to Al Menah. Please greet them and make them feel welcome. If you are in need of membership materials such as brochures or other information please contact me. It is at no cost and may help answer questions that a prospective Shriner may have. Always remember that somewhere in the world today someone is going to make a difference for someone else. Today let that someone be you. Let's all work together and make 2016 a great year at Al Menah.

**Fraternally,  
Sam Isbell  
Membership Chairman**

## From the Editor...

All communication for the Shriner should be submitted to editor.amsc@gmail.com. Any other means may delay submission to the Shriner. This applies to Units and Shrine Clubs. ALL articles are due the day following the Temple stated meeting. Late submissions may not be include. Articles should be in a Word doc format. PDF files will be cut and pasted for use and may not appear as submitted. Your help is appreciated. Thank you.

## Special Notice from the Potentate

Nobles,

Please note changes in our monthly Captains/ Club Officers, Stated Meeting and Unit Meetings. This approach is intended to help booster attendance at the various meetings. Please invite your lady to join us for dinner prior to the stated meeting. After dinner they will retire to the Vision Building for a fun filled time with other ladies.

**March 15, 2016**

Captain's Meeting - 5:30 pm

Dinner - 6:00 pm

Cost is \$5 per person

Stated Meeting to follow Dinner

Units Meetings will begin after Stated Meeting

Jeff Head - Potentate

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# CENTER NEWS

## CLOWNS

Even the wintery weather of February couldn't keep the Al Menah Clowns from "Clowning". We had two dress outs, hosted the big football game party and co-hosted, with the Motor Corp, the Daytona 500 party. We had fun at the temple Valentine's dinner and dance along with our brothers and their ladies.

The South East Shrine Clown Association (SESCA) Mid-Winter convention and competition will be held March 11th and 12th in Albany, GA. Several clowns will be making the trip down to Georgia and expect to, as always, bring back a few awards and enjoy the fraternal fellowship with our brothers from other Shrine Temples in the region.

Two new clowns were accepted during the February unit meeting. Please welcome new nobles and clowns, William "Rascal" Holland and Jason "Dokie" Thomas. Watch for them to make their debuts in upcoming dress outs.

It's Onion time again! Get your orders turned into Frank "Froggy" Wilson no later than the April stated meeting. The onions are \$10.00 per bag.

You'll see the Fabulous Al Menah Clowns dressed out in March at the SESC Mid-Winter, the Erin parade, and the AMT Easter Egg Hunt.

"A clown's makeup and character, that's all he has to sell. He loves and believes in that character." Emmett Kelly

**Frank "Froggy" Wilson**  
Secretary

## DIRECTOR'S STAFF

A quick thank you for all who were able to attend the Valentine's Party as it was a great success with all the committee members who helped arrange the event. Fun and dancing was had, along with a great meal and an amazing showing of support from our party attendees! Pictures from the event are available online via Shutterfly courtesy of Jesse

Riggs or direct access via our weekly email blast and the link listed.

The Potentate's trip was an incredible time we hear, with safe travel to and from Punta Cana. Our upcoming dates of importance include our March 15th Stated meeting and ladies gathering in the Vision building following dinner and the following Tuesday March 22nd for our Director Staff meeting. The yearly Easter Egg Hunt will be March 26th; please note this event is for family and children of the Al Menah Shrine and all are encouraged to attend for fellowship and fun. Let's not forget our Shriner membership goal this year! Be on the lookout!

In this busy beginning of the New Year, we have had many to remember in our thoughts and prayers. It is not only within our Unit, but our Al Menah family that we send condolences and wishes of improved health out to our Brothers and their families at this time. Our freedom, way of life and our pride as Americans is also a gratitude we share with thanks to our Military whom help provide such security on the home front and overseas. God bless our Temple, the work we do and all those who contribute to the success of Al Menah Temple and our mission.

**Cordially,**  
**Lt. Randy D. Byram**

## D&B MOUNTAINEERS

Lots of information to digest.

Patient Sponsor Program - Each unit could sponsor an Al Menah patient by riding with our unit on parades. This could be a great tool toward our being closer to our Shrine Children, especially our paper sales and circus.

Get ready to parade in Erin, Tennessee on March 9th. It is our big St. Patrick's Day Parade.

Easter egg hunt March 26th at our Shrine Center. Start thinking about Shrine papers and onions.

In closing, please keep our following in your prayers. Wayne Branch's wife, Mary, who had recent surgery and Jerry Dallas who is recovering from surgery. We also ask a special prayer for our Shrine Children and Troops in harms way.

If you ain't paid your dues, you're late. Get them dollars in. Boys keep your powder dry.

**Claude Claytor,**  
Captain

## FLYING FEZ

Our officers were sworn in by Past Potentate George Cook: Eric Johnson - Flight

Commander, Jack Patterson - Adjutant, John Cole - Operations Officer, and Donnie Drayton - Admin. Officer. The Flying Fezzes will be sponsoring an Al Menah hospital patient - more to follow. Commander Eric reminds us all to sell ads for the circus program. Cheers,

**John Cole**

## HORSE PATROL

The Horse Patrol had another good meeting, and we ate a bunch of baked ziti. Dan Clark shared some details about the Horse Patrol finances and made sure we all paid our dues. Our Captain Dale Francis updated us on the Horse Patrol business, and of course Walter Johnson was the joke teller and kept everybody laughing for the night. The Irish Day Parade is coming up on March 19th in Erin, TN. I hope all the Horse Patrol members can attend and ride a horse, or ride in the wagon. Dale mentioned we may have a BBQ at his house after the parade, but that will have to be confirmed when it gets closer to the time of the parade. Also the Southern Equine Expo is coming up on February 26 - 28 at the Tennessee Miller Coliseum in Murfreesboro. It is 3 days of Equine clinics, competitions, and shopping. There are usually some very well-known clinicians there and I have enjoyed it in the past. Come on out and enjoy it, and maybe I will see you there. Everybody come say hello to the Horse Patrol, and until next time, Happy Trails.

**Benji Maggart**

## LEGION OF HONOR

Wow! The Valentine party was a big success. If you missed it, you missed a good one.

The St. Patrick's Day parade in Erin, TN is coming up on March 19th and it promises to be another great one. It's one of our favorites and the hospitality is always good.

Then the Easter Egg Hunt will be here on March 26th and it will be fun for all. Bring your family, kids, friends and neighbors and their kids for a really good kid-friendly day with an egg hunt, games, clowns, and lots of fun!

The Potentate Ball is set for April 2nd. Plan to come and enjoy. It's for the Nobility to fellowship and have fun.

If you are reading this and you are not a member of Al Menah Legion of Honor, you may be eligible to join if you are a military veteran and a Shriner. Ask any of us for an application, you will be glad you did.





We need to keep James Judd and Ron Queen in our prayers as they are having health problems. Also pray for our men and women in the military wherever they are in the world.

Let's continue to support our Shrine Hospitals and pray for all the children they are helping to have a better quality of life. May God Bless!  
PC Roy Lindsey

## MOTOR CORPS

I hope everyone is beginning to thaw out from the winter freeze! We are only a few weeks away from Spring and I know I'm ready to get out and ride. Participation is key to keeping our unit strong. Remember we are here for the kids and our hospitals, and to fellowship with each other. We are stronger together.

The 2016 Nobility Celebration, "A Southern Gathering" will be held on April 2. Mark your calendars and don't forget to RSVP. Reservations for the ball need to be made to the temple by March 15 and to the hotel by March 2.

Ladies, we have two styles of shirts to order as well as visors to order. We also have a beautiful charm for the Pandora bracelets. Contact Lady Debbie to order at [dlparman@comcast.net](mailto:dlparman@comcast.net).

Many exciting things are coming up, including paper sales and onion sales! Stay tuned to your emails and newsletter!

"Coming together is a beginning; Keeping together is progress; Working together is success!"....Henry Ford

**Noble Joey Holder**  
Journalist

## PROVOST GUARD

Congratulations to Chris Vigil who is on the line for the S.E.S.P.G.A and was sworn into office February at the Mid-Winter meeting. Several of our members attended this meeting in support of Chris.

Another year has passed and it is almost time for the St. Patrick Parade in Erin Tenn. Looking forward to that and also close behind that is the Paper Sale. So be making arrangements to help with paper sale.

Ken Loftis  
Secretary

## SHRINE CLUB NEWS

### Hendersonville Shrine Club

Thanks to all the Nobles and their ladies who made the Valentine Party a Big Success. Our compliments to the Chief and his kitchen staff for the fantastic steak they prepared for us. Also, thank you to the DeMolay for their service and hard work to make the evening very enjoyable. The evening ended with music provided by the Key Largo Band, dancing the night away.

It is time to start thinking springtime sunshine, rain, and tulips along with our Temple activities, the Potentate Ball, Parades, and the Easter Egg Hunt.

Our first Parade will be the St. Patrick's Day Parade in Erin on Saturday, March 19th, followed by the Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 26th at the Temple.

The Hendersonville Shrine Club extends a special invitation to all the Nobles and their ladies in our area to join us for the next meeting. It will be Monday, March 28th at the Black Eye Pea 164 East Main Street in Hendersonville. We meet at 6:00pm for food and fellowship. Our meeting starts at 7:00pm. Make your plans to join us next month.

Start making your plans to attend the Potentate Ball Saturday, April 2nd. Call the Al Menah office and make your reservation. Don't miss their special event Honoring our Potentate Jeff head and his Lady Kim.

**Boyd Parnell**  
President

### Past Captains Club

We have a Past Captain's Club at Al Menah. We meet on the 1st Wednesday of the month, including our wives, for fun, dinner and fellowship at the Temple. All past Unit Captains are eligible to join. Dues are \$30.00 per year. All sitting Captains (2016) are invited each month with their wives at no cost. Come join the fun. Next meeting is March 2nd.

**Buddy Helms,**  
President

# Upcoming Events

(as of this publication)

## MARCH 2016

Feb 26- Mar 3	Potentate's Trip
Mar 19	Erin St. Patrick's Day Parade
Mar. 23-24	TN Grand Lodge
Mar 26	Easter Egg Hunt
Mar 27	Easter

## APRIL 2016

Apr 1-2	Potentate's Ball Weekend
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## MAY 2016

May 14	Franklin Rodeo Parade
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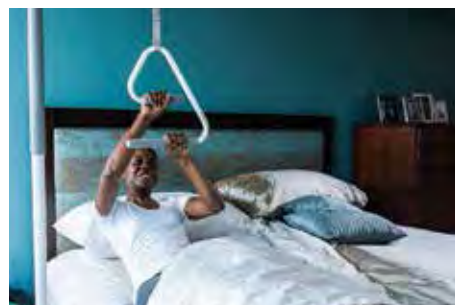
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## For the Ladies

Just wanted to say thank you for all the support you give your husbands in allowing them to help the Shrine children. Thank you for supporting the Ladies group on Stated Meeting night, I think everyone is having fun and enjoying meeting other ladies in our Temple. Our next meeting will be on March 15th and we hope to have a fun game then learn some new dance moves, just in time for the Potentate's Ball. If you have not had a chance to join us on Stated Meeting night please come with your husband, enjoy a good dinner and have fun with the ladies.

We had our first quilt/sewing class on February 6th and it was a lot of fun. Our next meeting is March 12 from 9am-12pm and we will meet in the Director's Staff Unit room. If you would like to join our group please call Valerie Wilson at 615-497-2140 or me at 615-337-3417. This month we will be making the nine-patch heart square, don't worry if you have missed a class you can start at any time.

Please remember we are collecting travel size toothpaste, mouth wash, dental floss and toothbrushes for the parents of our patients and also we are collecting can tabs for the hospitals, so please bring these items to the Stated Meeting.

Thank you!

Lady Kim Head, 615-337-3417



# FOR SALE

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