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Fellow Nobles and Ladies,

We would personally like to thank you for your support and the opportunity to lead Omar Shrine. We are humbled that you have put your faith in Wanda and myself to be your Potentate and First Lady of Omar Shrine in 2021.

With the outstanding team spirit of our clubs, units, and nobility working together, we can achieve great success supporting Shriners Hospitals for Children and our Shrine Center this year. Our nobles and ladies are the backbone of Omar. We need each of you to fulfill our fraternal mission. Let us be One Team Omar in 2021.

The 2021 Omar organizational book provides a brief overview of rules, policies and by-laws of Shriners International and Omar Shriners for your instruction/review. Additionally, the by-laws offer a more comprehensive explanation. Please strive to familiarize yourselves with our by-laws.

The Omar Divan is here to serve our clubs, units, shrine families, and communities. Let us not forget our obligation to support Shriners Hospitals for Children.

Lady Wanda and I, along with your Divan and their Ladies, look forward to working with you in 2021 as we move forward during this pandemic. Stay safe in all your endeavors.

Fraternally yours, Gordon M. (Buddy) Ellis III, & Lady Wanda Omar Potentate & First Lady 2021



Happy New Year Nobles and Ladies,

It's no denying that 2020 has been a year like no other, but Omar's leaders, members, and ladies have once again risen up to meet the chal-

lenges before us. Together we accomplish more even in the most difficult of times. So whether you are President, Director or Potentate or serving or supporting in other positions, your plans and goals have in no doubt been affected by our changing world. Thank you for being adaptive and innovative in setting a new course for our organization.

So many of our friends and loved ones have been affected by the virus through hardship, sickness, or loss. My Lady JJ and I have kept our Shrine family in our thoughts and prayers and will continue to do so.

Last January, we celebrated the installation of Ill Sir JJ and First Lady Missi with flamingos in a tropical paradise. I don't think any of us could have imagined how things could have changed so quickly from that time to now, but even with personal illness in addition to everything else, JJ and Missi accomplished so much. I applaud you for being the right leaders at the right time and for bringing us closer together in a time of social distancing. Thank you for your service and for an extraordinarily great job in an extra-ordinary year.

As a new year begins, I send my congratulations and best wishes to our newly elected Potentate Gordon and First Lady Wanda and to all our newly elected officers. They too must face the changing dynamics amid this pandemic recovery, and they need all of our support to help make this happen. I know they are up to the task, but each one of us can "be the one" to make a difference in these new times.

I now serve as Imperial Assistant Rabban, and along with your other joint board members, we too have been forced to be adaptive. Zoom and Skype meetings are the new norm, but we are able effectively to conduct the fraternal business and to discuss the strategic plans for our hospital system. All is well with our organization as we strive to lead in an ever changing world affected by so many cancellations and new protocols, but we look forward to when we can return to more normal times and when we can gather in person for fellowship and fun.

Plans are in the works for when we host the Carolina Imperial Session in Charlotte in July 2023. We want each and every one of you to attend and be a part of it, so please check us out on social media for news and updates. This is not my Imperial Session - it's OUR Imperial Session.

I am here to serve you and always available to you. Lady JJ and I extend our new year wishes of hope and love to all of you, and we hope and pray better days are ahead. May God bless you and watch over us.

Yours in The Faith, Kenny





Dear Nobles and Ladies:

Lady Megan and I would like to extend our warmest wishes of health and prosperity to all of you and your families. Congratulations to the newly elected Divan members and Illustrious Sir Buddy and First Lady Wanda! We are excited and honored to continue to serve Shriners Hospitals for Children in 2021 while representing OMAR- our home. We hope as the vaccine continues to become available that COVID limitations begin to

subside and we can get back to fun and fellowship without concerns.

Looking forward to seeing you all soon.

Fraternally yours,

Leslie "Doc" and Megan Stewart SHC Trustee

# **2021 Calendar of Events**

#### February

TBD 21st-Sunday 27th—Saturday March 10th-Wednesday 12th-13th-Friday and Saturday 13th-Saturday 21st-Sunday 27th-Saturday April 2nd-3rd—Friday and Saturday 7th-Wednesday 21st-23rd—Wednesday thru Saturday TBA May 1st-Saturday 5th-Wednesday 6th-9th—Thursday thru Sunday 15th—Saturday 22nd—Saturday

### June

2nd—Wednesday 12th—Saturday 13th—Sunday

3rd—Wednesday

26th—Saturday

July

4th-8th—Sunday thru Thursday 14th—Wednesday 16th-18th—Friday thru Sunday 31st—Saturday

#### August

4th—Wednesday 4th-7th—Wednesday thru Saturday 8th—Sunday 14th—Saturday TBA

#### September

1st—Wednesday 15th-19th—Wednesday thru Sunday TBA

**October** 4th-10th—Wednesday thru Sunday 13th—Wednesday

#### November

3rd—Wednesday 7th—Sunday 20th—Saturday

### December

1st—Wednesday 2nd-5th—Thursday thru Sunday 12th—Sunday 18th—Saturday

#### January 2022

7th—Friday 8th-9th—Saturday thru Sunday Divan Meeting 3PM Sub-Committees 1PM and 2PM at Omar Shrine Omar's Car Show Omar Shrine Golf Outing at Summerville Golf Course Shrine Bowl of the Carolinas Meeting and Banquet

Divan Meeting 6:30 at Dorchester Shrine Club Shrine Days Greenville Hospital Omar Shrine St. Patricks Day Parade at Myrtle Beach Milcah Temple No. 77, Daughters of the Nile Installation at Omar Shrine SASA Mid Winter Meeting (This is a Zoom Meeting)

Smoke on the Beach at Myrtle Beach Divan Meeting at 3PM—Sub-Committees 1PM and 2PM at Omar Shrine South Carolina Grand Lodge Shrine Mason Nights

Ceremonial Golf Outing at Myrtle Beach Divan Meeting at 3PM Subcommittees 1PM and 2Pm Stated Meeting 6PM Ceremonial, Installation Ball, and Parade at Myrtle Beach Florence Mud Bog at River Neck Acres, Florence Omar Pea Supper at Waccamaw Shrine Club

Divan Meeting at 6:30PM at Edisto Shrine Club, Orangeburg Omar Shrine Pea Supper—Dorchester Shrine Club Charlie Miller Golf Tournament at Summerville Golf Course 1st Annual Pee Dee Shrine Club Hoedown

Imperial Session—Houston Divan Meeting at 3PM Sub-Committees 1PM and 2PM at Omar Shrine Shriners' Mud Run at Bennettsville Omar Shrine Sportsman Classic

Divan Meeting at 3PM Sub-Committees 1PM and 2PM at Omar Shrine Shrine Director's Association Meeting—Roanoke Seafood Festival at Omar Shrine Omar Shriners Party at Omar Shrine Shrine Mason Nights

Divan Meeting 6:30 at Pee Dee Shrine Club SASA Fall Festival at Myrtle Beach Cold Sands Ceremonial

Shrine Hospitals Children's Open Divan Meeting at 3PM Sub-Committees 1PM and 2PM at Omar Shrine

Divan Meeting at Myrtle Beach Shrine Club at 6:30 Omar Shrine Golf Outing at Summerville Golf Course Omar Shrine Pea Supper at Santee

Divan Meeting at 3PM Subcommittees 1PM and 2Pm Stated Meeting 6PM Homecoming Ceremonial and Parade—Omar Shrine and Hanahan Shrine Hero Party—Omar Shrine Shrine Bowl of the Carolinas Game

Unit Club Appreciation Night Annual Meeting, Election and Installation of 2022 Officers at Omar Shrine

# **2021 Board of Directors**

**Potentate** Gordon M. (Buddy)Ellis III (Lady Wanda)

**Chief Rabban** James H. (Andy) Garvin (Lady Jamie)

Assistant Rabban Michael (Mike) Donald (Lady Stefani)

*High Priest & Prophet* Kenneth (Kenny) Skipper (Lady Andrea)

**Oriental Guide** Kevin Wadford (Lady Jennifer)

*Treasurer* Richard (Ricky) Lewis (Lady Tammy)

**Recorder** Hugh (Casey) Van Faussien (Lady Nanette)

Junior Past Potentate Joseph J. (JJ) Cruz, PP (Lady Missi)

# 2021 Imperial Representatives

Imperial Officer Imperial Assistant Rabban Kenneth G. Craven, PP (Kenny) Lady Jennifer (JJ)

**Potentate** Gordon M. (Buddy) Ellis III (Lady Wanda)

**Chief Rabban** James H. (Andy) Garvin (Lady Jamie)

**Assistant Rabban** Michael (Mike) Donald (Lady Stefani)

High Priest & Prophet Kenneth (Kenny) Skipper (Lady Andrea)

# **2021 SASA Representatives**

Potentate Gordon M. (Buddy) Ellis III (Lady Wanda) Chief Rabban James H. (Andy) Garvin (Lady Jamie) Assistant Rabban Michael (Mike) Donald (Lady Stefani) Recorder Hugh (Casey)Van Faussien (Lady Nanette) Emeritus Joseph W. Baker (JW) Landy Thomas (Lady Marianne) Elected James Allen LeGette (Lady Frances) Edwin Russell (Rusty) Watson (Lady Lisa)

### All Past Potentates are representatives

**SASA 1st Vice President** Ralph A. Calhoun II, PP (Lady Patrice)



# 2021 Shrine Bowl Representatives

### **3rd Vice President**

Michael (Mike) Donald (Lady Stefani) Assistant Rabban

### Representatives

Gerald Amaker (Lady Regan) David Barnette (Lady Mary) Kevin Wadford (Lady Jennifer) **Oriental Guide** 



# **Appointed Divan**

First Ceremonial Master Richard (Ricky) Jordan (Lady Audrey) Second Ceremonial Master John Bagwell (Lady Kathy) Director Joseph L. (Joe) Ashing, Jr. (Lady Doreen) Marshal Jim Gates (Lady Donna) Captain of the Guard Ric Piersol Outer Guard

# 2021 Potentate's Advisory Council

Honorable Robert (Jim) Aycock, III, PP (Lady Sara Ann) *Chairman* 

Scott (Gregg) Bellamy Alex Craven Dewey Houser Julian Seale (Lady Nancy) Randolph H. (Randy) Harley, PP (Lady Terri) Roy P. Jones, PP (Lady Barbara) Arthur M. Felder, Jr. (Lady Beverly) Lee Runion (Lady Marianne) Jim Gates (Lady Donna) Windle Skipper (Lady Terri) Richard (Dicky) Mitchum, PP (Lady Tammy) John Bagwell (Lady Kathy)

# 2021 Leadership

Search Council

Randolph H. (Randy) Harley (Lady Terri) **Chairman** Honorable Robert (Jim) Aycock, III, PP (Lady Sara Ann) William M. (Mike) Horne, PP (Lady Linda) Robert Connolly (Lady Diane) Lee Runion (Lady Marianne) Most Worshipful David J. DeChant, PGM (Lady Billie)

# 2021 Staff

Chief Aide Robert Connolly (Lady Diane) **Executive Director** James Allen LeGette (Lady Frances) Chief of Staff Edwin R. (Rusty) Watson (Lady Lisa) Chaplain Charles Taylor (Lady Loretta) Executive Assistant & Coordinator Lady Mary Newton **Special Aides** Julian Seale (Lady Nancy) William (Bill) Green (Lady Gladys) Bud Ribelin (Lady Pat) Novice Mentoring Robert Connolly (Lady Diane) Ric Piersol Ladies Mentoring Lady Diane Connolly Lady Mary Newton Housing Ellison Moody (Lady Judy) **Transportation Ric Piersol** Landy Thomas (Lady Marianne) Robert Watson Registration Roland Jennings, PP (Lady Suzanne) **Masters of Ceremonies** Installation John (Bob) Gray, PP (Lady Karen) **Ceremonials** Otis (Tom) Rivers (Lady Monica)

Imperial Session Coordinator Hugh (Casey) Van Faussien (Lady Nanette) Danny Hayward (Lady Skippy) Recorder Shrine Hero Party Lady Harriet Sanders Lady Mary Newton **Temple Photographers** Robert Foulds (Lady Carol) John J. Berchielli (Lady Bonnie) **Uniform Units** Director Davis (Cookie) Cooke (Lady Suzan) Major Percy Livingston (Lady Dale) Captain Jason Bazen (Lady Leigh) Infomar Editor Lady Mary Newton Potentate's Aides Special Projects (candy, ticket sales, fundraisers) Chairman— Chief Aide Robert Connolly (Lady Diane) Bob Pereksta (Lady Sue) Bob Benson (Lady Sandy)

Robert Shelly (Lady Suzi) Steve Clemmons (Lady Tara) Greg Barsnica (Lady Jamie) Dino Barr (Lady Jessica) Don Myers (Lady Janice) Steve Kahn (Lady Shai) Mike Maksim (Lady Teresa) Tom Spell (Lady Molly) Acey Taylor III

Fred Reindollar (Lady Sandra) Phil Cates (Lady Sandra) Joe Ashing (Lady Doreen) David Axson (Lady Sharon) Sam Tanner (Lady Jeri) Maurice Teague (Lady Mary) Daniel Luttrell (Lady Tara) Daniel Simmons (Lady Kerrie) Kevin Merritt (Lady Andrea) Joe Etling Bobby Galloway (Lady Debra) Sam Tallon (Lady Jeri) Carl Griggs (Lady Angelia) Michael Melton John Brock (Lady Rebecca) Matt Phelan (Lady Victoria) Luke Purdue (Lady Teresa) Jerry Johnson (Lady Jan) Jamie Bryant (Lady Amy) Mike Tomson (Lady Carla) Colie Williamson (Lady Tra) Andy Stroman (Lady Sherry) Danny Smoke (Lady Kay) Donald Harrison (Lady Angela) Jim Pratt (Lady Carol) Ross Mitchum Eric Larrimore Kelly Larrimore (Lady Vicky) Doug Sims (Lady Angie) O'Brian Larrimore (Lady Karlie) Reggie Davis (Lady Angela) Freddy Prince (Lady Lillie) Kenny Boyd (Lady Carolyn) Acey Taylor Jr. (Lady Diane)

Brian Kepple Oliver (Bubba) Owens Joe Curry (Lady Kathy\_ Shawn Redish Lonnie Wiggins (Lady Stephanie) Johnny Myers (Lady Alice) Clarence (CA) Gatlin (Lady Janie) Shon Flowers (Lady Susan) Billy Edens Paul Port (Lady Roni) Lonnie Kessler (Lady Jenny) Alan Cass (Lady Julie) Stewart (Tinman) Rawls (Lady Dawn) Kenneth (Wayne) Luther (Lady Debbie) Bruce Wipple (Lady Bobby) Bruce (Brownie) Brown Dennis Causey (Lady Wendy) Andrew Aston (Lady Penny) Mark Aston (Lady Sarah) Brett Lewis (Lady Ashley) David Shaw (Lady Donna) Mark Fedkenhauser (Lady Donna) Ellison Moody (Lady Judy) Bobby Sarvis (Lady JoAnn) Sammie Reeves (Lady Martha) Marion Mizzell (Lady Linda) Pete Bazzle (Lady Penny) Ernest Jackson (Lady Deloris) Robert Lofton (Lady Renea) Jackie Stanfield (Lady Melitta) Micheal Taylor, Sr. (Lady Brenda) Micheal Taylor, Jr. (Lady Mae) Percy Livingston (Lady Dale) Dennis Weaver Newberry Jones Tony Bunch (Lady Roberta)

Lee Derrick (Lady Kim) Mark Stewart (Lady Carol) Rob Webster (Lady Beverly) KP Parks (Lady Vicky) Joe James (Lady Elsie) Doug Dishong (Lady Renee) **Roland** Elvis Jerry Smith (Lady Cynthia) Shawn Croley (Lady Cheryl) Scott Jones Jerry Oldham (Lady Amire) Blake Parkhurst (Lady Laura) Kevin Wadford (Lady Jennifer) Dave Beach Lonnie Kessler (Lady Jenny) Sputnik Altman (Lady Linda) Wayne Jerrigan (Lady Carolyn) Al Lewis (Lady Caroline) Bob Warder (Lady Andrea) Jimmy Droze (Lady Sharon)

Fundraising Programs and Special Projects Chairman—Assistant Rabban James H. (Andy) Garvin (Lady Jamie) Vehicle Bookings—ATV Sputnik Altman (Lady Linda) Stewart (Tinman) Rawls (Lady Dawn) Gun Program Kenneth (Wayne) Luther (Lady Debbie) Candy Distribution Charleston—Ric Piersol Orangeburg—John Bagwell (Lady Kathy) Darlington—Alan Cass (Lady Julie) Myrtle Beach—Edwin R. (Rusty) Watson (Lady Lisa) Hospitality Beverage Committee Chairman James M. (Jimmy) Wilcutt, Jr. Co-Chairman Guy Powers (Lady Cindy) Luke Perdue (Lady Teresa) William Perdue Don Harrison (Lady Angela(

### Hospitality Food Committee Chairman

John Brown (Lady Michelle) Percy Livingston (Lady Dale) Dennis Weaver Newberry Jones Lee Derrick (Lady Kim) Andy (Balls) Steffensen

# Golf Outings Committee Charleston Chairman

John Murphy (Lady Sue) Danny McKiernan (Lady Elaine) Marion Mizzell (Lady Linda) Tommy Rickenbaker (Lady Tina) **Myrtle Beach** 

### Chairman

Kevin James Bob Gordon (Lady Cindy) Davis (Cookie) Cooke (Lady Suzan)

Decorations Committee Chairman Otis (Tom) Rivers (Lady Monica) Robert Foulds (Lady Carol Richard L. (Dicky) Mitchum, PP (Lady Tammy) John (Bob) Gray, PP (Lady Karen) Roland Jennings, PP (Lady Suzanne) Ellison Moody (Lady Judy) Lady Myra Poston

Candidate Registration Committee Chairman Ric Piersol Coordinator Robert Connolly (Lady Diane) Davis (Cookie) Cooke (Lady Suzan) Gus O'Shields

# Medical Staff Committee Chairman

Tim Wallace (Lady Sheila) Luke Perdue (Lady Teresa) David Cooley (Lady Krystal)

# Walk of Love Committee Chairman— High Priest and Prophet Kenny Skipper (Lady Andrea) Jimmy L. Droze (Lady Sharon)

### Ambassadors

Foreign Imperial Assistant Rabban (Omar Shrine) Kenneth (Kenny) Craven (Lady Jennifer) Imperial Oriental Guide (Yaarab Shrine) Richard Burke (Lady Judy) Imperial 1st Ceremonial Master (Moslem Shrine) Larry Leib (Lady Debbie) 2021 Potentate (Alee Shrine) Freddie Humphries (Lady Colleen) 2021 Potentate (Hejaz Shrine) Chad Knight (Lady Kathy) 2021 Potentate (Jamil Shrine) Denni Holcomb (Lady Bobbi Jo) Ambassadors Clarence (CA) Gatlin (Lady Janie) Gus O'Shields

Allendale, Barnwell, Bamberg Ronnie Smith (Lady Amy) Beaufort, Jasper, Hampton Ricky Ziegler (Lady Lydia)

**District Chief Aides** 

### Berkeley

Thomas (Tom) Miller (Lady Melanie) **Charleston** Keith Stika (Lady Shirley) **Chesterfield** Luke Perdue (Lady Teresa)

**Clarendon** Francis J. (Frank) Farina (Lady Elaine) **Colleton** 

Kenneth (Ken) Bachewicz (Lady Mytris)

### Darlington

Sam Tallon (Lady Jeri)

### Dillon, Marlboro

Jody Upton (Lady Tippi)

### Dorchester

Lee Runion (Lady Marianne)

### Florence

Blake Parkhurst (Lady Laura)

### Georgetown, Williamsburg

Lynwood Cribb (Lady Bonnie)

Horry
Kelly Larrimore (Lady Vicky)
Loris
Dennis Causey (Lady Wendy)
Conway
Edward (Randall) Mishoe (Lady Willa Mae)
Myrtle Beach
Jerry Johnson (Lady Jan)
Lee
Jody Upton (Lady Tippi)
Marion
Eric Larrimore
Orangeburg
Danny Smoke (Lady Kay)

# **2021** Potentate's Appointments

Grievance Committee Omar Elected Divan All Past Potentates of Omar Temple Infomar Editor Lady Mary Newton Website Lady Mary Newton Endowments, Wills and Gifts James H. Garvin (Andy) Chief Rabban Omar Board of Directors Building & Grounds Committee Publicity and Public Relations Louis H. Worthy (Lou) Donor Relations James H. Garvin (Andy) Chief Rabban Sick and Visitation Charles Taylor, Chaplain and all Nobles of Omar All Nobles of Omar Temple Newspaper Sales Membership Committee Keith Stika (Chairman) Blake Parkhurst **District Chief Aides** 

> MW David DeChant, PGM Randolph H. Harley, PP (Randy)

Illustrious, Illustrious Randolph H. Harley, PP (Randy)

Dr. Leslie (Doc) Stewart, PP Gordon M. (Buddy) Ellis, III, Potentate William (Bill) Fenters, PP, Emeritus Representative

Mike Donald Assistant Rabban

The Honorable R.J. (Jim) Aycock, PP

Gus O'Shields

Special Thanks To Noble Jerry Johnson For your services to Omar 2021

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Recruitment

Grand and Blue Lodge Representatives

Scottish Rite Representative

SHC Trustee SHC (Greenville) Representatives

Insurance Representative

Parliamentarian

100 Million Dollar Club

1610 4th Ave, Conway, SC 29526 (843) 438-8301

# Living Past Potentates of Omar Shrine

1977	The Honorable Robert J. (Jim) Aycock (Manning)	2006	Jimmy James (Mullins)
1990	Clarence Doyle (Myrtle Beach)	2008	Roy P. Jones, Jr. (Summerville)
1992	Harold E. Horton, Sr. (Florence)	2009	Robbie Jones (Florence)
1995	Van Threadgill (Florence)	2011	John McClary (Hilda)
1996	William M. (Mike) Horne (Goose Creek)	2012	Kenneth G. (Kenny) Craven (Summerville)
1997	William E. (Bill) Fenters (Manning)	2013	Jimmy Day (Conway)
1998	Jack W. Smith (Darlington)	2014	Howard Beckwith (Florence)
2002	John R. (Bob) Gray (Myrtle Beach)	2016	Eric Joyner (Orangeburg)
2004	Leslie D. (Doc) Stewart, MD (Darlington)	2017	Richard L. (Dicky) Mitchum (Blackville)
2005	Randolph H. (Randy) Harley (Charleston)	2018	Ralph A. Calhoun II (North Charleston)
2006	Jimmy James (Mullins)	2019	Mark W. Murray (Jamestown)

2020 Joseph J. (JJ) Cruz (Barnwell)



# 2021 Newspaper Crusade

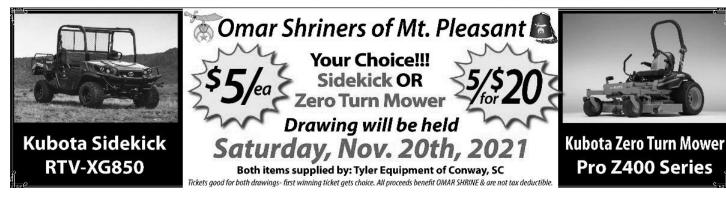
### The 2021 Shrine Newspaper Sale begins May 5, 2021 and continues through November 30, 2021

Each Noble of Omar is encouraged to participate in the Newspaper Sale. As a reminder this is a Shriners Hospital for Children Project and all sales are considered hospital points (1 point per dollar and you are added to the lapel pin program). Its success depends on the Nobles of Omar.

# A reminder to always wear your Fez and portray a good public image when participating in the Newspaper Sale.

All proceeds (except the cost of printing) are for the benefit of Shriners Hospitals for Children.

# **Fundraising Programs for 2021**



### Raffle for Kubota Sidekick RTV-XG850

and Kubota Zero Turn Mower Pro Z400 Series

Fundraiser Chairman

Noble James (Andy) Garvin, Chief Rabban

To book for your event please contact as below:

Sputnik Altman

Stewart (Tinman) Rawls

Make your plans to book early as dates are filling up fast. Medal of Honor point incentives will be announced by the Potentate. Watch for email blasts and updates on website and Facebook.



# 2021 Candy Program

The Candy Program at Omar Shrine is a vital financial support for the Temple. Candy is available at the Temple and in strategic locations throughout the Omar Territory. Medal of Honor Points will be given at the discretion of the Potentate. Watch for email blasts for incentives.

Candy pickup can be arranged by contacting one of the following:

Charleston— Ric Piersol info@omarshriners.org

Orangeburg—John Bagwell jbagwell25@gmail.com

Darlington—Alan Cass acmobilerepair@yahoo.com

Myrtle Beach—Rusty Watson arustyshriner@yahoo.com

# Omar \$20,000.00 Giveaway for 2021

WINNER NEED NOT BE PRESENT TO WIN



1ST PLACE	\$10,000.00
2ND PLACE	\$ 5,000.00
3RD PLACE	\$ 3,000.00
4TH PLACE	\$ 1,000.00
5TH PLACE	\$ 500.00
6TH THRU 10TH PLAC	CE \$ 100.00 EACH
DONATION: \$10	0.00 PER TICKET
CON	TACT

Buddy Ellis

Andy Garvin

Mike Donald

Kenny Skipper

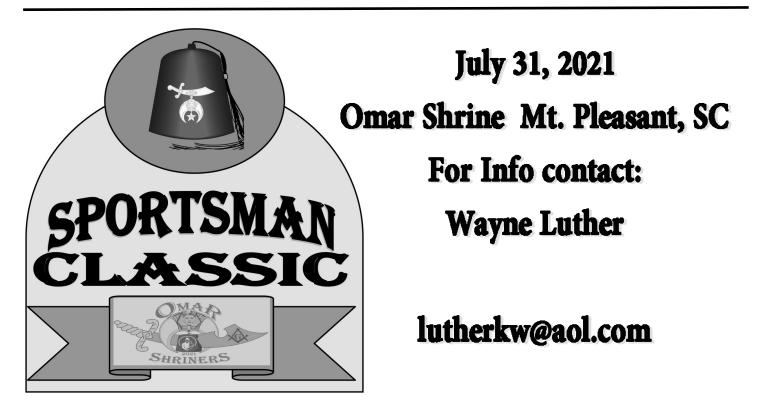
Ricky Lewis

Casey Van Faussien

Omar Office (843) 971-0131

Proceeds are for the benefit of Omar Shrine and are not tax deductible

Medal of Honor point incentives will be announced by the Potentate. Watch for email blasts and updates on website and Facebook.





# **ORGANIZATION BY-LAWS**

Throughout the day you will be hearing things concerning the total organization of the Shrine. It appears that the general structure of the Shrine is a business-like, modified version of line and staff control by which the order and control comes from the Imperial Council and at the same time provides a reasonable amount of local flexibility at various levels of authority.

The final authority, however, is vested in the Imperial Council, operating under the Articles of Incorporation and By-laws of the Iowa Corporation.

The term "Shrine Law" is used in day-to-day administration of the affairs of the Temple. It is therefore important that officers of units and clubs be aware of the Imperial Rules and Regulations, Omar Temple By-laws and Club and Unit By-laws to which they belong.

Let me remind you that the obligations you have taken as a Noble should not be taken lightly. Temple Officers, Unit and Club Officers and all Nobles take a Solemn Oath to strictly confirm to the Imperial Law as well as the By-laws of Omar Temple.

The orderly pursuit of a common purpose requires organization which necessitates a structure. The structure in the Shrine is founded upon an Iowa Corporation known as "The Imperial Council of the Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine" to which is granted "Supreme Authority" and "complete jurisdiction and essential powers necessary to control and govern" of the Shrine.

### **SECTION 336.1 OF THE IMPERIAL BY-LAWS IS AS FOLLOWS**

By the Provision of Section 336.1 of the Imperial By-laws, the units are part of the working corps of the Temple and are under the control of the Potentate. Because they are part of the working corps of the Temple units, their officers and members are indirectly accountable to the Potentate of their Temple for their activities, their money and their property. Since this is so, it has been held that units may not be incorporated independently, and that holding company may not be formed to hold property for a Temple unit. Moreover, the money and property of a Temple unit must be accounted for to the Temple itself and must be handled in the same manner as all other Temple funds. It has been held that the expenditure of each unit funds for or by the unit must be consistent with the budget adopted by the Temple pursuant to Section 334.4 and Section 327.5. Each Temple should require each of its units to make accurate and complete financial reports to the Temple on a standard form acceptable to the Temple Auditor. Not only is this method of handling unit finances is required by the Shrine Law, but the accuracy and completeness of the accounting method used for unit finances is required by the Internal Revenue Code of the United States.

Our fraternity enjoys a Tax-Exempt Status under the Internal Revenue Code. The benefit of this tax-exempt status by our fraternity as a whole can only be maintained if each Temple, Unit, Club or subordinate part of each Temple and manages its finances and activities in a manner consistent with the provisions of the Federal Income Tax Law. This tax exemption can only be maintained if our units and clubs as well as the sponsoring mother temples adhere to the provision of both the Imperial Code and the Internal Revenue Laws relating to fundraising, expenditures and accounting.

Informed, dedicated and educated leadership is the key. As has been said before, the Potentate of each Temple has absolute control of each u nit and its members and the money, property, assets and activity of each unit. With this absolute control, there is a heavy burden of personal responsibility placed upon each Temple Potentate. By the provisions of Section 327.1 of the Imperial By-laws, the Potentate is held personal responsible for the government of his Temple, and it is the Potentate's personal responsibility to require that his Temple, its officers and members adhere to Shrine Law.

The Potentate of a Temple should never approve unit officers that lack the capability or sense of responsibility to fulfill their task within the framework of Shrine Law.

The importance of the unit structure to the success of Shrinedom as a whole cannot be overemphasized. Through well-manage, well-regulated, active and enthusiastic units, the Nobility of our fraternity is given a sense of pride, accomplishment and satisfaction with their membership in our fraternity. Public exhibition of such units, well-disciplined and well-regulated bring credit to our fraternity and public acceptance support of our philanthropy. Nothing could be more erosive of our fraternity's good name than an attitude of indifference by a Temple Potentate toward the control of his units or an abdication of the Potentate's responsibilities in this regard. The authority given each Temple Potentate borders on the absolute, each Potentate owes it to himself and to the Nobility who gave him that authority to exercise it wisely, judiciously and at all times in the best interest of his Temple and our fraternity.

**"Control by the Potentate"** "The Clubs and Units are a part of the working corps of the Temple and are under the control of the Potentate and must be composed wholly by Nobles."

The subject of the unit finances in general has caused some difficulty in the past in many Shrine Temples. Most of this difficulty concerning the handling of finances and, indeed, most of the difficulty which arises in connection with unit activities in general is caused by a common misunderstanding of what a Shrine Unit is. In some circles, it is believed that Shrine units because they have officers and presumably by-laws, are autonomous, self -governing, independent entities. Nothing can be further from the truth.

### FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES

It is natural to associate the Fez with Shriners Hospitals for Children. Because of this, meticulous attention must be given to all fundraising activities, including circuses to make certain that a contributor is not led to believe that his money will be used for the hospitals when all or a portion thereof will be used otherwise. The integrity of our charity and of our fraternity must remain above reproach.

### YOUR SPECIFIC ATTENTION IS CALLED TO THE FOLLOWING FRATERNAL GUIDELINES

### 3.3 USE OF NAME "SHRINERS HOSPITALS FOR CHILDREN"

The use of the name "Shriners Hospitals for Children" or reference to the hospitals in connection with any fundraising activity by t Temple or Noble without the written consent of the Imperial Potentate and the Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Hospitals is prohibited. Reference to the hospitals in connection with any commercial product or business enterprise is prohibited unless written consent of the Board of Directors and Trustees of the Hospitals is first obtained.

### Now, therefore, **IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:**

### 1. FUNDRAISING FOR FRATERNAL PURPOSES

(A) No Noble (in his capacity as a Shriner) Club, Unit, Organization of Affiliated or Append and Corporations shall engage in any fund-raising activity without the express written consent of the Potentate of Temple having jurisdiction hereof.

(B) There can be no representation, expressed or implied, that the proceeds will be for the benefit of Shriners Hospitals for Children.

(C) The Temple Potentate shall carefully examine all phases of the advertising, promotion and solicitation to determine that it complies with the Fraternal and Charitable By-laws.

(D) The Temple Potentate must approve the terms and provisions of any contract for a fundraising activity after receiving the advice of the Temple Attorney and, additionally, as may be required by the Temple By-laws.

(E) A copy of the Temple Potentate's written consent shall be mailed to the Imperial Recorder. Further, such written materials pertaining to the fundraising activity as requested by the Imperial Recorder shall be promptly mailed to him.

### 2. FUNDRAISING FOR CHARITABLE PURPOSES

(A) No Noble (in his capacity as a Shriner), Club, Unit, Organization of Affiliated or Append and Corporations shall engage in any CHARITABLE fundraising activity other than for Shriners Hospitals for Children and Shrine Hospital Patient Transportation, without permission, therefore permission must first be obtained from the Temple Potentate. The Temple Potentate must then obtain written permission from the Imperial Potentate and Chairman of the Board of Trustees for the Hospitals.

(B) 100% of the net proceeds received from charitable fundraising must be given to Shriners Hospitals for Children except for the portion thereof as may be permitted to be retained for the Temple Shrine Hospital Patient Transportation Fund pursuant to the special purpose funds provision of any existing general order.

(C) The Temple shall report the result of each fundraising activity within sixty (60) days of the activity to Shriners Hospitals for Children on forms provided to the Temple.

(D) This section shall not apply to activities exempt under Section 335.4 (b) of the by-laws of the Imperial Council.

(E) Each independent corporation or entity that receives the permission of the Imperial Potentate and the Chairman of the Board of Trustees to raise money for Shriners Hospitals for Children, and which does not have its financial accounts audited pursuant to section 334.5 of the By-laws of The Imperial Council shall have its final accounts audited by a certified, chartered or registered public accountant and shall submit such audit report to The Imperial Council within 120 days of the activity.

### **3. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE**

(A) Every fundraising activity must contain factual information on its solicitation material, tickets, programs and documents regarding the use of the proceeds.

(B) Every fundraising activity which is not for the benefit of Shriners Hospitals for Children for Shiners Hospital Patient Transportation Fund shall prominently state on the solicitation material, tickets, documents that "the proceeds from this activity are not for the benefit of Shriners Hospitals for Children".

### 4. COMPLIANCE WITH APPLICABLE LAW

(A) It is the responsibility of the Temple Potentate after receiving the advice of the Temple Attorney to determine that there is compliance with all applicable laws in its jurisdiction for the Temple's fundraising activities

#### **5. FINANCIAL REPORTS**

(A) The Temple shall maintain detailed financial records pertaining to all fundraising activities involving Nobles, Clubs, Units and Organizations affiliated or Append and Corporations. Details of all revenues and disbursements shall be maintained in such financial records.

### 6. NOTIFICATION TO NOBILITY

(A) A copy of this General Order shall be printed in the Temple Publication at least once each calendar year. If there is not a Temple Publication, then a copy of this General Order shall be mailed to each Noble in the Temple no later than the last day of March of each calendar year.

#### 7. DISCIPLINE

(A) Any Officer, Noble or Temple who violates a provision for this General Order is subject to discipline pursuant to the by-laws of The Imperial Council.

### **General Information**

All invitations for members of the Divan to attend any unit/club function should be sent to the individual's home address. The invitation should include the proper attire for those who are to attend the various activities. The invitation sent to the Recorder should indicate that the above action was taken.

When a unit or club is requested to furnish information as to who will attend various meetings, visits to hospital, provide the names of new officers, inventory of equipment, financial statements, reports or any other information, it must reply by the stated deadline or advise when it will have the requested information available.

If Shriners Hospitals for Children is advertised or mentioned in any way in connection with or for promotion of any Unit or Shrine Club sponsored event, a letter must be written to the Recorder's Office stating the date, time, place and type of activity. The Recorder's Office will request from the Potentate permission for the club or unit to use the name "Shriners Hospitals for Children" in their promotion.

Complete records must be maintained, and Shrine Charity Activity Forms furnished by the Recorder must be completed and returned to the Recorder's Office within 60 days of activity. Any activity with gross receipts of \$10,000.00 or over must be audited by an independent auditor and the audit report submitted with the check and Shrine Charity Activity Form. (Do not hold the check waiting to present it at the Ceremonial session or the Potentate's Ball. Send the check with the report and a dummy check can be used for presentation to the Potentate). All meeting dates or other know activity to be sponsored by a club or unit must be submitted at the beginning of the year but no later than January 31 for the approval of the Potentate and to be placed on the Temple Calendar.

# **IMPERIAL POLICIES AND PROCEDURES**

### FRATERNAL FUNDRAISER CHECKLIST

- All fundraising must comply with the law of the land; that is, the law of the jurisdiction where the activity takes place. This includes national, state or province and local laws
- All fundraising is governed by 335.3 of the Imperials By-laws and 503.6 of the By-laws of Shriners Hospitals for Children
- All fundraising is further governed by General Orders as may be issued on that subject by the Imperial Potentate
- Your attention is particularly called to the Insurance portion of the existing General Order pertaining to insurance. Strict compliance is required.
- All contracts must be reviewed and approved by the Temple Potentate after receiving the advice of the Temple Attorney
- All fundraising promotional materials (including Temple publications) must include a statement indicating the major entity benefited by the funds (statement of purpose)

### CHARITABLE FUNDRAISER CHECKLIST

- Has written permission been obtained from the Temple Potentate, the Imperial Potentate and the Chairman of the Board of Trustees?
- Has the Temple Potentate reviewed and approved any necessary contracts?
- Has appropriate insurance been obtained?
- Has the Temple Potentate examined all solicitation and promotional material to assure compliance with Shrine Law? Have national, state, province and local laws been complied with?
- Has the Charity Activity Form been completed and returned to Headquarters within 50 days of the activity?

### STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

All fundraising promotional materials must contain a STATEMENT OF PURPOSE.

Below are examples of each type

**For Charitable Fundraisers"** Net proceeds from this (activity, event, etc.) are for the benefit of Shriners Hospitals for Children"

**For Fraternal Fundraisers** "Net proceeds from this (activity, event, etc.) are for the benefit of XYZ Temple/Unit/ Club"

Disclosure (For Fraternal Fundraisers)" Payments are not deductible as charitable contributions"

**NOTE::** All fraternal fundraising materials must include both the statement of purpose and the disclosure

### PROCEDURES THAT APPLY TO ALL SHRINE FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES

All fundraising must comply with the law of the land; that is, the law of the jurisdiction where the activity takes place. This includes national, state or province and local laws

All fundraising is governed by {335.3 of the Imperial by-laws and by {503.6 of Shriners Hospitals for Children by-laws.

All fundraising is further governed by General Orders as may be issued on that subject by the Imperial Potentate

Your attention is particularly called to the Insurance portion of the existing General Order pertaining to insurance. Strict compliance is required.

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# THE BUSINESS OFFICE OF OMAR SHRINE

The Business Office is open Monday thru Thursday from 8:00 am to 4:30pm and closed on Friday.

The telephone number is (843) 971-0131. The fax number is (843) 971-0673.

Street and Mailing Address: 176 Patriots Point, Mt. Pleasant, SC 29464

Please make all checks sent to the business office payable to: Omar Shrine

The Recorder's Office will be happy to furnish, once a year, a print-out of members of Omar Temple residents in the various Shrine club's jurisdiction if the club will request the print-out and furnish us the zip codes included in your jurisdiction.

Anyone desiring to send a Memorial to our Shrine Hospital in lieu of flowers may do so by sending checks to the Recorder's Office. The checks may be made payable to Omar Temple or Shriners Hospital. Please submit the name of the deceased and the date of death together with the name and address of the relative to whom they desire the memorial card to be sent from the hospital. Also, include the name and address of the person making the donation so that the hospital can send the donor an acknowledgment card.

Jeweled fezzes are on sale through the Recorder's office.

In order to keep our records up to date and to ensure that you receive all correspondence please advise the Recorder's Office immediately of a change in your address.

It is the responsibility of every Noble to keep the Recorder's office advised of the death of a Noble in their area. We need the date of death and the next of kin and their address. It would also be helpful if the Shrine Club President or Unit Director advised the Temple of a death or sickness of a noble from his area.

Any unit or shrine club sponsoring any fund-raising activity that involves the public must take out sufficient liability insurance to cover the unit or shrine club with Omar as being coinsured. A copy of the policy must be sent to the Recorder's office before the date of the activity. If further information about insurance is needed, please contact the Recorder's Office.

The Treasurer's Office will assist any club or unit with financial reports needed; however, we must have the Audit Report from each club and unit by February 15, 2021 or the club/unit and the temple can lose their tax exemption. This we cannot afford, and the Imperial Council will not allow it. If these reports are not received, you are in violation of Imperial Shrine Law and action will be taken on the unit or club levels. Please cooperate with us and everyone will be happy. Your audit report must be signed by a CPA or LPA.

### THIS IS IMPERIAL LAW

### **REPORT OF SHRINE CLUBS AND TEMPLE UNITS**

(File with Temple Office)

Name of Shrine Club or Unit

Employer Identification Number(Shrine Clubs only)

Address

Temple Having Jurisdiction Charter or Orginazition Date

Place of Meetings

Membership End of Year

Dates Regular Meetings Held

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS					
Statement of Activities			Financial Position		
	Year Ended December 31, 2018			Year Ended December 31, 2018	
	REVENUES			ASSETS	
Code				ASSETS	
D	Contribution, Gifts & Donations			Cash: on hand	
E	Social Activities & Meals			Cash: in checking	
F	Fraternal Meetings & Visitations			Cash: savings flex account*	
G	Dues, Initiation Fees & Assessments			Certificates of Deposits	
н	Investment Income*			Accounts receivable*	
1	Fund Raising* (Gross) - Fraternal			Inventories for sale or use	
J	Fund Raising* (Gross) - Charitable			Prepaid expenses*	
K	Sales Tax Collected			Investments*	
L	Other Revenues*			Land, buildings & equipment @ cost	
	TOTAL REVENUES (D through L)@	0.00		(attach schedule of property)	
				Minus accumulated depreciation	( )
	EXPENDITURES				
1	Administrative Cost:			Other assets*	
1a	Telephone and Utilities				
1b	Office Supplies and Expenses		a	Total Assets	0.00
1c	Taxes, Licenses & Professional Fees				
1d	Interest Expense on Indebtedness			LIABILITIES	
2	Building Operations & Maintenance #			Accounts payable & accrued expenses	
3	Social Activities & Meals			Mortgages & other notes payable*	
4	Fraternal Meetings & Visitations			Other liabilities*	
5	Dues Paid		b	Total Liabilities	<u>0.00</u>
6	Promotion & Publicity				
7	Charitable Contributions*			MEMBERS' EQUITY	
8	Fund Raising* (Gross) - Fraternal				
9	Fund Raising* (Gross) - Charitable			Balance, beginning of the year	
10	Member's Relations			Surplus (Deficit) same as line 14	0.00
11	Transfer to Temple		C	Balance, end of year	0.00
12		0.00	d	Total Liabilities & Yearend Balance	
	TOTAL EXPENDITURES	0.00	<b>a</b>	Members' Equity	0.00
	(1 through 12)			NOTE: biologic and dimust a s	Vaulas la Delense
13	Excess of Revenues/(Expenditures)	0.00		NOTE: <i>b+c=d</i> and d must = a	You're In Balance
13	Depreciation Surplus (Deficit)	0.00		*Attach detailed list of activity.	
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	mount is greater than \$25,000, the temple				
Includ	e this financial report with annual 990 gro	up return for this year.			
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# **Omar Shriners Points System**

The Omar Shriners Points System consists of two parts:

- 1. <u>Medal of Honor Points</u>— Nobles earning these points qualify for the distinguished blue blazer or the coveted Medal of Honor Fez
- 2. Hospital Points Nobles earning these points qualify for the distinguished hospital pin

It is imperative that each Noble understand these two point programs are not interchangeable.

<u>All Fundraising monies, including hospital money must be turned into the Temple to receive credit for points.</u> Points must be turned to the Temple within 30 days of receiving the points. After 30 days you must contact the

# **Medal of Honor Points**

- 2,000 points for the purchase of a Lifetime Membership in Omar Temple
- 1,000 points for the 1st line signers of petitions (upon initiation). Sponsoring Noble must attend candidate during the registration and initiation process for these points to be awarded.
- 500 Points for second line signer upon initiation for same ceremonial
- 500 Points for second line signer for restoration
- 100 Points for top line signer for Affiliation Petition (upon completion)
- 100 Points for second line signer for Affiliation Petition (upon completion)
- 100 Points for participation in Temple Parades
- 100 Points for each day worked on any temple project where all proceeds are for Shiners and the Temple
- 50 Points for meritorious service to the Temple (Awarded at the discretion of the Potentate)
- 50 Points for purchase of Permanent Contributing Membership
- 1 point per dollar for joining the Million Dollar Club

#### Funds raised for the Temple are at the discretion of the Potentate

1,250 Points	Gold Chain and Basic Medal	12,550 Points	Emeralds (2)
1,750 Points	Red Bar	25,000 Points	Purple Bar
2,000 Points	Yellow Bar	30,000 Points	Diamond
2,250 Points	Green Bar	50,000 Points	Blue Blazer
7,550 Points	Rubies (2)	100,000 Points	Medal of Honor Fez

The Medal of Honor Fez is a very prestigious and coveted award that is awarded to a deserving Noble in honor of the work he has done for the Temple. However, you must realize that the supplier takes 14-16 weeks from the time the order is placed to produce the Medal of Honor Fez. While we certainly understand that you want the Fez to wear as soon as possible and to have it presented in front of your friends, we must curtail the confusion of borrowing fezzes just to satisfy egos. Med of Honor Fez Recipients will be notified when the fez arrives and then we can make arrangements for the presentation

# **Hospital Points**

- 600 Points per day for transporting children to the Cincinnati Hospital
- 500 Points per day for transporting children to the Greenville Hospital
- 500 Points for your first visit to any Shrine Hospital with proof of visit
- 250 Points for each pint of blood donated or caused to be donated for the benefit of Shriners Hospitals for Children, Cincinnati or Greenville
- 1 point per dollar for memorials sent to the Temple
- 1 point per dollar for any monies donated to the hospital

All points will apply to the Hospital pin award. A club/unit member must have his points authenticated by the President/Director or Secretary. Points and money must be sent to the Recorder for credit. If you are not a member of a unit or club you must turn in your money to the Recorder's Office for point credit.

### Again, hospital points will be awarded separately under the hospital point program. They do not apply to the

### WHAT IS PROTOCOL?

It is a very serious subject and one that we all should be knowledgeable in. The term protocol refers to a code of diplomatic etiquette and precedence, which constitutes the expected norm governing among other things, official entertainment.

It is imperative that each noble expecting to take part in the social life of the Temple, a Club or Unit learn the proper title by which each officer is addressed and the order of rank. When a Noble has been elected to a high position in Shrinedom, the respect due his office should not be overlooked.

This handbook sets forth the general rules of Shrine protocol which, when logically applied, will lead to the proper solution. In the final analysis, however, experience proves that common sense must be combined with genuine thoughtfulness to resolve the somewhat atypical situations that arise.

The use of proper Shrine protocol produces confidence in the realization that you are doing the right thing. Proper protocol also tends to reduce stress and decision making for those involved in planning Shrine activities.

All Nobles have a responsibility for knowing and observing those amenities which time, practicality, and civility have proven so useful in this highly structured organization.

Unknowingly, many of us have violated Shrine protocol in the past. Some continue to be violators due primarily to the lack of communication on the part of us who are responsible to instruct in this area.

- There are many important items that could be discussed now, but there are only a few that are often violated. **ONLY** the Potentate and Past Potentates are introduced as Illustrious or Illustrious Sir. A most common violation that occurs all too frequently is to allow speakers to talk after the Potentate has spoken. <u>The Potentate speaks last and no one should speak after him unless he has obtained permission from the Illustrious Sir in advance.</u>
- One important protocol procedure is the program setups for meetings. There is no positive order one must use in conducting the general meetings except for Invocation, Pledge of Allegiance and the Introduction of Guests, Past Potentates, Members of the Divan and then the Potentate. However, one should have a definite order for meetings. <u>The Invocation, Pledge and Introductions are mandatory.</u>
- At all meetings, banquets, etc., in which a head table is in order proper seating arrangement, should be followed. Included in this manual is a drawing of the proper seating when the Divan is in attendance and when their ladies are also in attendance. This is strict protocol. The seating order moves up when a Divan member is absent. Check the Recorder or Noble in charge to clear any seating arrangement change. Whenever possible, name place cards should be used.
- Included in this manual is a list of Past Potentates. In making introductions you should introduce the Past Potentates in reverse order of their service as Potentate. Included also is a list of the Divan and their ladies. Should one be called on to introduce the Divan, he should use this introduction list starting with the Appointed Divan, Recorder, Treasurer, Oriental Guide, High Priest and Prophet, Assistant Rabban, Chief Rabban and Potentate.

We are usually praised for our good manners. The use of Shrine Protocol is certainly a demonstration of good manners.

# **Order of Business**

Call meeting to order

- 1) Prayer
- 2) Pledge of Allegiance
- 3) Roll Call (or other means of checking attendance such as signing in upon arrival)
- 4) Reading of minutes
- 5) Reading of communications
- 6) Report of committees
- 7) Election of new members Unfinished or old business
- 8) New Business
- 9) Election of officers
- 10) Voluntary remarks
- 11) Thanks for coming and recognize anyone who has helped with the meeting.
- 12) Invite visitors to return
- 13) Prayer and adjournment

### FEZ ETIQUETTE

**THE FEZ** The Imperial Council has adopted the Fez as the exclusive head covering to be worn by all Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. It must be worn at all stated (regular) meetings, ceremonials (initiations), Shrine parades, special Shrine events and other Shrine related activities. <u>The Noble of the Mystic Shrine is admonished NEVER to wear his fez in any company or place in which he would decline to introduce his mother, wife, sister or daughter.</u>

**SHRINE PINS** A Shrine pin should be worn on the left lapel of the suit coat or sports coat. All Nobles are requested to wear this pin when wearing a coat. The occasions for wearing the Shrine pin may or may not be Shrine related. It should always be worn so that a Noble of the Mystic Shrine is identifiable, proudly and justifiably so to another Noble or brother Mason or to the public in general. The Shrine pin should be worn on the tuxedo if a fez is not worn with the tuxedo.

**THE SALAAM** A Noble addressing the Potentate while he is presiding in a tiled meeting shall always give the salaam. SALUTE The military salute is given when reciting the Pledge of Allegiance and during the playing of the National Anthem. A Noble wearing a fez should execute a fight hand salute when the colors (the flag) are within six (6) paces of him. He will not remove his fez. In case the same colors pass the same place again the colors need not be saluted a second time.

**SHRINE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** "I pledge allegiance to my flag and to the country for which it stands; one nation, under God, indivisible with liberty and justice for all"

PRAYER During the offering of prayer, the fez should be removed and held in the right hand over the heart. Following the completion of the prayer with "Amen", each Noble will chant in unison "So Mote It Be".

**GREETINGS** Es Selamu aleikum – This is Arabic for "Peace be on you" **SALUTATION** aleikum es selamu – This is Arabic for "on you be the peace"

### **213.1 TITLES**

The Imperial Chaplain, Potentates, Past Potentates, Recorders, Grand Masters and Divan Members may have their titles embroidered in small letters in gold or silver bullion, silk or rhinestone jewels in one line beneath the emblem of the fez. Active member of official uniformed units or official clubs of a Temple may likewise have units or clubs in one line beneath the emblem as above for the term of appointment.

Always remember, it the Temple Potentate who is responsible to see to it that his Temple fezzes confirm to Shrine Law.

# SEATING ARRANGEMENTS FOR DIVAN AND IMPERIAL OFFICER

Imperial Officer and Divan
Club/Unit Vice President
Omar Treasurer
Omar High Priest and Prophet
Omar Chief Rabban
Potentate
<u>PODIUM</u>
Imperial Officer
Club/Unit President
Omar Assistant Rabban
Omar Oriental Guide
Omar Recorder
Club/Unit Secretary

# Imperial Officer, Divan and Ladies Club/Unit Vice President Club/Unit Vice President's Lady Omar Treasurer's Lady Omar Treasurer Omar High Priest and Prophet's Lady Omar High Priest and Prophet Omar Chief Rabban's Lady Omar Chief Rabban Imperial Lady Omar Potentate **PODIUM** Imperial Officer Omar Potentate's Lady Club/Unit President Club/Unit President's Lady Omar Assistant Rabban Omar Assistant Rabban's Lady Omar Oriental Guide Omar Oriental Guide's Lady Omar Recorder Omar Recorder's Lady Club/Unit Secretary's Lady Club/Unit Secretary

# SHRINE MASON NIGHT

The Potentate would like for all Clubs to sponsor a Shrine-Mason night in 2021.

New Shriners are the lifeblood of our fraternity. A Shrine-Mason Night can be scheduled by contacting the Chairman for Shrine Mason Nights in 2021, Noble Keith Stika, Membership Chairman or Noble Casey Van Faussien, Recorder. Both may be reached at the Omar Shrine Office. Your Divan will be happy to assist each of you in this honorable commitment by your Club. The Potentate will defray the food cost of any non-Shriner and his wife. Reasonable food cost of the entire meal will be defrayed, provided the Club has ten or more non-Shriners present for the presentation.

The program consists of the following:

- 1. The Club President, or his designated spokesman, should open the meeting by calling the gathering to order and give a statement of the purpose of the gathering.
- 2. The Club President should have a designated person or persons to do the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 3. The meal should be served. The order of service should be: non-Shriners and their ladies first, Divan and their ladies second, club officers and their ladies third, past potentates and their ladies fourth, followed by all other nobles and their ladies.
- 4. Seating should be in accordance with Shrine Protocol. A copy of which is furnished in this manual.
- 5. Immediately following the meal, the Club President should welcome all guests and introduce his club officers and their ladies; next, he should introduce the Master of Ceremonies who will in turn introduce special guests, past potentates and their ladies (in reverse order), the Divan and their ladies and then the Potentate and First Lady. The Master of Ceremonies at this time will inform the guests that the Potentate will save his address for later in the program.
- 6. A short presentation on Masonry will be presented, and then the story of the Shrine will be told. All participants will be introduced, and a question and answer period will follow. (Approximate length 1 to 1 ¼ hours)
- 7. At the conclusion the Potentate will speak, and this will conclude the program.
- 8. The Master of Ceremonies will ask for benediction form the Club President's designate.

### PETITION FOR INITIATION AND MEMBERSHIP

Nobles signing petitions for candidates should check to see that the candidate is in good standing in the Masonic Lodge. As long as a candidate holds current dues cards in his prerequisite body he may belong to any prerequisite body regardless of location.

When a Noble submits a petition for initiation and he knows of any health or physical problem regarding the candidate, he should advise the Recorder's office and it will be handled in a confidential manner.

Complete the petition in full before giving it to the Recorder's office. Be sure the full name and complete address in on the petition. Write your name and the name of your unit on the top of the petition.

If a candidate does not know his fez size, the Recorder's office will be happy to fit him with a fez. The cost of the initiation including a jeweled fez is \$250.00.

The Imperial Law requires the initiation fee to be paid in full before a candidate receives his initiation.

### **ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP**

To apply for Associate membership, a Noble must be in good standing with his Mother Temple. Petitions for association with Omar Temple must be completed and voted on at the next meeting of the Temple.

He must meet the requirements of six months residency in Omar's jurisdiction. His dues will be \$44.00 per year to Omar. If for any reason the Noble loses his membership in his Masonic Lodge or his Mother Temple, he is automatically suspended from Omar.

An Associate Member shall have all rights and privileges of membership in both Temples except that he may not hold elective office in the second.

### **RE-INSTATEMENTS**

There are three types of re-instatements: automatic, short term and long term

Automatic: A Noble that has been suspended at the end of one year may re-instate upon payment of all arrears and will not have to be voted on provided payment is received by April 15 of the following year.

Nobles who have been suspended three years or less, if the above does not apply, must pay arrears and be voted on for membership.

#### AFFILIATIONS

A Noble may apply for affiliation if his current dues are paid in his now existing Temple and he has resided in our jurisdiction for a period of six months. There is no charge for affiliation; we just exchange current year's dues. If he is holding a demit from another Temple he must apply to Omar, be voted on and pay current year's dues, provided the demit was issued prior to the current year. A demit cannot be refused to anyone who is current in his Temple.

# **OMAR JURISDICTION**

Omar Roadrunners and Van Assignments SHRINE CLUBS IN OMAR JURISDICTION

BERKELEY SHRINE CLUB COASTAL SHRINE CLUB DARLINGTON RED FEZ CLUB DORCHESTER SHRINE CLUB EDISTO SHRINE CLUB EL BAB SHRINE CLUB G & W SHRINE CLUB JAHAB SHRINE CLUB LITTLE PEE DEE SHRINE CLUB MYRTLE BEACH SHRINE CLUB MARLBORO SHRINE CLUB PEE DEE SHRINE CLUB SANTEE SHRINE CLUB WACCAMAW SHRINE CLUB MONCKS CORNER, SC WALTERBORO, SC DARLINGTON, SC SUMMERVILLE, SC ORANGEBURG, SC BARNWELL, SC GEORGETOWN, SC HAMPTON, SC DILLON, SC MYRTLE BEACH, SC BENNETTSVILLE, SC FLORENCE, SC MANNING, SC CONWAY, SC

### SHRINE TEMPLES IN SOUTH CAROLINA

OMAR SHRINE TEMPLE	MT. PLEASANT, SC
HEJAZ SHRINE TEMPLE	GREENVILLE, SC
JAMIL SHRINE TEMPLE	COLUMBIA, SC

### HOSPITAL VANS IN OMAR JURISDICTION

Van 1 Mt. Pleasant Van 2 Moncks Corner Van 3 Myrtle Beach / Conway Van 4 Beaufort Van 5 Summerville

### Hospital Van System Jurisdiction and Coordination

Illustrious Sir Casey Van Faussien Telephone (843) 971-0131 E-Mail: recorder@omarshriners.org

### All Hospital Transportation must be scheduled through the Omar Office (843) 971-0131 Susie Torlay info@omarshriners.org

### SHRINE CLUBS AND UNITS

### CONTROL:

Shrine Clubs were formed to provide a place where Nobles may meet and fraternize with each other in local areas that are some distance from the Temple. Shrine clubs usually meet monthly, although some do meet weekly for a dinner meeting with good food and fellowship. To maintain the interest of members it is necessary for the Club to have activities such as ladies' nights, dances, and picnics and to sponsor fundraising projects to support our hospital program. Another important responsibility of a Shrine Club is to be a "showcase" for Masonry and Shrinedom in particular. This helps attract new members to the Blue Lodge and to the Shrine. All are encouraged to sponsor a Shrine-Mason night. Shrine clubs, if properly operated, are a most valuable asset to Shrinedom of North America. Improperly operated, they can be a source of trouble and embarrassment to the Nobility. However, there is a lack of knowledge among some members as to the scope in which clubs may operate and the manner by which they may execute their programs.

Many units and clubs have been disappointed over the years that the Divan could not be present at their activities, i.e., installations, Christmas parties, dances, ladies' nights, etc. There are so many functions taking place at the same time that is impossible for the entire Divan to be present at all of them. However, this year, we will attempt to provide the full Divan to as many requests as possible. When conflicts arise in the scheduling we will assign individual members to each request on a first come, first serve basis. Therefore, it is most important to furnish to the Recorder all meeting dates, ladies' nights or any type of activity that you would like the Divan to attend. Please do this at the earliest possible time.

### Imperial By-law 337 States:

Shrine Clubs

1. An Organization of Nobles meeting as such using any of the emblems of the Order or having a title indicating it to be such may not be organized without the consent of the Potentate.

2. All Nobles who are members of a Shrine Club are amenable to the by-laws and regulations of the authorizing Temple whether they are members of that Temple or any other Temple.

3. The Shrine Club is under the control of the Potentate and he must approve any by-laws or amendments thereto adopted by the club before they can become effective

# Careful reading of the Imperial By-law should leave no doubt in your mind that <u>The Potentate of the</u> <u>controlling Temple exercises total authority and control over its officers, members and activities.</u>

### **OPERATION**

For a Shrine Club to be successful, attention must be directed to:

### Careful planning and organization of the entire year's program.

As soon as all committee chairmen have been appointed, they, along with the club officers should be called to a special meeting. The purpose of their committees may be outlined, and discussion conducted to decide the procedure by which they should manage their programs of the year.

#### Establish and live within a progressive budget.

When planning the club's activities for the year be sure to consider your budget and what fundraising projects you will implement to fund the club's activities. This does not include fundraising projects for the hospitals.

### Attention to maintenance of membership interest.

A primary function of the president is to plan his year of activities to retain the interest of the members. In this endeavor he should seek the assistance of the program chairman. It is the program chairman's responsibility to see that his committee is actively seeking interesting programs for the meetings. Include in your meetings at least two (2) functions for the ladies. It is vitally important that the ladies be informed and have an interest in the club's activities. Keep the members alert to all new membership opportunities for the Club and Temple. Consideration should be given to inviting Nobles from your area who are not Club members to a ladies' night. In addition to any program you may have arranged a five to ten-minute talk on the Club's activities might be considered. The cost of the guest should be borne by the Club.

#### New Members for the Temple

In addition to recruiting a brother for membership by personal contact; as Shrine-Mason Night should be held by the Club. If held in conjunction with a ladies' night, invitations should be sent to the brethren and their ladies in your areas. Serious consideration should be given to the type of program you will have (i.e. films). A personal follow-up should be made within two weeks on each brother who attends. Please stress the attendance of the ladies. This is most important, as often; a wife's encouragement is all that is needed of a brother to "seek more light in Masonry".

Make every member understand that he is needed and a part of the Club. This can be accomplished by having active committee chairmen who will assign members to perform this job. Few members will volunteer but will gladly work if asked to:

#### Attendance at Temple Meetings

It is the responsibility of the club's officers to make a special effort to attend all Temple meetings or at least assign two or more members to attend the meetings in absence of the president or other officers. This helps keep the club members informed of Temple business/activities.

#### **Publicity and Public Relations**

It is the responsibility of each club member regardless of whether you are an officer of the club to promote positive publicity and to practice good public relations at all times.

Meetings should be scheduled on the same night each month.

It is imperative that the club officers and committees meet periodically so the goals of the various committees and the club might be better realized.

### FINANCE:

It is of utmost importance that careful and accurate records of the club's finances be maintained. It is from these records that the Annual Shrine Club Report is prepared. This report form is generally mailed from the Temple Recorder's Office to each club early in December of each year. It is **mandatory** that the club president and secretary complete the form and return it to the Temple no later than February 15th. The Temple Recorder must file this report with Imperial Headquarters. In addition to the Shrine Club Report a separate financial statement covering the club's year must be prepared and mailed with the Shrine Club Report to the Temple. The report must be signed by a CPA or LPA. This financial statement is used to compile the needed information for the Temple's IRS report. **Please be sure to submit these two reports to the Temple by February 15th**.

### INCORPORATION OF SHRINE CLUB HOLDING COMPANY (IMPERIAL BY-LAW 337.7)

The Articles of Incorporation or Association must include the following provision:

- It must be a nonprofit corporation or association and for the sole purpose of holding title to real or personal property other than cash and securities owned by the Club.
- The trustees and managing officers of the corporation or association must be members in good standing in the club and remain subject to the by-laws of the authorizing Temple and the control of the Potentate
- The sale, lease, exchange, mortgage, pledge or other such disposition of all, or substantially all, the properly and assets of the corporation, may only be upon such terms and conditions fand for such consideration as shall be authorized by a vote of the Temple having jurisdiction of the Shrine Club at a stated meeting of the Temple or at a special meeting which sets forth in the notice of the meeting the specific nature of the business to be transacted

### **CONDUCTING MEETINGS**

The success of the meeting will depend upon the skill and leadership of the President. The general palling of the meetings begins when the President receives the gavel and ends when he relinquishes it at the end of the term of office. The specific planning for each meeting starts long before the meeting date. However, meetings should be flexible enough to permit changes at the last minute.

- When a change is made by the Imperial Council affecting Shrine Law and the change affects the articles of incorporation or by-laws of the corporation unless prohibited by state law, are there upon changed to conform with those of the Imperial Council, and appropriate action shall be taken by this corporation to indicate the same.
- No amendment of the articles of incorporation shall be effective unless first approved by the Temple Potentate and the Chairman of Jurisprudence and laws Committee, General Counsel and the Imperial Potentate. In the event of dissolution, the assets and funds remaining after payment in full of all debts of the corporation or association shall be conveyed to the Temple or Shriners' Hospitals for Children.

No part of the assets or funds may inure to the benefit of any member of the corporation or association nor revert to any officer or trustee.

### HOW TO CONDUCT A MEETING

To maintain the interest and attention of members it is important that meetings be opened on time and conducted in an orderly, professional manner. This is the president's (director's) responsibility and he can be greatly assisted by having a well-prepared program. A competent secretary can be very helpful in assisting him and ensuring that dues are paid.

The president or director should see that proper Shrine protocol is observed whenever there is visiting Divan present. He should recognize all visitors and invite them to return and acknowledge the special efforts of all members who have assisted with the program.

There is no doubt that the enjoyment of being with fellow Shriners is a big reason for attending the meeting and if this desire can be increased by means of informative meetings the results will be a strong and progressive club. All leaders should strive to attain this.

It is the prime function of a shrine club and unit to assist the Potentate of keeping the Nobility informed of the workings of the Temple. This can be achieved by adherence to the Temple By-laws and Instructions.

The president or director and his officers should strive to encourage a spirit of fellowship, pride and dignity that prevails in our great Order.

The following suggestions may help you do this:

Schedule your meetings and activities so they do not conflict with the Temple. There are to be no club or unit meetings scheduled during Temple meetings or ceremonials.

- Communicate with the Temple regarding meeting dates, places, projects, point credit, etc.
- Keep your members informed. This will help to keep them active.
- Select good chairman for committees.
- Train your members to prepare them for roles of leadership
- Plan carefully your year's program.
- Plan interesting programs for your meetings.
- Select adequate and proper meeting places. Get involved in Temple membership efforts and the hospital program. All clubs and units must have a membership chairman.
- All officers should attend Temple meetings. It is here that the business of the Temple is conducted.
- Have periodic ladies' nights. At a minimum, one in the spring and one in the fall.
- Exhibit a competitive spirit.

The president or director must work with the program chairman and committee in planning interesting programs. Some programs will be for entertainment and others will be for information on the work of the Shrine, from the club/unit level to the Imperial level. Meetings should not be long in duration or members will lose interest. As president / director you should preside at all meetings. You will govern diplomatically never forcing your own convictions, yet directing the members toward a good constructive program. Plan the order of business. Learn and use parliamentary procedure. Avoid, if possible, unnecessary business from the floor that may cause arguments or dissension. Such business should be brought to the attention of the president/director and dealt with through a meeting of the officers.

### Unit—Divan Liaison

Unit	Divan Liaison	Unit	Divan Liaison
Beachcombers	Buddy Ellis	Chefs	Buddy Ellis
Clowns	Buddy Ellis	Cobras	Buddy Ellis
Color Guard	Kenny Skipper	Cowboys	Andy Garvin
Daredevils	Mike Donald	Director's Staff	Kenny Skipper
Drifters	Ricky Lewis	Goofy Golfers	Mike Donald
Harley Brigade	Buddy Ellis	Harley Riders	Buddy Ellis
Hillbilly Clan 82	Andy Garvin	Hillbilly Outhouse 1	Kevin Wadford
Hillbilly Outhouse 2	Buddy Ellis	Hillbilly Outhouse 3	Mike Donald
Hillbilly Outhouse 5	Andy Garvin	Jailbirds	Kevin Wadford
Jazz Morticians	Mike Donald	Jets	Mike Donald
Jokers	Mike Donald	Jolly Jeepsters	Mike Donald
Kingfishers	Buddy Ellis	Kool Katz	Kevin Wadford
Oriental Band	Mike Donald	Pedalers	Buddy Ellis
Pirates	Kenny Skipper	Provost Guard	Mike Donald
Prowlers	Casey Van Faussien	Ranglers	Kevin Wadford
Renegrades	Casey Van Faussien	Revenoors	Kenny Skipper
River Rats	Andy Garvin	Safety Patrol	Andy Garvin
Temple Staff	Ricky Lewis	Vettes	Buddy Ellis
VIP Escort	Ricky Lewis	Volunteers	Kevin Wadford

### Club—Divan Liaison

Club	Divan Liaison	Club	Divan Liaison
Pee Dee	Mike Donald	Waccamaw	Buddy Ellis
Coastal	Ricky Lewis	Dorchester	Andy Garvin
Edisto	Casey Van Faussien	El Bab	Ricky Lewis
G & W	Kevin Wadford	Jahab	Casey Van Faussien
Marlboro	Mike Donald	Santee	Kenny Skipper
Myrtle Beach	Buddy Ellis	Little Pee Dee	Mike Donald
Darlington Red Fez	Mike Donald	Berkeley	Kevin Wadford

### **UNIFORM COUNCIL AND TEMPLE UNITS**

The purpose of the Uniform Council is to coordinate the activities of all the Temple Units. This involves facilitating plans for the presentation of units at Temple and public functions and promoting communications between the Temple and the units. The Uniform Council is composed of a Director, Major, Captain and Unit Heads.

Meetings of the council may be called by the Director or upon instruction from the Potentate whenever necessary. Unit directors are responsible for attending all meetings with their line officers.

The public's impression of the Shrine is mainly formed from the colorful pageantry of our parades. This is one way of bringing the story of Shrinedom and Masonry to the public. This is the window through which the public sees our fraternity at work. Prior to parades of display of un its, unit directors should see to the appearance of their men. It is their responsibility to remove from formation any member who is not a credit to the unit and the Shrine.

Although we are not a military unit, all parades and displays are to be carried out in a military like manner. For this reason, orders are issued as far in advance as possible and the Director of Uniform Units will advise the unit directors at least 10 minutes before the time scheduled to execute his instructions.

# THE FOLLOWING REGULATIONS GOVERN SHRINE UNITS AND EVERY UNIT MEMBER MUST BE MADE AWARE OF THEM:

1. The units are part of the working corps of the Temple and are under the control of the Potentate.

2. No unit is permitted to participate in any parade of public exhibition without the approval of the Potentate.

3. Units are not permitted to perform in any place outside our Temple's Jurisdiction except with the consent of the Potentate of the Temple having jurisdiction.

4. Members of the Uniform Council have the authority, granted by the Potentate, to remove any Noble or Unit who shows a disinclination to abide by Shrine Law or fails to comply with orders of the Council Members.

5. Non-Shriners and ladies are not permitted to participate with Shrine units in ANY Shrine Sanctioned parade.

6 By Imperial Law and Potentate Edict, no alcoholic beverages will be permitted before, during or near any parade.

7. Parade vehicles must have a current insurance sticker. Stickers may be obtained from the Temple Recorder's Office upon proof of insurance.

8. Units must parade together in non-Shriner parades.

**Director** Davis (Cookie) Cooke Lady Suzan wenttiger69@yahoo.com Major Percy Livingston Lady Dale pliving51@yahoo.com

Captain Jason Bazen Lady Leigh jbazen@fsco.org

# **PARADES**

A Shrine Parade is a showcase to the public. It is a viable setting tool we have for the non-Shriner that creates an interest for him or his family to ask questions about the Shrine i.e.

#### What is the Shrine? What does it stand for? What good does the Shrine do?

When young men and their families ask these questions, it gives the Shriners an opportunity to explain what we are about. What we do not need to do is explain away some unacceptable or risqué action in a Shrine Parade; nor do we want to spend our few minutes with these potential Shriners explaining "drinking in public". We have observed paraders drinking beer or other alcoholic beverages in the assembly area prior to stepping off. The public observes us to! Surely, we can postpone drinking until a more appropriate time. In addition, many cities have ordinances prohibiting public display of such beverages and to do so makes us subject to arrest. Pieces of equipment placed in a parade should show the professional and fun side of Shrinedom. Exhibits suggesting nudity, (e.g., someone inside a bathtub nude from the waist up with water running over him) has been pulled repeatedly from Imperial Parades. Other distasteful entries may be a small structure built like an outhouse from which someone dressed in long underwear jumps put showing a catalog for toilet paper as he pulls at his flaps. Motorized units must remain aware when performing their acts that overall forward motion of the parade must be maintained or spectator interest will wane. Excessive backfiring or shooting blanks frightens small children and upsets their parents. Our parades are for our spectators and our endeavors should be to please them. We must strive to keep our parades clean, forward moving, enjoyable, entertaining, and safe and a positive selling tool to the potential Shriner and his family. Shrinedom is good clean fun with a lot of fellowship. Our humanitarian work to help the children in our hospitals and burn institutes is enviable. Let's keep our parades also enviable. If an accident occurs during a parade involving a Shrine vehicle, regardless of how trivial it may seem it must be reported to the Director of Uniform Units or his designee immediately. Every effort must be made to obtain names and addresses of any person who witnessed the accident.

### Dos and Don'ts in the Parade

### The Confederate Flag or any image thereof may not be displayed.

- 1. Parade areas will be designated and step off time indicated prior to any parade
- 2. Assembly time will be one (1) hour prior to step off time
- 3. Intervals of 40 paces between units are to be maintained constantly
- 4. Each unit will execute only one (1) salute
- 5. Unnecessary halting or delays are prohibited. Parade movements must be forward at all times. This applies to all types of units.
- 6. Absolutely no women, children, female impersonators or non-Shriners are allowed in any Shrine parade. The only exception is a nurse in uniform accompanying a Shrine Child.
- 7. Absolutely no drinking is allowed in any parade or during assembly.
- 8. No sirens or red lights are allowed.
- 9. Candy may be handed out curbside but must never be tossed into the crowd.
- 10. Units that are required to wear helmets MUST wear them.
- 11. Always uphold your Masonic and Shrine image.
- 12. All Unit Directors are required to maintain the proper pacing to avoid creating any gaps between units in the parade.
- 13. Any unit not prepared to step-off at their designated time will be moved to the rear of the parade.
- 14. National flags will always remain in an upright position during the parade.
- 15. Do not "Salaam" in a parade.
- 16. No demeaning displays, or discharge of firearms of any type, or other items that may be considered in poor taste are permitted.

# 2021 Parade Classification

Floats 1. Berkeley Shrine Club 2. Beachcombers 3. Chefs 4. Kingfishers 5. Dorchester Shrine Club 6. Jahab Shrine Club

> Wheeled Motorized Division A 1. Jets 2. Prowlers 3. Vetts

> Wheeled Motorized Division B 1. Dare Devils 2. Kool Katz 3. Drifters

4. Renegades

PARADE LINE UP

24. Volunteers 25. Vettes 26. G & W Shrine Club 27. Kingfishers 28. Drifters 29. Jokers **30. Indy Racers** 31. River Rats 32. Harley Riders 33. Goofy Golfers 34. Chefs 35. Daredevils 36. Dorchester Shrine Club 37. Harley Brigade 38. Renegrades 39. Santee Shrine Club 40. Pee Dee Shrine Club 41. Hillbillies

2 Wheel Units 1. Pedalers 2. Harley Brigade 3. Harley Riders

Service Units 1. Provost Guard 2. Director's Staff 3. Jolly Jeepsters 4. Ragtops 5. Safety Patrol

Marching Units 1. Color Guard 2. Oriental Band 3. VIP Escort

#### 1. Parade Marshal

2. Color Guard

**Character Units** 

1. Pirates

2. Hillbillies

3. Revenoors

4. Volunteers

5. River Rats

**Costume Units** 

1. Jazz Morticians

2. Goofy Golfers

3. Jailbirds

4. Ranglers

5. Cowboys

**Clown Units** 

1. Clowns

2. Jokers

- 3. VIP Escorts
- 4. Jolly Jeepsters
- 5. Ragtops
- 6. Fez Head
- 7. Berkeley Shrine Club
- 8. Beachcombers
- 9. Director's Staff
- 10. Myrtle Beach Shrine Club
- 11. Prowlers
- 12. Provost Guard
- 13. Kool Katz
- 14. Pedalers
- 15. Cowboys
- 16. Safety Patrol
- 17. Pirates
- 18. Jazz Morticians
- 19. Ranglers
- 20. Revenoors
- 21. Jets
- 22. Clowns
- 23. Jailbirds

# omar Doves Kids

# 2021 Kíds' Program

The 2021 Divan and Divan Ladies would like to offer the Nobility a Kids' Program option during 2021.

What is a Kids' Program? This program will be available for children 3yrs old and up. This is a way for the Divan to offer Nobles who have children, grandchildren, nieces, or nephews an opportunity to attend events with children activities available. This is a great way for children to meet other children, learn about the Shrine, and what their Fez wearing Super Heros do for the burned and crippled child.

Check the Omar Shrine Facebook page for information on events that will have a Kids' Program event (Temple Events, Ceremonials, & more).

Divan Sponsors: Wanda Ellis, Stefani Donald, & Jamie Garvin

Kids' Program Guides: Kendrea Sims, Logan Sims, Kelsey Sims, and Breana Butler.

Kid Program Pins & Shirts are available for purchase!

### The Infomar

The Infomar is the official newsletter of Omar Shrine. It is our goal to create and publish the Infomar bi monthly beginning in February.

In 2021 we will attempt to distribute the newsletter electronically to the best of our ability. The Nobles and Courtesy Members who have an email address on file in WebFez will receive their newsletter via email. The Infomar will also be uploaded to our website www.omarshriners.org.

If a Noble or Courtesy Member does not have an email address on file in WebFez or if you have notified the Omar Office you require a hard copy, we will mail a copy of the Infomar to the address you have on file.

If you have an email address on file and do not notify the office you require a hard copy, you will not receive one.

It is our goal to move the majority of our membership to an electronic version of the newsletter by the middle of 2021.

### How to Submit an Article:

Units and Clubs as well as individual Nobles are encouraged to submit articles and/or pictures for publication. We will also advertise your approved event in the Infomar. To submit articles and/ or pictures please adhere to the following guidelines:

- 1. All information must be emailed to *infomareditor@gmail.com*.
- 2. All articles must be typewritten.
- 3. All pictures must be in .jpeg format and emailed.
- 4. Deadlines for the upcoming newsletter will be published in each issue. Articles received after the deadline will be held for the next newsletter.
- 5. Should you have questions or need assistance, you may telephone Lady Mary .

# OMAR SHRINERS THE INTERNET

# How to log into Shriners' Village for the first time: http://www.shrinersvillage.com

1. Click on the link "Register Here"

2. Select Omar Temple from the list

3. Enter your member number and last name

4. Click "Verify your identity"

5. Enter information requested

6. Click "Create your account"

# How to log into Web Fez for the first time: http://webfez.shrinenet.org

Click on the link "Register"
 Select Omar Temple from the list
 Enter your member number and first and last name

 Click "Register"
 Enter information requested
 Click "Create your account"

Omar's website www.omarshriners.org

Please note email addresses for Omar Shrine Office Sharon—Accounting accounting@omarshriners.org Susie—Front Desk info@omarshriners.org Casey—Recorder recorder@omarshriners.org

If you are a Facebook user search for Omar Shriners

It is our goal in 2021 to move to electronic correspondence for our Nobles. If you have an email address on file and still require hard copy in the mail, you must notify the office.

