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POTENTATE'S CORNER

My Fellow Nobles and Ladies,

I hope and pray everyone is doing well. May we continue to pray for our Brothers and Sisters who are in harms way and those in need of the healing hands of God.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the Nobles and Ladies of Omar for a positive and exciting weekend at this year's installation. Installation weekend is about Omar Shrine Center and not about anyone in particular or about the Divan. It is obvious to me that you care and support Omar. As you can see, the Divan is just as excited and are ready for the challenges ahead. Many Clubs and Units shared in the expense of Installation weekend. For everyone that assisted in putting Installation weekend together, thank you from the bottom of our hearts. It would not have been possible without the ideas and assistance of the Nobles and Ladies.

The Organizational meeting on January 25, 2020, at Berkeley Shrine Club, was a good turnout for Omar. Again, thank you for your attendance and input. We were able to present this year's agenda, information and guidance to all Clubs and Units. The Divan will be traveling and sharing information and communication to you. We are very grateful to Berkeley Shrine Club and Hillbillies Outhouse 1 for the use of their facility and the great meal that was served.

The challenge is on for ceremonial in May. Let's bring no less than 100 candidates to the beach this year. Nobles, if we want our fraternity to be around for another 100 years, this is our time to make a difference and do our part now. Reach out to your friends, Brother Mason, family members, coworkers and invite them to Myrtle Beach in May. Get them excited. We promise a good time to be had by all.

In closing, Lady Missi and I thank you for everything you do and continue to do for our fraternity and philanthropy. We enjoy being with everyone and

having a good time.

Stay safe until we meet again, JJ and Missi





Check www.omarshriners.org for updates/deletions to calendar

February 29, 2020

Omar Prowlers Italian Night at Edisto Shrine Club Ladies' Auxiliary Pink Lodge at Pee Dee Shrine Club

March 2, 2020

Omar Renegades Raffle at El Bab Shrine Club

March 6, 2020

Wing Night and Karoke at Edisto Shrine Club

March 7, 2020 Omar Hillbilly Spring Fling at Omar Shrine Auditorium Omar Jazz Morticians Dance at Pee Dee Shrine Club

March 13-14, 2020

Annual Shriners Days at Shriners Hospital—Greenville

March 20-21, 2020

MBSC Smoke on the Beach at Burroughs Chapin Park Myrtle Beach, SC

March 27-28, 2020

SASA Spring Festival in Parkersburg, WV March 28, 2020

Corn Hole Tournament at Edisto Shrine Club Pedalers Party on the Waccamaw at Waccamaw Shrine Club VIP Escorts Sporting Clay and Trap Shoot At Partridge Creek Gun Club

April 1, 2020

Special Stated Meeting at Omar Shrine

April 18, 2020

Widows Luncheon at Edisto Shrine Club Harley Brigade Poker Run in Horry County April 22-25, 2020

South Carolina Grand Lodge at Omar Shrine

April 24-25, 2020

May 2, 2020
Omar Shrine Golf Tournament in Myrtle Beach
May 7, 2020 Hillbilly Outhouse 1st Annual Cook off in Moncks Corner

Stated Meeting of Omar Shrine in Myrtle Beach

May 8-9, 2020 Spring Ceremonial in Myrtle Beach

June 13, 2020

DSC Pea Supper at Dorchester Shrine Club

June 14, 2020 Charlie Miller Golf Tournament in Summerville

June 20, 2020 Daredevils Kayak and Fun Day at Riverrats Canoe Rentals

June 27, 2020

Hampton Watermelon Parade July 5-9, 2020 Imperial Session in Kansas City, KS

July 25, 2020 Luau at Edisto Shrine Club

August 1, 2020
Bike Rally and Run at Edisto Shrine Club
Gospel Show at Charleston Southern University

August 9, 2020 Seafood Festival at Omar Shrine





Omar Shrine lost the following Nobles to the Black Camel -October 2019 thru January 2020

Paul L. Tennes W. Stewart Powell, Jr. John H. Ackerman Richard L. Hatcher Archie Bernice Davis Bright O. Cooper, Jr. E. John Daugs, Esq. Stedman M. Granger George H. Haws

Joseph T. Spell Marion E. Cannon Billy C. Collins Dickran Mgdechian William J. Kneece Henry W. Beck Kenny B. Thomas Eugene Anderson



March 24 **Dorchester Shrine Club** March 25 Waccamaw Shrine Club

For additional information, please call the Omar Recorder at (843) 971-0131



Thoughts from the Chief Rabban

Nobles and Ladies of Omar,

It is with great humility that I thank each of you for placing your trust in me to serve as Chief Rabban for 2020. I congratulate each of the elected officers and consider myself fortunate to serve on Team 2020.

The units and clubs of Omar Shrine are a tremendous asset to our organization. If you are not an active member of a unit and/or club of Omar, I encourage each of you to get involved. Each unit and club offer nobles and ladies a unique experience in their Shrine life. There is something for everyone. If you or your lady need assistance in locating a unit or club, please do not hesitate to contact the Omar Office.

Membership is a vital part of Omar Shrine. As we move into 2020 our numbers are declining once again. Please take a moment and think of your friends, family and acquaintances to make sure each one has been offered the unique opportunity to be a Shriner.

At the Omar Organizational Meeting, we presented financial figures for Omar Shrine. If you did not attend and would like to discuss of this presentation, please contact the Omar Office. Now is the time to prepare Omar for the future.

Lady Wanda and I will be traveling to as many functions as possible this year and look forward to visiting with each of you.

As I close, I again thank each of you for affording me the opportunity to serve Omar Shriners as Chief Rabban in 2020. If Lady Wanda or I can be of any assistance to you or your lady, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours in The Faith, Buddy



Sanctioned by Southern BBQ Network

Annual Shriner Days at Greenville Hospital



All events held at Shriners Hospitals for Children — Greenville	Hotels in Greenville, SC
Friday, March 13, 2020	Hyatt
6:00 - 8:00 p.m.	220 N Main St, Greenville, SC 29601
Welcome Reception	(864) 235-1234 greenville.hyatt.com/en/hotel/home.html
Heavy hors d'oeuvres will be served	
	Marriott
Saturday, March 14, 2020	50 W Broad St, Greenville, SC 29601 (864) 451-5700
9:00 – 10:30 a.m. Annual Program	www.marriottcourtyardgreenville.com
The Greenville Shriners Hospital is home to the largest team of pediatric orthopaedic surgeons in the Carolinas. Hear from one of our expert	Drury Inn and Suites 10 Carolina Point Pkwy, Greenville, SC 2960 (864) 288-4401
physicians about our Hip Disorders program, receive an update regarding the hospital's success, and meet some of the patients whose lives have been changed by your fundraising efforts.	www.druryhotels.com
been changed by your fundraising efforts.	Embassy Suites
10:30 a.m.	670 Verdae Blvd, Greenville, SC 29607 (864) 676-9090
Tour	embassysuites3.hilton.com
Learn first-hand from Department Leaders about the Prosthetics and	
Orthotics department, Motion Analysis Center, Operating Room and Rehabilitation department, as well as visit other points of interest.	Westin Poinsett 120 S Main St, Greenville, SC 29601 (864) 421-9700
Following the tour, Annual Shriner Days concludes and lunch is served	www.westinpoinsettgreenville.com
Registration for Annual Shriner Days at the Greenville Shriners Hospital	Shriners Hospitals for Children'— Greenville
March 13 - 14, 2020	▼
Please return this form with your payment included by February 28	Attention: Chris Stahl 950 West Faris Road Greenville, SC 29605
Each person attending must register and pay a registration fee of: \$20 for both days (includes Friday reception and Saturday lunch)	I would like to attend:
OR \$10 for Saturday only (includes lunch)	□ Friday and Saturday
Please make checks payable to the Greenville Shriners Hospital	□ Saturday only



Visions of the Assistant Rabban

Nobles.

Want to start out with its true honor and a blessing to represent each and every Noble and serve as your Assistant Rabban for the Ensuing year of 2020 for Omar Shrine Temple. Also want to say Thank you to all who have supported myself on this journey and look forward to doing my best and will continue to work for the Nobility, Omar Shrine Temple and Shriners Hospitals for Children. Looking forward to an exciting year under great Leadership of Illustrious Sir JJ and Lady Missi Cruz and I would like to send them a heartfelt Congratulations. Also would like to Congratulate Illustrious Sir Mark Murray and Lady Jimmy Kaye on their great year and thank both of them on the great Leadership as well for 2019 and wish them well in their next endeavors.

With moving forward the year has jumped out to a great start with a great Installation weekend, followed up with a great trip to the East West Shrine Bowl in St. Pete's Beach FL. Omar Shrine Temple was well represented at the Tailgate Party and game with a total of 25 Nobles and Ladies in attendance whom all work diligently to ensure the Tailgate party was a success. The Bar-B-Que Competition headed by Noble Kevin Merritt was a huge success and a vital part of the Tailgate party. This allowed Omar Shrine Temple to make a substantial donation on behalf of all the units and clubs who donated money for this to Shriners Hospital for Children. Personally I would like to Thank the following Units who donated funds to support the East West Shrine Bowl Tailgate Party, Dorchester Shrine Club, VIP's, Myrtle Beach Shrine Club, Wranglers, Berkeley Shrine Club, Beachcombers, Edisto Shrine Club, Safety Patrol, Cowboys, Drifters, and Harley Brigade. With the support of the clubs and units Omar Shrine was able to make an impact in this event and not cost Shriners Hospitals for Children any money and actually allowed them to receive a donation from the event.

Want to close with hope everyone is having a great year and look forward to seeing everyone out and about working and raising money, but most importantly I hope everyone is doing so and having fun while doing so. Lady Jamie and I look forward to seeing each and every one of you at the many events this year. We have a busy schedule planned out and are planning on being to as many functions as we can stretch to along with all the other Divan members. Want each and every one to know that the Divan is here to work for the Nobility and Omar Temple and ready to support every club and unit, if a question is in the air please do not hesitate to contact myself or any other member. We will get you an answer even if it's not the one you may want to hear, but it will be the truth and will all work to make **Omar better tomorrow then it is today.**

James H. Garvin (Andy) Assistant Rabban Omar Shrine Temple



Daughters of the Nile was founded in 1913 and is open to ladies 18 years of age or older, who are related by birth or marriage to a Shriner, Master Mason, or Daughter of the Nile; or a Majority Member in Good Standing of a Masonic-related organization for girls; or who was a patient, with or without Shrine or Masonic relationship, at a Shriners Hospitals for Children.

With 24,000 members in 137 cities across the country, the Daughters of the Nile are devoted to supporting Shriners Hospitals for Children® through a variety of

fundraising activities. In fact, this dynamic group of women has donated more than \$45 million dollars to the hospitals. Volunteers also sew quilts, dolls, surgery gowns and more for patients in the hospitals.

Omar Shrine is proud of their association with Milcah Temple No. 77, Daughters of the Nile who hold their regular meetings at the Omar Shrine auditorium.

As a reminder March 15th is the open installation for the 2020 Officers of Milcah Temple No. 77.

For information on Milcah Temple No. 77 you may contact Princess Gladys Burnette (843)607-1076 or any member of Milcah Temple No. 77.

2020 Fundraising for Milcah Temple No. 77 All proceeds benefit Shriners Hospitals for Children

Nativity Scene

Tickets \$10.00 each or 3 tickets for \$20.00

Drawing to be held December, 2020

Contact any member for tickets

Smiley Face Banks

\$20.00 each

Contact any member to purchase a bank







Spring Ceremonial Omar Shriners - Myrtie Beach, SC May 8-9, 2020 Headquarters Hotel: Crown Reef

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A stated meeting of Omar Shriners will be held at Crown Reef Resort, 2918 South Ocean Blvd., Myrtle Beach, South Carolina at seven o'clock in the evening on Thursday May 7, 2020 for passing on petitions for membership. No other business will be conducted. Petitions for membership acted on at this meeting and candidates elected will be eligible to be initiated at the Spring Ceremonial on May 8-9, 2020.

Article 23: Temple Membership

323.5 Balloting

- (a) Favorable: Subsequent to a report on a candidates' petition, paper ballots shall be distributed, marked, collected and counted in the presence of the Nobility. If a majority of the ballots are favorable, the candidate is elected to temple membership subject to initiation. If a majority of the ballots are unfavorable or if the votes are evenly divided, the candidate is rejected. The presiding officer may call for a collective ballot.
- (b) Written Objection: A written objection, signed by at least 3 members of the temple in good standing, presented to the Potentate or Recorder prior to the time balloting is commenced, has the same effect as an adverse ballot.
- (c) Written Objection Deadline: In temples where written notice of all candidate's petitions has been mailed to the members, not less than one week before the date set for the balloting, any written objection provided for in the subsection (b) must be received by the Potentate or Recorder at least 48 hours before the time specified in the notice for balloting.
- (d) Finality: After the balloting is completed and the candidates are declared elected and notified, no objection made thereafter with respect to the candidates may be considered unless ordered by vote of the temple.
- (e) Reapplication: A rejected candidate may not apply again for 13 weeks.

Attest:

Casey Van Faussien Recorder





Joseph J. (JJ) Cruz





From the Desk of the High Priest & Prophet

First and foremost I cannot thank each and every one of you for your trust and support in myself for the office of High Priest and Prophet for 2020. The installation weekend was a fun filled weekend for every one that attended and an installation that will always be remembered. Congratulations to Illustrious Sir JJ Cruz to his position as Potentate and all other Divan members on their selection. Also want to let everyone know I look forward to continuing to work with the Divan in the following years to ensure we have the most productive years to

come for Omar. This first quarter is full of club and unit events and Lady Stefani and I are looking forward to attending as many as possible. If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at any time. #10mar

Fraternally Yours,
Michael Donald
High Priest & Prophet



A special called stated meeting of Omar Shriners will be held at Omar Shrine Center, 176 Patriots Point Mt. Pleasant, South Carolina on April 1st, 2020 at 7 o'clock in the evening for the reading and discussion of a resolution to the Omar Shriners By-Laws.

No other business will be conducted at this meeting.

Attest

Casey Van Faussien Recorder Joseph J. Cruz Potentate

OMAR SHRINE



G3 Model 1610 Boat with 70 HP YAMAHA MOTOR Coastal Marine, Myrtle Beach, SC

RAFFLE \$5 EACH or 5 for \$20

Tickets good for both drawings first winning ticket gets choice.

Drawing will be Saturday, Nov. 14th, 2020

All proceeds benefit OMAR SHRINE & are not tax deductible.

MT. PLEASANT



Kubota Sidekick RTV-XG850 (by Kubota Tractor Corp.) Tyler Equipment, Conway, SC

To reserve the boat or sidekick for your event.... Contact (Boat) Sputnik Altman (843) 833-9257 (Sidekick) Willie Doc Dyches (803) 300-2910

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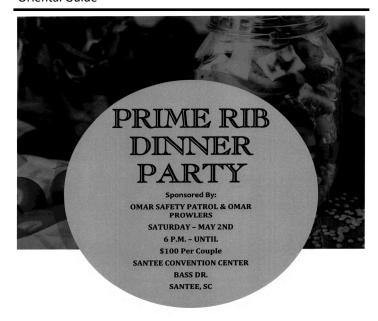
Inspirations from the Oriental Guide...



Nobles, I just want to take a moment to say thank you. I am truly honored and humbled to have been elected Oriental Guide. I appreciate your trust in me. Andrea and I are excited about this new opportunity to serve our fraternity and philanthropy. I know that together we can make Omar a better temple and continue

the outstanding work supporting Shriners Hospitals for Children. I have had the opportunity to visit many clubs and units over the last 24 months and have made many new friends. I can assure all of you that we are strong at our core. I believe that with teamwork we can achieve even more. We should look to partner with other units or clubs to make all of our events even better. We all have to look for different ideas and approaches to ensure that our organization flourishes, as the status quo will not advance our cause. Andrea and I look forward to working with all of you and your ladies this upcoming year. We know that it will be exciting, challenging, hard and fun, but most of all rewarding. If I can be of any assistance please call me at 843-200-7520 or email at k.skipper@yahoo.com . "ALONE WE CAN DO SO LITTLE, TOGETHER WE CAN DO SO MUCH."

Fraternally, Kenny Skipper Oriental Guide



Cash Drawings & Wagon, Gun, 50/50, T.V Raffles & Open Bar
Proceeds are for the benefit of Omar Safety Patrol & Prowlers and are not tax deductible

Contact Jim Gates (803) 682-2080 or Sammie Reeves (843) 563-1005 or Ernest Jackson (843) 200-4798 or Marion Mizzell (843) 636-1553

** Contact any Omar Prowler Member or Omar Safety Patrol Member for tickets**





Fellow Nobles and Ladies,

As we begin 2020 I would like to congratulate the newly elected officers. I look forward to working with each of you for the success of Omar Temple and our great Philanthropy. I am grateful to each of you for your support and trust as I will work hard and do my best to live up to the obligation of my office as Treasurer.

Being Treasurer, it is my duty to make sure that all financial policies of the Imperial By-Laws and Omar Temple are adhered to. With that being said, a reminder that all financial reports for all units and clubs were due to the Temple February 15, 2020 including a copy of December 2019 and January 2020 bank statements. If you have not turned in your financial reports, please do so immediately. As discussed during the 2020 Organization meeting, I am asking for everyone's help in getting these reports turned in on time and filled out correctly. During a recent review, I am finding that it is costing us \$3000 to \$4000 annually in additional accounting fees due to late and incorrect reporting.

I hope everyone gained knowledge from the presentation presented during the 2020 Organizational meeting. Please be sure to reach out to your Unit or Club representative for more details as we look forward to hearing from the nobility and welcome your feedback and ideas.

Should you have any questions or are having difficulty with your reports, please do not hesitate to contact me at treasurer@omarshriners.org or (843) 209-0957.

Again, I am grateful for your trust. Lady Tammy and I look forward to seeing you soon.

Fraternally yours, Ricky Lewis Treasurer





Ramblings from the Recorder

Welcome to 2020!! I am honored to be your Recorder and I thank each of you for your support. We are going to have a great Shrine year. We started off the year with the East-West Shrine Bowl game in St.

Petersburg, FL; your Temple oversaw the food and drinks for the tailgating party prior to the game. All those that went worked hard and made money, from donations, for our hospitals. Our organizational meeting was a success, with quite a bit of information delivered to our Nobility. I would like to thank Berkeley Shrine Club for hosting and for the really good meal prepared by Hillbilly Outhouse # 1. We had a real good showing at the Boone Hall Oyster Festival, many clubs and units were represented, and we sold a ton of boat/Kubota tickets.

If you have not paid your 2020 dues, please remember to pay them soon. Please get your 2020 club and unit officer lists in; even if your officers did not change from last year, we need to update our records. Our clubs and units have a lot of events planned in the next few months; check out our website, www.omarshriners.org, for the calendar. Keep sending your events in and as soon as they are approved, we will get them posted. If there is anything, I can help you with please contact me

Fraternally yours,

Casey



OPEN BAR—PRIME RIB DINNER FOR 2 RAFFLES****RAFFLES****RAFFLES

\$6,000.00 IN CASH PRIZES

1ST PRIZE \$2500.00

2ND PRIZE \$1500.00

3RD PRIZE \$1000.00

LIVE BAND

COCKTAILS AT 6PM

DINNER AT 7PM
PARTY 8PM UNTIL
CONTACT C.A. GATLIN FOR TICKETS
(843) 747-6837 OR (843) 696-3182
ALL CLAN 82 HILLBILLIES HAVE TICKETS

Omar \$20,000.00 Giveaway for 2020



DRAWING TO BE HELD MAY 9, 2020

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 PLACE \$ 100.00 EACH

DONATION: \$100.00 PER TICKET

CONTACT JIMMY DAY, PP FOR TICKETS

(843) 365-5127 or

(843) 458-7732

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.







We are honored and humbled by your service and wish to identify you within the ranks of Omar Shrine. This applies to both men and women who served our country. Please take a moment and fill out the form below and return to us so that we know who you are! Again we thank you for your service.

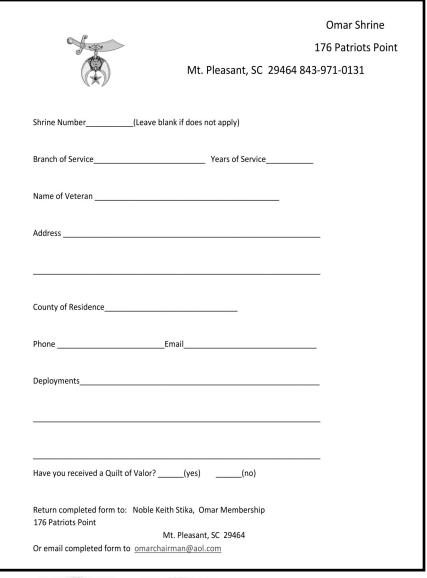
Proper Salute of the American Flag

SEC. 595. MILITARY SALUTE FOR THE FLAG DURING THE NATIONAL ANTHEM BY MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES NOT IN UNIFORM AND BY VETERANS.

Section 301(b)(1) of title 36, United States Code, is amended by striking subparagraphs (A) through (C) and inserting the following new subparagraphs:

- (A) individuals in uniform should give the military salute at the first note of the anthem and maintain that position until the last note
- (B) members of the Armed Forces and veterans who are present but not in uniform may render the military salute in the manner provided for individuals in uniform; and
- (C) all other persons present should face the flag and stand at attention with their right hand over the heart, and men not in uniform, if applicable, should remove their headdress with their right hand and hold it at the left shoulder, the hand being over the heart;

Note: Part (C) applies to those not in the military and non-veterans. The phrase "men not in uniform" refers to civil service uniforms like police, fire fighters, and letter carriers - non-veteran civil servants who might normally render a salute while in uniform.











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Attest

Casey Van Faussien Recorder

Joseph J. Cruz Potentate