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## Potentate's Corner

Nobles and Ladies,

As we move towards the end of the fourth quarter, Omar's Homecoming Ceremonial is on the horizon, scheduled for December 2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>. We hope you will join us, as there is a full weekend planned for Omar. Please see included ceremonial schedule. Also, please note that we will be participating in Hanahan's Christmas parade Saturday morning, December 4<sup>th</sup>. This is always a GREAT civic parade! Omar is scheduled to line-up at 9AM and step-off at 10AM. Please contact Noble Percy Livingston @ (843) 729-7706 for additional information.

Our Nobles, Ladies, and your Divan have been working hard following a difficult pandemic year. The Units and Clubs are getting back into the swing of things, having fun and working on their projects. It is awesome to see our Nobles and Ladies getting back together, spending time with their friends, while working for our great fraternity and philanthropy.

SASA was a great success, and Omar was well represented by its units and clubs in the parade, taking home many awards. Congratulations to all! We hope each of you were able to attend and enjoyed the festivities. Also, congratulations to one of our own, Illustrious Sir Ralph Calhoun, PP, who was sworn in as SASA President for the upcoming year.

As a reminder, the winning tickets for the Vehicle Program's Kubota Sidekick and Zero Turn mower will be drawn Homecoming weekend. Also, the 20K Giveaway will be drawn too. We thank each of you who have participated and helped with these fundraisers.

Omar's gun raffle is underway! Please help support your Temple and participate, as this helps pay our future bills. This will be drawn on January 7, 2022, Awards night. Please call the Omar Office @ (843) 971-0131 to get your tickets.

Thank you all for your hard work this year. As we get back to normal, having fun and working hard, please do your utmost to remain healthy and safe.

In closing, we wish you and yours a blessed holiday season!

Yours in the faith,

Buddy and Wanda





## Ramblings from the Recorder

Nobles,

It has been a busy Summer for Omar!! In July, your Divan attended the Imperial Session in Houston, TX. There were several significant changes proposed to the Imperial Bylaws that were all defeated. The first of these was the proposal to eliminate the prerequisite of being a Mason to become a Shriner. The supporters of this change believe that our membership would increase significantly without this prerequisite. Being a Mason is a part of the foundation of our Fraternity as Nobles, it is our brand, it is what makes us different from other fraternal organizations. The second significant bylaw change proposal was to form a Virtual Temple through Shriners International. An individual could become a Shriner through Shriners International without any ties to an actual Temple. If this occurred, they would not be supporting the local Temples, Clubs, and Units; but they would be a Shriner. The last bylaw change that I will cover was the proposal to increase the per Capita that we pay to Shriners International. They purposed increasing this by \$20 per member. We pay \$30 per member currently from your annual dues. If this had passed, it would have been effective immediately; this would have left Omar with only \$10 per member to operate the Omar Temple office.

On September 11, we had a Special meeting regarding the possibility of the sale of the property at 176 Patriots Point. The Nobility spoke loud and clear, by a vote of 185 – 69, no sale. What does this mean for Omar? We, the Divan, and our Nobility must work together to produce a solution of our financial difficulties. We must act quickly, but prudently, developing a plan for now and the future. If we work together as a team, we can give Omar a stable, financial future.

We had a great Charlie Miller Golf Tournament with a record number of teams participating; Noble John Murphy and his committee did an excellent job. Kudos to Oriental Guide Kevin Wadford, who worked is a\*\* off to make the first Omar Sports Banquet a total success!!

Omar was well represented at SASA with several, several of our units bringing home trophies from the parade!! There was a large crowd on non-Shriners enjoying the parade. If you were not able to attend this year, make plans to come next fall.

Big event coming up for Omar in November!! The Shriners Children’s Charleston Classic basketball tournament will be held Thursday, Nov. 18, Friday, Nov. 19, and Sunday, Nov. 21 at the TD Arena. On Saturday, Nov. 20, Omar will be hosting the Tip-Off Dinner at the Shrine Center. Tickets are \$100 per person and must be purchased online at: [www.whollyticket.com](http://www.whollyticket.com)

A reminder to our Clubs and Units, officer elections are to be held in October for the ensuing year of 2022. The newly elected officers go into office in January. Please send me your new officers’ information as soon as possible.

If you have any questions, concerns, or if there is anything I can help you with, please let me know. I am here to serve the Nobility.

YITF,

Casey





**STATED MEETING OF OMAR SHRINERS  
 HOMECOMING CEREMONIAL  
 DECEMBER 2-5, 2021  
 OMAR SHRINE - MT. PLEASANT**



A Stated Meeting of Omar Shriners will be held at Omar Shrine, 176 Patriots Point, Mt. Pleasant, South Carolina on Thursday, December 3rd, 2021 at six o'clock in the evening for passing on petitions for membership and any other business that may rightly be brought before the assembly. Petitions for membership acted on at this meeting and candidates elected will be eligible for initiation at the Homecoming Ceremonial, December 4th through 6th, 2021.

**Article 23: Temple Membership**

**323.5 Balloting**

Favorable: Subsequent to a report on a candidate's 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.

- (a) Written Objection: A written objection, signed by at least three 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.
- (b) 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 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.
- (c) 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.
- (d) Reapplication: A rejected candidate may not apply again for 13 weeks.

Gordon (Buddy) Ellis III  
 Illustrious Potentate

Attest  
 Casey VanFaussien  
 Recorder





**2021 Omar Homecoming Ceremonial  
 Illustrious Sir Gordon M. Ellis, III and First Lady Wanda  
 Mt. Pleasant, South Carolina  
 December 2<sup>nd</sup> – December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

**Thursday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2021**

3:00 PM Check in Comfort Inn Suites (Headquarters) Mt. Pleasant, SC  
 6:00 PM Stated Meeting at Omar Shrine Temple

**Friday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2021**

1:00 PM-2:00 PM Candidates and their Ladies check in with Recorder, Fez Sizing, Medical Staff and Directors Staff (Omar Shrine Temple)  
 1:00 PM-4:00 PM Registration at Omar Shrine Temple - **\$20 each** or **\$40/couple** for wristbands are good for Friday & Saturday. Candidates and their Ladies are Free.  
 3:30 PM-4:00PM Master of Ceremonies- Dennis Weaver, opens and welcomes assembly  
 Prayer by Chaplin – Charles Taylor  
 Pledge by Director of Uniform Units – Percy Livingston  
 Introduction of guests, Past Potentates, and their Ladies, Divan and their Ladies  
 Purge Hall  
 4:00 PM-5:00 PM First Session – Ill Sirs, Randy Harley & Mike Horne  
 4:00 PM-5:00 PM Mentoring Session for candidates’ Ladies (Black & White Room Omar Shrine)  
 7:00 – 11:30 Music & Hospitality

**Saturday, December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

7:30 AM Omar Novices report to Omar Directors Staff for further instructions and turn money into Chief Aide Robert Connolly  
 9:00 AM Line-up parade - Hanahan, SC (Hanahan High School Murray Blvd.)  
 10:00 AM Parade step-off – Hanahan, South Carolina  
 1:00 PM Ladies Luncheon- Omar Restaurant  
 1:00 PM Lunch for Novices and Nobles: Novices free, **Nobles \$5.00 each**

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 Illustrious Sir Gordon M. Ellis, III and First Lady Wanda  
 Mt. Pleasant, South Carolina  
 December 2<sup>nd</sup> – December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

|                  |  |
|------------------|--|
| 2:30 PM          | Master of Ceremonies- Dennis Weaver, opens program at Omar Shrine Temple<br>Color Guard presents Colors<br>Pledge Allegiance, Director of Uniform Units – Noble Percy Livingston<br>Retire the Colors – Color Guard<br>Memorial Service: Noble Charles Taylor<br>Check Presentations: “Dig for Dough” – “Adopt A Brother”<br>Presentation of Awards<br>Second Session – Directors Staff, Royal Arch Degree |
| 6:00 PM-7:00 PM  | Hospitality opens (Attire Casual) – Omar Shrine Temple<br><b>Drawings for ATV, Lawnmower, &amp; 20k</b>  |
| 7:00 PM          | Bar Closes   |
| 7:00 PM-8:00 PM  | Master of Ceremonies- Dennis Weaver, introduces special guests, Past Potentates<br>and their Ladies, Divan and their Ladies<br>Presentation of Parade Trophies<br>Present New Nobles<br>Rose Ceremony<br>Class Picture   |
| 8:00 PM-12:00 AM | Music & Hospitality (Bar Re-opens)   |

**Sunday, December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

|          |   |
|----------|---|
| 9:00 AM  | Worship Service – Officiated by Chaplin Noble Charles Taylor, Omar Temple |
| 10:00 AM | Safe Travels to your home destinations                                    |





**Following Hanahan  
Christmas Parade,  
Located in the Omar  
Shrine Center**

**176 Patriots Point  
Mt. Pleasant, SC  
29464**

**Rose Room &  
Restaurant area**

**SOUP &  
SANDWICHES**

**\$20 per Lady**

**Kids' menu, plus arts  
& crafts for the  
children**

**Children attend FREE**

**Omar Shriners' Homecoming Ceremonial  
Ladies' & Children's DROP-IN  
Saturday, December 4<sup>th</sup>, approximately 1pm-2:30pm**



***Additional information***

**Casual. Come as you are.  
Relax. Enjoy yourself. Welcome  
our new candidates' ladies. Say  
hello to friends you may not  
have seen in a while.**

**Please RSVP, mail check by  
November 22<sup>nd</sup> to:  
Lady Frances LeGette  
4217 S HWY 41A,  
Marion, SC 295718  
843.229.1766 cell 843.362.2889 home  
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**Candidates' Ladies' meals are complimentary.**



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MEMBER  
 ORAK SHRINERS  
 MICHIGAN CITY, INDIANA

MEMORANDUM

TO: Temple Divan Officers

FROM: William S. "Bill" Bailey, Imperial Potentate

DATE: October 1, 2021

SUBJECT: Positive Uplifting Ceremonials

The Shrine Directors Association's role is probably more important today than it has been at any time over the last 25 years, as there are more challenges today in attracting new members than ever before.

We recently met with the leaders of the Shrine Directors Association regarding concerns about hazing. It is vital for all Nobles to understand that ANY type of hazing; physical hazing, mental hazing or any activity causing any member public embarrassment violates both state and Shrine law.

The Shrine Directors Association will continue their ongoing efforts to exclude improper hazing activities and/or stunts. They will also promote the Arch Degree, the Knickerbocker Degree, team building, and new and unique activities to all of the events surrounding the creation of a new Noble, including the participation of his family. As we bring new and younger members into the Shrine with the hope and expectation that they will involve their families in our activities, it becomes even more important that the ceremonial experience is positive, uplifting, and memorable.

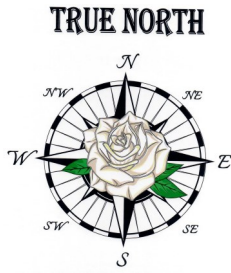
We encourage all temples to embrace the Association's efforts for encouraging the newly created Nobles to immediately become enthusiastic and engaged. We also believe that by providing a new and positive ceremonial experience, temples will abandon "hazing practices and/or stunts" that are actually prohibited by law in the vast majority of states.

While the Shrine Directors Association continues to work to strongly discourage the practice of hazing, they do not have the power or authority to impose discipline or to otherwise prohibit the practice at each temple. **Therefore, the Imperial Divan will stand shoulder to shoulder with the Shrine Directors Association's efforts to properly enforce the prohibition upon such practices.**

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

WSB:JCP:alc





*Milcah Temple No. 77 welcomed Supreme Queen Donna Kramer for her Official Visit on November 13th.*

*A ceremonial was held and 10 new princesses were initiated into Daughters of the Nile.*



## Milcah's Clubs

Milcah Temple No. 77 is proud of its clubs that are able to reach members who are not able to come to Session each month.

Ladies, consider visiting one of the clubs for fellowship and fun.

Delta Nile is located in Florence, SC

River Nile is located in Orangeburg, SC

Magnolia Nile is located in Summerville and Moncks Corner, SC

It is always fun to get together, share stories and learn about our wonderful order.

For information on any of our clubs, please contact Queen Kim Stone or Princess Recorder Theresa McKnight Strickland, PQ.



# 75th Anniversary

of

## Milcah Temple #77

**Date; February 5, 2022**

at

**Berkeley Shrine Club**

**Door opens at 6:00 pm**

**Dinner served at 7:00 pm**



## Membership Matters

Daughters of the Nile was founded in 1931 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 relations, at a Shiners Hospital for Children.

# 2022 CANDIDATE RICHARD JORDAN (RICKY)

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## Masonic Background

**Raised in Horry County Lodge 381 in - 1977**

**Senior Warden Horry County Lodge 381 - 2021**

## Shrine Experience

**Member Omar Shrine joined 1977**

**Charter Member Omar Pedalers**

**Member Omar Harley Brigade since 2007**

**President Omar Harley Brigade 2015**

**Treasurer Omar Harley Brigade 2018— Present**

**Member Waccamaw Shrine Club**

**President Waccamaw Shrine Club 2018 – 2019**

**Member Myrtle Beach Shrine Club**

**Board Member Myrtle Beach Shrine Club  
2018—Present**

## Other Organizations

**Joined Scottish Rite In 1977**

## Business Experience

**Owner**

**Shoreline Building, Inc.**

**1990 to present**

## Family

**Two Children and five grandchildren**



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# Notice of Stated Meeting and Election of Officers



Be it known that a Regular Stated Meeting of Omar Shriners is called for the purpose of electing officers for the year 2022 and any business that may rightly come before the membership.

The meeting will be held on Saturday, January 8th, 2022 at 176 Patriots Point, Mt. Pleasant, South Carolina. The Stated Meeting and Elections will begin promptly at 10:00 AM. A current 2022 Dues Card is required for admission.

Officers to be elected:

Potentate, Chief Rabban, Assistant Rabban, High Priest and Prophet, Oriental Guide, Treasurer, Recorder, Four (4) Representatives to Shriners International, Two (2) Representatives to South Atlantic Shrine Association (SASA).

Electioneering: A candidate for an elected office in a Shrine Temple may print, publish and circulate during the year he is seeking the elected office a resume consisting of his educational background, vocational history and his masonic and shrine record, except as provided by the prior sentence, the printing, publication, circulating or distribution of resolutions, letters, telegrams, tickets, email or other devices by a noble or a group of nobles suggesting, recommending, opposing or containing the name of proposed candidates for office in the temple is prohibited. The expenditure of money for gifts, favors or entertainment on behalf of a candidate for elected office is prohibited. For violation of the above, the Imperial Potentate may suspend any offending noble and he may declare the election of officers void and order a new election.

This notice of annual meeting and election is being sent to each member of Omar Shriners as directed by the Recorder of Omar Shriners.

Fraternally  
Gordon (Buddy) Ellis III  
Illustrious Potentate

Attest  
Casey VanFaussien  
Recorder





*Omar Shrine is proud to be a part of the Quilts of Valor Program to honor our Veterans!*

*Thank you for your service!*





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- Andy Garvin, Chief Rabban- 843-475-4697
- Charles "Sputnic" Altman- 843-833-9257
- Stuart "Tin Man" Rawls- 843-877-0126





# In Memory Of....



*We do not lose the ones we love, they only go before us  
They find everlasting life, where sorrow is no more...  
The soul will always live, and peace is everywhere*

DONALD T. MASSALON

HENDRIX L. SNELGROVE

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WILLIAM J. BODIFORD

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*Drawing January 7, 2022 at the Awards Program*

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**to get your ticket**



Omar's Fall Golf Tournament, originally scheduled for Sunday, November 7th, has been rescheduled due to rain, The new date is Sunday, December 19, 2021. Contact John Murphy for additional information (843) 670-0161,

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**REGISTRATION**

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Captain: \_\_\_\_\_ Team Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Golfer 1: \_\_\_\_\_

Golfer 2: \_\_\_\_\_

Golfer 3: \_\_\_\_\_

Golfer 4: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Sponsorship Deadline: NOW**

Please make checks payable to Omar Golf Tournament and mail with completed application to: John Murphy, 247 Savannah Round, Summerville, SC 29485

For more information, please contact:  
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Marion Mizzell (843-636-1553)  
or John Murphy (843-670-0161)

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