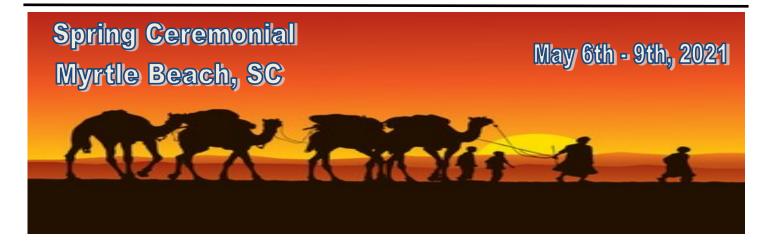




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A Stated Meeting of Omar Shriners will be held at Crown Reef Resort, 2913 S Ocean Blvd, Myrtle Beach, SC in the Convention Center on Thursday, May 6th, 2021 at six o'clock in the evening for passing on petitions for membership. No other business will be conducted. Petitions for membership acted on at this meeting and candidates elected will be eligible for initiation at the Spring Ceremonial, May 6th—9th, 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 lease 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.

Attest:

Casey Van Faussien Recorder Gordon (Buddy) Ellis III Potentate



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Potentate's Corner



Greetings Fellow Nobles & Ladies.

Wanda and I are humbled and honored to serve as Potentate and First Lady of Omar Shriners for 2021, and wish to thank you once again for this tremendous

privilege.

We pray each of you are well and safe as we move forward through these unprecedented, challenging times. While nothing ever remains the same, together we will continue to build upon our experiences as we continue developing a strong and unified fraternal and philanthropic Temple. Our office staff is back to regular hours and our Divan is willing and ready to assist you as needed.

Lady Wanda and I have enjoyed attending the events planned by our units and clubs, and appreciate the support given in 2021. We look forward to attending many other events throughout the year. We are here for you, and offer our support to all Nobles, Ladies, units and clubs. Please do not hesitate to contact us should you need any assistance whatsoever.

The 2021 Divan and Staff have planned an exciting Spring Ceremonial & Nobility Ball with many fun events. We hope you will make your plans to attend, as we are excited and looking forward to some fun and fellowship in the sun at the beach!

Fraternally,

Buddy & Wanda Ellis







Ramblings from the Recorder

Nobles,

When I first announced in 2018 that I was a candidate for Recorder, one position I stated was going to be a voice for our Nobility and keep our Nobility informed. I believe I have that duty to each of you and I intend to be honest with each and everyone of you. If you have questions and I do not know the answer, I will do my best to find the answer. That being said I feel it is my duty to

address issues that are facing Omar and our Nobility.

Last year, the Divan, began having meetings with our Nobility trying to demonstrate the state of our financial situation. We began the process of changing our by-laws to increase our dues. Our dues have not been increased in approximately 20 years, the Omar portion of \$44.00 is insufficient to cover the cost of operating the Omar Shrine. We met with resistance to our proposal and were asked to provide leadership by our Nobility. A suggestion was made to get an appraisal of the Omar property, which we had completed. The appraisal of the property is \$8.7 million. An advisement committee was formed and given the task of reviewing the appraisal and looking at options. The advisement committee returned with the recommendation to sell the property. After much discussion, the Divan decided to move forward with the recommendation. The appropriate first step was for the Divan to vote on whether to sell the property; the motion to sell the property was approved. Although the Divan voted to sell, it does not mean that the property will be sold. *Ultimately, the property cannot be sold without the vote of the Nobility and Imperial's approval.* The property is being marketed by CBRE of Mount Pleasant, we will be receiving bids in June 2021. There is no cost to Omar from CBRE unless the Nobility votes to sell the property; and then the cost will only be their commission. I realize that my providing this information to you, our Nobility, will result in many questions and concerns but I believe that we should be as transparent as possible. I will repeat that only by the vote of the Nobility can the property be sold.

We, as Shriners, are here to work for our philanthropy, Shriners Hospitals for Children. While we work for our children, we must be diligent in insuring that we keep fraternal and charitable fundraising separate. What was once an accepted practice, apparently, is no longer the case. We are under constant scrutiny from Imperial, the public, and even our fellow Nobles. We must work with each other, not against. We are working for the same goal, the betterment of our Shriners Hospitals for Children. The following is from the Shriners' Creed; as individuals we pledge ourselves to integrity, virtue, and nobility of character. Our intentions will be honorable, our relations will be trustworthy and our spirits forgiving of each other. As brothers we offer each other fraternal affection and respect. Together we will support each other in adherence to this creed, so that we and our communities will be the better because of our fraternity and its principles. I include this because I believe that we need to help each other to conform to the policies and procedures that must follow.

Last year in the middle of the pandemic your Temple needed your support more than ever before; each one of you responded tremendously. We came together and raised money that enabled the Temple to continue functioning. We have had a couple of very good fundraisers, the Bring on Spring Golf Tournament and the St. Patrick's Day Party were successful. We need everybody to pull together to make 2021 a Great Year. Our Kubota raffles are behind last year, we need to get the Kubota side by side and the Zero turn mower out to as many festivals, club and unit events that we possibly can. The \$20K Giveaway tickets are out there to sell and buy, remember this will be given away in August.

But wait, one more item. WE ARE HAVING A CEREMONIAL!!!! Come on down to Myrtle Beach, May 6-9th. We are going to have a great time and fellowship. We will be having a parade, candidates making money, and it will be so good to get together again. I hope to see you there.

Remember, if you need me to help you; email recorder@omarshriners.org or call me 803-682-0623.

YITF,

Casey



From the Desk of Imperial Sir Kenny Craven

Dear Omar Members:

I hope that you all have been doing well and staying safe. Throughout the challenging times we've all faced in the past year, I've been very proud of the work that the Omar Divan, Clubs and Units have continued to do to support our fraternity and philanthropy.

We have been working on some exciting projects at the national level for Shriners Hospitals for Children that many Shriners in Omar's jurisdiction will want to mark on the calendar. We will soon be announcing a new partnership between ESPN and Shriners Hospitals for Children for our healthcare system to become title sponsor and charitable beneficiary of the annual Shriners Children's Charleston Classic. This is a three-day NCAA Division I men's basketball tournament that will be hosted at the College of Charleston from November 18-21. Eight universities will participate in 12 games on live, national television to promote the work of Shriners Hospitals for Children. The teams for the 2021 tournament will be announced in May.

On September 4, Shriners Hospitals for Children will sponsor NASCAR driver Jesse Little as he races in the SportsClips Help a Hero 400 at Darlington Raceway. Members of Omar have helped make this motorsports project a success for Shriners Hospitals for Children over the past several years.

On behalf of the Imperial Divan, I would like to thank you all for the important work you do to grow our fraternity and support our healthcare system.

Kenny Craven Imperial Assistant Rabban





SASA Festival of Shriners is returning to Myrtle Beach,
September 16-19.

Make your plans to attend and let's have Fun and Fellowship in

The Sand and Sun!



As of April 1st our statistics are as follows:

2153 Nobles on the Rolls
1929 have paid their 2021 Membership
1601 have emails on file of which 91% work
700 have accessed their WebFez Records
Our average Noble age is 64
Our average Mason age is 65
76 year olds make up our biggest group 79 Nobles
Our youngest is 20, oldest 99 years old
Our senior Noble has 74 years of service

Our Membership status places us 24th of 198 Temples Within South Atlantic Shrine Association we are 4th of 20

Thanks for all your HARD WORK!

Yours in the Faith,

Keith Stika OMAR Membership Chairman 176 Patriots Point Road Mount Pleasant, SC 29464 843-871-0131 Office ext 7 843-200-0866 Cell



Milcah Temple No. 77 Remarks from The Queen



Who would have ever imagined that 2020 would be a year that most of us spent at home, with very little interaction with our family, friends and our extended family within our fraternal organizations? I'm hopeful that 2021 looks very different and that we all get to spend a lot of time together. I'm Kim Stone, the 75th Queen of Milcah Temple No. 77, Daughters of the Nile. I've grown up with the Omar Shriners and Daughters of the Nile, as I am the daughter of Illustrious Sir Randolph "Randy" Harley, Past Potentate and Past Queen Theresa "Terri" Harley. I'm looking forward to continuing the Legacy that my family has with the Shriners Hospitals for Children.

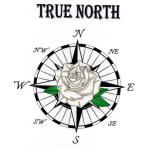
Milcah Temple No. 77 is planning several fundraisers and would love the support of Omar. We will be selling "For the love of the Children" pins, raffle tickets for wooden welcome signs, hosting a DYI art project day with our clubs in Florence & Orangeburg and having a Pig & Pearls BBQ on August 21, 2021.

Membership is the key to our success. If any of the Ladies of Omar are interested in becoming a Daughter of Nile, please do not hesitate to reach out to me or any other member of Milcah Temple. As a reminder, Milcah meets on the first Tuesday of every month at 7:00 p.m. (except July & August) at Omar. If you are already a member, we would love to see you at our monthly meetings.

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.

We are looking forward to working with Omar for the Children of Shriners Hospitals for Children!

Kim Stone kimstone2967@gmail.com





May

4th Stated Session at Omar Shrine Center Auditorium

16th Delta Nile Club Meeting at 2PM at Pee Dee Shrine Club

18th River Nile Club Meeting at 7PM at Edisto Shrine Club

<u>June</u>

1st Stated Session at Omar Shrine Center Auditorium2oth—24th Supreme Session at Calgary Alberta, Canada

August

21st Pigs and Pearls BBQ at Omar Shrine Center Auditorium







Omar Spring Coromonial Itinorary May 6th - 9th, 2021

Thursday, May 6th, 2021

3:00 PM—Check in Crown Reef Resort, Myrtle Beach, SC

6:00 PM— Stated Meeting of Omar Shriners at Crown Reef Convention Center Coral-Palmetto Room

2021 dues card required

Friday, May 7th, 2021

1:00 PM – 4:00 PM - Registration at Crown Reef Resort Convention Center. **Wristbands** will be on sale for the weekend and are required for Friday's Hospitality and Saturday Night's Nobility Ball **Cost \$20.00 per person**

1:00 PM – 2:30 PM — Candidate Registration at Crown Reef Resort Convention Center All candidates for membership and their ladies along with top line signer check-in with the Recorder Location: Crown Reef Convention Center Foyer

2:30 PM – 3:00 PM - Opening ceremony with formal introductions at Crown Reef Resort Convention Center Coral-Palmetto Room

3:00 PM – 4:00 PM - Obligation of new members with Ritualistic Ceremony at Crown Reef Resort Convention Center Coral Palmetto Room

3:00 PM – 4:00 PM - Ladies' Mentoring at Crown Reef Resort Convention Center Surf Harbor Room. All ladies and children welcome.

5:00 PM—Dinner on your own

7:30 PM – 10:30 PM - Omar 2021 Kid's Program at Crown Reef Resort Convention Center (this is a program for attending children and is open to all free of charge)

Pre-Registration is required at kids table in Crown Reef
Convention Center Foyer until 4PM on Friday

7:30 PM – 10:30PM Music and Hospitality (Wristband required and can be purchased on location) at Crown Reef Resort Convention Center Sun Harbor Room.

2020 awards begin at 7:30 PM

Saturday, May 8th, 2021

8:00— AM - New members report to Director's Staff and Nobles Robert Connolly, James Allen LeGette and Rusty Watson for daily instructions at Crown Reef Resort Convention Center Sun Harbor Room

8:45— AM Parade Line-up at 8th Ave N., Myrtle Beach, SC

9:45 AM— Parade Step-off at 8th Ave N., Myrtle Beach, SC

11:45 AM— Noble's Lunch at Crown Reef Resort Convention Center New members complimentary. All others \$5.00 each

11:45 AM— Ladies' Luncheon at Myrtle Beach Shrine Club, Myrtle Beach, SC New member ladies complimentary.

Ticketed Event Cost \$30.00 Per Person
No Tickets sold at the Door

2:30— PM Saturday Opening Ceremony, Memorial Service and Awards Ceremony at Crown Reef Resort Convention Center Coral Palmetto Room

6:00 PM – 11:30 PM Omar 2021 Kid's Program at Crown Reef Resort Convention Center (this is a program for attending children and is open to all free of charge) Pre-registration required

6:00 PM— Doors open for Nobility Ball at Crown Reef Resort Convention Center (Wristband Required and can be purchased on location)

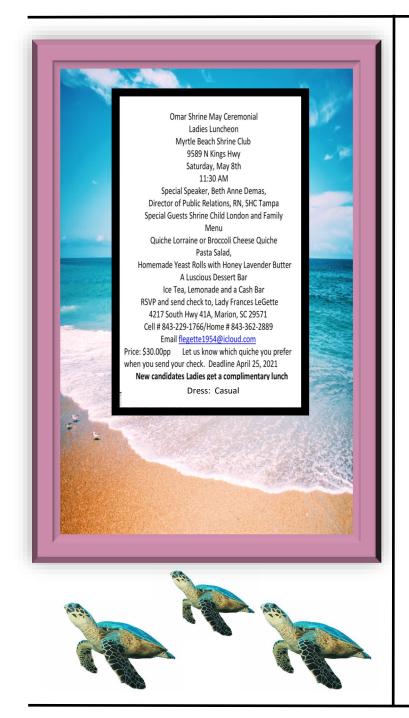
6:30 PM— Formal introductions, grand march, dinner, and rose ceremony for new members and their ladies

8:30 PM - 11:30 PM - Dance to the music of the Jebb Mac Band

9:30 PM— Parade trophies, presentations and awards

Sunday, May 9th, 2021

9:00 AM— Worship service hosted by Chaplain Charles Taylor at Crown Reef Resort Convention Center Sun Harbor Room





2021 Kíds' Program Event



Myrtle Beach, South Carolina

Spring Ceremonial – May 7th & 8th

The Divan and their Ladies would like to invite the children of the Nobility (ages 3 & up).

Friday Night – 7:30pm until 10:30pm Saturday Night – 6pm until 11:30pm Food, Popcorn, and Drinks will be available for the kids.

Tentative Schedule

Please RSVP to Stefani Donald: 843-610-7601

stefanidonald@yahoo.com

We hope to see you there!

THIS IS A FREE EVENT. WE WILL BE FOLLOWING CDC GUIDELINES. MASKS ARE RECOMMENDED.

ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE CONTACT WANDA ELLIS, STEFANI DONALD, OR JAMIE GARVIN.



OMAR CLOWNS ARE LOOKING FOR NEW MEMBERS

If you are looking for a family unit with fun, fellowship and a purpose,

JOIN THE OMAR CLOWNS

We meet monthly in Myrtle Beach and welcome all Shriners.

If you need help with a costume or make-up, we are here to help

Contact Billy Jordan

(843) 283-4884 bjordan50@sccoast.net

SPRING CEREMONIAL CIVIC PARADE LINE UP

- 1. Parade Marshal
- 2. Color Guard
- 3. VIP Escorts
- 4. Jolly Jeepsters
- 5. Ragtops
- 6. Fez Head
- 7. Berkeley Shrine Club
- 8. Beachcombers with Shrine Child
- 9. Director's Staff with Candidates
- 10. Myrtle Beach Shrine Club
- 11. Clowns
- 12. Provost Guard
- 13. Pirates
- 14. Pedalers
- 15. Cowboys
- 16. Safety Patrol
- 17. Prowlers
- 18. Jazz Morticians
- 19. Ranglers
- 20. Revenoors

- 21 Jets
- 22 Kool Katz
- 23 Jailbirds
- 24 Volunteers
- 25 Drifters
- 26 Cobras
- 27 Jokers
- 28 Indy Racers
- 29 River Rats
- 30 Harley Riders
- 31 Goofy Golfers
- 32 Chefs
- 33 Daredevils
- 34 Dorchester Shrine Club
- 35 Harley Brigade
- 36 Renegades
- 37 Vettes
- 38 Pee Dee Shrine Club
- 39 Hillbillies

Parade Line-up is at 8:45am on Saturday, May 8, 2021 at 8th Avenue North in Myrtle Beach. The parade will proceed north.

Should you have questions or need further information, please contact Director of Uniform Units, Davis (Cookie) Cooke (843) 340-5242 or <a href="weather-weath







MBSC Smoke on the Beach was held April 2-3, 2021 at the Old Myrtle Beach Pavilion in Myrtle Beach. With windy and cool weather the competition BBQ teams registered to cook. 17 teams participated in the SBN BBQ Team Divanalicious brought home a proud 2nd with their Chicken Bogg. Omar's Divan ladies contributed to Team Divanalicious by bringing their creative ideas to decorate their tent and bringing home the trophy for 1st

place. Special thanks to all who supported this event. (Photo credit Lady Bonnie Berchelli)

Congratulations to all our winners!

Shrine Team Competition:

1st Place Ribs **Omar Chefs**

1st Place BBQ Dino Barr

2nd Place BBQ **Omar Chefs**

3rd Place BBQ Divanalicious

Anything Butt Competition:

1st Place Wicked Pig

2nd Place Divanalicious

3rd Place Pot Belly Cookers

Tent Competition:

1st Place Divanalicious

SBN Competition Results:

1st Place Ribs Butts R Us

1st Place BBQ Can't Quit Smokin

2nd Place BBQ Backdraft BBQ

3rd Place BBQ Chunky Dunks BBQ

Grand Champion SBN:

Backdraft









































Omar's St. Patrick's Day Party was a huge success. Thanks to each of you who participated in this event with special thanks to the Omar Harley Brigade for tsponsoring this event. If you missed the event, you missed lots of fun and fellowship.















Omar Shrine Golf Tournament was held at

Summerville Country Club in Summerville . Special thanks to Noble John Murphy and his committee on planning a wonderful event.



















2021 Calendar of Events

May 6-9,	Omar Spring Ceremonia	l in Myrtle Beach
		:-

May 6-9 Cowboys Duck Races

May 15 Dorchester Shrine Club Drag Boat Races

May 15 Jailbirds Golf Tournament

May 22 Omar Pea Supper

June 12 Jazz Morticians Corn Hole Tournament

June 12 River Rats River Run

June 12 Omar Pea Supper at Dorchester Shrine Club

June 19 Beachcombers Golf Tournament

June 19 Hillillies Spring Fling at Omar Shrine Auditorium

June 19 Daredevils Kayak Days

June 26 Pee Dee Shrine Club Hoedown
July 3-8 Imperial Session in Houston, TX
July 3 Dorchester Shrine Club Fireworks
July 10 Safety Patrol Golf Tournament

July 17-18 Shriners Mud Run

July 24 Dorchester Shrine Club Dragboat Races

July 31 Omar Sportsman Classic
August 8 Omar Seafood Festival
August 14 Omar Shriners Party

August 21 Daughters of the Nile Pig and Pearls Fundraiser

August 21 Outhouse 4 Hillbilly Stomp

August 29 Director's Staff Golf Tournament
September 4 Cowboy's Axe Throwing Tournament

September 15-19 SASA Fall Festival of Shriners in Myrtle Beach

September 25 Pedalers Dinner/Dance

October 9 Dorchester Shrine Club Pea Supper

November 7 Omar Shrine Golf Tournament

November 13 Outhouses 1 and 4 Pheasant Shoot

November 18-20 Imperial Basketball Tournament

November 20 Omar Pea Supper

December 2-5 Homecoming Ceremonial

January 7-9 Annual Meeting and Installation of 2022 Omar Divan

Additional information for each event can be found on the Omar Website <u>omarshriners.org</u> or by calling the Omar Office at (843) 971-0131, Monday thru Thursday 8am to 4:30pm or by email

info@omarshriners.org



From the Desk of The Editor

2021 has brought great changes to our society. Many of us were forced into the unfamiliar world of the internet, zoom TicToc, Instragram and other strange

The Infomar will also have a new face in 2021. We are going totally electronic. Copies of each edition will be emailed to the email address you have on file in WebFez. The Infomar will also be uploaded to Omar's Website www.omarshriners.org available for each Noble or Lady to download.

As we make this changeover and to make sure each person receives a copy, we will mail a hard copy to each member (both courtesy and active) that do <u>not</u> have an email address on file in WebFez . This is the only hard copy mailed this year unless you advise by mail that you do not have access to the internet. Those notifications should be sent to Omar Shriners, 176 Patriots Point, Mt. Pleasant, SC 29464 Attn: Infomar Editor

We also encourage you to send your articles. You may email them to: infomareditor@gmail.com



Omar's 2021 Fund Raising Program Kubota Sidekick RTV &

Kubota Sidekick RTV & ZeroTurn Mower

To book items for ticket sales, please contact one of the below Nobles.

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

2021 Shrine Hero London



London's Mom says she is smiling so big because she got her donut.

London has been one of our Shrine Heroes since she was a baby. She is attended by the Shriners Hospital in Philadelphia.

OMAR SHRINE \$20,000 GIVE AWAY

1st Place \$10,000
2nd Place \$5,000
3rd Place \$3,000
4th Place \$1,000
5th Place \$500
6th - 10th Place \$100

DRAWING SATURDAY, SEPT. 18th, 2021
Winner need not be present
Donation: \$100.00 Per Ticket
Proceeds for Omar Shrine Temple
Donations are not tax-deductible

For tickets, please contact the below Divan members or the Omar Office.

- Buddy Ellis- 704-534-7832
- Andy Garvin- 843-475-4697
- Mike Donald- 843-992-4914
- Kenny Skipper- 843-200-7520
- Ricky Lewis- 843-209-0957
- Casey VanFaussien- 803-682-0623
- Omar Office- 843-971-0131