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Homecoming **Omar Shriners - Florence, SC** **November 14-15, 2020** **Headquarters Hotel: Hilton Garden Inn**

A stated meeting of Omar Shriners will be held at Hilton Garden Inn, 2671 Hospitality Blvd., Florence, South Carolina at one o'clock in the afternoon on Friday, November 13th, 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 Homecoming Ceremonial on November 13-14, 2020.

Article 23: Temple Membership

323.5 Balloting

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.

- (a) 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.
- (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 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.
- (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

Joseph J. (JJ) Cruz
Potentate

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POTENTATE'S CORNER

My Fellow Nobles, Ladies, Shrine Family and Friends,

I hope everyone of you and your families are safe and doing well.

The Omar family and friends have experienced the affects of Covid and other illnesses, please keep them in your thoughts and prayers.

Let us also pray for the men and women who protects our Freedom.

We all know and have seen the destruction and effects of the corona virus in our healthcare and economy. We, as Americans, are resilient against the toughest of challenges. We will get through this in time, through hope, hard work and commitment.

I believe we will never be able to go back to the way it was.

Instead, we must build from what we've experienced and learned.

The Omar Shrine Center continues to operate on limited hours. The Divan has and will continue to work and communicate in order to fulfill our sworn duties to you.

I am encouraging all Nobles to take advantage of the incentive and opportunities that was put out on October 8, 2020. These incentive and opportunities will be listed in this edition of the Infomar. This will be our last push and we must not let Covid win. Your fraternity needs your support now, more then ever before.

Your Divan thanks each and every one of you for your patience, perseverance and understanding during these challenging times.

Stay Safe! Stay Positive! Stay Omar!

My family and I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their thoughts, prayers, cards, emails and texts during my illness. I am improving daily and on the way to recovery.

YITF,

JJ Cruz & Lady Missi

“The single biggest problem in communication is the illusion that it has taken place.”

-George Bernard Shaw



Save The Date!

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

2021 At A Glance

Omar Shriners

2021 Tentative Schedule of Events

January

Thursday- 7th thru Sunday- 10th Unit/Club Appreciation, Elections, & Install- Omar Shrine Center
 Thursday- 14th thru Saturday- 16th East West Shrine Bowl Game
 Sunday- 24th Oyster Festival- Boone Hall Plantation
 Saturday- 30th Organizational Meeting- Dorchester Shrine Club

February

Saturday- 13th Omar Shrine's Valentine's Ball- Dorchester Shrine Club
 Saturday- 27th Shrine Bowl of the Carolinas meeting and banquet

March

Monday- 1st thru Saturday- 6th Omar's Cruise- Bahamas
 Friday- 12th thru Saturday- 13th Shrine Days- Greenville Hospital
 Sunday- 21st Milcah Temple #77, Daughters of the Nile Install- Omar Shrine Center
 Thursday- 25th thru Saturday- 27th SASA Mid-Winter meeting- Louisville, KY

April

Friday- 2nd thru Saturday- 3rd Smoke on the Beach- Myrtle Beach, SC
 Wednesday- 14th thru Saturday- 17th Shrine Director's Association- Roanoke, VA
 Wednesday- 21st thru Friday- 23rd South Carolina Grand Lodge- Omar Shrine Center
 TBA Shrine/Mason Nights

May

Saturday- 1st Ceremonial Golf Outing- Myrtle Beach, SC
 Thursday- 6th thru Sunday- 9th Ceremonial & Parade- Myrtle Beach, SC
 Saturday- 22nd Omar Shrine Pea Supper- Waccamaw Shrine Club

June

Saturday- 12th Omar Shrine Pea Supper- Dorchester Shrine Club
 Sunday- 13th Charlie Miller Golf Tournament- Summerville Golf Course

July

Sunday- 4th thru Thursday- 8th Imperial Session- Houston, Texas

August

Sunday- 8th Seafood Festival- Omar Shrine Center
 TBA Shrine/Mason Nights

September

Wednesday- 15th thru Sunday- 19th SASA Fall Festival- Myrtle Beach, SC
 Wednesday- 29th thru Monday, Oct. 4 Shrine Hospitals Children's Open
 TBA Cold Sands Ceremonial

October

Monday- 4th Shrine Hospitals Children's Open

November

Sunday- 7th Omar Shrine Golf Outing- Summerville Golf Course
 Saturday- 20th Omar Shrine Pea Supper- Santee, SC
 TBA Shrine/Mason Nights

December

Thursday- 2nd thru Sunday- 5th Homecoming Ceremonial & Parade- Omar Shrine Center & Hanahan, SC
 Sunday- 12th Shrine Hero Christmas Party- Omar Shrine Center
 Saturday- 18th Shrine Bowl of the Carolinas game

January 2022

Friday- 7th Unit/Club Appreciation- Omar Shrine Center
 Saturday- 8th thru Sunday- 9th Annual Elections & Installation- Omar Shrine Center

Saturday, October 24, 2020
 Harley Brigade Reverse Raffle
 Winner Winner Chicken Dinner at Pee Dee Shrine Club

Saturday, October 31, 2020
 Jahab Shrine Club Turkey Shoot

Saturday, November 7, 2020
 Cowboys Showdown Throwdown Banquet
 at Berkeley Shrine Club

Sunday, November 8, 2020
 Golf Tournament at Summerville Country Club

Friday, November 13—Saturday November 14, 2020
 Homecoming at Florence, SC

Friday, January 8th—Sunday, January 10th, 2021
 Stated Meeting and Installation of 2021 Omar Officers

Sunday, January 24th, 2021
 Oyster Festival at Boone Hall Plantation, Mt. Pleasant, SC

Saturday, January 30th, 2021
 Organizational Meeting at Dorchester Shrine Club

Get Your Tickets Early for Installation Weekend.... January 8th - 10th, 2021

Election and Installation Weekend is fast approaching. As Omar treads in uncharted waters, cash flow has been greatly affected at the Temple just as we are sure it has been with you. In order to give the best bang for your buck, below is the price structure for the weekend. Kindly take notice, the earlier you buy your tickets, the less the expense. Tickets may be purchased by call the Omar Office at (843) 971-0131, directly from any Divan member or by contacting Lady Mary Newton at (843) 209-6511 or mnewton77@aol.com.

Friday Night— Hospitality—

Presale price—(October –November) \$10.00 per person
 Presale price— (December) \$15.00 per person
 At the Door— \$20.00 per person

Saturday Night—Installation of Officers—Dinner with Drinks

Presale price—(October-November) \$40.00 per person
 Presale price—(December) \$50.00 per person
 At the Door—\$60.00 per person



Thoughts from the Chief Rabban

Nobles and Ladies;

As we continue to maneuver our way through these uncharted waters, Omar Shrine continues to be strong as we work to support our great Fraternity and the World's greatest philanthropy, Shriners Hospitals for Children. 2020 has proved to be a difficult year for the Shrine and Omar. Lady Wanda and I commend Illustrious Sir JJ and First Lady Missi on an unprecedented year. Many obstacles came your way and you handled all with grace and dignity.

The 2020 Candy Program was a great success; thank you to all the members of Omar. Today I announce the 2021 Candy Program is in full operation and hope it will follow in the footsteps of Illustrious Sir JJ's program. Please see the candy ad in this issue along with the Medal of Honor Point Award Program Points.

Please take a moment and look at the rest of the events planned for 2020 and make your plans to give your full support. Together as a team, we can make all things happen.

Lady Wanda and I hope to be able to see many of you throughout the next few weeks as we begin to travel throughout the Omar's territory.

Please feel free to contact me or Lady Wanda if we can be of any assistance to you and yours. In the meantime, please stay safe.

Yours in the Faith

Buddy

Omar Kids' Program Pins will be available for purchase for purchase Installation Weekend.

2021 Kids' Program

The 2021 Divan and Divan Ladies would like to offer the Nobility a Kids' Program option for the 2021 Installation and Your Opinion Matters!

Below is a link to the interest survey or you can call or text Wanda Ellis (843) 452-7556 or Stefani Donald (843) 610-7601

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/6NQVJG6>

More Information to Follow!

2021 Kids' Program Guides are Kendrea Sims, Logan Sims, Kelsey Sims, and Breana Butler.

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 would welcome all. If you need help with a costume and make-up, we are here to help.

Call Billy Jordan at 843-283-4884 or email bjordan50@sccoast.net

Carnival CHOOSE FUN

WATERSLIDES & SKYRIDES & COMEDY SHOWS & ALL IN THE MIDDLE OF THE OCEAN.

DEPOSIT: \$150 PER PERSON DUE AT TIME OF BOOKING

FINAL PAYMENT: NOVEMBER 16, 2020

COME AND JOIN OMAR SHRINERS SAILING ON THE CARNIVAL SUNSHINE WHEN: MARCH 1, 2021 5 DAY-CRUISE

ITINERARY			
	PORT	ARRIVE	LEAVE
MON. MAR 1	Charleston		
TUES. MAR 2	At Sea	4PM	
WED. MAR 3	NASSAU	8AM	5PM
THUR. MAR 4	PRINCESS CAY	8AM	5PM
FRI. MAR 5	At Sea		
SAT. MAR 6	Charleston	8AM	

RATES ARE BASED ON LOCATION AND CATEGORY LISTED IS A RANGE OF RATES AND LOCATIONS

INSIDE CABINS START ON RIVIERA DECK AT \$447 AND GO UP TO VERANDA AT \$457

OCEAN VIEW CABINS START ON RIVIERA DECK PRICED AT \$512 AND GO UP TO MAIN \$518

BALCONY CABINS START ON UPPER AT \$715 AND GO UP TO VERANDA AT \$721

BOOKING EARLY IS IMPORTANT TO GET CABIN TYPE AND LOCATION YOU WANT. SOME CABIN SPACE IS ALREADY SOLD OUT FOR THIS SAILING.

PARKING WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR YOU AT THE SHRINERS TEMPLE IN MT. PLEASANT FOR FREE AND FREE SHUTTLE TO AND FROM THE PORT. THIS IS A BIG SAVINGS ON PARKING.

CANCELLATION INS. MAY BE PURCHASED FOR ADDITIONAL FEE TIPS MAY BE ADDED TO BOOKING AND PAID WITH FINAL PAYMENT.

CONTACT INFORMATION HERE
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ORIENTAL GUIDE CANDIDATE

KEVIN WADFORD

Masonic & Shrine Background

- Member of Berkeley Lodge #269
- Shrine Bowl, Chairman of Special Events
- Shrine Bowl, Omar Representative
- Berkeley Shrine Club Governing Board
- Berkeley Shrine Club Officer
- Medal of Honor Fez
- Omar, Captain of Uniform Units
- Hillbilly Clan 82
- Lifetime Member Omar

PERSONAL INFORMATION

- Married to Jennifer L. Wadford
- Proud father of 5 adult children
- Active Member of First Presbyterian Church
- OSHA/NCCER Certified, OSHA Instructor
- State Certified Educator, Building Construction
- Department of Education, State Standards Committee
- Residential & Commercial Contractor
- DHEC Licensed Contractor
- Small Business Owner, Trucking & Construction
- Former High School Football & Softball Coach



Visions of the Assistant Rabban

Nobles,

Want to start out with its been a true honor and a blessing to represent each and every Noble and serve as your Assistant Rabban for the 2020 year 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. As we close out 2020 we still have a long stretch to finish the year out and have a lot of potential to make a huge success and finish very strong. As we all know 2020 has been a very taxing and little bit of a struggle on everyone but would like to extend a Congratulations and Thank you to Illustrious Sir JJ and Lady Missi Cruz for their outstanding Leadership and guidance is such a troublesome year and always remaining focused on the mission at hand.

With moving forward the year 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 worked 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.

Most of you have already seen the latest points incentives for the Vehicle and the \$20,000.00 Program Drawings. Omar Shrine Temple and the Divan need your help with making these more of a success and to allow Omar Temple to successfully stand on its own financially. If we all as Shriners get behind these programs and make them a success, Omar along with Shriners Hospitals for Children will succeed along with the Nobility. This is a Team effort and no one person or one group can do this alone, so we need to all push forward and dig a little deeper and focus on selling the raffle tickets. Also if anyone has an idea to help raise money presently or in the future please don't hesitate to let myself or any Divan member know, because with the new normal the way things were done in the past may not work as well as before.

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. 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
 843-475-4697 cell





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.

For information on Milcah Temple No. 77 you may contact Queen 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

<p>Nativity Scene</p> <p>Tickets \$10.00 each or 3 tickets for \$20.00</p> <p>Drawing to be held December, 2020</p> <p>Contact any member for tickets</p>	<p>Smiley Face Banks</p> <p>\$20.00 each</p> <p>Contact any member to purchase a bank</p>
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OMAR NOVEMBER HOMECOMING CEREMONIAL 2020
 HILTON GARDEN INN, 2671 HOSPITALITY BLVD., FLORENCE, SC
 NOVEMBER 13 – 15, 2020

Friday, November 13, 2020

- 1:00 PM Voting on Petitions of Candidates – **HILTON GARDEN INN**
- 1:00 – 6:00 PM Registration – **HILTON GARDEN INN**
- 2:00 PM Candidates, their ladies, and **Candidates Top Line Signers** check-in
HILTON GARDEN INN with Directors’ Staff
- 1:00 – 6:00 PM Registration – **HILTON GARDEN INN**
- 3:00 PM Prayer, Presentation of Colors, Pledge, Introduction of Divan, PPs, Guests
Memorial Service - HILTON GARDEN INN
- 3:30 PM Cold Sands – Swearing in of new novices – **HILTON GARDEN INN**
- 3:30 PM Mentoring Section for the Candidates’ Ladies – **HILTON GARDEN INN**
- ***DINNER ON YOUR OWN*****
- 8:30 PM – 11:00 PM Hospitality- **HILTON GARDEN INN**

Saturday, November 14, 2020

- 9:00 AM Parade Line Up at **TBD**
- 10:00 AM Parade Step-off and ends at **TBD**
- 12:30 Ladies’ Drop-In - **HILTON GARDEN INN**
- 6:00 PM Dinner, Dance, Awards – **TBD**

Sunday, November 15, 2020

- 9:00 AM Worship Service – **HILTON GARDEN INN**





From the Desk of the High Priest & Prophet

Nobles and Ladies of Omar, We stand together no matter what! We all have to depend on each other and trust each other during these difficult times. We are in this together and we will help each other. These are uncharted times in American History and I want all of you to know that if you need anything or just need to talk, Stefani and I are here. It is more than just Shrinedom it's about people, brothers, ladies, and the Divan coming together as ONE and caring for each other. I can ensure you that your divan has been working diligently to get through this and in January we will have elections because we believe that we must move forward. Sitting at a standstill doesn't get us anywhere. Two quotes that come to Stefani and I as we reflect on 2020. The first one is by Ralph Marston, "Start strong, stay strong, and finish strong by remembering why you started in the first place." The second one is by Robin Sharma, "Starting strong is good. Finishing strong is epic". Let's have an EPIC to 2020!

We are looking forward to see each of you under our new normal of social distancing, face masks, using hand sanitizer, and elbow & fist bumps in the upcoming months. When this is all settled and we come out of this situation, we will be stronger, we will be better, we will be united! Stay Safe, Stay Positive, and most important STAY OMAR! #1OMAR

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.

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

2021 Omar Candy Drive

Available for pick up Monday through Thursday.

8:00 AM – 1:00 PM



- Points will be as follows -

15-1 for prepaid candy

10-1 for candy paid later

This offer is valid through 1/30/2021



For information please contact:

Ric Piersol- 843-819-7502

Inspirations from the Oriental Guide...



Dear Nobles and Ladies,

I sincerely hope that each of you and your families are well. It is hard to believe that it is already fall. Needless to say, we have all faced unprecedented events in 2020 and this year has not unfolded the way any of us expected. This is true for our temple as well. Illustrious Sir JJ and Lady Missi had a great year planned for Omar in 2020. We are all saddened that many of these plans will never come to fruition. However, as disappointing as it has been that isn't what we should focus on. Instead, we need to look forward to the events we have remaining this year and next. We have an opportunity and an obligation to make the rest of 2020 the best it can be. Events have been rescheduled and new events have been planned. I would ask that we do our best to support these events. Our temple and our philanthropy need our help now more than ever. We as an organization need to continue to move forward during these challenging times and proceed like we have always done. As a Divan we have had open and frank conversations as to the direction for the remainder of this year and beyond. I can assure you that we are united and steadfast in the belief that continuing to move forward is in the best interest of Omar. I truly hope that Lady Andrea and I will have the chance to visit many of you as restrictions are lifted. We both pray for you and your family's health and welfare. Alone we can do so little; Together we can do so much! **#OMARSTRONG**

Respectfully,
Kenny Skipper
Oriental Guide

A Note from the Editor.....

This will be the last issue of the Infomar for 2020 that will be **printed and mailed.** A November and December issue will be available electronically to all members and will be posted for download on our website: www.omarshriners.org. We solicit your support of our electronic version and encourage you to spread the word. The October issue will also be sent by email to all members with an email address in WefFez. If you do not receive the electronic issue, kindly go to WebFez and update your email address.



Fellow Nobles and Ladies,

From the Treasurer

Ladies,



Jeez what a roll coaster of a year so far but it's not over yet! While it has been a struggle to our Temple, Clubs, and Units, there are still a lot of great things to happen in 2020!

The Omar Divan is United and Strong and want to encourage the Clubs and Units to continue working towards their 2020 goals during this pandemic. Brainstorm amongst each other using technology to see how we can accomplish what we started STRONG!

Nobles please continue to work closely with your unit and club directors to reschedule fundraising events and get your new dates approved by the temple and republished.

Car Program and Cash Give Away raffles are back in full swing so please continue to work hard between now and Homecoming to sell all possible. **POINTS ARE NOW 50 TO 1, with tickets and money due to temple no later than November 13, 2020!** Both programs to be given away during Homecoming Ceremony!

Wanted to share as I am finding most aren't aware, Temple annual insurance premium renewal of \$85,000 is coming due December 1, 2020. We could really use the Clubs and Units help in reducing this expense. Any support to the Temple to help cover this cost is greatly appreciated!

Looking forward to seeing everyone out and about, please continue to pray for our Temple and our Country.

As always, if Lady Tammy or I can be of any assistance, please don't hesitate to reach out at treasurer@omarshriners.org or (843) 209-0957.

Stay safe!
Fraternally yours
Ricky Lewis
Treasurer





Ramblings from the Recorder

Nobles,

We are down to the last two months of 2020; we have had everything thrown at us this year, but we will survive!! We need the Nobles, Clubs, and Units to sell tickets, support all events, and raise funds for Your Temple and the Shriners Hospitals for Children. We are a Family, we have had a set back, but families come together, work together, and overcome the situation.

Please contact me if you need assistance, I am here to work with you and for you.

Nobles, you have several options for paying your dues for 2021. You can pay them to any Divan member, call or come by the Temple and we can process your credit card, pay by mail, or you can pay on WebFez; <http://www.webfez.shrinenet.org/> I encourage you to pay your dues as soon as you can; the sooner dues are paid the better for your Temple.

As of the time this Infomar goes to the press, the Grand Master of SC, is not allowing any elections within the Blue Lodges or Appendant Bodies. At this time, the Club and Unit officers for 2020 will remain until we are allowed to vote. This ruling is subject to change at any time, we will notify you as soon as we receive any news.

I want to thank our ladies for all that they continue to do for Omar and for the hospitals. Without their support we Nobles could not do what we do. I would like to thank my wife, Nan, for her support this year and to tell hear how proud I am of her. She retired from public school after 38 years in the classroom. She touched countless lives, she never had students; they were her babies. A new chapter in our lives has opened, a new adventure, and I am so thankful for her.

Be positive, be proactive, and be open to change. We must come up with new innovative ideas for the future of Omar, the Hospitals, and our fraternity.

YITF,

Casey

Omar \$20,000.00 Giveaway for 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.

Notice of Annual Stated Meeting and Election of Officers For Omar Shriners



Be it known that a Regular Stated Meeting of Omar Shriners is called for the purpose of electing officers for the year 2021 and any business that may rightly come before the membership. The meeting will be held on Saturday, January 9, 2021 at 176 Patriots Point, Mt. Pleasant, South Carolina. The Stated Meeting and Elections will begin promptly at 10:00 AM with coffee and doughnuts being served prior to in the lobby from 8:30 AM to 9:30 AM.

A current 2021 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 mailed to each member of Omar Shriners as directed by the Recorder of Omar Shriners.

Fraternally,
Joseph J. (JJ) Cruz
Illustrious Potentate

Attest:
Hugh (Casey) VanFaussien
Recorder

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Homecoming Host Hotel Information

November 13-14, 2020

The Host Hotel for the Homecoming Ceremonial in Florence is the Hilton Garden Inn in Florence, SC November 13-14, 2020
 Rooms are available for booking
 Telephone: (843) 432-3001
 Block Information: Omar Shrine

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Unprecedented Points and Incentive opportunities.

You may never ever see this opportunity to earn points again.

We all just witnessed and continue to see the challenges of 2020. In order to continue to operate and do business, I am asking for all Clubs, Units and Nobles to help in this last push effort.

This incentive Begins Oct.8, 2020 thru Nov.13, 2020. The giveaway will be on November 14, 2020.

Kubota and Boat giveaway incentive.

Prepaid:

-50-1 in points

-Prepay for 40 Kubota & Boat tickets for \$100, (\$200 value)

\$20,000 Giveaway incentive.

Prepaid:

-For every 3 tickets sold, not only do you get 50-1 in points, but you will also receive a ticket, (\$100 value), for the \$20,000 drawing.

-For every 5 tickets sold, 50-1 in points and 2 ticket, (\$200 value), for the \$20,000 drawing.

Please contact any Divan member for additional tickets.

Your hard work, support and dedication is deserving of recognition and gratitude.

Omar Strong,

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