



# Infomar



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Omar Shriners  
176 Patriots Point  
Mt. Pleasant, SC 29464  
[www.omarshriners.org](http://www.omarshriners.org)

March, 2024



## STATED MEETING OF OMAR SHRINERS

**BE IT KNOWN...** A Stated Meeting of Omar Shriners will be held at Landmark Resort, 1501 S. Ocean Boulevard, Myrtle Beach, SC 29577 on Friday, May 3, 2024 at eleven o'clock in the morning for passing on petitions for membership. No other business may be brought forward.

### **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.

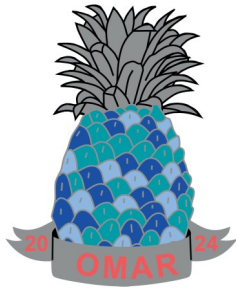
- (a) Written Objection: A written objection, signed by at least three members of the temple in good standing, presented to the Potentate or Recorder prior to the time balloting is commenced, has the same effect as an adverse ballot.
- (b) Written Objection Deadline: In temples where written notice of 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 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.

Kenny Skipper  
Illustrious Potentate

Attest:  
Dennis Weaver  
Noble Recorder



# OMAR LEADERSHIP TEAM



# 2024

On January 13, 2024 Omar Shriners held its Annual Election and Installation of Officers for 2024 where Noble Kenneth Skipper (Andrea) and the Omar Shriners corps of officers were formally installed in their respective offices. Noble Kenny Skipper who was chosen to serve as Potentate (President) for the annum, is a tremendous asset to Omar Shrine. Upon joining the Shrine in 2005 (during the tenure of Illustrious Sir Randy Harley, PP), he immediately joined the ranks of the Omar Director's Staff and served in many leadership positions.

As all leaders know, serving as a member of Omar Shriners Leadership Team is a tremendous responsibility that requires time, talent, means and an enormous amount of self-sacrifice.

Congratulations!! 2024 Omar Shriners Leadership Team.

Potentate - Illustrious Sir Kenneth (Kenny) Skipper and First Lady Andrea

Chief Rabban - Noble Kevin Wadford and Lady Jennifer

Assistant Rabban - Noble Richard (Ricky) Jordan

High Priest and Prophet - Noble Richard (Ricky) Lewis and Lady Tammy

Oriental Guide - Noble Anthony (Tony) Bunch and Lady Roberta

Treasurer - Noble Brett Strickland and PQ Lady Theresa Strickland

Recorder - Noble Dennis Weaver

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**Team 2024**  
**Omar Shriners**

**Illustrious Potentate**  
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**Chief Rabban**  
 Kevin Wadford

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**Treasurer**  
 Brett Strickland

**Recorder**  
 Dennis Weaver

**Chief Aide**  
 Robert Connolly

**Chief of Staff**  
 Tom Spell

**Chaplain**  
 Charles Taylor

**Director**  
 William Axson

**Captain of the Guard**  
 Ric Piersol

**Outer Guard**  
 Keith Stika

**Imperial**

**Imperial Potentate**  
 Kenneth G. (Kenny) Craven, PP

**Hospital Board Trustee**  
 Leslie "Doc" Stewart, PP



## POTENTATE'S REMARKS

First, I want to thank each of you for the honor and privilege to serve as Omar's Potentate for 2024. The trust you have placed in me is truly appreciated.

We are off to a great start throughout Omar's territory. We started the year with a fantastic Installation Weekend that I believe was enjoyed by all that attended. Thanks to everyone that worked to make the weekend a success.

The 2024 programs are off to a fast start which is fantastic. Your willingness to support these programs does not go unnoticed. Many thanks to all.

Several of the clubs and units have already had successful events and the calendar is full. Please make sure you send in your approval forms and any examples of tickets and/or flyers to ensure we are in compliance. This can't be stressed enough.

Our Spring Ceremonial is planned for May 3rd to May 5th in Myrtle Beach, SC. The Landmark will serve as the host hotel and the block of rooms will be released in the next 2 weeks. I hope that everyone is planning on attending and that we have a lot of units that participate in the parade.

Andrea and I look forward to attending as many events as possible throughout the upcoming months. If either of us can help in any way, please don't hesitate to contact us. Again, thanks to all for helping to Make Omar Great Again.

**#omarstrong24 #omarsetsthebar**

Fraternally, Kenny Skipper



## 2024 OMAR CANDY PROGRAM

- ◆ **ATTENTION NOBLES, THE CANDY HAS ARRIVED FOR 2024!**
- ◆ **THIS IS ONE OF OUR BIGGEST FUNDRAISERS OF THE YEAR!**
- ◆ **IN 2024 THE POINTS FOR CANDY WILL REMAIN THE SAME ALL YEAR.**
- ◆ **FOR ALL PREPAID CANDY THE POINTS WILL BE 25 TO 1.**
- ◆ **WE HAVE REDUCED THE OVERALL ORDER BY 400 CASES.**
- ◆ **PROGRAM TO BE COMPLETED AT THE CLOSE OF SPRING CEREMONIAL.**
- ◆ **DELIVERY CAN BE ARRANGED WITH ORDER OF 50 CASES.**
- ◆ **WE ASK THAT YOU PLEASE SUPPORT THIS TEMPLE FUNDRAISER!!**

FOR 100 PREPAID CASES YOU WILL  
RECEIVE A FREE ROOM AT SPRING CEREMONIAL

### **CANDY CONTACTS:**

**RIC PIERSOL 843-819-7502 (CANDY CHAIRMAN)**

**ALAN CASS 843-621-1360 (FLORENCE AREA)**

**FREDDY PRINCE 843-241-2393 (MYRTLE BEACH)**

**JIM GATES 803-682-2080 (ORANGEBURG)**

Let's push the remaining candy out the door and finish this program up before the weather turns the chocolate into milkshakes. It has got to go, so get onboard and get this candy **SOLD!** We are under 400 cases so let's push it out. Kenny Skipper is reminding everyone that the points for candy will be the same all year and it's super easy to get a prepaid room at ceremonial by paying for 100 cases upfront..





**REMARKS FROM THE  
HIGH PRIEST & PROPHET**

Fellow Nobles and Ladies,

As we begin 2024, I would like to take a moment to say thank you. I am truly honored and humbled to have been elected High Priest & Prophet for the ensuing year of 2024 for Omar Shrine Center. I am grateful to each of you for your continued support and trust. I would like to congratulate the newly elected officers and consider myself fortunate to serve on our 2024 Team.

Tammy and I are excited about this new opportunity to serve our fraternity and philanthropy and look forward to working with each of you and your ladies this year. I know together we can do more in 2024 to make Omar a better Shrine Center and continue the outstanding work supporting Shriners Children's.

As always, if I can be of any assistance, please do not hesitate to reach out at (843) 209-0957 or email at [rickylewis274@gmail.com](mailto:rickykylewis274@gmail.com).

Fraternally yours,  
Ricky Lewis  
High Priest & Prophet

**IMPORTANT  
REMINDER**

It has been brought to my attention, as Recorder, some events approved by the potentate may have tickets/ flyers that are not in compliance. Any time an event is planned, the unit or club should submit a copy of any flyer, or tickets to be used along with the permission slip. There is specific verbiage that should always be written on any posted information and for clarification we will need to know what type of event you are having. Is it Charitable or will it be Fraternal.

All public information must have a disclaimer stating the event is tax deductible, as a charitable donation(Charitable) or is the event non tax deductible(Fraternal). There always has to be a disclaimer stating the event status on all published information. (Tickets, Flyers Facebook etc.). Please make sure you post who is putting on the event and all giveaway timelines in your information.

There are many watch dog agencies across the US that will jump on the chance to cause Shriners Children's to lose its charitable status, so we have to police ourselves, units and clubs to assure that we stay compliant and do not put our 501.3(C) status in jeopardy.

I have attached the fundraiser permission slip for all unit and club events. Please know that if you do not have a written approval for your event, there is no insurance coverage provided by the Shrine Center. When you send in your permission slip, please provide a copy of your flyer and/or your ticket for approval. Please send all of the information to the potentate and the recorder.

For proper procedures for fundraising, click below

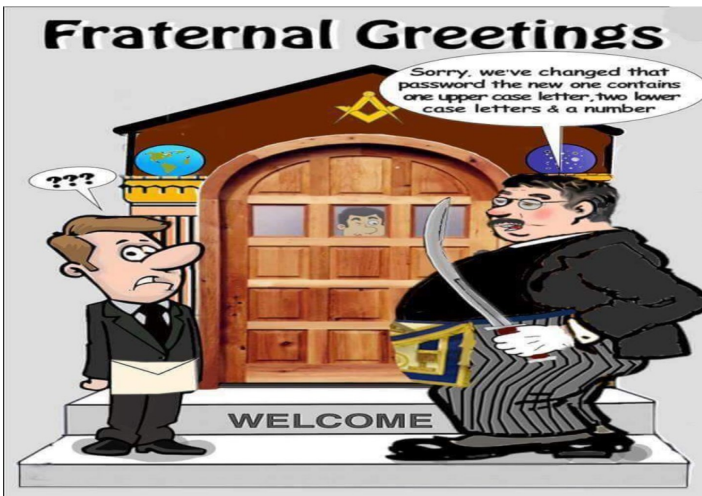
[FundraisingPoliciesandProcedures.pdf \(omarshriners.org\)](https://omarshriners.org/FundraisingPoliciesandProcedures.pdf)

For fundraising approval form, click below

[FundraisingApprovalForm.pdf \(omarshriners.org\)](https://omarshriners.org/FundraisingApprovalForm.pdf)

If you have questions please reach out to Illustrious Sir Kenny Skipper or myself for help and guidance.

**Thank you for all you do to help Shriners Children's, Shriners International and Omar Shrine Center.**





# NOTES FROM THE ORIENTAL GUIDE

To my brothers and your ladies, I want to say, words cannot express how humbled and honored Roberta and I are to represent the greatest philanthropy in the world, Shriners international, Shriners Children’s and Omar Shrine center, as your newly elected Oriental Guide. The faith and trust that you have placed in me are treasured gifts, that I will safeguard with fidelity and honor. As I join our 2024 Divan, I am reminded of the tremendous legacy established by those who have taken this journey before me, not only at Omar, but throughout our great fraternity. No one individual can successfully navigate this course alone and I am very blessed to have the support of my loving wife, Lady Roberta, by my side. I am committed to strengthening and elevating our fraternity and the world’s greatest philanthropy, Shriners Children’s to the next level. I will need your help to tackle and resolve challenges, as they arise and remember one thing. We are most definitely, “BETTER TOGETHER”, as we move through 2024. Be it known, we have many more great days ahead for Omar and we need each of you, as we continue along our path of success.

Please reach out if I can be of assistance to you at 843-906-1439 or [t.bunch10@yahoo.com](mailto:t.bunch10@yahoo.com).



It is with great pride to inform you that Omar Divan attended the Shrine Bowl of the Carolinas

winter elections for the upcoming Board of Directors for our North and South Carolina all-star football game. Omar had several honors, as well as appointments. Illustrious Sir JJ Cruz and Noble David Barnette have both joined Noble Willie “Doc” Dyches with Emeritus status with the Shrine Bowl. Congratulations to the following, Illustrious Sir JJ will serve as the 4<sup>th</sup> Vice president to the game and due to Illustrious Sir JJ achieving Emeritus status, Omar was entitled to an extra at large position and the following Nobles will be serving this year. Assistant Rabban Ricky Jordan and High Priest and Prophet Ricky Lewis became at large members by appointment. Joining the two Divan appointees are two hard working Nobles, Michael Dopkant and Timothy Weaver. Their election at Omar became official with their appointment on February 26<sup>th</sup> in Lumberton North Carolina at the winter meeting. In addition to the Potentate, Kenny Skipper, The Chief Rabban Kevin Wadford and the Recorder Dennis Weaver, Omar has picked up 4 at large members to the Shrine Bowl of the Carolinas the coming year.

Respectfully submitted,  
Dennis Weaver, Recorder

## From the Desk of The Editor

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Deadline for the next Infomar is May 20, 2024



Dates and Events are constantly being edited and added to the Omar Shrine Event Calendar. To view the calendar

[Click Here](#)

The dates of unit and clubs meeting can be found on the website using the below link:

[Omar Shrine - Clubs/Units \(omarshriners.org\)](http://omarshriners.org)

# 2024 OMAR NOBILITY CRUISE



SAILING ON RCCL QUANTUM OF THE SEAS  
AUGUST 19-26, 2024

KENNY AND ANDREA INVITE YOU TO  
JOIN THEM ON A GREAT ALASKAN  
ADVENTURE CRUISE

ITINERARY	ARRIVE	DEPART
19 AUG: SEATTLE WASHINGTON		4PM
20 AUG: CRUISING		
21 AUG: KETCHIKAN	8AM	5PM
22 AUG: SIKA	8AM	5PM
23 AUG: ENDICOTT ARM AND DAWES GLACIER	5:30AM	10AM
23 AUG: JUNEAU	1PM	8PM
24 AUG: CRUISING		
25 AUG: VICTORIA	5PM	10PM
26 AUG: SEATTLE	6AM	

PRICES PER PERSON

INSIDE CABIN: \$996

OCEAN VIEW CABIN: \$1243

BALCONY: \$1647

AIR FARE CAN BE ADDED AFTER DEPOSIT IS MADE AND FLIGHTS ARE RELEASED

CANCELLATION INSURANCE MAY BE ADDED

TIPS MAY BE ADDED TO PACKAGE

DEPOSIT PER PERSON: \$250 DUE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AS SPACE IS LIMITED

FINAL PAYMENT DUE BY: APRIL 21, 2024



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# Recorder's Notes

Nobles and ladies of Omar:

I want to wish you all the best that 2024 has to bring for you and your families. We ended 2023 on a very high note. Your Shrine Center finished in a positive place, both with membership and financially and a huge congratulations is in order for, Illustrious Sir Michael Donald for his dedication. I can only hope you are as excited as I am to "Do More in '24", with Illustrious Sir Kenny Skipper at the helm. The Potentates Installation weekend was very successful, and our Nobility turned out in huge numbers to get 2024 started off with a bang! Your Divan has already been extremely busy visiting clubs, units and participating in fundraisers, which are vital to Omar's continued success.

Illustrious Sir Kenny and the Divan traveled out to Frisco, Texas to help with the 99<sup>th</sup> annual East West Shrine Bowl by serving on our country's flag presentation, during the pregame. What happened next was a once in a lifetime honor that took place during game week. Omar had a surprise inductee into our membership, by obligating new Noble Storm Judy before the game. Storm's big Brother Steele Judy was one of the college seniors invited to participate in the game this year and is also an Omar Shriner. Storm was given his obligation by Imperial Sir Ed Stolze in the presence of the Joint Board of Governors for Shriners International and Shriners Children's and the entire Omar Divan. Potentates and members from visiting Shrine Centers were also present for this memorable moment. After being obligated Storm was given the Holy Bible that was used, and it was signed by all who were present. The East West Shrine Bowl was a great time had by all and continues to support Shriners Children's.

The Charleston Boat Show and the Lowcountry Oyster Festival were both very successful and Ill. Sir Kenny wanted to thank everyone for coming out and supporting each event.

I'll close by asking you all to watch the calendar, attend the events that you can, support your units, clubs, Omar Shriners, Shriners International and most of all, SHRINERS CHILDREN'S.

As always, my door is open to each of you, and you can easily reach me via phone or email.

Fraternally yours,  
Dennis Weaver  
Recorder, Omar Shriners  
803-493-2637  
recorder@omarshriners.org



It is with a heavy heart that we must inform you that Illustrious Sir William E. (Bill) Fenters Omar Potentate 1997 passed away around 4:00PM January 28, 2024. Please keep lady Pat and the entire Fenters family in your thoughts and prayers.



OMAR



SHRINERS

Dear Friends,

Omar Shrine Center is in the process of raising funds so that Shriners in our region can continue to work and support Shriners Children's. In order to facilitate these activities, it is imperative that the Omar Shrine Center has the funds for operational expenses. This year we are starting a new program, Friends of Omar, for our business partners. The funds that you donate to Omar are not deductible as a charitable contribution. However, your generous donation will allow for operational costs and will help the center function for another year. In exchange for your donation, we will advertise your company as a Friends of Omar/corporate sponsor at all Omar Shrine Center events and you will receive advertisement in our Infomar publication that is sent to over 2000 members in 22 counties of South Carolina. Additionally, you will receive recognition on our social media platforms and our website. I ask that your business consider sponsorship of Omar Shrine Center in 2024. If you would like more information, please contact me at 843-200-7520. You can also contact me via email at [klskipper@gmail.com](mailto:klskipper@gmail.com). Please utilize this email address for logo artwork as well.

Donations can be sent to Omar Shrine Center at 176 Patriots Point Road in Mount Pleasant, South Carolina 29464. Please note on your check that the donation is for 2024 Friends of Omar program. Thanking you in advance for your consideration. The giving levels are as follows:

\$500 Silver Level- ¼ page ad in our Infomar publication, advertisement on our Friends of Omar banner at all Omar Shrine Center Events, as well as recognition on our social media platforms and website.

\$1000 Gold Level- ½ page ad in our Infomar publication, advertisement on our Friends of Omar banner at all Omar Shrine Center Events, as well as recognition on our social media platforms and website.

\$2000 Platinum Level- full page ad in our Infomar publication, advertisement on our Friends of Omar banner at all Omar Shrine Center Events, as well as recognition on our social media platforms and website.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "K Skipper".

Kenny Skipper  
Chief Rabban  
Omar Shriners





## Thoughts from the Assistant Rabban

Greetings from the lovely City of Myrtle Beach!

Let me begin by saying how humble I am to be elected to the office of Assistant Rabban of Omar Shriners for 2024. I am honored to serve in this capacity and look forward to an exciting year under the leadership of the Illustrious Sir Kenny Skipper and his lovely lady Andrea. I encourage each of you to become involved in the many activities of Omar Shriners as we actively support our great fraternity and philanthropy.

I would also like to congratulate Illustrious Sir Mike Donald on becoming our newest Past Potentate. I thank you for your service to the nobles and ladies of Omar Shrine and to Shriners Childrens'.

2024 is off to an exciting year and I was honored to help represent Omar Shrine at the East West Shrine Bowl in Frisco, Texas. We had a great time at this longstanding event.

As 2024 moves forward, the Spring Ceremonial will be happening in my hometown of Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. Illustrious Sir Kenny, Lady Andrea and the 2024 Staff have planned a wonderful weekend for Fun, Fellowship and SAND. Be sure to make your plans to attend now. The first weekend in May is an exciting time at the Beach and a Ceremonial adds to the excitement. Be sure to come and have FUN IN THE SUN and SAND.

As I close, I hope to see each of you in my travels this year. I encourage you to reach out to me if I can be of any assistance to you.

Fraternally,  
Ricky  
(910) 376-0456

## Remarks from the Chief Rabban



Nobles –

I would like to thank you for allowing me to serve as your Chief Rabban in 2024. Lady Jennifer and I look forward to serving you and your ladies another year. We are excited to see what 2024 brings, as we begin to kick off the year. Last year, your support helped to make our second annual Sportsman Banquet a huge success. I appreciate all the hard work and effort of those Nobles and their ladies who worked tirelessly leading up to and during the weekend of the event. Let's make the 3rd Annual Sportsman Banquet just as much, if not more, successful! The banquet this year is scheduled for July 20, 2024. This is also Lady Jennifer's birthday, so come out to celebrate and enjoy the banquet. We need your help with ticket sales, prize donations, sponsorships, and more. Be on the lookout for an email blast soon with information pertaining to the next planning meeting for the banquet. Aside from the Sportsman Banquet and other Temple events, there are a lot of planned fundraisers and events to be hosted by our clubs and units. Lady Jennifer and I look forward to supporting you at many of those events and visiting with you all. Please be sure to reach out to the Temple for your event approval and to ensure your event is placed on the Omar calendar at [www.omarshriners.org](http://www.omarshriners.org). As always, I am always available to talk if you need to reach out to me with questions or to provide feedback on what we can do to serve your needs. I can be reached at 843-200-5023. Thank you again for your support as we do #morein24!

Fraternally,

Kevin Wadford Chief Rabban

**No. 113**



**Omar Shrine Center**  
Pea Supper



**at Dorchester Shrine Club**  
2150 Beech Hill Rd, Summerville  
on Saturday, April 13, 2024

**Drinks: 6:00 pm until final draw**  
**Food: 6:30 – 7:30 pm**

**Ribeye Steak Dinner & Open Bar for 2**  
\$100 per ticket (single draw)

**\*\*\* CASH PRIZE for Every 10<sup>th</sup> Draw \*\*\***  
**Need Not Be Present to Win!**

Proceeds benefit Omar Shrine Center & are not tax deductible as a charitable contribution.



**at Dorchester Shrine Club**  
2150 Beech Hill Rd



**GOOD Friday ★ March 29 ★ 6-8pm**

**\$12.00\***  
**FRIED FISH DINNER**

includes  
Baked Beans, Cole Slaw, & Hush Puppies



\*Chicken Bog, Catfish Stew, & Banana Pudding  
Available for Additional Purchase

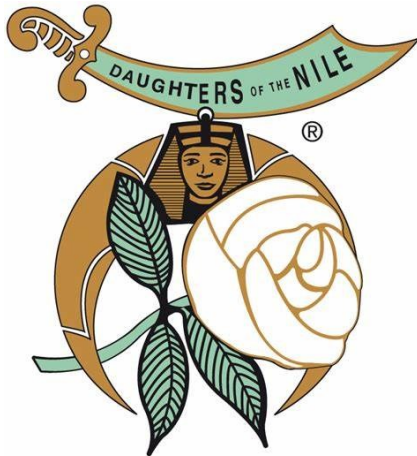
Advance Ticket Purchase Encouraged  
**VERY Limited Walk-In Tickets Available**

**DSC OASIS WILL BE OPEN!**

Proceeds benefit Daughters of the Nile Milcah Temple No.77 and are not deductible as a charitable contribution.



Do you have your T-shirt? T-shirts are being sold as part of the 2024 Ladies Program. **Last call!** Contact any of the Divan Ladies to get yours. Only \$25.



Milcah Temple No. 77, Daughters of the Nile meets the first Tuesday of each month except July and August at 7:00 PM at Dorchester Shrine Club.

The Papyrus is the official newsletter of Milcah Temple No.77

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# Congratulations!

*What a great way to start 2024!! At the Annual Stated Meeting and Election of Officers for 2024, two new nobles were obligated! Welcome...*

*Noble Richard Mills*

*Noble Richard Mills, Jr.*



# Social Media Tidbits



## #omarstrong24

LS Steele Judy from [The Citadel Football](#) who played for the West Team in last night's [East West Shrine Bowl](#)!

🏈 Steele is a member of [Omar Shrine](#) in Mt. Pleasant, South Carolina.



## CHARLESTON BOAT SHOW



# Social Media Tidbits



A once in a lifetime opportunity happened in Frisco Texas this morning. Omar Shriners obligated our newest Noble, Storm Judy, as a Shriner. Storm was voted on in Charleston Wednesday evening and made the trip to watch his brother Steele play in the East West Shrine Bowl tonight. Storm was given his obligation by Imperial Sir Ed Stolze accompanied by the entire joint boards of Shriners, the Omar Divan, his family and several Nobles from around the country. Welcome to the Shriners and enjoy your fraternity!

What a great weekend at Shriners Children's Greenville. Omar had great representation and a presentation from the Omar Pedalers. A visit there resets and renews your focus.

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