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OMAR TEMPLE BEGINS THE NEW YEAR WITH NEW OFFICERS!



JANUARY 12, 2018 WAS A GREAT DAY FOR OMAR SHRINERS AS THEY GATHERED TOGETHER TO HOLD THEIR ANNUAL MEETING AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS. PICTURED ARE ILLUSTRIOUS SIR BILL FENTERS, PP IN FOREGROUND, FROM LEFT TO RIGHT - RALPH A. CALHOUN II, ILLUSTRIOUS POTENTATE, MARK MURRAY, CHIEF RABBAN, JOSEPH (JJ) CRUZ, ASSISTANT RABBAN, GORDON (BUDDY) ELLIS, III, HIGH PRIEST AND PROPHET, ANDY GARVIN, ORIENTAL GUIDE, MEDD BOX, PP, TREASURER, JERRY HICKS, PP, RECORDER. CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2018 OMAR DIVAN!

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Ralph A. Calhoun II

Potentate's Corner



LADY PATRICE AND I WOULD LIKE TO THANK YOU THE NOBILITY AND YOUR LADIES FOR THE WONDERFUL WEEKEND AT 2018 INSTALLATION. IT IS A GREAT HONOR AND PRIVILEGE TO SERVE THIS GREAT FRATERNITY AND THE NOBLES AND THEIR LADIES OF OMAR. WE LOOK FORWARD TO SUPPORTING EACH OF YOU IN 2018. PATRICE AND I WOULD LIKE TO THANK MANY OF YOU PULLED IT TOGETHER AND HELPED MAKE IT A SUCCESS. WE ARE SURE WE WILL MISS THANKING SOME OF YOU. WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE DIRECTORS STAFF AND THE STAFFETTES FOR ALL THE HARD WORK PRIOR TO AND DURING THE INSTALLATION WEEKEND. WE ALSO WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE MEMBERS OF THE 2018 STAFF FOR ALL THAT THEY DID. WE COULD NOT FORGET TO THANK THE DAUGHTERS OF THE NILE FOR THAT GREAT RECEPTION. PATRICE AND I HAVE RECEIVED NOTHING BUT COMPLIMENTS FOR THE GREAT JOB EVERYONE DID IN MAKING THE INSTALLATION A HUGE SUCCESS. I WOULD LIKE TO REMIND ALL THE NOBILITY OF MY SLOGAN, "WALK A M.I.L.E. FOR A CHILD". REMEMBER WE HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO (M) MOTIVATE, (I) INSPIRE, (L) LEAD AND (E) EDUCATE EVERYONE WE MEET IN WHO WE ARE, WHAT WE DO AND WHY WE DO IT. WE HOPE AND PRAY THAT GOD BLESSES EACH OF YOU FOR THE GREAT WORK EACH OF YOU DO. IT IS YOU THE NOBILITY AND THE LADIES OF OMAR WHO MAKE OMAR SHRINE AND OUR SHRINE HOSPITALS WHAT THEY ARE TODAY. WE COULD NOT DO IT WITHOUT YOUR HELP AND SUPPORT. MAY GOD ALWAYS BLESS AMERICA AND GOD BLESS THE SHRINE.

FRATERNALLY YOURS,
 RALPH A. CALHOUN II
 POTENTATE 2018
 OMAR SHRINE

**GET YOUR CANDIDATES
 READY!
 SPRING CEREMONIAL
 MAY 17-20, 2018
 AT MYRTLE BEACH.**



Omar Shriners Spring Ceremonial
 DoubleTree Resort by Hilton Myrtle Beach Oceanfront
 May 17-20, 2018



Room Reservation Details

Rate: \$115.00/night plus fees & taxes (\$10.00/night resort fee and 12% taxes) -total \$140.00/night
 King bed and sleeper sofa OR two queen beds, balcony, microwave, mini-refrigerator, coffee maker
Amenities: Self-parking, WiFi, fitness center, miniature golf, and pools; breakfast is NOT included
Rate Code: OMA **Deadline:** April 17
Reservations: 800-770-6895 -- or click Add special rate codes on the DoubleTree by Hilton reservation page and enter OMA under Group Code in the expanded dialog box

For questions, please contact Housing Chairman Noble Jimmy Droze or Lady Sharon -- text preferred -- 850-508-3619.



Deadline to submit articles for August issue is March 23, 2018

Articles for the Infomar should be submitted to infomareditor@gmail.com. Questions should be directed to infomareditor@gmail.com or to Illustrious Sir Jerry Hicks, PP, Recorder.

Please remember this is YOUR newsletter, we need YOUR articles

Recorder's Ramblings



DEAR NOBLES AND LADIES OF OMAR;

2018 PROMISES TO BE A GREAT YEAR. OMAR TEMPLE IS FORTUNATE TO HAVE A HEALTHY AND STRONG BOARD OF DIRECTORS AS ITS BACKBONE. EACH MEMBER HAS UNIQUE AND ORIGINAL IDEAS TO BRING TO THE TABLE TO MAKE OMAR STRONGER IN THE FUTURE. WORKING TOGETHER AS A TEAM THEY WILL BRING OMAR TO NEW HEIGHTS.

I THANK EACH OF YOU FOR YOUR VOTE OF CONFIDENCE IN ME AS YOUR RECORDER. AGAIN, I REMIND YOU THAT I AM AVAILABLE TO YOU FOR WHATEVER YOUR NEED MAY BE. TOGETHER WE CAN OVERCOME OBSTACLES. I AM IN THE OFFICE EACH DAY AND MY DOOR IS ALWAYS OPEN FOR YOUR NEEDS, EVEN IF YOU JUST NEED TO CHAT.

OMAR TEMPLE IS VERY FORTUNATE TO HAVE AN IMPERIAL OFFICER FROM OUR TEMPLE. PLEASE TALK WITH YOUR GROUPS AND HELP US TO BRING IMPERIAL SESSION TO THE CAROLINAS IN 2023. IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS REGARDING OUR RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT THIS IMPERIAL SESSION, PLEASE FEEL FREE TO CALL ME.

AS A REMINDER, PLEASE REFER TO THE ORGANIZATIONAL BOOK WHEN PLANNING YOUR NEXT EVENT; PAGES 20-23 OUTLINES ALL FUNDRAISING POLICIES. IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS, I WILL BE HAPPY TO ASSIST.

IN CLOSING I CONGRATULATE ALL THE OFFICERS OF OMAR TEMPLE IN THEIR NEWLY ELECTED POSITIONS AND I LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH EACH TO ACHIEVE THEIR VISIONS FOR THE BETTERMENT OF OMAR TEMPLE.

LADY GINNY AND I LOOK FORWARD TO VISITING WITH EACH OF YOU THIS YEAR. FRATERNALLY,
JERRY HICKS, PP
RECORDER

Package includes

- 4 Nights hotel (double occupancy room, self parking)
- WWII Museum or Oak Alley Plantation
- Steamboat Natchez Jazz Dinner Cruise

\$525 total

per person (based on double occupancy)

\$250 per person deposit due by 4/1/18

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REMARKS FROM THE ORIENTAL GUIDE

FIRST AND FOREMOST I CANNOT THANK EACH AND EVERY ONE OF YOU FOR YOUR TRUST AND SUPPORT IN MYSELF FOR THE OFFICE OF ORIENTAL GUIDE FOR 2018. MY WONDERFUL LADY JAMIE AND I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO THANK THE NOBILITY LADIES AND DIVAN LADIES FOR THE WARM WELCOME SHE RECEIVED AS ONE OF THE DIVAN LADIES. WITH THIS OPPORTUNITY I WANT TO ENSURE TO EACH AND EVERY ONE OF YOU I LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING FOR SHRINE HOSPITALS, SHRINE HEROES, OMAR TEMPLE AND ALL THE NOBILITY OF OMAR TEMPLE. THE INSTALLATION WEEKEND WAS A FUN FILLED WEEKEND FOR EVERY ONE THAT ATTENDED AND CONGRATULATIONS TO ILLUSTRIOUS SIR RALPH CALHOUN TO HIS POSITION AS POTENTATE AND ALL OTHER DIVAN MEMBERS ON THEIR SELECTION. ALSO WANT TO LET EVERYONE

KNOW I LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH THE DIVAN IN THE FOLLOWING YEARS TO ENSURE WE HAVE THE MOST PRODUCTIVE YEARS TO COME FOR OMAR. IF ANY NOBLE HAS IDEAS, OR ISSUES PLEASE DON'T HESITATE TO REACH OUT TO MYSELF OR ANY OTHER DIVAN MEMBER FOR SUPPORT. WE ARE HERE TO WORK FOR YOU AND SUPPORT EACH AND EVERY ONE OF YOU. THE DIVAN HAS ALREADY HIT THE GROUND RUNNING AND WORKING FOR THE PHILANTHROPY. THE WEEKEND OF JANUARY 18-21, 2018 WE ATTENDED THE 93RD ANNUAL EAST WEST SHRINE BOWL IN TAMPA. WHILE THERE IT WAS AN EYE OPENING EXPERIENCE FOR MYSELF AND I ENCOURAGE ALL NOBLES IF POSSIBLE TO MAKE PLANS TO ATTEND THE 94TH GAME IN TAMPA JANUARY 19TH, 2019. IT WAS A GREAT EXPERIENCE FOR MYSELF GETTING TO MEET NOBLES FROM TEMPLES AND FELLOWSHIP AND SEEING THINGS IN DIFFERENT AREAS. OMAR HAD A GREAT PRESENCE WHILE ATTENDING THE SHRINE BOWL AND I HOPE THAT OTHERS WILL TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY AND ATTEND THEMSELVES FOR THE EXPERIENCE ALSO. ALSO IN JULY IF POSSIBLE I WOULD LIKE TO SEE AS MANY UNITS AND CLUBS MAKE PLANS TO ATTEND IMPERIAL SESSION, AND EXPERIENCE THIS DUE TO ITS LOCATED IN DAYTONA BEACH IN 2018 AND WILL BE GOING WEST IN YEARS TO COME AND I WOULD LIKE TO HAVE ALL CLUBS AND UNITS PARTICIPATE IN THE IMPERIAL PARADE IN DAYTONA BEACH, FL. WITH THE UPCOMING YEAR AND YEARS TO COME WE HAVE THE GREAT TASK OF WORKING TO SUPPORT OUR HOSPITALS, TEMPLE, CLUBS AND UNITS. ALSO WITH EVERYONE WORKING WITH THE DIVAN TO SUPPORT IMPERIAL SIR KENNY WITH GETTING THE IMPERIAL SESSION TO CHARLESTON. THIS WILL BE GREAT FOR MASONRY AND SHRINERS ALL OVER OUR AREA OF OMAR, DUE TO IN 142 YEARS THIS IS THE 1ST IMPERIAL OFFICER FROM THE GREAT STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA. THIS WILL BE AN HONOR FOR OMAR AND EVERY NOBLE IN OMAR TO BE PART OF SUCH A GREAT EVENT, WHEN WE ARE ABLE TO PUT THIS GREAT EVENT ON HERE IN CHARLESTON. SO AS YOUR ORIENTAL GUIDE I'M ASKING FOR EVERY NOBLES HELP WITH SUPPORT AND FROM EVERY CLUB AND UNIT TO PLEASE LET'S ALL GET BEHIND THIS GREAT MISSION AND PUSH TO GET IMPERIAL SESSION TO CHARLESTON. OVERALL I HOPE ALL NOBLES HAVE FUN WHILE RAISING MONEY AND ATTENDING EVENTS, WHILE WORKING FOR THE SHRINE. SO EVERYONE LETS HAVE FUN IN 2018 AND BUILD OUR GREAT PHILANTHROPY FROM YEARS PAST AND "MAKE SHRINE GREAT AGAIN"

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ATTENTION NOBLES AND LADIES

THE MEDAL OF HONOR FEZ IS A VERY PRESTIGIOUS AND COVETED AWARD THAT IS GIVEN TO A DESERVING NOBLE IN HONOR OF THE WORK HE HAS DONE FOR THE TEMPLE, HIS UNIT OR CLUB AND SHRINERS HOSPITALS FOR CHILDREN. HOWEVER, YOU MUST REALIZE THAT THE SUPPLIER TAKES 14-16 WEEKS FROM THE TIME THEY GET THE ORDER TO PRODUCE THE MEDAL OF HONOR FEZ. WHILE WE CERTAINLY UNDERSTAND THAT YOU WANT THE FEZ TO WEAR AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND TO HAVE IT PRESENTED IN FRONT OF YOUR FRIENDS, WE MUST CURTAIL THE CONFUSION OF BORROWING FEZZES JUST TO SATISFY EGOS. MEDAL OF HONOR FEZ RECIPIENTS WILL BE NOTIFIED BY MAIL WHEN THE FEZZES ARRIVE AND THEN WE CAN MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR PRESENTATIONS. THANK YOU FOR BEING PATIENT AND UNDERSTANDING



**OMAR SHRINERS
2018 Gun Raffle**

**31 Raffle Items
Tickets \$5.00 each or 5 tickets \$20.00
DRAWING ON DECEMBER 1, 2018**



**Winner will pick up firearms at Palmetto State Armory
3365 Morgans Point Rd. Mt. Pleasant, SC after a successfully
Completed ATF 4473 Background check.**

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OMAR SHRINERS 31 Firearms Raffle Prizes:

- Springfield XDS two-ton Dark Earth 9mm
- Browning BPS 12ga 26"
- Palmetto State Armory Mil-spec Ar15 with Red Dot sight
- Ruger LCR 9mm revolver
- Glock 22 Gen 4 .40
- Glock 19 Gen 5 9mm
- Henry Golden Boy 22lr
- S&W Shield 9mm Gen 2
- Mossberg 590 shockwave 20ga
- Mossberg 590A1 pump
- Mossberg 500 persuader w/ light
- Franchi Affinity Mossy Oak 12ga 28"
- Remington 870 12ga
- Remington 870 20ga
- PSA 1911 Stainless
- Ruger 10/22 Wood
- Springfield XD 2 9mm
- Ruger LCP I .380 ACP
- Remington 700 Camo .270
- Ruger MK IV Hunter 22lr
- S&W MP45 2.0
- Smith Wesson MP15-22
- Smith 442 revolver 38spl
- Smith 642 revolver 38spl ladysmith
- Savage 111 .270 bolt w/scope
- Sig Sauer P238 .380 ACP
- Springfield XDM 45
- S&W Stainles Governor .410/45LC/.45ACP
- PSA Ak47 Redwood 7.62 x 39
- PSA Free-floated Ar15 5.56 optic ready
- Uberti Single Action Cattleman 1873 .357mag



**REMARKS FROM THE
HIGH PRIEST AND
PROPHET**

IMPERIAL SIR, ILLUSTRIOUS SIRS, NOBLES, & LADIES OF OMAR,

I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE A MOMENT OF YOUR TIME TO PERSONALLY THANK YOU FOR ALLOWING ME TO SERVE AS YOUR 2018 HIGH PRIEST & PROPHET. INDEED, IT IS A PRIVILEGE AND VERY HUMBLING THAT YOU HAVE ENTRUSTED ME TO SERVE YOU AND OMAR. YOUR VOICE SPEAKS LOUDLY AND YOUR TRUST AND CONFIDENCE ARE RESPECTED. I HOLD THIS RESPONSIBILITY WITH THE HIGHEST HONOR.

2017 WAS AN EXTREMELY SUCCESSFUL YEAR AND I AM VERY HUMBLLED TO HAVE SERVED ON THE TEAM AS YOUR ORIENTAL GUIDE. I AM A NOBLE, JUST AS YOU, AND WORKING TOGETHER PROVED THAT TEAMWORK IS THE ANSWER TO BETTERING OUR FRATERNITY AND PHILANTHROPY. AT TIMES, WE ARE FACED WITH DIFFICULT NO-WIN CIRCUMSTANCES, BUT WE AS NOBLES MUST CONTINUE TO BOND AND GEL AS A TEAM TO ENSURE OUR FRATERNITY AND PHILANTHROPY WILL MOVE FORWARD. LET'S LOOK TO OUR BRIGHT FUTURE! I AM EXTREMELY PROUD TO BE A SHRINER WORKING FOR OMAR, AND LOOK FORWARD TO PARTICIPATING WITH YOU, ASSURING 2018 WILL BE ANOTHER EXCELLENT YEAR.

I WOULD LIKE TO CONGRATULATE OUR POTENTATE, ILL. SIR RALPH CALHOUN, CHIEF RABBAN MARK MURRAY, ASST. RABBAN J.J. CRUZ, AND NEWLY ELECTED ORIENTAL GUIDE ANDY GARVIN, ON THEIR DIVAN ADVANCEMENT. THESE NOBLES BRING MANY TALENTS TO THE TABLE. OMAR IS VERY FORTUNATE TO HAVE THEM AS BOARD MEMBERS. I WISH EACH ONE OF THEM AND THEIR LADIES MUCH SUCCESS, AS LADY WANDA AND I WILL FULLY SUPPORT THEM IN ANY WAY!

LADY WANDA AND I LOOK FORWARD TO HAVING FUN AND WORKING HARD FOR YOU, ACHIEVING GREATNESS FOR OMAR.

WE ARE ALWAYS AVAILABLE TO YOU. PLEASE CONTACT US AT ANY TIME.

TEAMWORK, TEAMWORK, TEAMWORK!!!

YOURS IN THE FAITH,

GORDON M. ELLIS, III (BUDDY)

HIGH PRIEST & PROPHET, OMAR SHRINE

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**FROM THE DESK
OF IMPERIAL SIR
KENNY CRAVEN**

GREETINGS NOBLES AND LADIES, CONGRATULATIONS TO ILLUSTRIOUS SIR RALPH AND FIRST LADY PATRICE AS WELL AS THE OTHER DIVAN MEMBERS, NOBLES, AND THEIR LADIES ON THEIR ELECTION TO THEIR RESPECTIVE OFFICES DURING INSTALLATION WEEKEND, AND MY LADY JJ AND I WISH THEM THE VERY BEST AS THEY LEAD OMAR TO GREAT SUCCESS. I WOULD LIKE

TO RECOGNIZE ILL SIR DICKY PP AND LADY TAMMY AND THEIR HARDWORKING, DEDICATED STAFF ON A SUPERB YEAR IN 2017. I REGRET THAT I WAS UNABLE TO ATTEND THE INSTALLATION WEEKEND AS I WAS IN TAMPA/ST. PETE FOR MEETINGS AND THE EAST WEST GAME, BUT LADY JJ WAS ABLE TO ATTEND SOME OF THE EVENTS OF THE WEEKEND. SHE HAD A WONDERFUL TIME VISITING WITH YOU, AND SHE ASKED THAT I THANK EVERYONE FOR THEIR GRACIOUS HOSPITALITY. WE JUST RETURNED HOME FROM THE EAST WEST GAME, ONE OF THREE SIGNATURE SPORTING EVENTS HELD TO BENEFIT AND PROMOTE SHRINERS HOSPITALS FOR CHILDREN. OMAR WAS WELL REPRESENTED DOWN THERE AS ILL SIR RALPH LED A LARGE GROUP OF DIVAN AND NOBLES TO HELP WORK AT THE TAILGATE LUNCH AND IN THE AUCTION ROOM. WE APPRECIATE THE TIME AND EFFORT THAT YOU GENTLEMEN PUT INTO THE WEEKEND, AND THANK ILL SIR RALPH AND ALL ATTENDEES FOR PARTICIPATING IN THE EVENT. THE 2018 SHRINERS HOSPITALS FOR CHILDREN COLLEGE CLASSIC WILL TAKE PLACE FROM MARCH 2-4 AT MINUTE MAID PARK IN HOUSTON, TX. THIS 6 TEAM COLLEGE BASEBALL TOURNAMENT IS ANOTHER ONE OF THE SIGNATURE SPORTING EVENTS HELD TO BENEFIT SHC, AND I WANTED TO MAKE YOU AWARE OF THE DATES OF THIS PREMIER 3 DAY TOURNAMENT THAT ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND. SOME FURTHER INFORMATION IS PROVIDED WITH THE INCLUDED FLYER. IMPERIAL SESSION IS JUST UNDER 6 MONTHS AWAY – JULY 15TH – 19TH – IN DAYTONA BEACH. I WOULD LIKE TO PERSONALLY INVITE EVERYONE TO ATTEND. I HOPE TO SEE MANY OMAR NOBLES, UNITS, AND CLUBS REPRESENTED IN THE PARADE. THERE WILL ONCE AGAIN BE A WALK FOR LOVE AT THE SPEEDWAY, ALONG WITH A CONCERT BY THE OAK RIDGE BOYS ON ONE NIGHT, AND PLENTY OF OTHER EVENTS PLANNED FOR BOTH NOBLES AND LADIES ALIKE TO ENJOY. I THANK ALL OF YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT, ESPECIALLY YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT OF OUR IMPERIAL SESSION 2022-2023 ACCOUNT. WE STILL HAVE A WAYS TO GO, BUT I KNOW TOGETHER WE CAN REACH OUR GOALS. AND IN CLOSING, THAT IS MY MESSAGE TO ALL NOBILITY AND LADIES – WORK TOGETHER AS A TEAM SO THAT YOUR UNITS AND CLUBS GAIN MEMBERS AND RAISES FUNDS, OUR TEMPLE STAYS STRONG AND SUCCESSFUL, AND OUR HOSPITAL SYSTEM REMAINS THE GREATEST PHILANTHROPY IN THE WORLD. FRATERNALLY YOURS,
KENNY CRAVEN
IMPERIAL FIRST CEREMONIAL MASTER



The Road to Omaha® Begins in Houston

Six premier collegiate baseball teams will take the field at Minute Maid Park, home of the Houston Astros, from March 2-4. The 2018 Shriners Hospitals for Children College Classic will feature the University of Houston, University of Louisiana-Lafayette, Sam Houston State University, University of Kentucky, Mississippi State University and Vanderbilt University.

This event is regarded as one of the top collegiate baseball tournaments in the nation, as it continues to draw fans, top-ranked programs and scouts from every Major League Baseball organization each year. Since 2001, the Shriners Hospitals for Children College Classic has hosted 30 different NCAA® Division-I baseball programs at Minute Maid Park.



Plan Your Trip to Houston

General admission tickets are \$19 for a single day and \$41 for a weekend pass. Group tickets are available for \$13 each (20 or more general admission tickets). The First Pitch Luncheon will be hosted at Minute Maid Park on March 1. Luncheon tickets are available for \$40. Teams will visit the Houston Shriners Hospital on March 1.

Additional Information

For more information and details about the 2018 Shriners Hospitals for Children College Classic, please contact **Dustin Johnson** at DTJohnson@shrinenet.org.



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Rather than receive gifts for her 16th birthday in October, patient Lauren Rosenthal asked friends and family to donate to Shriners Hospitals for Children – Greenville. Like many families, she felt a desire to give back to a place that has given her so much.

When at the hospital for her second surgery in December, she proudly presented a check to her doctor for over \$1,000. Amazingly, this was not the first time that Lauren raised money for the hospital. At just 8 years old, she received her first surgery to treat her spastic diplegia, a condition that affects her ability to walk and her gait. Fueled by her giving heart at this young age, she held a fundraiser and donated over \$500.

"Lauren has such an incredible drive and has never let any physical limitations get in the way of achieving her goals," said her mother, Karen Rosenthal.

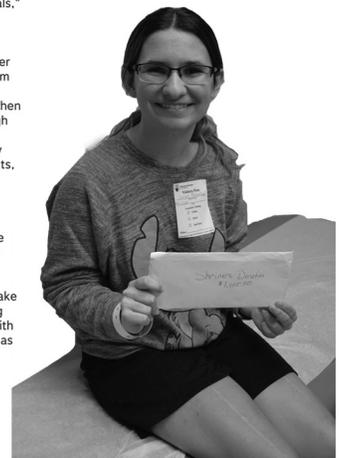
When she is not finding ways to give back to her community and fellow patients, she is busy reaching her goals in other aspects of her life. She was part of a team that took home the 1st place title in a local math competition, was named one of three Valedictorians when she graduated middle school, and is now attending high school where she has received Principal's Honor Roll every quarter. When she graduates, she plans to study neuroscience. In addition to her academic achievements, Lauren is an avid reader and enjoys playing the piano, which she started learning at the age of 4.

"Lauren feels very blessed for her wonderful support system of family and friends, and for the first-rate care that she received at Greenville Shriners Hospital," said Karen.

A dedicated giver, she already has plans in place to make her third donation to the hospital, with the funds being raised by a 5k race she is organizing for this spring. With a heart like Lauren's, her future is sure to be as bright as her smile.

Your gifts help kids, like Lauren, live their best possible lives.

**Lauren
is a
Shriners
Kid**



IMPERIAL SESSION 2023 DONATIONS

DATE	NAME	TOTAL
3/9/2017	SANTEE SHRINE CLUB	\$500.00
3/9/2017	OMAR VOLUNTEERS	\$500.00
3/9/2017	OMAR KINGFISHERS	\$200.00
3/9/2017	VAN THREADGILL	\$100.00
3/9/2017	UNKNOWN	\$52.00
3/28/2017	KEN BACHEWICZ	\$100.00
4/24/2017	BILL FENTERS	\$100.00
4/24/2017	DAVE FINN	\$100.00
4/24/2017	JIM AYCOCK	\$100.00
4/24/2017	LD RICHARDSON	\$100.00
4/24/2017	RANDY HARLEY	\$100.00
4/24/2017	MEDD BOX	\$100.00
4/24/2017	JERRY HICKS	\$100.00
4/24/2017	MIKE HORNE	\$100.00
4/24/2017	OMAR CABRI #119	\$500.00
4/25/2017	SANTEE SHRINE CLUB	\$500.00
5/25/2017	HARLEY BRIGADE	\$500.00
6/5/2017	HARLEY RIDERS	\$500.00
6/9/2017	DIRECTORS STAFF	\$500.00
6/9/2017	JULIAN SEALE	\$100.00
6/19/2017	BOB GRAY	\$100.00
7/6/2017	DONALD RALPH	\$100.00
7/19/2017	CLIFF CANTEY	\$100.00
7/19/2017	JOEL RONNER	\$100.00
7/24/2017	RON LANCASTER	\$100.00
7/24/2017	GUS O'SHIELDS	\$100.00
7/24/2017	RILEY MCDANIEL	\$100.00
7/24/2017	LANDY THOMAS	\$100.00
7/27/2017	TEMPLE STAFF	\$400.00
7/31/2017	COWBOYS	\$500.00
7/31/2017	CHEFS	\$500.00
8/22/2017	SAFETY PATROL	\$1,000.00
9/13/2017	DONALD D. & MARION ROBERTSON	\$100.00
10/19/2017	MARK MURRAY	\$100.00
10/21/2017	KOOL KATS	\$500.00
10/23/2017	JJ CRAVEN ACCT.	\$1,373.00
10/23/2017	BUDDY ELLIS	\$100.00
11/20/2017	ELLISON MOODY	\$100.00
12/2/2017	DAREDEVILS	\$500.00
12/8/2017	BERKELEY SHRINE CLUB	\$250.00
1/8/2018	RED FEZ/JOLLY JEEPSTERS	\$500.00
1/18/2018	OMAR MOTOR CORP	\$1,000.00
1/18/2018	BEACHCOMBERS SHRINE UNIT	\$3,000.00
1/26/2018	SANTEE SHRINE CLUB	\$500.00
1/26/2018	JULIAN SEALE	\$100.00

JUNIOR PAST POTENTATE'S CORNER

DEAR NOBLES AND LADIES,

AS I WRITE MY FINAL ARTICLE AS YOUR 2017 POTENTATE, I CAN'T HELP BUT THINK HOW FAST THIS YEAR HAS GONE. IT SEEMS LIKE ONLY YESTERDAY THAT I'M WAITING WITH ANTICIPATION BECOMING YOUR POTENTATE. I SAW EARLY ON THAT IT WAS NOT GOING TO BE NEARLY AS DIFFICULT AS I THOUGHT, BECAUSE OF THE HELP AND SUPPORT OF THE NOBLES AND LADIES OF OMAR TEMPLE. YOU ALL MADE MY JOB AND THAT OF THE DIVAN SO MUCH EASIER. YOU ALL STARTED IN JANUARY ASKING WHAT YOU ALL COULD DO TO HELP AND CONTINUED THROUGHOUT THE YEAR. LADY TAMMY AND I ARE VERY GRATEFUL. WE COULD NOT HAVE ASKED FOR A BETTER STAFF THAN WE HAD IN 2017. WE HAVE HEARD SO MANY COMPLIMENTS ABOUT HOW THINGS WERE DONE AND HOW GRACIOUS YOU WERE. I HOPE THAT WE THANKED ALL OF YOU, BUT IF WE DIDN'T, WE CAN'T THANK YOU ENOUGH FOR MANY TIMELESS HOURS THAT YOU ALL PUT IN. "A JOB WELL DONE"

OMAR HAS HAD A VERY SUCCESSFUL YEAR IN 2017!! WE ARE AT THE FOREFRONT IN SHRINERS INTERNATIONAL. WE HAVE RAISED UNPRECEDENTED DOLLARS FOR OUR GREENVILLE SHRINE HOSPITAL FOR CHILDREN. WE HAVE UPGRADED OUR TRANSPORTATION FLEET FOR OUR CHILDREN WITH FOUR NEW VANS. WE HAVE WORKED VERY HARD BRINGING IN NEW CANDIDATES, OUR CANDIDATE CLASSES WAS 102. WE ACHIEVED GOLD STATUS BY THE IMPERIAL MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE. WE HAVE ALSO BEEN ABLE TO MAKE ENORMOUS UPGRADES WITH THE TEMPLE AUDITORIUM.

AS WE MOVE ON TO 2018, I WOULD ASK THAT YOU GIVE THE SAME SUPPORT TO YOUR INCOMING POTENTATE, RALPH CALHOUN II AND OUR NEW DIVAN. 2018 IS SHAPING UP TO BE A BANNER YEAR FOR OMAR AND I KNOW YOU ALL WANT TO BE A PART OF IT.

LAST, BUT NOT LEAST, THANK YOU FOR THE WAY LADY TAMMY AND I HAVE BEEN RECEIVED AND TREATED EVERYWHERE WE HAVE BEEN IN 2017. THE MEMORIES WILL FOREVER BE IN OUR THOUGHTS.

WE HOPE YOU ALL HAD A GREAT CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR. WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU IN 2018. GOD BLESS,

RICHARD "DICKY" MITCHUM, PAST POTENTATE 2017

HELP US SECURE 2023 IMPERIAL SESSION TO THE CAROLINAS!



dates to Remember



FEBRUARY 28, 2018	DEADLINE FOR UNIT/CLUB FINANCIAL REPORTS
MARCH 3, 2018	HILLBILLIES SPRING FLING DANCE AT OMAR TEMPLE
MARCH 10, 2018	SHRINE DAY – SHRINERS HOSPITALS FOR CHILDREN GREENVILLE
MARCH 17, 2018	VIP ANNUAL SPORTING CLAY SHOOT
MARCH 17, 2018	JAHAB ANNUAL SPORTING CLAY SHOOT
MARCH 21-24, 2018	MID-WINTER SASA AT NEW BERN, NC
MARCH 24, 2018	HILLBILLIES CATFISH TOURNAMENT AT CROSS, SC
MARCH 25-27, 2018	RECORDER'S SEMINAR AT OMAR TEMPLE
APRIL 11, 2018	MASTER AND WARDENS AT OMAR TEMPLE
APRIL 11, 2018	SHRINE MASON NIGHT AT OMAR TEMPLE
APRIL 11-14, 2018	SDA CONVENTION AT HADI SHRINERS, EVANSVILLE, IN
MAY 17-20, 2018	SPRING CEREMONIAL AT MYRTLE BEACH
JUNE 15-16, 2018	GALA AND GOLF TOURNAMENT AT OMA TEMPLE AND MILER COUNTRY CLUB
JULY 15-19, 2018	IMPERIAL SESSION OF THE SHRINE AT DAYTONA BEACH
SEPTEMBER 19-22, 2018	SASA AT MYRTLE BEACH
OCTOBER 4-7, 2018	INTERNATIONAL HILLBILLY CONVENTION AT OMAR TEMPLE
OCTOBER 10-14, 2018	POTENTATE'S TRIP TO NEW ORLEANS, LA
OCTOBER 20, 2018	WALK OF LOVE AT OMAR TEMPLE
NOVEMBER 10, 2018	CHARLIE MILLER GOLF TOURNAMENT AT MILER COUNTRY CLUB, SUMMERVILLE, SC
NOVEMBER 15-18, 2018	FESTIVAL OF TREES AT OMAR TEMPLE
NOVEMBER 30 – DECEMBER 1, 2018	HOMECOMING CEREMONIAL AT OMAR TEMPLE
DECEMBER 9, 2018	SHRINE HERO PARTY AT OMAR TEMPLE
JANUARY 11-12, 2019	AWARDS NIGHT, ELECTION AND INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS, POTENTATE'S BALL



PARTRIDGE CREEK GUN CLUB, HWY 78 RIDGEVILLE, S.C.
MARCH 17, 2018
COST: \$ 60.00 PER SHOOTER (includes lunch)
Registration at 8:00 AM SHOOT STARTS at 9:00 AM

- 1. Team Captain _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

If you don't shoot come out and join us for lunch \$15.00 per person or \$25.00 a couple.

Phone _____ EMAIL _____

Shell Size 2-3/4 ONLY (Not Included) Maximum 105 Targets

Registration Deadline: March 14th, 2018

Mail Entries to :
Robert Wimberly
163 Bellemeade Rd.
Summerville, SC 29483

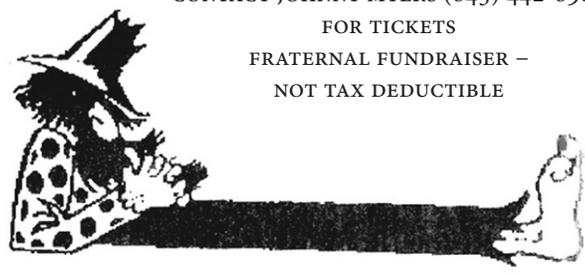
Questions:
Robert Wimberly 843-200-9070
Danny McKiernan 843-509-4002
Steve Cooper 843-296-0095

OMAR VIP ESCORTS
9TH ANNUAL SPORTING CLAY & TRAP SHOOT
Not Tax Deductible-Proceeds Support Shrine Activities



DON'T SEE YOUR NEWS OR EVENT?
PERHAPS YOU FORGOT TO SEND IT.

OMAR HILLBILLY CLAN 82 ALONG WITH
OUTHOUSES 1,2,3,4,5
SPONSOR THE
ANNUAL SPRING FLING DANCE
MARCH 3, 2018 AT OMAR TEMPLE
CONTACT JOHNNY MYERS (843) 442-8989
FOR TICKETS
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IT'S TIME FOR ANNUAL SHRINERS DAYS AT SHC GREENVILLE! JOIN US FRIDAY, MARCH 9 AND SATURDAY, MARCH 10 TO HEAR FROM ONE OF OUR EXPERT PHYSICIANS ABOUT OUR GROWING INJURY CARE PROGRAM, AS WELL AS MEET SOME OF THE PATIENTS WHOSE LIVES HAVE BEEN CHANGED BY THE CARE RECEIVED AT GREENVILLE SHRINERS HOSPITAL.

ANY MEMBER OF OMAR WISHING TO ATTEND, PLEASE CONTACT THE OMAR OFFICE AT (843) 971-0131 OR OMAROFFICE@AOL.COM



Shriners Hospitals for Children®
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ANNUAL OMAR SHRINERS



OUTHOUSE #1
CATFISH
TOURNAMENT
MARCH 24, 2018

Canal Lakes Fish Camp
139 Canal Landing Road, Cross, SC
Entry Fee -\$100 per team, 80% Payback, payouts to the Top 3 in total weight.

Men's Big Fish- \$20 per person, 80% payback,
Kids (ages 11-16) Big Fish- \$20 per person, 80% payback, Kids (ages 3-10) Big Fish -\$5 per person 100% payback. Lady's Big Fish-\$20 per person, 80% payback.

Award & prizes following weigh-in.
Registration Table, Restaurant & Tackle Shop open @ 5:30am.
Blast off - 7am. Weigh in @ 3pm - 4 fish per boat.

DOOR PRIZES & 50/50 DRAWINGS
EVERYONE WELCOME TO PARTICIPATE!!!

Contact: Paul (Boogie) Freeman
843-834-8394
Bigdogfree2000@yahoo.com

All proceeds go to Outhouse #1 to Transportation Fund



MAY THE BLESSING OF HEAVEN BE WITH OUR DEPARTED BROTHERS WHO HAVE JOINED THE GREAT ARCHITECT OF THE UNIVERSE.

BLACK CAMEL
DATES NOVEMBER 2017 – FEBRUARY 14, 2018

- GEORGE B JONES
- JOHNNIE W KING
- ALDON F MITCHELL
- GEORGE WILLIAM LEE JR
- LARRY WYNDHAM JR
- RAPHAEL WOLPERT
- JIMMY EARL EDWARDS SR.
- WILLIAM M DELORME
- ROBERT HUNT
- WOFFORD I TODD
- JOHN W WITHROCK SR
- ROBERT F COX
- JOHN E BOUKNIGHT
- RICHARD E JONES
- WILLIAM M MCCOLLUM JR
- JAMES R MILLER
- DONALD R PARKS
- CHARLES W POLK SR.
- CHARLES V SHULER
- JOHN S WATSON
- CHARLES T WRIGHT
- BOBBY H BENTON
- RALPH E COTTINGHAM
- JOHN W RAY
- OTIS CRAWFORD
- WILLIAM H HERNDON SR
- RICHARD C HADLEY
- CLARK SIDDEERS INMAN



\$\$\$ AND CENTS FROM THE TREASURER

NOBLES AND LADIES:

AS WE BEGIN 2018 I WOULD LIKE TO CONGRATULATE THE NEWLY ELECTED OFFICERS. I LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH EACH OF YOU FOR THE SUCCESS OF OMAR TEMPLE AND OUR GREAT PHILANTHROPY. I AM GRATEFUL TO EACH OF YOU WHO CHOSE TO PUT YOUR

FAITH IN ME AS YOUR TREASURER. I WILL DO MY BEST TO LIVE UP TO THE OBLIGATION OF MY OFFICE AS TREASURER.

BEING TREASURER, IT IS MY DUTY TO MAKE SURE THAT ALL FINANCIAL POLICIES OF THE IMPERIAL BY-LAWS AND OMAR TEMPLE ARE ADHERED TO. WITH THAT BEING SAID, PLEASE BE REMINDED THAT ALL FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR ALL UNITS AND CLUBS MUST BE IN THE OMAR OFFICE BY **FEBRUARY 28, 2018**. IF YOU ARE HAVING DIFFICULTY WITH YOUR REPORTS, PLEASE DO NOT HESITATE TO CONTACT ME AT THE OMAR OFFICE (843) 971-0131.

AGAIN, I AM GRATEFUL FOR YOUR TRUST. LADY PEGGY AND I LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU SOON. YOURS IN THE FAITH,
R. MEDD BOX, PP
TREASURER



MEDAL OF HONOR POINTS

IT HAS COME TO OUR ATTENTION THAT MANY MEMBERS OF THE UNITS AND CLUBS ARE REQUESTING POINT STATUS FROM THE OMAR OFFICE ON A REGULAR BASIS. OUR OFFICE PERSONNEL HAVE MANY DIFFERENT TASKS ON THEIR DESKS AND MANY OF THEM ARE TIME SENSITIVE; THEREFORE, WE ASK YOU TO EMAIL YOUR REQUEST TO OMAROFFICE@AOL.COM AND ALLOW A MINIMUM OF 5 BUSINESS DAYS FOR YOUR REQUEST TO BE ANSWERED. IF YOU DO NOT HAVE A RESPONSE IN 5 DAYS, PLEASE FEEL FREE TO CONTACT THE TEMPLE RECORDER. WITH THE ROLL-OUT OF WEB FEZ SEVERAL YEARS AGO YOU CAN ACCESS THIS INFORMATION ON LINE. PLEASE CHECK OUT THE FOLLOWING LINK TO ACCESS YOUR POINTS.

[HTTP://WEBFEZ.SHRINENET.ORG](http://webfez.shrinenet.org)

1. CLICK ON THE LINK "REGISTER"
2. SELECT OMAR TEMPLE FROM THE LIST
3. ENTER YOUR MEMBER NUMBER AND FIRST AND LAST NAME
4. CLICK "REGISTER"
5. ENTER INFORMATION REQUESTED
6. CLICK "CREATE YOUR ACCOUNT"
7. YOU MAY NOW VIEW YOUR SHRINE INFORMATION
8. NEXT TIME YOU ACCESS YOU WILL ONLY NEED TO LOG-IN



OMAR SHRINERS 2018 VEHICLE PROGRAM



4 EACH REFURBISHED GOLF CARTS. GOLF CARTS HAVE BEEN UPLIFTED, EQUIPPED WITH MAGS, HEAD AND TAIL LIGHTS, BATTERY AND CHARGER WITH REAR FLIP SEAT. GOLF CARTS ARE ROAD WORTHY AND CAN BE REGISTERED AT DMV.

\$2.00 PER TICKET FOR 3 FOR \$5.00.

TICKETS ARE GOOD FOR BOTH DRAWINGS UNLESS YOU ARE A WINNER

DRAWINGS TO BE HELD: 2 Golf carts on May 18, 2018

2 Golf carts on December 1, 2018

GOLF CARTS SPONSORED BY

PROCEEDS FROM THE SALE OF TICKETS ARE FOR THE BENEFIT OF OMAR SHRINERS AND ARE NOT TAX DEDUCTIBLE



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GOLF CARS & SPECIALTY VEHICLES

CHAIRMAN CARL GRIGGS (843) 861-3015 CARLACD1966@GMAIL.COM



2018 CANDY PROGRAM

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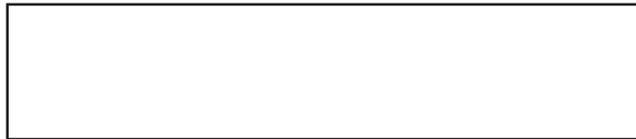
10 POINTS PER DOLLAR UNTIL FEBRUARY 3RD, 2018
5 POINTS PER DOLLAR UNTIL PROGRAM ENDS

PLEASE CONTACT NOBLE RIC OR NOBLE ALAN IF YOU WISH TO HAVE CANDY DELIVERED.
CANDY CAN BE PICKED UP AT THE OMAR SHRINE BUSINESS OFFICE DURING NORMAL OPERATING HOURS.
NET PROCEEDS FROM THE CANDY PROGRAM ARE FOR THE BENEFIT OF OMAR SHRINE AND ARE NOT TAX DEDUCTIBLE

Omar Shriners
176 Patriots Point
Mt. Pleasant, SC 29464

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As Shriners we enjoy a bond of brotherhood and we look to each other, despite our vast age differences, for encouragement, support and assistance in times of difficulty, fun and fellowship.

Shriners build lifelong friendships with men of good character and upstanding values. Our satisfaction comes from serving others especially, our Shrine Children. The fun we have is endless in the range of various activities and events that many of us actively participate.

Here at Omar Temple, we have a program titled "Adopt a Brother". We have so many Brothers who have not paid their dues for one reason or another. As a Brother, Unit or Club, it would be great if you would donate one or two years of dues to give your Brother a helping hand. All donations will remain anonymous and will only be used to help your Brother in need. A special account has been created for these funds to give active accountability.

Remember, we are all Brothers and every once in a while we need a little help, but are just too proud to ask for it, so let's give a hand to our Brothers in need.

Contact Illustrious Sir Jerry Hicks, PP, Recorder to make your donation; (843) 971-0131 then press #5.