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# POTENTATE'S MESSAGE

“Roll with the Team in 2016”

## COME ONE COME ALL TO THE 74<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL SHRINE CIRCUS

We are off to a great start. The Circus is fast approaching. Thanks to all the nobles that are out working so hard for the Circus. I can't wait to see all the nobles and ladies in a Circus atmosphere. We have some new acts this year; Alligator act, Magician, and there will be fireworks on two of the nights. And yes, the Racing Pigs will be back!

On February 9<sup>th</sup>, we had the honor of visiting the Georgia State Capital. Along with the Divan, we had Imperial Sir Jerry Gant, Past Imperial Sir and Chairman of the Hospital Trustees Dale Stauss and Most Worshipful Grand Master of Georgia Drew Lane. Also with us, were members of the Board of Governors from Cincinnati and Greenville Hospitals, and the Potentate from Alee Shrine, Dave Armstrong. We were recognized by the State of Georgia House of Representatives and the Senate for our partnership with the Peach Care of Georgia.



The Divan visited the Shriners Hospitals for Children - Greenville for Divan Days. This visit just reassured us of the reason we do what we do. We presented the Shriners Hospitals for Children – Greenville with a check for \$10,000. They recognized Yaarab Shrine for the money we raise for the hospital each year. We have the best nobles in all of Shrinedom. Your hard work does not go unnoticed.

We have a lot still to come this year and we are looking forward to it all. Please check your calendars and make sure you don't miss anything.

Thanks to all the nobles, the Chastain Style party was a sellout. Everyone present seemed to enjoy the evening, and the table decorations were fantastic.

Remember nobles we need all your help in gaining new members. Please visit your Blue Lodges and invite the Brethren to come and visit us.

If myself or any of the Divan members can be of service, please do not hesitate to call upon us.

Please remember the sick and shut-ins when on bended knee, and say a prayer for the families of the ones that the Black Camel has visited. Pray for our Troops here and abroad.

Fraternally yours,



R. Brent Bivens  
Potentate 2016



### OFFICIAL CALL OF THE POTENTATE

Notice is hereby given of a stated meeting of Yaarab Temple,  
A.A.O.N.M.S.,

400 Ponce de Leon Avenue, N.E., Atlanta, Georgia

For transaction of such business and ceremonial as may be regularly presented

On:

Wednesday, June 8, 2016 at 7:00 P.M.

Social at 5:30 P.M.; Dinner at 6:00 P.M.

Attest:

Tom Holt, Recorder

Brent Bivens, Potentate

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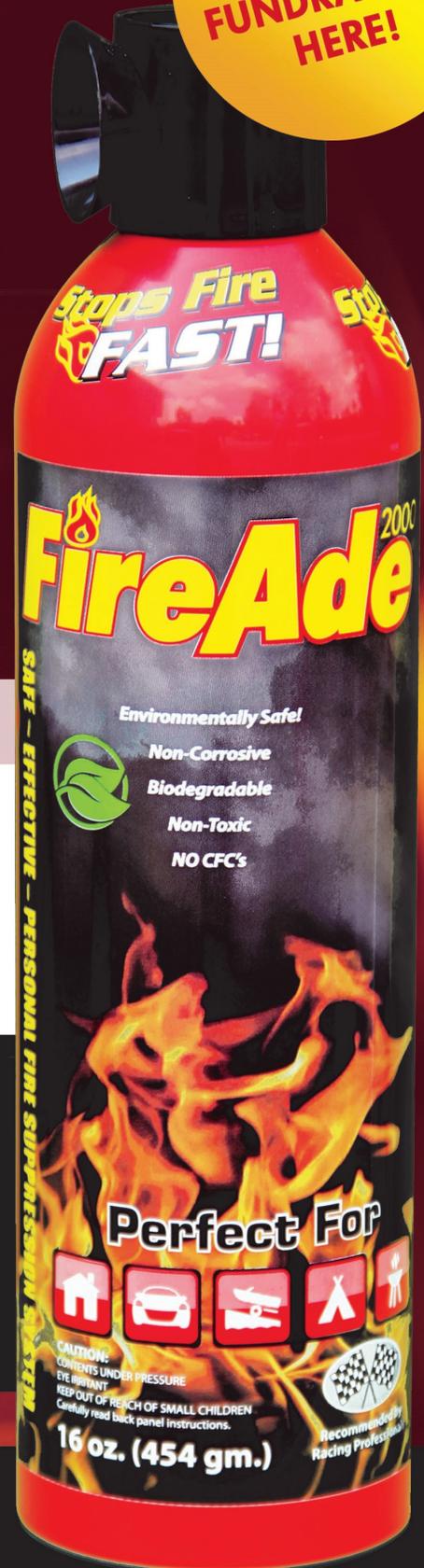
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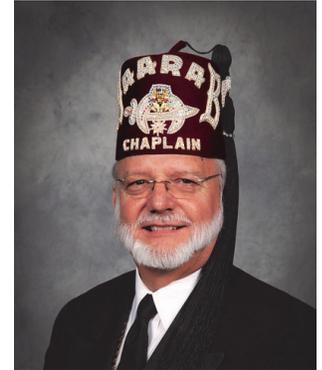


# Chaplain's Corner

By Dennis Bellamy

A Time For Remembrance

Greetings nobles and ladies. I hope all is well, it seems as though winter may be over and spring has arrived. This year has been an exciting one for Yaarab thus far and I'm looking forward to events ahead. Illustrious Sir Brent and First Lady Pam have been keeping things well organized and building the morale for the upcoming 74<sup>th</sup> Shrine Circus and Carnival at the Jim Miller Park in Marietta, beginning May 20- May 30. On Sunday May 22<sup>nd</sup> and Sunday May 29<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 a.m. till 11:45 a.m. we will have Church Worship Service in the Big Top, all are invited and encouraged to attend. Clowns and all Circus workers wear your work outfits and you will have plenty of time to get to your work stations before noon. Please pray God will bless us with beautiful weather for our Circus.



As we enter into the spring season we have two holidays that is well deserving of remembrance, Mother's Day and Memorial Day. What is a mother? Mothers wear many hats, a mother understands that baking cookies is more important than washing windows. A mother is a lap to climb on when you are tired. A mother is a soft voice. A mother often says "I love you" but never "you are too much bother". She laughs with you but never at you. She says "yes" more often than "no", but she does not change her "no" to "yes" with any amount of coaxing. A mother is a link to God, the child's first impression of God and his or her first awareness of God's love comes from mother. Later when she tells him or her God loves them, then the child is able to understand what love is all about. A mother's love is giving her life to save her child's, just as Christ gave his to save ours. A mother keeps a secret and a promise. She is never too busy to listen when you need to talk whether you are three or thirty three. Yes, a mother is all of these and more.

How does a mother interpret love to a child? When he or she is only a newborn baby, she transmits to them a feeling of love. Holding them close to her, singing softly, attending to their physical needs with a quiet happy spirit, being close when they are frightened or ill in all these ways a mother says "I love you" long before a child can understand words, just as we feel God's love in all He does for us. A baby does not need to be told he is loved, although telling reinforces that feeling. Mothers who hold tightly to God's hand and tightly to the child's hand at the same time are the channels through which the love of God is first transmitted to the child. So I say God Bless our mothers!

Also we are celebrating Memorial Day, a day for remembering those who sacrificed to keep the freedom of this great country. A day to honor those who were proud to serve this country's armed forces, those who stood up and fought for the right to have free speech in this country, the right to bear arms, the right to work and support their families, the right to freely go to the polling booth and cast their ballot for the candidate of choice without the fear of angry protesters seeking to scare off those who may not agree with them. Our Veterans are our Heroes and should be treated as such, they should be held to a high honor, not degraded as many in high government, some teachers and college professors have done since the return of our Veterans during the Viet Nam War. This country has forgotten our freedom is not free, many have paid the price with loss of lives, limbs and mental capacities while defending America. We should never be ashamed of our Veterans or the men and women who are currently serving in our military, nor should anyone ever think they should have to apologize for this great country other than to the American people whose rights that our military have fought for has been chipped away a little at a time and if we don't stand up quickly, they will soon be diminished. Our rights to Worship are in jeopardy. I encourage you to stand for the rights of our Veterans and all Americans by researching candidates that are seeking political offices and let's put godly men and women in office, who love this country and care about your rights as an American.

May God's Blessings Be Upon You!

Rev. Dennis E. Bellamy

## APRIL 30, 2016 First Regional Clubs/Units Social, Dinner & Entertainment

To All Nobles and Your Lady:

Hope you are planning to attend your Regional Social on April 30, 2016. These are intended for Units and Clubs to get together and socialize. We will have a social hour at 6:00 p.m. with dinner beginning at 6:30 p.m. The entertainment will begin at 7:30 p.m.

Please make your reservations to attend by contacting the business office (Kerry) (404)872-5818 or

[admin@yaarabshrine.org](mailto:admin@yaarabshrine.org). RSVP by April 25, 2016.

Regional Clubs and Units for April 30 are:

Alkuwa	Flying Fez
Bankhead	Kennesaw
Brass Band	Legion of Honor
Cartersville	Oriental Band
Cedar Valley	Paulding County
Chanters	Provost Guard
Chattooga	Rome
Dalton	Slate City
Echota Vann	Smyrna

Any At-Large Member is encouraged to attend as well.

NON-SHRINER GUESTS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND WITH YOU.



### YAARAB Nobles – Hope you are ready for Imperial Session in Tampa, Florida!

DATES: July 3-7, 2016 - Imperial Session

**Hotel:** Aloft Tampa Downtown—100 West Kennedy Boulevard. Tampa, FL 33602, United States Phone: (1)(813) 898-8000

Ask for “Yaarab Shrine” when making reservations — Deadline May 25, 2016

#### **Complimentary Hotel Amenities & Services Include:**

##### **Arrive & explore: what's nearby**

Celebrate your style at Aloft Tampa Downtown, a hip new hotel that's steps from museums, parks, restaurants, nightlife, sports, and shopping. We offer easy-breezy access to the Riverwalk, the Tampa Convention Center, and the Tampa Bay Times Forum.

##### **Stay & play: public spaces**

Meet & mingle with friends at our w xyz(SM) bar, grab a sweet, savory, or healthy snack from re:fuel by Aloft(SM), our 24/7 pantry, or play in our re:mix(SM) lounge. Plus, you can always stay connected with free hotel-wide wired and wireless High Speed Internet Access!

##### **Rest & refresh: Aloft rooms**

Breeze into one of our Aloft rooms, featuring our ultra-comfortable signature bed, walk-in shower, custom amenities by Bliss® Spa, and more. Our plug & play connectivity station charges all your electronics and links to the 42” LCD TV to maximize work and play.

**WEBSITE:** <https://www.starwoodmeeting.com/events/start.action?id=1603220841&key=4119BFE>



# *Yaarab's Annual Rainy Day "CASH" Giveaway*

*\$12,500 in Cash with a \$10,000 Grand Prize*

*Cash given away at every 25<sup>th</sup> ticket drawn*

*Order of the 17 cash prizes given away:*

<i>1<sup>st</sup> ticket - \$100</i>	<i>200<sup>th</sup> ticket - \$100</i>
<i>25<sup>th</sup> ticket - \$100</i>	<i>225<sup>th</sup> ticket - \$200</i>
<i>50<sup>th</sup> ticket - \$100</i>	<i>250<sup>th</sup> ticket - \$200</i>
<i>75<sup>th</sup> ticket - \$100</i>	<i>275<sup>th</sup> ticket - \$200</i>
<i>100<sup>th</sup> ticket - \$100</i>	<i>300<sup>th</sup> ticket - \$200</i>
<i>125<sup>th</sup> ticket - \$100</i>	<i>325<sup>th</sup> ticket - \$200</i>
<i>150<sup>th</sup> ticket - \$100</i>	<i>350<sup>th</sup> ticket - \$300</i>
<i>175<sup>th</sup> ticket - \$100</i>	<i>375<sup>th</sup> ticket - \$300</i>
<i>400<sup>th</sup> ticket - Grand Prize \$10,000</i>	

***When: May 7, 2016 at 6:00 P.M.***

***Where: Yaarab Shrine***

*400 Ponce de Leon Ave., Atlanta, GA*

***Ticket Price: \$100***

***Each Ticket Includes:***

***Prime Rib dinner for two***

***Beverages Included***

***Dancing & Live Music***

***Chance to win Grand Prize of \$10,000***

***CONTACT: Bruce Ridley (706) 581-8615 Dennis Davidson (404) 281-2467***

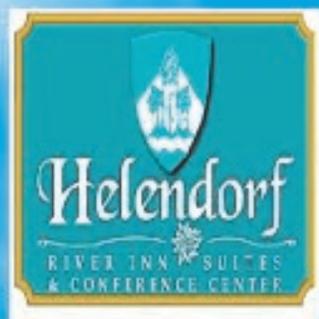
***FOR TICKETS***

*Proceeds from ticket sales are for the benefit of the Yaarab Shrine-Not Tax Deductible*

# YAARAB SHRINE

## Summer Ceremonial

JUNE 9th thru 12th ~ Helen, Georgia



**Thursday - June 9**

Helendorf River Inn -  
Ceremonial Headquarters  
Registration for golf cart ~ poker run,  
duck race and Golf 2pm - 5pm  
Yaarab Concessions and Hospitality room -  
open 2pm - 5 & 8pm - 11

**Friday - June 10**

Hospitality and Concessions open -  
11am - 4pm & 8pm - 11  
SHC Golf tournament -  
check in 9am - shotgun start 10am  
Golf cart poker run - 5pm  
Fun with the Candidates - 6pm  
Charity Duck Race - 7pm

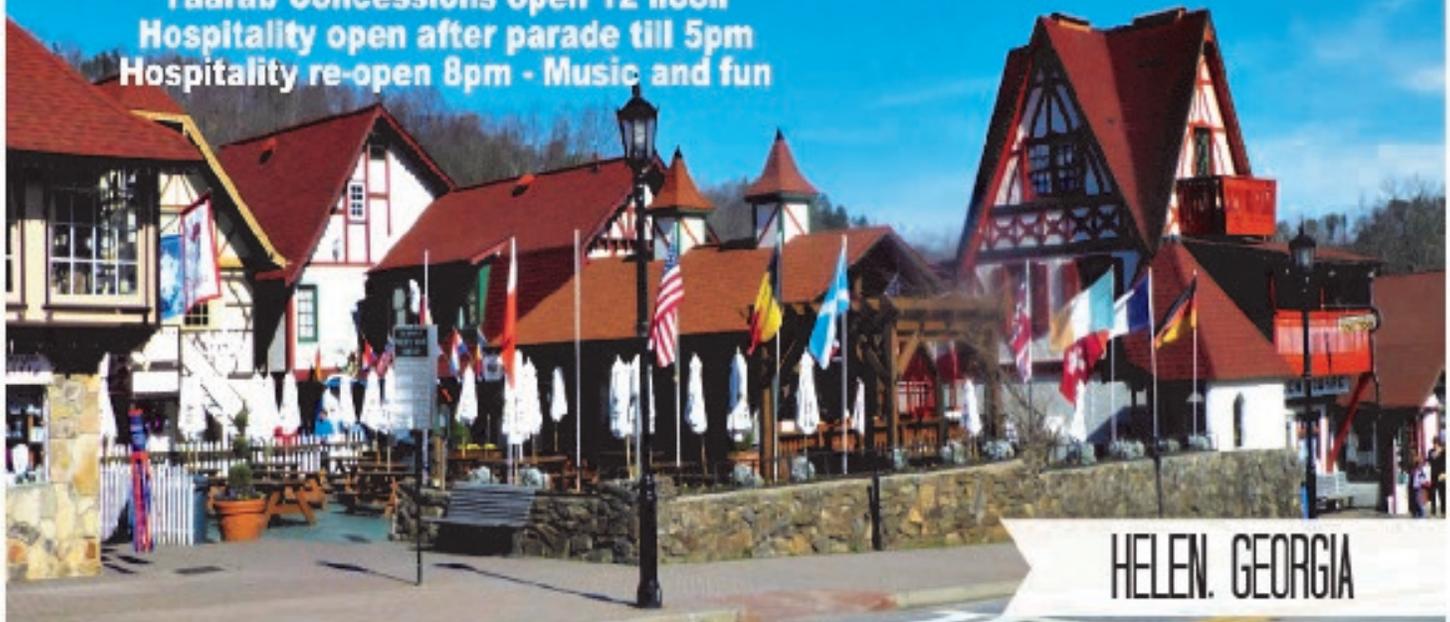
**Saturday - June 11**

Directors Staff Ceremonial - Festhalle - 7am  
Ladies Brunch - Helendorf - 10am  
Ladies Fezzing Ceremony - Festhalle - 11:30am  
Candidates Lunch - Festhalle - 12 noon  
Parade line up 1pm, step off 2pm

Yaarab Concessions open 12 noon  
Hospitality open after parade till 5pm  
Hospitality re-open 8pm - Music and fun

**+** **Sunday - June 12**

Worship Service -  
Helendorf ~ 10am - 11am  
Rev. Dennis Bellamy presiding  
Check-Out ~ Drive Safely  
Thanks for coming





# POKER RUN



**ARE YOU IN?**

## YAARAB'S CEREMONIAL POKER RUN – HELEN, GA. – FRIDAY, JUNE 10, 2016

The poker run in Helen is planned for Friday, June 10, 2016, starting at 5:00 p.m. at the Helendorf Hotel. The cost will be \$ 25.00 per hand. We are seeking sponsors for \$ 100.00 each. All sponsor's names will be put on the back of the T-Shirts. Each sponsor will receive 2 shirts. Each player will receive 1 shirt. Sponsors can be clubs, units, businesses, or individuals.



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for Children™

### ***This IS a hospital fundraiser.***

Any noble selling a sponsorship **WILL** receive Crown of Honor points.  
**Sponsor Checks should be made payable to YAARAB SHRINE.**  
Send checks to: Jeff Ferguson 5095 Cartersville Hwy. Dallas, GA 30132

Clubs and Units that sponsor, the 2 shirts will be given to the president of the Club and Units that sponsor,  
and the amount will be credited to your 2016 hospital pledge. Thanks, Jeff Ferguson

### **CUT-OFF DEADLINE FOR GOLF CART RENTALS AND SPONSORSHIPS WILL BE MAY 31, 2016.**

Any questions can be sent to Jeff Ferguson at [fergusongrading@gmail.com](mailto:fergusongrading@gmail.com) or call at 678-910-0188.

Golf carts **WILL BE** available for rent in Helen on an advance rental request.  
The following sizes will be available by reservation from Jeff Ferguson.

**2 seater ~ 4 seater ~ 6 seater**

The carts will be delivered on June 9<sup>th</sup> to the Helendorf Hotel. Rates will vary by size.  
Rented carts have to be reserved and paid for in advance.

Checks will be made payable to: **YAARAB SHRINE**

Send to: Jeff Ferguson 5095 Cartersville Hwy. Dallas, GA 30132

**The carts must be returned to the Helendorf Hotel by 10:00 a.m. on Sunday, June 12.**

**CARTS MUST BE RETURNED WITH A FULL TANK OF GAS.**

# Innsbruck Golf Club



**Location:**

Innsbruck Golf Club  
664 Bahn Innsbruck  
Helen, GA 30545  
(706) 878-2100  
Shotgun start at 10:00 a.m.

**Entry Fee/s:**

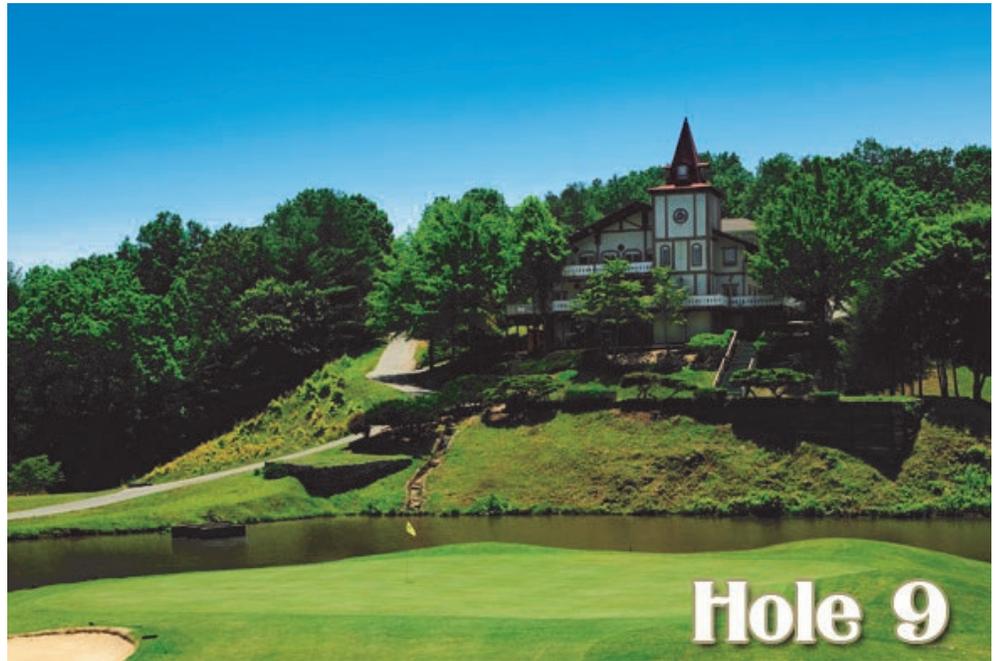
- \$80 per player
- Hole Sponsor \$400 per team
  - Four Playing Spots
  - Green Fee, Carts & Range Balls
  - Sign
- Tournament Sponsorship \$150 per sign
- Mulligans \$5
- 19<sup>th</sup> Hole Shootout \$20
- Awards will be long drive in circle on Par 3
- Food will be sold on the course by Alpine Shrine Club

**Registration:**

Please return registration with payment to  
Attention Tournament Director  
Ronny Duncan 678-249-7113  
Atlanta Yaarab Shrine  
400 Ponce de Leon Ave NE  
Atlanta, GA. 30308

**Sponsorships:**

Yaarab 2016 Golf tournaments are seeking Corporate Sponsorships



**PLEASE PRINT INFORMATION BELOW**

Foursome: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ St: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

**PLAYER LIST**

Player: \_\_\_\_\_

Player: \_\_\_\_\_

Player: \_\_\_\_\_

Player: \_\_\_\_\_

**PAYMENT**

Hole Sponsor Payment (\$400): \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Tournament Sponsorship (\$150 per hole): \$ \_\_\_\_\_

# News from Cincinnati



Like our page here



Like, comment on, or share a post here



## Facebook - Like and Share

We began our Facebook page in April 2015. We currently have 6,600 plus followers who interact with us and our posts. Many of our followers are patients' families, family friends and supporters of the hospital.

### WHY WE USE FACEBOOK:

- Tell patient stories and promote how we help children
- Highlight accomplishments and employees
- Provide education material
- Spotlight donations

- Answer questions about care and referrals
- Increase brand awareness and promote our website

### How can the Shrine Temples help?

Like our page and encourage your family and friends to Like our page.

Like our posts so the reach expands.

Share our posts on temple Facebook page and personal Facebook pages (Only the Administrator of the temple Facebook page can share it on behalf of the temple).

### TELL US YOUR STORIES

- You can message us on Facebook about patient stories (we need consent from the parent/patient if photos are included)
- Message us about why you became a Shriner, Hospital Host or Road Runner
- Message us with photos of fundraising events that benefit the hospital

Connect with us on Facebook:  
[facebook.com/ShrinersHospitalCincinnati](https://www.facebook.com/ShrinersHospitalCincinnati)



If you know a child we can help,  
go to [shrinershospitalcincinnati.org](http://shrinershospitalcincinnati.org) or call:

**Burn and Emergency Services**  
866-947-7840

**Plastic Surgery Services**  
855-206-2096

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# YAARAB SHRINE BRICK PROGRAM

## ORDERING FORM

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Temple #:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **State:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Telephone #:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Unit/Club:** \_\_\_\_\_

### Information to appear on brick:

3 lines, up to 20 characters per line, spaces count as a character as do periods, commas, etc.

**Bricks are \$100 each**

**Line 1:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Line 2:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Line 3:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Emblem:**                      **Shrine** \_\_\_\_\_

**Masonic** \_\_\_\_\_

**None** \_\_\_\_\_

### Payment Information:

**Cash:**     **Check:**

**Credit Card:**

**AMEX:**     **VISA:**     **M/C:**

**Credit Card #:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Exp Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name on card:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

Samples already in place:



TWENTY FIVE YEARS AGO

By Jerry "Jug Haid" Rogers

The annual Potentate's Ball at the Atlanta Hilton was well attended by many, more especially the most eligible bachelor of Yaarab Shrine. No, I'm not referring to Noble Henry Turner. I'm speaking of our newly elected Recorder; Steve Padgett. Noble Padgett's fraternal background is quite impressive. Not only being the youngest noble to ever be elected on our Divan, Steve was also the youngest to serve as Worshipful Master of his lodge (Sardis), and probably the youngest in Georgia history as well. In spite of his youth, Steve has made a name for himself serving on a number of committees and appointments at Yaarab Shrine. He has been in business with his father, Past Potentate Hoyt Padgett, for a number of years and is currently President of Doors Unlimited Inc. After graduating high school in 1976, Steve passed up a four-year scholarship to MIT to enroll at Georgia Tech to pursue a major in industrial management. While earning his degree he continued to work at the family business. After graduation, Steve joined Sardis Lodge and then became a noble in Yaarab Shrine in 1980. Because of his love for horses, Steve later joined the Mounted Patrol unit and served as Captain for two years. In 1990, Steve was elected President of the Southeastern Shrine Horse Patrol and also served as President of Southeastern Shrine Association. He followed this up by serving as Director General of the SESA Horse Patrol.

Basharat Editor Dr. Jim Bryant wrote of Steve, "He is a well-mannered, humble, sociable, courteous, thoughtful, industrious, successful, and handsome-everything a man longs to be. I know his parents are certainly proud of him.

While all these words are certainly true, the same could be said for Sam Black and myself.

**SUNDAY - MAY 22nd, 2016**



**Yaarab Shrine Circus**



**MASONIC APPRECIATION DAY**

All Masons and families admitted to Circus **FREE!**

You must show current dues card to participate.

**Grand Master ~ Drew Lane**

**Honorary Ring Master for 4 pm show**

Nobles, tell your Lodge members  
about this special offer for all Masons.



# Yaarab Shrine

A.A.O.N.M.S

## Petition for Initiation and Membership

400 Ponce De Leon AVE. N.E.

Atlanta Georgia 30308

Office Use Only

Temple #: \_\_\_\_\_

Creation Date: \_\_\_\_\_

*To the Illustrious Potentate, Officers and Nobles of YAARAB Shriners, Situated in the City of Atlanta, State of Georgia*

Name (print full name) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (cell) \_\_\_\_\_ (home) \_\_\_\_\_ (Work) \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Place \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Occupation \_\_\_\_\_ Employer \_\_\_\_\_

Have you previously applied for admission to any temple of the Order? Yes / No

What temple? \_\_\_\_\_ When \_\_\_\_\_

Have you identified a Unit or Club within Yaarab you would like to affiliation with? Yes / No

If So, which Unit or Club \_\_\_\_\_ Your Contact \_\_\_\_\_

Ladies Name \_\_\_\_\_

Lady's email \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

### Recommenders (must be recommended by two members of Atlanta Yaarab Shrine)

1<sup>st</sup> signer \_\_\_\_\_ Print \_\_\_\_\_ Member # \_\_\_\_\_

1<sup>st</sup> signer Unit or Club Affiliation \_\_\_\_\_

1<sup>st</sup> Signer email \_\_\_\_\_ 1<sup>st</sup> Signer Phone \_\_\_\_\_

2<sup>nd</sup> signer \_\_\_\_\_ Print \_\_\_\_\_ Member # \_\_\_\_\_

**Dues for Initiation and Membership Required in 2016; \$140 FEZ Size \_\_\_\_\_ (FEZ can be fitted prior to initiation)**

I, the undersigned hereby declare that I am a Master Mason in good standing in \_\_\_\_\_ Lodge # \_\_\_\_\_ Located in (city) \_\_\_\_\_ which is a Lodge recognized by or in amity with the Conference of Grand Masters of North America. Furthermore, I resided at my current address for not less than six months, as required by the Bylaws of Shriners International. I hereby make application to become a Noble of the Order and a member of your temple. If granted membership, I promise to conform to the Articles of Incorporations and Bylaws of Shriners International and the Bylaws and Ceremonies of your temple.

Candidates Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

**\*\*Submittal Requirement; a current copy of your Blue Lodge Dues Card & Driver's License attached to this application\*\***

# Membership Corner

By John Law

Thanks to everyone who participated in our Membership meeting in February. We are moving forward with a great team of leaders from our Clubs and Units, a new rewards program for 1<sup>st</sup> line signers, communications via Constant Contact, which is the new Yaarab web site, and a presence on Facebook. We will also continue to focus on the communications program and mailings we have instituted over the last couple years.

**Plus 1:** that is the goal the Divan has set for Yaarab Shrine for 2016. High Priest & Prophet Dennis Hewatt gave a nice presentation during our February membership meeting on what it takes to be **Plus 1**, including offset of our losses to membership, and club unit involvement in membership initiatives. If every club and unit were to end the year Plus 1, over their losses, we would begin to grow. Can we hit a home run?

Ten new candidates and one affiliate came in at the March business meeting. A good start for the year, and working towards a Plus 1 goal. Our thanks to the Directors Staff for introducing the group to our organization, the Oasis Committee, for their work under time constraints to approve petitions, and Kerry Robbins for all he does to get us ready in time.

And now I ask that we focus on our Summer Ceremonial in Helen. How can we attract good Mason candidates? Now is the time to talk with those Masons about our fraternity, invite them to your meetings/events, to help with the Circus, to be a part of your Club or Unit. One group has even sponsored fellow Masons for the Chastain Concert (what a great idea). If they see us in action they will come.

Thanks to Perry Gibbs, our new Web is up and running. It has a lot of great features, dates to remember, a current copy of the Basharat, information on major events, such as the Circus and Sportsmen's Raffle. There will also be the ability to pay Yaarab dues on-line through a secure portal. More will be coming as Perry builds the site. You can access the site by going to [http://www.yaarabshrine.net]. Members can access the "member's only area", by using the password **B@sharat**. And please keep this access information for nobles only.

A reminder of our new 2016 first line signers rewards program is below.

4 nobles = shirt

6 nobles = shirt plus a jacket

8 nobles = shirt plus a jacket, plus 2500 additional Crown of Honor points (in addition to the 500 points for each first line signer on individual petitions)

10 nobles = 2017 dues are paid

As always; everyday is membership day! Thank you for your support and encouraging words.

## 2016 Basharat Deadline Dates

**MAY 15, 2016**

**JUNE AND JULY ISSUE**

**JULY 15, 2016**

**AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER ISSUE**

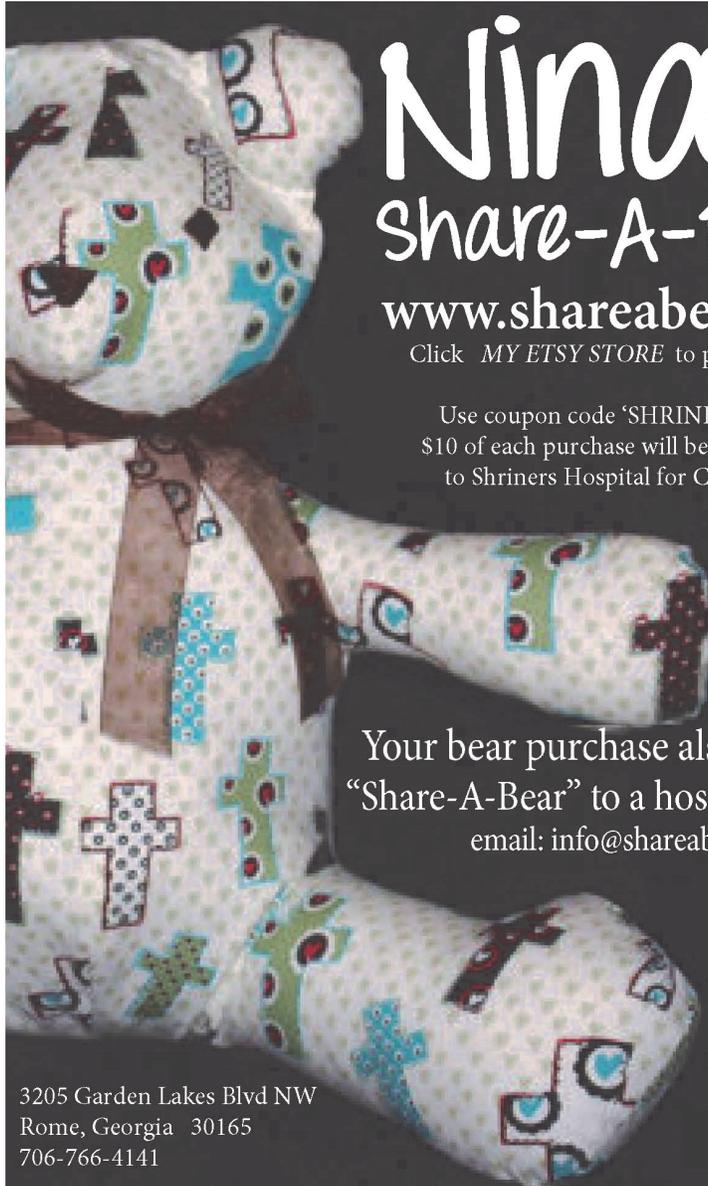
**SEPTEMBER 15, 2016**

**OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER ISSUE**

**NOVEMBER 15, 2016**

**DECEMBER AND JANUARY ISSUE**

[\*\*basharat@yaarabshrine.org\*\*](mailto:basharat@yaarabshrine.org)



# Nina's Share-A-Bear

[www.shareabear.me](http://www.shareabear.me)  
Click *MY ETSY STORE* to place order

Use coupon code 'SHRINER' and  
\$10 of each purchase will be donated  
to Shriners Hospital for Children

Your bear purchase also provides a  
"Share-A-Bear" to a hospitalized child  
email: [info@shareabear.me](mailto:info@shareabear.me)

**\$ 30**

3205 Garden Lakes Blvd NW  
Rome, Georgia 30165  
706-766-4141

My name is Nina Manuel and I am a junior at Unity Christian School in Rome, GA that believes in giving. I started my first fundraising project in September, 2011. My mom told me about a co-worker's mom who was diagnosed with stage 4 cancer, and was not covered by private insurance or Medicare. She needed money to pay for radiation treatments and surgery.

My brother Alan, is my other inspiration. He is a very caring and compassionate person. He is currently completing his Pediatric residency at a children's hospital in Florida. He has completed three medical mission trips where he has been able to provide care for children in places like Ethiopia and Bangladesh. I took great pride in being able to raise money for his trip to Bangladesh.

Nina's Share-A-Bear started as an idea to raise money to purchase stuffed bears to share with sick kids so they would have something to hug while going through their illness. This evolved into making homemade bears. With the support and help of my parents and other family friends I started "Nina's Share-A-Bear".

For every bear that I make and sell, I make and donate a second bear to be used by the roadrunners when they are transporting children to one of the Shriners Hospitals for Children. I also donate \$10 for every bear purchased using the coupon code SHRINER to Shriners Hospitals.

I have sold over 450 bears since April, 2013. This is giving me the opportunity to provide 450 smiles to children and their families. My goal is to bring a smile to the faces and hearts of everyone that is touched by my bears. It also makes me smile knowing that my bears are making people happy. It is fun to watch people talk about the bears when they see them. They often remind them of a childhood memory or a memory of a loved one.

I want my bears to make a difference. You can follow my bears at [www.shareabear.me](http://www.shareabear.me)



# YAARAB

## 5th ANNUAL Sportsmen's RAFFLE

Saturday July 30, 2016

Noon to 5:00 p.m.

REFRESHMENTS ALL DAY - FREE FOOD FROM 11-2 PM - DOORS OPEN AT 10:00 AM

Ticket sales cutoff 11:45 AM, 7/30/16 • Must be 18 years of age to be admitted.

TICKETS **\$20.00** ea.  
6 for \$100.00

# 100 Sportsmen's ITEMS

Ten - \$500 Cash Prizes

For Tickets Call:  
404-872-5818 ext 300

Each ticket has  
110 chances to win.

# Grand Prize #110\*



2016 Arctic Cat Prowler HDX 700



2016 Sun Tracker Party Barge 18DLX  
w/ 60 ELPT Four Stroke Command Thrust  
Trailer not included



S&W M&P15 Sport  
5.56mm Rifle #1



S&W 642 Stainless  
Pink 38 Pistol #83



Taurus Judge Public  
Defender 45 410 Pistol #82



Yeti Tundra 65  
Tan Cooler #98

Special Prize #50\*



2016 Arctic Cat Alterra 400

\*Must choose award - no gift card

- 1 S&W M&P15 Sport 5.56mm Rifle
- 2 Browning A-Bolt II 7mm Rem Mag Rifle
- 3 Taurus Judge SS 45LC/410ga Pistol
- 4 Remington-Vermax Sport Semi Auto 12ga
- 5 Browning T-Bolt Maple 22LR Rifle
- 6 Springfield XDM-40 Compact 40 Pistol
- 7 Remington 700 SPS 300 WSM Rifle
- 8 Beretta AS30 Outlander Semi Auto 12ga
- 9 S&W M&P15 Compact Semi Pistol
- 10 \$500 Cash
- 11 Tikka T3 Lite 30-06 Rifle
- 12 Browning BPS Special Max-5 12ga
- 13 Beretta Pico Inox S&B Pistol
- 14 Savage Trophy Hunter Combo 7mm-08 Rifle
- 15 \$500 Ammo Dump
- 16 Browning BPS Hunter 20ga
- 17 Mossberg Silver Reserve II Over/Under 12ga
- 18 T-C Ventures 300 Win Mag Rifle
- 19 Beretta PX4 Storm 40 Pistol
- 20 \$500 Cash
- 21 Remington 597 Combo 22LR Rifle
- 22 Taurus Judge Public Defender 45LC/410ga Pistol

- 23 Remington 870 Super Mag 12ga
- 24 Savage Axis II XP Combo 22-250 Rifle
- 25 Ruger 10/22 Takedown 22 LR Rifle
- 26 Winchester Hybrid Waterfowl 12ga
- 27 Taurus FT1111 45 Pistol
- 28 Benelli Nova Max-5 12ga
- 29 S&W M&P15-22 22 LR Rifle
- 30 \$500 Cash
- 31 Browning A-Bolt III Hunter 243 Rifle
- 32 Beretta Nino Semi Pistol
- 33 Remington 870 Nova Defense 12ga
- 34 Savage Axis 25-06 Rifle
- 35 Springfield XD9 Essential Semi Pistol
- 36 Marlin 350W 30-30 Rifle
- 37 Mossberg MSR Tac-22 Combo 22LR Rifle
- 38 Stevens 555 Over/Under Walnut 12ga
- 39 Tikka T3 Lite Compact S&B Rifle
- 40 \$500 Cash
- 41 S&W Bodyguard S&B Pistol
- 42 Remington 887 Nitro Mag 12ga
- 43 Ruger 10/22 Carbine 22 LR Rifle
- 44 Savage 11 Hog Hunter 308 Rifle

- 45 Winchester Black Shadow 12ga
- 46 Beretta 92FS Compact Semi Pistol
- 47 Weatherby Morning Glory 22 LR Rifle
- 48 Henry Levere Action 22 LR Rifle
- 49 \$500 Cash
- 50 2016 Arctic Cat Alterra 400
- 51 Mossberg 835 Lite Mag 12ga
- 52 Mossberg 500 Field 20ga
- 53 Ruger LCR-357 Pistol
- 54 Savage Axis Combo 243 Rifle
- 55 Winchester Turkey Hunter 20ga
- 56 Taurus FT709 Slim Semi Pistol
- 57 Ruger American 270 Rifle
- 58 Savage Conquer Over-Under 12ga
- 59 Taurus Judge Tracker SS 45LC/410ga Pistol
- 60 \$500 Cash
- 61 Weatherby SA-08 Semi Auto 12ga
- 62 Ruger M201 22-45 22 LR Pistol
- 63 Weatherby Vanguard Series II 270 Rifle
- 64 Savage A17 17 NMR Rifle
- 65 Glock 42 380 Pistol
- 66 Remington 870 Express 20ga

- 67 RedHead Ultra Fire Safe
- 68 Benelli Supernova Tactical 12ga
- 69 S&W M&P150 Full Size 40 Pistol
- 70 \$500 Cash
- 71 Mossberg Flex 500 Tactical 12ga
- 72 Ruger SH22 22LR Pistol
- 73 BIPAC Oracle 5.56mm Rifle
- 74 Weatherby Vanguard Series II 25-06 Rifle
- 75 Springfield XD40 MDD2 40 Pistol
- 76 Savage Double Barrel Coach Gun 12ga
- 77 Remington 745 Combo 270 Rifle
- 78 Remington 700 SPS 30-06 Rifle
- 79 Walther P22 22LR Pistol
- 80 \$500 Cash
- 81 Mossberg Patriot 308 Rifle
- 82 Remington 1187 Semi Auto Sportsman 12ga
- 83 S&W 642 Stainless Pink 38 Pistol
- 84 Savage 20Mag 17 WSM Rifle
- 85 Weatherby Ultimate Defender 12ga
- 86 Taurus 24/7 G2 Compact Semi Pistol
- 87 Savage M5500 Semi Auto Black 12ga
- 88 S&W M&P22 Compact 22LR Pistol

- 89 Savage 937 Accrigger 22WMR Rifle
- 90 \$500 Cash
- 91 Glock 22 Gen4 40 Pistol
- 92 Ruger American 308 Rifle
- 93 Savage Mark II 22 LR Rifle
- 94 Taurus M50UL 38 Spl Pistol
- 95 Ruger American Compact 22 LR Rifle
- 96 Steiner M2020 Semi Auto Max-5 20ga
- 97 S&W M&P15 Shield Semi Pistol
- 98 Yau Tundra 65 Tan Cooler
- 99 Tikka T3 Lite Stainless 300 Win Mag Rifle
- 100 \$500 Cash
- 101 Browning Buckmark Camper 22 LR Pistol
- 102 Remington 763 Combo 30-06 Rifle
- 103 Mossberg Flex 500 Hunting 12ga
- 104 Ruger LCR-S Semi Pistol
- 105 Browning A-Bolt II Stainless 243 Rifle
- 106 Winchester Master Defender 12ga
- 107 Henry Rough Rider 22 LR/WMR Pistol
- 108 Henry Golden Boy 22 WMR Rifle
- 109 \$500 Ammo Dump
- \*110 2016 Sun Tracker Party Barge or Arctic Cat Prowler HDX 700

\*Must choose award - no gift card

## NEED NOT BE PRESENT TO WIN

Drawing at YAARAB Shrine  
400 Ponce de Leon Ave Atlanta, GA

Net proceeds from this raffle are for the benefit of Yaarab Shrimers operating fund and are not tax deductible as a charitable contribution.

With the exception of prizes #50 and #110, winners will receive a certificate for the value of the prize won and may use for any item(s) at any Bass Pro Shops or www.BassPro.com. Firearms must be redeemed at the Bass Pro Shops in Lawrenceville, GA, 15900 Sugarloaf Parkway, Lawrenceville, GA 30043.

www.shrinesportsraffle.com

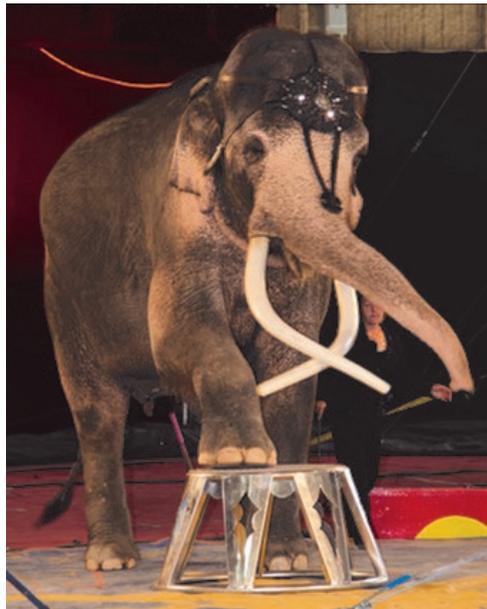


Additional Side Raffles  
at Drawing  
AFRICA TRIP 50/50 Drawing  
Duck Raffle, 3 Guns,  
Silent Auction

**CIRCUS!** May 20th - 30th 2016

**CIRCUS!**

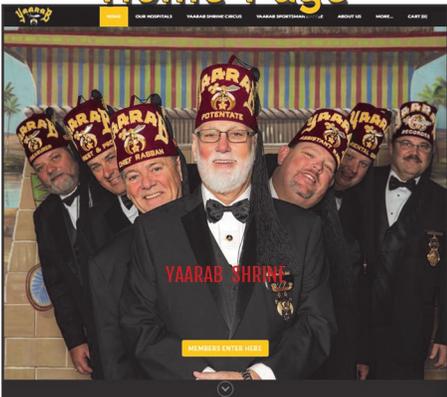
**CIRCUS!**



# Updated Websites yaarabshrine.net

Please take the opportunity to review the updated websites (screenshots below). To access the Members' Page, use the password **B@sharat**. Please keep this password within the Yaarab Shrine family. If any Clubs or Units would like to link their sub-sites or Facebook pages to Yaarab's website, please email the Club/Unit's Official Site to [yaarabwebmaster@gmail.com](mailto:yaarabwebmaster@gmail.com).

## Home Page



## Member's Page



## Hospital Page



## Circus Page



Yaarab Shrine is known for having the World's Largest Shrine Circus this year is Yaarab Shrine's 74th Annual Shrine Circus. It is a popular annual family event that offers an affordable, safe, and wholesome environment for adults and children of all ages. In addition to the 25 (80-minute) circus performances under The Big Top, there are more than 40 exciting carnival rides and attractions, as well as lots of food such as hot wings, funnel cakes, cotton candy, fried Oreos, snow cones, elephant ears, and more.

The Circus Midway and Flea Market will be on the grounds of Jim R. Miller Park beginning on Friday May 20, 2016 at 5:00PM. The Midway opens Monday through Friday at 5:00PM, 10:00AM on Saturdays, and 12:00PM on Sundays.

Circus goes on every circus acts from around the world under The Big Top: high-flying trapeze acts, aerials and acrobats, equestrians, and of course, world-famous Shrine clowns who will delight and entertain crowds! The Yaarab Shrine Circus is one of two annual fundraising drives conducted by Yaarab Shrine. The proceeds go to continuing the operations of Yaarab Shrine so that Atlanta's Shriners can continue raising money for Shriners Hospitals for Children.



**Yaarab Shrine Clowns**  
This is a Masonic organization and a unit of Yaarab Shrine in Atlanta, Georgia. Their mission is simple: they laugh and work so the injured and sick children may laugh and play. This is the first and oldest shrine clown unit in North America.

## Sportsman Raffle



This is Yaarab Shrine's 5th year conducting its Sportsman Raffle. It has become a true success with more impressive Raffle Prizes being added each year. The event will be held Saturday, July 30, 2016 at Yaarab Shrine's Activity Building (free parking). Doors open at 10:00AM. FREE FOOD (with purchase of Sportsman Raffle Tickets) between 11:00AM and 2:00PM. Drawings beginning at noon 12:00PM - with a Winning Ticket drawn every 30 minutes - and is expected to last until 5:00PM.

Yaarab Sportsman Raffle ticket sales will conclude at 11:45AM on the day of the event (July 30); tickets may be purchased at the door until that time. There will be additional Side Raffles available at the event: Trip to Africa 50/50 Drawing (Rubber Duck Raffle), 3 Gun Raffle, as well as a Silent Auction. Participation in Side Raffles require attendance - we hope to see you there.



- QUICK FACTS**
1. All Local, State, and Federal Laws will be adhered to.
  2. Must be 18 years old to purchase a ticket.
  3. Must be 16 years of age to be admitted.
  4. Must be 21 years of age to consume beer.
  5. All taxes are the responsibility of the winner.
  6. If an item is substituted the value will be equal or greater.
  7. You must present ticket to enter or receive food.
  8. Need not be present to WIN.
  9. All items will be issued from Bass Pro Shops, Sugarleaf Mills, Lawrenceville, GA.
- For other frequently asked questions, please check out this link [FAQ](#)



# April 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 Chastain Party 6PM
3	4	5	6	7 Charity Daylight Lodge #754	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26 100 Club Lunch- eon	27	28	29	30 NorthEast Re- gional Social 6PM Dinner 7PM

# May 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5 Charity Daylight Lodge #754	6	7 Rainy Day Givea- way 6PM
8 Mother's Day	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20 74th Annual Shrine Circus	21 74th Annual Shrine Circus
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# June 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 Charity Daylight Lodge #754	3	4
5	6	7	8 Business Meeting 7PM Social 5:30PM Dinner 6PM	9 Summer Ceremo- nial – Helen, GA	10 Summer Ceremo- nial – Helen, GA	11 Summer Ceremo- nial – Helen, GA
12 Summer Ceremo- nial – Helen, GA	13	14	15	16	17	18
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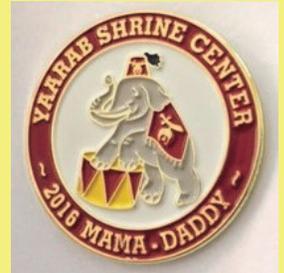
**552 Yaarab Shrine  
members have NOT  
paid their dues.  
Are YOU one of them?  
To avoid suspension please  
pay by 12/31/2016**



## 2016 CIRCUS INCENTIVES CORRECTIONS:

- 4,000 POINTS - RECEIVE ALL OF THE \$1,000 & \$2,500 AWARDS PLUS A **PANAMA STYLE HAT**
- 7,500 POINTS - RECEIVE ALL OF THE \$1,000, \$ 2,500, 4,000, & 5,000 AWARDS PLUS A **SPECIAL BLACK COWBOY HAT**

Circus Mama—Daddy Pins available in Yaarab Shrine Office.



# News from Yaarab Units

## Arab Guard

By Tom Davidson, President

Nobles of the Arab Guard are busy raising money for the 2016 Yaarab Circus! We are actively “bucketing” and selling Sportsmen’s Raffle Tickets. We have challenged each of our members to earn “Thousandaire” status this year.

The First Lady’s Annual Golf Tournament was held on Monday, March 28 at the Country Club of Gwinnett. The Arab Guard sponsored a hole and two teams of players. It was a successful event for the First Lady of Yaarab Shrine, Pam Bivens.

Our Karinats will be providing lunch for the Divan again this year on the first Saturday of the Circus. This is an honor for the Arab Guard and for our talented ladies. These ladies are purveyors of the most wonderful food!

Our plans for the Summer Ceremonial are moving forward. The Arab Guard members will be staying at the Helendorf this year. If you have not made your reservations, you should do so, as soon as, possible.

We were all saddened by the death of Illustrious Sir Richard Burke’s mother. Please keep Illustrious Sir Richard and lady Judy in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

The Arab Guard meets on the first Friday of every month in our Arab Guard Room at the Yaarab Shrine Center. We have refreshments at 6:00 p.m., and dinner at 7:00 p.m. Our ladies are wonderful cooks! We welcome guests and invite all nobles to join us and share our food and fellowship. See you at any of our future monthly meetings the first Friday of every month.

## Entertainers

By Jerry Braswell

I will try to keep this just a short note to share a few things about the Entertainers Unit. The sad news is we lost one of our leaders since the last writing. Our Brother James Childers left his earthly body to gain a new one. James fought a great fight but our Lord needed James to join his heavenly band. James and Vernon are making music together again. James was a mentor to many of us. He

left us with many great stories and memories. James was the noble that gave the name “The Entertainers” to our Unit. James will surely be missed, but we know what he expects out of us all.

As we ready ourselves for the Circus, we have to keep in mind that we have an obligation to Yaarab Shrine to get out and create an awareness of what we are about. Be in the street collecting, let the people see our Fez and bucket, or work on the sponsorships and ads. Everyone should at least try to raise \$1000 dollars. Hopefully, you will come by for a few minutes at the Circus and listen to a little of what we have to offer. We will be there to do our part to help at the Circus.

When upon your bended knees in devotion to Almighty God, we ask that you keep our Noble and Brother, John Emmett in your prayers. I ask that you continue to pray for our country and the ones who consistently put themselves in Harm’s Way to provide us with the freedom we enjoy. When you see a veteran, shake their hand and say “thank you”. May God Bless.

## Legion of Honor

By Rick Conn, Adjutant

Nobles, the Legion of Honor Mid-Winter Convention is over and we had a great time in Helen this year. Those that did not get to go, missed a treat. Hope you are getting ready for the SESA LOH Convention in August. It will be held in Warner Robins this year. Look for more information about it in the monthly LOH Newsletter that comes out the first of the month.

We are in the middle of our Circus campaign at present, so get out and help support the Unit with our pledge. The Circus is always two things that we look forward to each year; one (Circus begins), two (Circus ends). It is a lot of hard work but fun, as well. Come out and help your Unit and Yaarab Shrine in this major fundraiser. The Circus kickoff was a great success with several nobles showing up to support the Unit and make our pledge. Commander Jim Marshall, Finance Officer Robin Mashburn, Jim House, John Robert Smith, Tom Fluent, myself and a couple of others were on board for the festivities.

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# News from Yaarab Units (cont'd)

Our Commander Jim Marshall is off to a good start this year with his programs. We need to get behind our Officers and help support the Unit all we can. We have our Summer Ceremonial coming up soon too. I have heard that it will be in Helen again. It is always in June so make plans to attend. There will be more information on it also in the monthly newsletter. So look for it.

We have had a few sick and down this year that need our prayers; especially, our First Lt. Commander Terry Farmer. He was admitted to the hospital in ICU for congestive heart failure. He is still in the hospital as of the writing of this article. A surgical procedure was done on him to relieve his pain, and hopefully to help start the healing process. Keep Terry in your prayers that this works and he is back with us soon. Bill Ayton has had some problems too, so keep him and Lady Jane in your prayers. Past Potentate J.J. Moore is still in pain with agent orange and needs our prayers also.

Please always stop and take a moment to remember those of our brothers and sisters who are deployed and in Harm's Way. Pray for them and their families, and for a safe return home to their loved ones. May God Bless them all. May God Bless each and every one of you, and may God Bless America!

## Motor Corps By Donald Martin

The Motor Corps is throttled up in high gear as we prepare for the 74th Annual Circus and Carnival. We are all busy bucketing, selling Circus tickets and coupon books for the Circus. We will be selling our legendary "Hot Wings!" at the Wing Shack next to the Big Top along with our regular menu of corn dogs, chicken tenders, french fries and cold drinks. The train will be on-site to give rides to many children and visitors. Our annual Golf Tournament will be held this summer and more information is available at the website [Charitycelebgolfclassic.org](http://Charitycelebgolfclassic.org). We are also selling Sportsmen's Raffle tickets which can be purchased for \$20 each. We are also planning on a Shriners Hospitals for Children Fundraiser in the fall and will have more information in the upcoming months. See a Motor Corps member for information on all the fundraising events. We are always looking for nobles to join the "Mighty" Motor Corps and, if interested, please come to our regular meetings on the first Thursday of each month. All nobles are excited for the Circus, and all the other fundraising events in the upcoming months. We look forward to seeing all nobles and their ladies.



## Oriental Band By Dennis Brown

We're back and growing! At the January 2016 meeting, there were 4 members present. At our March meeting, there were 12 members present.

Our new President, Jerry Brookshire's main objectives are discussed below: Our objectives for this year are; having fun, working for the Circus, having fun, raising money for the Circus, having fun, raising money for the Shriners Hospitals for Children, and having fun.

Our Oriental Band meets at 6 p.m. on the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of each month in the Yaarab Shrine band room.

**Next Meeting Monday April 4, 2016. Come join us.**

## Patrol By Jim Drew, 1st Lt.

The Patrol is preparing for the upcoming 2016 Shrine Circus and Carnival by collecting money, writing ads and selling Sportsmen's Raffle tickets.

The Patrol is giving Chief Rabban Danny Huggins a special gift, because he was instrumental in getting the Sportsmen's Raffle started at Yaarab Shrine.

A strange event recently occurred. Patrol members, Johnny Adams and Tony Trencio, were collecting money at their regular intersection, and found a lady's diamond ring in their cash bucket. The ring owner called the Yaarab Shrine Office to report the ring was missing and that he had given the Shriners at this intersection some money. The office called Tony and Johnny about this incident. Johnny called the office, and reported that he had found the ring. At that time, the office gave Johnny the individual's name and phone number. Johnny later called the office back to let them know that he had given the ring back to the rightful owner. What a nice ending.

Let's all work together to have a great Shrine Circus and Carnival in 2016.

## Potentate's Escort By Larry Smith

February 28th was a rather warm and sunny day. A great day for a ride if not for the reason the Unit assembled to ride. Captain Hill, assisted by past Captain Costa, mustered thirteen Unit members with their Shrine bikes for the noblest purpose of a funeral escort. Earlier that week, we received word that our past Captain and Chief Rabban Danny Huggins' mother had passed away. So it was no surprise that nearly the entire Escort Unit was in attendance to pay final respects to a very special lady. Those who were not there were there in spirit. While some members had only met Ms. Arlene Moody once or twice, she was none the less special to all that shared that privilege. At the funeral home, our guys, dressed in parade uniform, occupied the last three rows of pews in the chapel.

# News from Yaarab Units (cont'd)

After a simple, but elegant service, that certainly matched the persona of Ms. Moody, the guys lined up in two columns with hands over hearts to pay respects as the family came out of the chapel. Afterwards, each man made his way over to his machine to get in formation for this most somber occasion. Departing the funeral home in columns of two, the bikes rolled down the East West Connector toward the cemetery. The procession lead by the white bikes stretched for what looked like a mile. After exiting the highway into the cemetery, the Unit split into two separate columns, dismounted, stood at attention, and once again placed their hands over their hearts, just when the hearse, along with family and friends passed by. Each man then made his way to the graveside to pay their final respects. After the service, everyone went their separate ways with heavy hearts, because we are a family and when one of us hurt we all hurt. That's how we roll.

If you read this prior to April 2, come on that day to the Kennesaw Beer Fest, and help the Unit in this unique fund raising opportunity. We need all hands on deck. Special thanks to Noble Greg Niznik for the tremendous effort in organizing this event.

The Circus is fast approaching, so keep up the good work, and let's blow past our goal.

Also, it's not too early to be making plans for the Summer Ceremonial in Helen. The hotels are filling up.

Until next time, ride safe.



## Provost Guard By Mike Hulsey, P. P., Major

The Circus dates are May 20-May 30. If you are staying on the grounds, I hope that you have gotten your parking spot reserved. Please continue to bucket, sell those sponsorships or ads. This is our only major fundraiser for the year and we need everybody's help. The Lieutenant says he is going to need all of the manpower we can get and the Captain is going to need the normal crew in the arena. Past Major's Shockley and Sellers will man the main gate and, of course, Mike Mitchell at the back gate. We are planning a couple meals and will again ask the police and ranger to join us.

Also, get ready for parade season, the parade schedule is not out yet but should be shortly. We will again need everyone's help with this, as well. Don't forget if you have not signed up for Bass Pro Shops, please do so with the Lieutenant, as we will be assigning either Saturday or Sunday April 2/3, due to the amount of people wanting to work this project.

If you do not have plans for the evening of April 2nd, come to the Shrine Center, and work the Chastain Party. The Provost did not reserve a table but we will try and have a table at the rear for us to sit. Some of us will need to work Bass Pro Shops, and some go to the Chastain Party.

Congratulations to the following Provost who has Birthday's in March and April. Charlie Bailey 3/28, Adam Bennet 3/31, Jesse Chambers 4/5, William Lovell 4/2, Wesley Marks 3/12 and Bob Smith 4/6. A special shout goes out to Gene Davis who is still in rehab. Keep Queenie Parker in your prayers as she continues to cope with her illnesses. Please keep all of our shut-ins in your prayers.

# News from Yaarab Clubs

## Cartersville Shrine Club By James Watkins

The Cartersville Shrine Club, hopes everyone is having a productive year, so far. The Circus is just around the corner, and everyone is looking forward to it.

We have a change for our meeting nights. We have moved from the 4th Monday of each month to the 4th Wednesday of each month. We hope this will make the meetings more available to members and interested nobles. The former days conflicted with many Masonic meetings in this area, so we invite all nobles in this area to come to our meetings. The next meeting will be Wednesday, March 23rd. Supper will be served at 6:30 p.m., with the meeting starting at 7:30 p.m.

There's a lot going on for the next few months, so we look forward to working with, and enjoying fellowship with

each and every one of you.

May GOD bless our Country, our Military and Shriners.

## Cedar Valley Shrine Club By David Johnson

Circus time is drawing near and we are bucketing and beginning our money making projects. We hope to have a great year. Our Boston Butt sale is going great. We have a new Bucketing Chairman, Tommy Oliver. We need to help him make this a great year. Good luck, Noble Tommy!

Our Chief Rabban Danny Huggins and his lady Dona were at our last meeting. He spoke to us about the Circus and the Sportsmen's Raffle, and how important this is for the support of Yaarab Shrine, and all our projects we have. We are hoping that we have the best Circus this year. We wish everyone good luck with all their projects this year.

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We had one of our members in the hospital this month, Leo Hamrick. It slows him down, but he keeps on going and helping with all our activities. We thank him for all he does for the Club.

The kids we are helping, Jon Jon has his cast off now, and will go back on March 7<sup>th</sup>, and April 18<sup>th</sup>. Two year old Wyatt, is being put in a body cast March 1<sup>st</sup>. We have had a total of four trips this month to Shriners Hospitals for Children - Greenville.

We have plans for a reverse drawing in September, and will let everyone know later this summer, the plans and date.

Pray for our country during this election year. We need to elect people that can make this country great again. May God bless the military and our Country.

## Cherokee Shrine Club By Don Meyer

We were very fortunate to have Illustrious Sir Brent Bivens visit us at our February 4<sup>th</sup> meeting. He brought us up to date on the successful fundraising events that are in place for 2016. This was the best presentation of what has happened and what is going to happen in Yaarab Shrine. If you were not there you really missed a good meeting.

March 3<sup>rd</sup> we celebrated Ladies Night at the Sea Breeze Restaurant. I know the weather was suspect, but those of us that were there, had a very enjoyable evening.

Our Annual BBQ fundraiser for the Club will be April 30<sup>th</sup>, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tickets are \$8.00 per plate, eat in or carry out. We will need workers and "eaters". More "eaters" than workers!

The Cherokee Cruiser 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Car Show will be May 28<sup>th</sup>, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Cherokee Shrine Club will have the refreshment and food concession. We will need help and ideas. Fellowship, serving food and looking at "CARS" what more do you want? I, for one, will be there looking at "CARS", helping where needed, and fellowshipping with everyone I haven't met. We will also have a Shriners Hospitals for Children information table.

We will host a Shriners Hospitals for Children presentation at Cherokee Shrine Club and the date will be decided at our April 7<sup>th</sup> meeting. Please be there to help plan this important event. We will need all you Shriners to talk this up at your Masonic Lodges and among your friends. This event is open to Masons and non-Masons, their families and friends.

Nobles, I know this is a busy time of the year. Please set aside some time to attend your Shrine Club meeting on April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

## Cumming Shrine Club By Ralph O. Dennis

Wow, Circus time is on us! Our club was well represented with over 30 of our family members at the Circus Kick-off. We made our pledge and the overall goal is to kill it. Our nobility is "in the street" with their buckets raising

money and getting a tan. We are making plans on working our posts in the grass lot at the Circus- schedules are already being assigned. We also have one day scheduled at Bass Pro-Shops for Sportsmen's Raffle ticket sales.

Helen will soon be on us, as well as, the Imperial Session in Tampa. We have nobles and ladies already making their reservations for both. Tampa will be a great time (personal note- Tampa is home for me- I know I will have a great time). There is a lot to do and we have heard from our Potentate that there will be some real special events for fun times.

Our golf team is participating in the First Lady's Tournament. Look out for that foursome for sure. We know already how they like to have a good time and win or not- **THEY WILL!**

Our Bass Tournament for the Shriners Hospitals for Children, September 17, 2016, has been approved by the Potentate and work has already begun. This event has been going on for several years and gets bigger and better every year. See our website for the entry form.

On a sad note, the Black Camel visited our club and took Noble William Loden. Noble Loden was the President of our club in 1995. He will be missed. Please remember Lady Barbara.

## Fayette Shrine Club By Tim Murphy

Well, the warm weather is just around the corner and Fayette Shrine Club is in full swing (I mean swing). Before we get too far ahead in 2016, let's reflect back on some of the highlights that we've enjoyed.

You always know it's the beginning of the year when it's time for the "Potentate's Reception" at FSC. This year we had a great time welcoming Illustrious Sir Brent Bivens and First Lady Pam at our reception held in February. Our new President, Butch Peacock and his lady Connie, along with the Fayette Shrinettes, welcomed Illustrious Sir Brent, and First Lady Pam, as pictured on next page. Illustrious Sir Brent inspired us all with his motivating words. Thank you Divan, friends and family for attending, as we all enjoyed this time of fellowship. Our ladies had the place looking great and the food was exceptional. Everyone attending, thoroughly enjoyed a fine evening.

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The "Potentate's Reception" was immediately followed by our 3rd annual FSC Super Bowl Party. We had a special guest this year. Milton Adams (pictured below with John Law, Past Potentate Richard Burke, Butch Peacock & Past Potentate Chuck Rager) celebrated his 95<sup>th</sup> Birthday with us. Milton is a 44 year Shriner from Florida. The Super Bowl fun continued, as you can see 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Michael London and Past Potentate, Chuck Rager cheering the Denver Broncos to victory.



Let's continue to keep our service men and women serving in Harm's Way, as well as, their families in our prayers.

## Loganville Shrine Club By Rick Conn

Nobles, the year is off to a good start with David Burk as our President. Please come to the meetings and join in with the new Officers and let's make 2016 one of the best years ever.

We are in the middle of our Circus campaign at present, so get out and help support the Club with our pledge. The Circus is always two things that we look forward to each year; one (Circus begins) - two (Circus ends). It is a lot of hard work, but fun, as well. Come out and help your Club and Yaarab Shrine in this major fundraiser. The Circus kickoff was a great success with several nobles showing up to support the Club and make our pledge. Thanks to those that came out and were on board for the festivities. We have a new job at the Circus this year, we will be in the Big Top at the entrance selling ice cream. Come out and help fill in for a shift or two. The Circus incentives were voted on the same as last year. If you want a shirt please see me with your size so I can get them ordered. They are for sale to all members and can be personalized any way you want

them. I want to get them ordered by the end of the month, so if you want one please see me soon. Thanks.

Our President has some good programs lined up for us this year so come out and help support them and join in on the fun and fellowship. We have already had one fundraiser at a local restaurant that cooked a pancake breakfast for us. It helped to raise much needed funds for the Shrinettes' programs.

The next event coming up will be our Summer Ceremonial in June. The Circus is here, but it is not too early to start thinking about and making plans for our Summer Ceremonial. It will be in Helen again this year. Make plans to come up and enjoy the fun and fellowship.

After that, our annual SESA Convention will be held in Warner Robins in August. Put that on your calendar and start planning for it also.

We have had a few sick and down this year that need our prayers. Please remember Lady Ann Hewatt as she has been down and needs our prayers especially. Bobby Boss and Evelyn has been sick lately also and could use our prayers. Noble C. H. Scott has had some sickness and death in his family also, so please keep him and his family in your prayers.

Remember we meet on the third Tuesday night at 7 p.m. at the Loganville American Legion Post. A good meal is had by all with the meeting following. All Shriners and their ladies, are invited to come out and join us for fellowship. We will be glad to give you a petition to join us, if you like. We are a great little Club that has a lot of fun in all we do.

Please always stop and take a moment to remember those of our brothers and sisters who are deployed and in Harm's Way. Pray for them and their families, and for a safe return home to their loved ones. May God Bless them all. May God Bless each and every one of you, and may God Bless America.

## Northeast Dekalb Club By Sam Black

The major focus at the time of this writing is the upcoming Circus and Carnival for 2016 to be held at Jim R. Miller Park, May 20 – May 30, 2016. Please see any club Officer for Circus tickets, ad forms, and sponsor forms. Please make sure that you turn in your monies as soon as you possibly can. The Northeast Dekalb Club has pledged \$ 3,500, and with all of our member's help, can get the job done. All nobles, be sure to send in your Mama-Daddy money, not only, to get your Crown of Honor points, but will help the club achieve 100% participation in this program. The Northeast Dekalb Club gave up our annual ice cream sales at the Circus for 2016. With only our few members, it was decided that we should relinquish this spot. If any member wants to go and work the Circus, please feel free to do so, as help is needed in all areas. At the time of this writing, Sam Black has again achieved the "Thousandaire" goal, as has Associate Member, Jim Rust. Hopefully, we will have more to follow.

# News from Yaarab Clubs (cont'd)

Happy Anniversary Greetings go to: Terry and Judy Cochran, April 18. Happy May Birthday Greetings are extended to Gordon Fox (11).

Let's remember our service men and women who are in Harm's Way to protect our freedom. We pray for their safety and return home soon.

## Sweetwater Shrine Club By Tom Foster

Our Potentate's Reception at Sweetwater Shrine Club was a great success. As in years past, our honorary Master of Ceremony, Jerry "Jug Haid" Rogers, did what he does best. Illustrious Sir Brent Bivens turned so many shades of red you would have thought he was a Republican Primary map. It's all in fun and we at Sweetwater Shrine Club appreciate everything the Yaarab Divan do to keep our organization running strong.

Circus time is here! The Sweetwater "Sidekicks" are going to be out in full force. If you are interested in joining this band of jokers, feel free to contact one of our members and they will point you in the right direction. Due to the outstanding participation of our Sweetwater "Sidekicks", our club sold out of ALL the Circus programs. This is a new year and the 74<sup>th</sup> Yaarab Shrine Circus Committee have set the bar pretty high. They anticipate bigger crowds and have ordered additional cases of programs for us to sell. We as a club will meet this challenge and intend to beat our sales from last year. That means we need every able bodied member out there to volunteer their time. Helping with set-up, dressing out as a clown, or waving your arms around selling programs at each show is what we need.

Let's look further ahead towards the Yaarab Shrine Helen Summer Ceremonial. Sweetwater nobles, please let Roger Faulkner (Club Secretary) know your reservation wishes. Our club will reserve rooms for interested members for June 9<sup>th</sup> through June 12<sup>th</sup>. Be sure to contact him as to ensure you will have a place to rest your head while we enjoy what is expected to be the best Summer Ceremonial yet. If you've never been before, you need to make an

effort to go. You will have the time of your life. If you need a ride, call a member, or visit our Facebook Page.

Speaking of Facebook pages, Perry Gibbs (Yaarab Motor Corps) took on the responsibility of revamping the Yaarab Shrine Facebook page late last year. He did such an outstanding job, they had him head the effort to overhaul the Yaarab Shrine website. If you haven't visited the new webpage, you should check it out. There is a lot of good information there along with a complete calendar of our upcoming events. Our own Facebook Administrator, Ron Henley, is doing the same for the Sweetwater Shrine Club page. Let Henley know of your Sweetwater Shrine Club updates and news so he can post them to our page and let the rest of Yaarab Shrine see what we're all about.

Visits from Chief Rabban Danny Huggins, seems to be drawing a big crowd, causing the average attendance at our monthly meetings to increase. You need to show up in person to see for yourself the kind of antics he brings with him (Just kidding, Noble Huggins). We look forward to more of our members enjoying the camaraderie of their fellow nobles. We all became Shriners to fill that part which was missing in our lives. Joining the Shrine is not even half the journey. Being active with your fellow nobles and enjoying the camaraderie, makes all your efforts worthwhile. If you need a ride, call one of us – each of us would be glad to bring you to a meeting or Yaarab Shrine event. Get back into the swing of things and put us on your calendar for the second Tuesday of each month. Be a recruiter and bring another Masonic brother with you. We always have plenty of food, drink, and entertainment at every meeting – plenty to go around.

It is with fez in hand, I'm sad to write that the Black Camel has come around again. George Dings (aka "Dingy" of the Sweetwater "Sidekicks") passed away in January at the sparkling age of 51. He was a decorated Navy veteran, Past Master of Battle Hill Lodge #523, and the 2015 Past President of Sweetwater Shrine Club. He was a great Brother and Noble. We will miss George and want all of you to keep his wife, Elia, in your prayers. May Light Perpetual Shine Upon Him.

# News from Yaarab's Ladies Auxiliaries

## Cedar Valley Shrinettes By Glenda Johnson

Spring is here and we are busy getting ready to start events for Shriners Hospitals for Children. Our first fundraiser is a yearly Easter Bake Sale. We will also help our nobles with their Boston Butt and Turkey Roast for the week of Easter.

Laura and Tommy have been busy taking three boys to Shriners Hospitals for Children – Greenville, for treatments and check-ups. Thank you both, for all you do for our children. We are so proud to see in the Basharat, that Yaarab Shrine made a check out to Shriners Hospitals for Children for more than one million dollars plus. This is what we, as a club, are about. When we see what was sent

to Shriners Hospitals for Children, it makes us work even harder the next year.

Our club has a lot of illnesses. We need our members to get well and back helping kids. We miss them very much. We have had members with love ones that passed away. Our prayers are with them.

Carol Goss, our "Sunshine Lady" sends birthday, get well, and sympathy cards. Carol is doing a great job keeping up with all the information going on.

Our Club is looking forward to helping with the Yaarab Shrine Circus this year. We always enjoy it, and we are glad to see and meet friends we have made over the years.

Hope everyone has a great summer and best year ever.

God bless people all over the world; our families, children, military and most of all our government.

# News from Yaarab's Ladies Auxiliaries (cont'd)

## Gwinn-ettes By Margaret Mayne

Is it just me or is time really flying by at record speed? It's already the middle of March, the grass is beginning to turn, daffodils are blooming and the Easter Bunny is practicing his hop! Oh my, spring will be here and I am not ready!

So what have we been doing with our time? Well, **The Circus Kickoff** was a hoot with too many friends having a great time, popcorn, cotton candy and clowns, who could ask for anything more.

We had our first meeting of the year, got all of our committees working and have plans for a great year. The **January Birthdays** were celebrated with lunch at the Baking Grounds in Buford with Lady Bonita Newbern as hostess and not one single birthday girl showed up. That's okay, the party continued without them!

February found us celebrating **Birthdays** again, and this time at Bare Bones Restaurant in Buford, with Lady Susan Fincel as hostess. This is a nice place to dine, if you haven't tried it out. We had quite a crowd at the **Yaarab Valentine Party** and it was a great party as usual. Our first fundraiser "**The Sheet Sale**" began in February. So if you need some luxurious sheets just call one of our members, please. The **First Lady's Tea** was delightful with yummy beverages and delicious French onion soup just to mention a few things!

March found us celebrating **Birthdays at Cincos** in Suwanee with Past First Lady Judy Burke as hostess. We had a big turn-out with several birthday girls in attendance! The **Shriners' Day at the Shriners Hospitals for Children - Greenville**, was a wonderful event. The presentations were so informative and moving, and the tour of the hospital was very interesting.

Lady Dawn Chisholm and Noble Howell Bradford did a superb job with the 2016 Children's Easter Egg Party at Yaarab Shrine. All the children had a wonderful time and couldn't wait to visit with the great Easter Bunny. It always gets better and better. And then there was the 2016 **Chastain Night** to look forward to. Partaay!

Many of us have suffered family loss and illness for which we are all so sorry. Prayers have been lifted and continue to be lifted for the dear ones in our lives. May God bless us all and keep us in His loving care, especially those who serve so selflessly for our country.

## LOHettes By Freida Hammond

Our SESA Midwinter held in Helen was very well attended and an extraordinary event. Thanks to all who helped. I am sorry I didn't have all names to publish and sure didn't want to leave anyone out.

We lost one of our dedicated Lt. Commanders. Terry Farmer passed after a short illness. He will be missed by all for his hard work and diligence.

Thanks to Jim Marshall for helping us by providing all the good food and goodies for our meetings. Thanks also to

everyone who brings dishes to help!

We look forward to John Robert Smith becoming our new 8th Lt. Commander of IALOH to be held in O'Fallen, IL, in April.

God is not unjust; he will not forget your work and the love you have shown him as you have helped his people and continue to help them - Hebrews 6:10.

## Motorettes By Wanda Taylor

Let me begin by reiterating what a great thing the Shriners are doing for the Shriners Hospitals for Children. One of our very own Motor Corps/Motorette members had to recently take their young daughter to the Shriners Burn Hospital - Cincinnati. Bella Rose, age two years, is the daughter of our new members, Paul and Melissa Anderson. Bella had obtained second and third-degree burns on her left hand from a hot fluid spill. The Anderson's originally took Bella to the local Children's Hospital only to be told they could do nothing for the child because they did not address burns. They were then told to take her to Grady Hospital, which they did. Grady was wanting to do extensive debriding and skin graft surgeries which would cause her some severe scarring and possible loss of use of some of her fingers. That was when they decided to try the Shriners Burn Hospital - Cincinnati. Our Motor Corps members J. D. Mitchell and Perry Gibbs stormed the bad weather and took Bella Rose and her parents on a nine-hour trip to the Shriners Burn Hospital - Cincinnati. They are so very glad and appreciative that they took this course of action. They were elated with the treatment from the staff in Cincinnati. Bella's hand was debrided with minimal scarring and no surgeries were required. She received outstanding help from the staff and doctors with well wishes and wonderful follow-up, as well. We are all elated for Bella and the Anderson family and thank Nobles Mitchell and Gibbs for their assistance during this family emergency and we send well wishes to Bella and her family during this continued period of healing.

There is great sisterhood during our Motorette meetings which always start off with a meaningful devotion and discussions during which time we are always looking for new and fun fundraising ideas. Don't be shy when it comes to submitting your ideas. Also, I can't say enough about the wonderful cooks we have who are preparing the meals at the Motor Corps meetings. Yum!

The Motor Corps golf tournament is scheduled August 29 at Country Club of Gwinnett located at 3254 Clubside View Court, Snellville, GA. The Motorettes will be selling 50/50 tickets and raffle tickets for a cheer basket. The Motorettes will also sponsor a hole in the donation amount of \$125 for the tournament. Please come out and show your support in a grand way.

# News from Yaarab's Ladies Auxiliaries (cont'd)

The Chastain party at Yaarab Shrine was a big success, as always. We have some amazingly talented and creative folks and it is always a pleasure to see what kind of great ideas and decorations everyone presents at the event. Photos will be coming in a future article.

Circus, Circus, Circus May 20 – 30 at Jim Miller Park in Marietta, GA! The Motorettes will be running the flea market and working in the wing shack. Thank you all for your hard work.

Welcome new members: Paul and Melissa Anderson and Glen and Shirley Harris. We are lucky to have you join us. If I've missed anyone, contact me directly.

Our dear friend and sister, Boots Peden, turned 93 on February 25, 2016. Boots is one of the most active ladies in the Motorettes. If you didn't already know it, Boots is a great photographer who has been taking pictures at almost every event she attends and then at her own expense gets the photos developed and then hands them out to everyone. Kudos to Boots, we love you lady!

Happy Birthday to: Doug Blevins (4/08); Wanda Dean (4/10); Terry Bruckner (4/20); Dona Huggins (5/03); C. M. Herndon (5/05); Joan Waters (5/12); Perry Gibbs (5/13); and Anita Lee (5/27).



YAARAB MOTORETTES

## Rome Shrine Ladies By Peggy Sims

We had a good March meeting. President Diane Collins welcomed our new member, Nancy Mount, lady of noble Bobby Mount. We are happy to have these members back in the club. We look forward to their support as well as our support for them in efforts to raise money for Shriners Hospitals for Children.

We set a \$1000 goal for our donation to the Shriners Hospitals for Children. In order to reach this goal, we have scheduled many fundraisers in the coming months.

We are selling Belks Charity Sale tickets for the sale on April 30<sup>th</sup>. We have accomplished much with this project in the past. Tickets are \$5.00 and can be used at any Belks store around the country. Please contact any member to make a purchase.

A yard sale is scheduled for April 2<sup>nd</sup> at the home of Marie Davis, 2702 Garden Lakes Blvd. to be held from 8:00 a.m. until noon. Call President Diane Collins if you need

someone to pick up your items.

Our next meeting will be June 2 at 7:00 p.m. at the club. Please try to attend as we are meeting only every 3 months.

Thanks to the ladies who helped with the Sixth Annual Easter Egg Hunt for the disabled children. It was a great event presented by the Rome Shrine Club.

The ladies look forward to helping our nobles at the Circus May 20<sup>th</sup> through May 30<sup>th</sup>. We encourage all nobles and ladies to get involved in the Circus. This is Yaarab's way of continuing to operate.

Congratulations for Lady Peggy Sims' Noble Bobby Sims. He was presented an Emeritus Food Service Worker fezz by Past Potentate Larry Cline at the last club meeting. Bobby retired after many years of hard work as Co-Chairman of the Food Service at the Circus.

We are saddened by the loss of our beloved Noble Wayne Stewart who passed away suddenly in January, and our beloved Noble Ben Fields, who passed away February, after heart surgery. Our prayers go out to lady Margaret and lady Jean. We are always here for you.

Lady Geneva Parris has been hospitalized twice this year with pneumonia. Lady Rhonda Bailiff's Noble Ronald Bailiff was hospitalized after surgery. President Diane Collins' mother, Helen Garrett, has been in and out of the hospital the whole month of February with many different medical issues. Please remember these folks in your prayers.

## Sweetwater Swirls By Debi Harris

We are off to a good start for 2016. We have already scheduled our 20<sup>th</sup> annual golf tournament for this year. We'll be back at Mirror Lake in Villa Rica, and it will be on September 19<sup>th</sup>. We need teams and hole sponsorships. It's never too early to start looking. See one of the members of Sweetwater or the Swirls to get your application.

We also have two raffles going and we're excited about both! The first one is a large, Big Green Egg® with a stand included. Our hats are off to Douglasville Ace Hardware for helping us on this fundraiser. We really appreciate it. Our second fundraiser is also awesome. It's a 4 day, 3 night stay at a chalet in Gatlinburg. If you'd like to see what it looks like, search on the internet for "Alpine Lecont Shad-ows #84 Gatlinburg TN". It's a very generous donation from a relative of one of our members. We can't thank her enough. We're also throwing in a \$100 gas card so it won't cost you anything to get there. We are selling both of these raffle tickets (6 for \$20) as they are indeed very nice prizes. We'll be holding the drawings for both at the golf tournament on September 19<sup>th</sup>.

Hope everyone had a lovely Easter and we'll see you at the Circus!

# News from Yaarab's Ladies Auxiliaries (cont'd)

**Tu-Sh-La**  
**By Freida Hammond**

Thanks to everyone who works in all ways for [Yaarab Shrine](#). We are always here to support our Tucker nobles, wherever and whenever we can. Ladies, our dinners have been very good. Thanks again, for all the cooking and transporting of the items to serve, and thanks to the Tucker nobles who always furnish the meats.

Remember the sick and distressed in your prayers: Maxine [Bankston](#) who had removal of a tumor on her kidney, Gloria [Hammett's](#) sister who is sick, and Charles Harp who had hernia surgery, and [Dewayne](#) Coleman who is having knee replacement.

Hope you made plans to be in Helen this year for the Summer Ceremonial.

Now - Be good wherever you go!

*Your Gifts - You may not see, you may not know Just where your gifts of money go. But one in need somewhere, some place, will kneel and pray with upturned face. And say: "Dear God, I humbly pray that you will bless those friends today, who helped to lift our load of care, and gave, that we with them might share some of the comforts and pleasures too, that we might live as others do.*

*Dear God, please bless each one of those, who they may be who do not know, but thou, dear Lord, [canst](#) see, doth know, so bless them Lord and help them see that in helping us they have helped thee".*

**Widows and Widowers**  
**By Judy Campbell**

The Widow and Widowers Club members continue to work hard for Yaarab Shrine and it's Circus and Shriners Hospitals for Children campaigns. We are raffling off a stainless steel Char Broil Grill. Tickets are \$ 5.00 each or 6 for \$ 20.00. This grill will be displayed at the Circus, and will be given away the last day of the Circus, May 30. See any of the Officers or members for tickets.

I am very encouraged with the progress of our club. We have very good attendance at our meetings and always good food .

Sympathy is extended to the family in the passing of our associate member, James H. Childers. James was always very helpful when his health permitted.

I am very happy to report that Stratton and Twyla Zelack are back in their home. Our love and prayers go to them.

We welcome visitors, widows and widowers to our meetings. Our meeting schedule is the 4th Wednesday of each month at the Shrine Center in our meeting room. Our April Meeting is on the 28th at 11:00 a.m. Call me if you have questions; (770) 529- 5866. I look forward to seeing everyone.

## Circus Deadlines

Friday May 6, 2016 — Ad's Deadline Cutoff Date. No Ad's Accepted after this date.

Friday May 13, 2016 — Sponsor Banners Deadline. No Banners Accepted after this date.

Monday May 30, 2016 — Official Competition Cutoff Date for Unit & Club Award Competition for Book Tickets, Cash, Sponsors and Ride Tickets. Raffle Competition Cutoff Date is Saturday July 30, 2016.

The Circus Office will open at Jim R. Miller Park on Thursday May 19, 2016 at 12:00 Noon until 5:00 PM.





# News from Cincinnati

## Cincinnati Shriners Patient #65 Fulfills His Dreams

On May 20, 1965, William Joe Culp bit into an electrical cord causing massive destruction of his upper lip, mouth, and nose, parts of his face and around his left eye. At 1-1/2 years old, his parents rushed him to the local hospital emergency room.

Thankfully for Culp, the Aladdin Shrine Temple from his home town in Steubenville, Ohio, heard about the accident and stepped in to help. They sponsored Culp as a patient to get treatment at Shriners Hospitals for Children®-Cincinnati, a new hospital specializing in pediatric burn care.



Omar Shriner, William Joe Culp

In 1965, Shriners Hospitals for Children-Cincinnati was located in a small area in University Hospital, while plans to build a freestanding hospital dedicated to pediatric burn care were underway.



Joe, with nurse Gayle Mahler, on the cover of the hospital's 35 year anniversary program.

Culp's patient number was 65, which made him the 65<sup>th</sup> patient in Cincinnati Shriners Hospital history.

He spent the next 14 years returning to visiting Shriners Hospitals for Children-Cincinnati for care. Culp had more than 30 different surgeries over that time to correct the function and cosmetic defects on his face as a result of his severe burn injuries.

"I still remember how wonderful everyone was in my time at Shriners," said Culp. "One particular nurse I will never forget is Gayle Mahler. She had a huge impact on my life and how I dealt with my appearance and injuries."

At age 11, Culp remembers having two goals in life; obtain a mechanical engineering degree and to one day become a Shriner. He finished college and became a mechanical engineer in his early 20's.

Culp is now 52 and recently became a Shriner at Omar Temple. He said the main reason for fulfilling this goal was to help children the way the Shriners helped him. He currently lives in South Carolina with his wife of 26 years and has three boys ages 20, 22 and 24.

Once he became a Shriner, he had a strong urge to visit Shriners Hospitals for Children-Cincinnati. He wanted to see what the hospital was like today and relive some of the positive memories he had held onto all of these years.

Culp was happily surprised with how different the facility is today. Luckily for Culp, one of his tour guides, Vicki Keehnan, remembers Gayle and several other employees that were here when Culp was a patient. Vicki has worked for Shriners 37 years and was very gracious to take the time to show Culp around and reminisce with him.

Shriners Hospitals for Children®-Cincinnati is one of only four freestanding hospitals in the country dedicated to the treatment of pediatric burns and specializing in plastic and reconstructive surgery. Our physicians' experience and expertise in pediatric burn treatment, cleft lip and palate, complex wound and skin conditions, and plastic and reconstructive surgery makes Shriners Hospitals for Children - Cincinnati a first choice for care.

If you know a child we can help, go to [shrinershospitalcincinnati.org](http://shrinershospitalcincinnati.org) or call:

**Burn and Emergency Services**  
866-947-7840

**Plastic Surgery Services**  
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### Shriners Play a Big Role In Referrals

When it comes to finding medical help for children, Shriners are now more important than ever. Members of the fraternity have always played a critical role in helping families in their communities get connected with Shriners Hospitals for Children - Cincinnati, and now it has become even easier with a website and referral cards.

### Website

Shriners Hospitals for Children - Cincinnati continues to make referring a patient and obtaining an appointment for care easier than ever through the [www.shrinershospitalcincinnati.org](http://www.shrinershospitalcincinnati.org) website. Every page has a Schedule an Appointment and a Contact Us feature; both are easy forms that families can complete and submit online directly to the hospital.

### Referral Cards

Referral cards are also a great resource that Nobles can use. These cards allow families easy access to hospital information and services. The cards provide hospital contact information to assist in scheduling appointments. On the back of each card is space for the Shriner's name and Temple. Please stop by the Business Development office to pick cards up, or call 513-872-6391 to have them mailed to your Temple.

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Here's how:

- For every person who volunteers on the behalf of the Greenville Shriners Hospital, the hospital will receive \$20 per day worked – so if you volunteer for 2 days, your volunteer fee essentially becomes a donation to the hospital!
- For every 50 workdays, we will receive an additional \$2,000!

Registration is \$40 which includes a volunteer polo shirt, hat/visor, a Volunteer Credential, Patron Credential, 2016 volunteer pin, meals during your workdays and a volunteer appreciation party at the end of each workday (over \$100 value)!

Visit [www.bmwusfactory.com](http://www.bmwusfactory.com) to register online or call Kea Wade in the Development Office at (864) 255-8765 for a paper application. During the registration process, be sure to select Shriners Hospitals for Children-Greenville as your charity.

**Last year, because of our dedicated volunteers like you, we received over \$15,000 proceeds generated through volunteer participation. THANK YOU!!! Volunteers are KEY to our success at the event and we hope you plan on joining us this year!**

For additional information or to receive a paper application, contact Kea Wade at (864) 255-8765.



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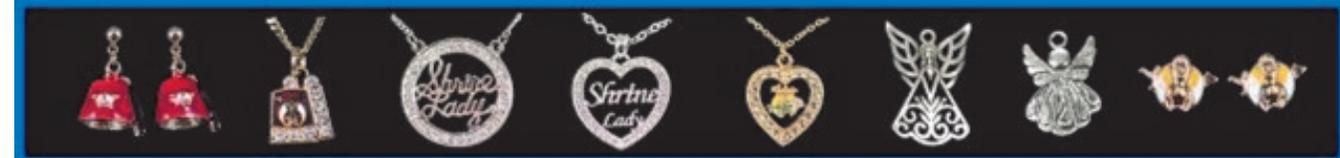
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## Recently Known Deaths

33373	Graham C. Allen Adairsville, Georgia May 21, 1937 – January 10, 2016 Created at Yaarab Shrine Dec 13, 1986	21900	Elias W. Rafal Bogart, Georgia Dec 29, 1923 – Sep 30, 2015 Created at Yaarab Shrine Nov 25, 1955
29105	Clyde Anderson Dalton, Georgia July 10, 1938 – January 11, 2016 Created at Yaarab Shrine Dec 8, 1976	20955	James Grady Spivey Canton, Georgia January 1, 1925 – August 25, 2015 Created at Yaarab Shrine Dec 8, 1965
36610	Melvin Leon Burson Dahlonega, Georgia February 12, 1941 – Dec 20, 2015 Created at Yaarab Shrine Dec 10, 1994	34200	Wesley Wayne Stewart Rome, Georgia January 23, 1946 – January 18, 2016 Created at Yaarab Shrine Dec 10, 1988
29565	James Franklin Crowe Gulf Breeze, Florida August 26, 1944 – February 15, 2015 Restored at Yaarab Shrine July 3, 1982	33323	Samuel Edwin Walker Jonesboro, Georgia July 23, 1954 – December 10, 2015 Created at Yaarab Shrine June 21, 1986
38275	George L. Dings Bremen, Georgia March 22, 1964 – January 24, 2016 Created at Yaarab Shrine Oct 21, 2000	36908	Aubrey Lee Wigley Dallas, Georgia Dec 22, 1928 – Dec 26, 2015 Created at Yaarab Shrine Sep 30, 1995
35770	Otis Raymond Freels Marietta, Georgia June 27, 1944 – January 13, 2016 Created at Yaarab Shrine June 11, 1994	17486	Olin Jackson Bates Cartersville, Georgia August 25, 1922 – October 5, 2015 Created at Yaarab Shrine Dec 3, 1952
31407	Walter Stanley Hammond Mableton, Georgia November 23, 1935 – Dec 27, 2015 Created at Yaarab Shrine June 15, 1981	30306	Richard K Britton Marietta, Georgia September 2, 1925 – February 2, 2016 Created at Yaarab Shrine Mar 16, 1979
20260	Jesse Coleman Jarrard Clayton, Georgia July 5, 1929 – December 15, 2015 Created at Yaarab Shrine Dec 9, 1964	19423	G. Ralph Brooks, Jr. The Villages, Florida July 11, 1931 – February 16, 2016 Created at Yaarab Shrine Sep 18, 1963
22937	George Dennis Moon Grayson, Georgia November 4, 1928 – January 22, 2016 Created at Yaarab Shrine Dec 23, 1968	23116	Johnson Wavery Brown Cumming, Georgia January 1, 1925 – October 1, 2015 Created at Yaarab Shrine June 18, 1969
27990	John William Patrick Cumming, Georgia May 6, 1928 – January 18, 2016 Restored at Yaarab Shrine Jul 15, 2015	24552	James Hubert Childers Marietta, Georgia March 30, 1935 – February 9, 2016 Created at Yaarab Shrine Dec 28, 1970

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23139	William Ray Coley Atlanta, Georgia April 22, 1924 – March 9, 2015 Created at Yaarab Shrine June 18, 1969	15121	Jodie Leon Hill Marietta, Georgia November 5, 1919 – February 20, 2016 Created at Yaarab Shrine June 24, 1953
29370	Charles J. Craft Kennesaw, Georgia August 30, 1955 – December 31, 2015 Created at Yaarab Shrine June 15, 1977	31327	Bobby Wayne Lewis, Sr. Hartwell, Georgia May 21, 1938 – August 15, 2015 Created at Yaarab Shrine June 20, 1981
31274	William Kenneth Cronan Adairsville, Georgia September 4, 1942 – January 23, 2016 Created at Yaarab Shrine June 20, 1981	14903	J. Paul Littrell Atlanta, Georgia November 20, 1918 – August 22, 2015 Created at Yaarab Shrine Dec 3, 1952
31188	Peter Foster Curry Fayetteville, Georgia February 14, 1933 – April 16, 2015 Created at Yaarab Shrine Mar 20, 1981	34773	William Emerson Loden Gainesville, Georgia July 1, 1934 – February 20, 2016 Created at Yaarab Shrine Dec 8, 1990
21689	Garvin Davis, Jr. Ellijay, Georgia Nov 4, 1930 – Nov 12, 2014 Created at Yaarab Shrine June 21, 1967	21049	Billie Gene Lundy Philadelphia, Mississippi Dec 19, 1927 – Nov 1, 2015 Created at Yaarab Shrine Jan 24, 1957
38200	Fred Ancel Farnell Smyrna, Georgia Feb 13, 1933 – Dec 22, 2015 Created at Yaarab Shrine June 10, 2000	37677	Robert Talmon McCoy Mt. Airy, Georgia July 9, 1931 – November 20, 2015 Created at Yaarab Shrine Dec 12, 1998
35750	Benjamin Franklin Fields Cartersville, Georgia January 9, 1933 – February 14, 2016 Created at Yaarab Shrine June 11, 1994	28622	Thomas Eugene Richards Ballground, Georgia June 6, 1931 – February 3, 2016 Created at Yaarab Shrine June 1, 1977
13567	Harry Nix Flowers Peachtree City, Georgia Sep 14, 1917 – Feb 10, 2016 Created at Yaarab Shrine Dec 20, 1950	22157	Billy Ray Savage Orange, Texas December 13, 1938 – June 8, 2015 Created at Yaarab Shrine Aug 12, 1971
19887	Emmett Augustus Hanson Lilburn, Georgia March 28, 1917 – May 21, 2012 Created at Yaarab Shrine June 17, 1964	22595	Roy Marvin Strickland Fayetteville, Georgia March 15, 1939 – Feb 24, 2016 Created at Yaarab Shrine June 12, 1968
27933	Jimmy Ray Hardin Cartersville, Georgia December 18, 1932 – July 31, 2015 Created at Yaarab Shrine Dec 11, 1974	34620	Sam Tally, Jr. Conyers, Georgia September 25, 1952 – July 5, 2015 Created at Yaarab Shrine June 16, 1990

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16341	Harry Paden Thurman, Sr. Eatonton, Georgia March 1, 1930 – February 1, 2016 Created at Yaarab Shrine Dec 5, 1955	23788	George G. Wilkes, Jr. LaGrange, Georgia December 5, 1927 – January 13, 2016 Created at Yaarab Shrine Dec 10, 1969
17442	H. Nathan Ward Anniston, Alabama December 3, 1922 – January 25, 2016 Created at Yaarab Shrine Dec 10, 1958	25088	Marcus Rex Willis Newnan, Georgia January 27, 1939 – January 28, 2016 Created at Yaarab Shrine June 16, 1971

## Recorders Report for January & February, 2016

	Regular Membership	Associate Membership	Total
Membership, January 1	3490	29	3519
Created/Added	-	-	-
Affiliated	-	-	-
Restored	33	-	33
Demitted/Dropped	(2)	-	(2)
Suspended	(1)	-	(1)
Deaths	(44)	-	(44)
Net change	(14)	-	(14)
Membership, February 29	3476	29	3505

# FROM THE SHRINE OFFICE

## January/February Hospital Trip Report

Driver	Temple #	Greenville, SC	Cincinnati, OH	St. Louis, MO
Dwayne Coleman	31631		1	
Paul Anderson	40718		1	
J.D. Mitchell	25509		1	
Bob Smith	38678	2		
Harold Atkinson	35849	1		
Gene Blount	35036	1		
Tom Oliver	39663	1		
Wayne Shellnut	36234	1	1	
Bob Stillman	37045	2	1	
Eric Beavers	40299	2		
Jeff Ferguson	39323	1		
Warren Shore	25052	1		
Russell Gunn	33447	1		
Bill Wise	28143	2	1	
Marty Bruce	40261	1		
Jimmy Lee	28939	1		
Joe Moon	38793		2	
Roy Rager	40471	1		
Perry Gibbs	40256		1	
Wayne Shellnutt	36234		1	
Bill Morgan	37375	1		
Jim Warren	32575	1		
Wendell Boss	30838	1		
Chuck Clark	30165		1	
Billy Deal	37511	1		
Bob Dean	35068	1		
John Graf	39761		1	
Tommy Sprayberry	38388	1		
Mike Young	35828	1		
Total Patients		17	7	

**20 Trips. 29 Drivers.**

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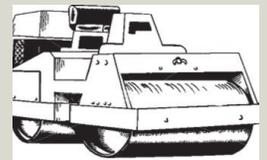
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