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# POTENTATE'S MESSAGE

## “Believe in Making Miracles”



Nobles, it is with great honor that you elected me as Potentate, my beautiful wife Angela as First Lady, and our beautiful daughter, Yaarab Shrine's first ever child born to a member of the Divan, McKenzie Grace. It has been a tough year for us all at Yaarab Shrine; the Pandemic/China virus of 2020 has disrupted Yaarab Shrine in ways that have changed history for us. First time in 78 years, Yaarab Shrine did not have a Circus, as I type this letter it has brought tears to my eyes yet again. Angela and I cannot hardly talk about this year without crying. We put our heart and soul into planning what we thought would have been the greatest year ever in Yaarab Shrine history. This time last year, I told you Nobles of Yaarab Shrine that 2020 was going to break all records. *Well, we did.* We had to cancel almost everything that is, a *record*, one I hope no one, and I repeat, “I hope no one ever beats”. There are two records that were set this year, that I am very proud of and blessed with. You nobles did break the all time record on cash collections \$765,010.00, in spite of the fact, we could not collect for three months. Your Shrine Circus money total was \$1,765,010.90. That was only \$137,440.56 less from the all time record at Yaarab Shrine. Can you imagine what kind of numbers we would have had if we had not shut down and had a Shrine Circus? Nobles, I am just **PROUD** of you.

I am very proud of my beautiful wife, Angela for the other record. She had two projects this year; one was McKenzie's room project, the other is the new “Bar” in the Activities Building. To date, she has raised over \$30,000.00 for the First Lady projects. Nobles, **“thank you”** for helping her meet her goals. Next time you are at the Shrine Center, please look at the “Kids’ Room” project in the main building, and go to the Activities Building and look at the new bar. They are both very beautiful. The “Kids’ Room” is now open, and a great place for them to have fun. This year we have welcomed all kids to all events, and I hope that Divans of the future welcome kids at Yaarab Shrine with open arms.

We still have the Nobility Ball at the Evergreen Resort in Stone Mountain Park. Your invitations are in the mail, so please RSVP, as soon as you can, so we can get a head count for the set up. The theme this year was changed from (Sharp Dressed man) (ZZ Top had prior engagements for the new date) to a Winter Wonderland. You might just see Mr. and Mrs. Claus. Have you been *naughty or nice*? This is the first time ever that your children are invited to a Yaarab Shrine Ball. Please make sure on your invitation, that you tell us if you are bringing your kids, so we can have the head count for them. We do have a child's plate for our kids and Yaarab Shrine will cover the cost for you.

Hospital season is wide open. We have had some large donations mailed and/or brought to the Shrine Center. Also, the bucket money is coming to Yaarab Shrine every day. We have a good chance to break a record for Hospital donations. Yaarab Shrine's Hospital passion is like no other in the Shriner world.

The Children's Christmas party on December 13<sup>th</sup> will be different this year, but Yaarab Shrine is going to make kids very happy as always.

We will have a “Hot Sands Ceremonial” at Yaarab Shrine on Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup>. If you have a friend you think would make a good Shriner, please get the petitions in to the Yaarab Shrine Office, as soon as you can. There will also be a “Cold Sands Ceremonial on December 9<sup>th</sup> at Dalton Shrine Club.

Most of all, Christmas is coming soon, with so much to celebrate at Yaarab Shrine. The birth of Jesus on Christmas day, being with family and friends, thinking about others and having our health. Most of all we all need to pray for our GREAT NATION, our Nation is under attack by some bad people. These people have stopped believing in the Greatest Nation in the world, and the worst thing ever they have stopped believing in the Faith of God. Pray for our GREAT NATION and as Shriners we help **MAKE AMERICA GREAT AGAIN!**

*“Believe in yourself is the secret to success.”*

You Nobles and Ladies are what has kept Angela and I going this year, if it had not been for you, we would have given up a long time ago. Angela, McKenzie and I love you and we **BELIEVE IN YOU**. This Pandemic will soon pass, and hopefully we will get back to normal with you again soon.

Yours in the faith,



Bruce Ridley  
Potentate 2020



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OFFICIAL CALL OF THE POTENTATE

Notice is hereby given of a stated meeting of Yaarab Shrine,  
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  
**Yaarab Shrine Center On:**  
**Wednesday, Dec. 2, 2020 at 7:00 P.M.**  
**Social at 5:30 P.M.; Dinner at 6:00 P.M.**

Attest:

Jim Ketcham, Recorder

Bruce Ridley, Potentate

## ANNUAL MEETING AND ELECTION OF YAARAB SHRINE

Notice is hereby given of the **Annual meeting and election of Yaarab Shrine Officers on Saturday, January 9, 2021, at 9:30 a.m.**, in the Gene Bracewell Activities Building at Yaarab Shrine Center. Admission to the annual meeting and election is your 2020 dues card only. After lunch at 1:00 p.m., ladies are invited to the demonstration and later to the reception.

## 2021 BASHARAT DEADLINE DATES

**JAN 15, 2021**

**FEBRUARY AND MARCH 2021 ISSUE**

**MARCH 15, 2021**

**APRIL AND MAY 2021 ISSUE**

**MAY 15, 2021**

**JUNE AND JULY 2021 ISSUE**

**JULY 15, 2021**

**AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER 2021 ISSUE**

**SEPTEMBER 15, 2021**

**OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER 2021 ISSUE**

**NOVEMBER 15, 2021**

**DECEMBER 2021 AND JANUARY 2022 ISSUE**

**JAN 15, 2022**

**FEBRUARY AND MARCH 2022 ISSUE**

### SPECIAL NOTE FROM THE POTENTATE TO ALL CANDIDATES AND THEIR SUPPORTERS

Please note the following Imperial By-law (# 325.11) and Yaarab Shrine By-law (# 4.9). Any violators will be disqualified by the Potentate:

IMPERIAL BY-LAWS

# 325.11 ELECTION REGULATIONS

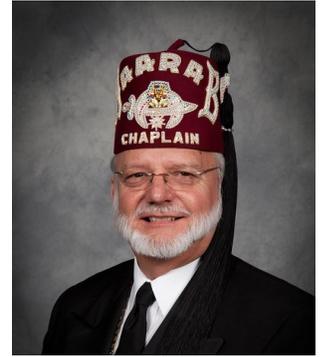
Electioneering:

A candidate for an elected office in a Shrine temple may print, publish and circulate during the year he is seeking the elected office, a resume consisting of his educational background, his vocational history, and his Masonic and Shrine record. Except as provided in the prior sentence, the printing, publication, circulating or distribution of resolutions, letters, telegrams, tickets, email, or other devices, by a unit, club, noble, or group of nobles, suggesting recommending, opposing, or containing the names of proposed candidates for office in the temple is prohibited.

# Chaplain's Corner

By Dennis Bellamy

## Peace For Christmas



Greetings nobles and ladies. I hope all is well. This horrible pandemic, that has stricken the entire world, has taken a toll on our lives as we know it. We have had to learn to protect ourselves through social distancing and wearing face coverings. None of us have had to go through this before. I had never heard of social distancing before or even a fist bump. We've always shook hands or gave a hug as signs of caring for one another. Prayerfully, this is not a long time norm. Let's all pray that the Virus gets out of here forever.

I want to thank Illustrious Sir Bruce and 1<sup>st</sup> Lady Angela for allowing me to serve as Chaplain this year. I also congratulate Illustrious Sir, the Divan and all our ladies and nobles for an outstanding year, despite all the hurdles from the pandemic. It just goes to show that Yaarab is the best Shrine Center in the world. And to our next year's Divan, please keep courage. We are not sure what the next year may bring, but the nobility will be there to support you.

As I prayed about this article (as I do for all of them), the Lord gave me the words, "Peace for Christmas". As we all are aware of all the obstacles this country has faced in 2020, we sure need peace in our lives, as well as, our country. Not only have we had the pandemic to face, but now the battle between good and evil is more prevalent than ever before. Charges of fraud in our elections, and division in our country, which has brought an enormous amount of destruction in our cities, must come to an end. Our President has worked diligently to bring peace in other countries, especially to Israel, which is what God's word would have us do. We also need to figure out how to bring peace in this Nation. God has the answer, we just need to accept the gift of peace that He sent us born in Bethlehem in a stable on the day we celebrate as Christmas. His name is Jesus, King of Kings, Lord of Lords. He is all things to all people, and He is the perfect gift of Peace. Isaiah 9:6 reads: "For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulders: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor. The Mighty God, the everlasting Father, and the Prince of Peace. We need a national Revival in this country. A revival begins in the heart of the believers. Then telling the gospel everywhere. Everyone needs to kneel and pray that this country gets on the right track. If this happens, good can prevail over the evil. It's my prayer that everyone receives the greatest gift this Christmas; the gift from the Father in John 3:16; "For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life".

Helen Steiner Rice wrote an appropriate poem the title asks,

### *"What is Christmas"?*

Is it just a day at the end of the year?  
A holiday filled with merry good cheer?  
A season for presents-both taking and giving?  
A time to indulge in the pleasures of living?  
Are we lost in a meaningless, much muddled haze?  
Have we closed our eyes to God and His love?  
And turned our eyes from "The Bright Star Above?"  
Oh, Father in heaven, renew and restore.  
The real, true meaning of Christmas once more.

So we can feel in our hearts again that "Peace on Earth, Good Will to Men" is still a promise that man can claim if he but seeks it in Thy name.

As we are about to begin a new year, hopefully we can learn from the mistakes of previous years and start the year off with prayer. Continue each and every morning and night, thanking God for all His many blessings, seeking His guidance and forgiveness for our short comings. When in daily prayer we will continue to grow in a healthy and meaningful relationship with God. Every relationship takes effort and communication. The same goes in a relationship with God when we do our part, He will definitely do His.

From the Bellamy household, it's our prayer that each of you have a very Merry Christmas and a bright and prosperous New Year.

Visit us for worship at Peoples Baptist Church 201 Buchanan St. Dallas, Ga. or watch live stream on Facebook Peoples Baptist Church of Georgia.

Looking forward to seeing you all soon. Remember God loves you and so do I.

May God's Blessings Be Upon You!

Rev. Dennis E. Bellamy

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# Message from your new Grand Master (2020-2021) Jan Giddens

By Jan Giddens



To the Nobles of YAARAB Shrine. What an honor it is to be elected as the Grand Master of Masons in Georgia for the year 2020-2021. I never imagined this was even possible when I first knocked on the inner-door, and I am proud to be a Master Mason, and a Noble of the Mystic Shrine. This great fraternity offers so many opportunities to serve one another, our community, to help children and no one does more for children than the Shrine. It is truly amazing what YAARAB and the other Shrine Centers do every year in raising money to support our Shriners Hospitals for Children, and the other worthy charities.

I am also very proud of the relationship that has been developed and nurtured between the Blue Lodge and YAARAB Shrine. We are great organizations separately, but we are even better together. The challenges of this past year were difficult, but we saw real leadership in our Grand Master and our Potentate, who sacrificed their plans for our safety and well being. They had to make some tough decisions. I pray that the new year will allow us all to get back to the work we all love, and to exemplify the character of Masons and Shriners for all to see.

I look forward to serving with you, the more than 32,000 Masons and 3,000 plus nobles of YAARAB Shrine. It is an honor to be a member of the finest Shrine Center in the world. I cannot begin to tell you how much I love the Grand Master Fez that you all presented to me. It is BEAUTIFUL and will be one of my cherished possessions. When my year as Grand Master has ended, I look forward to giving more of my time and effort in support of YAARAB Shrine.

Fraternally and at your service,

Jan M. Giddens  
Grand Master

# Yaarab Decorates for Christmas

Photos by Thom "Squeeky" Ledford



## 2020 Yaarab Shrine Christmas for kids

### *Drive through party*

This year the children's Christmas party is changed due to Covid/China virus. It will be a drive through party. December 13<sup>th</sup> 12pm to 6pm

Child gift party form:

Noble's name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Temple number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of children to come? \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Boys \_\_\_\_\_

Age of Boys \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Girls \_\_\_\_\_

Age of Girls \_\_\_\_\_

Time: \_\_\_\_\_

This year our Children's Christmas party will be a drive through party. Please turn in the party form filled out. We need your phone number and email address so we can contact you with the times to bring your children. We will give a range ie: 1pm to 1:30 p.m. There will be pictures with Santa, no food, but will be gifts for each child. We have to have this form back to Yaarab's Shrine Office by November 20<sup>th</sup> to make sure your kids get presents. If you have a specific time you need to come please list that time.

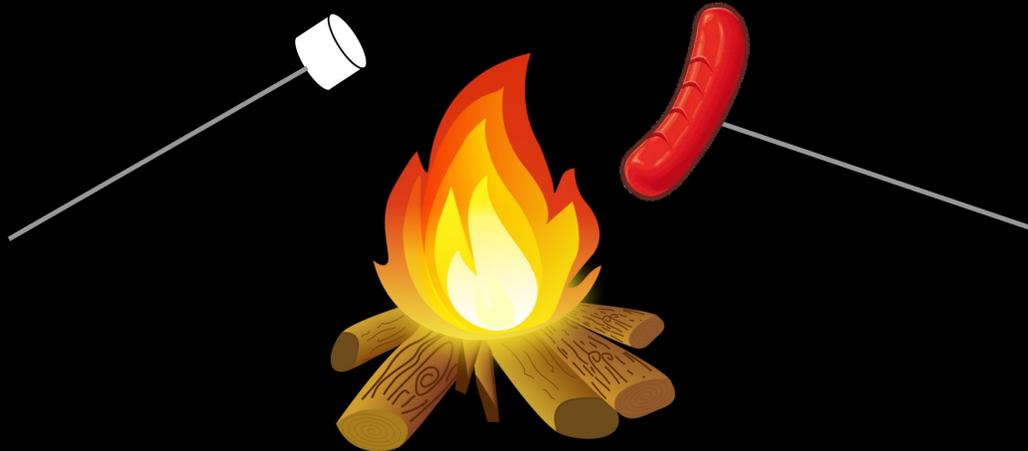


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**Here's to**

**'S'More'**

**Fun!**



**Friday Night Pre-Ball**

FRIDAY

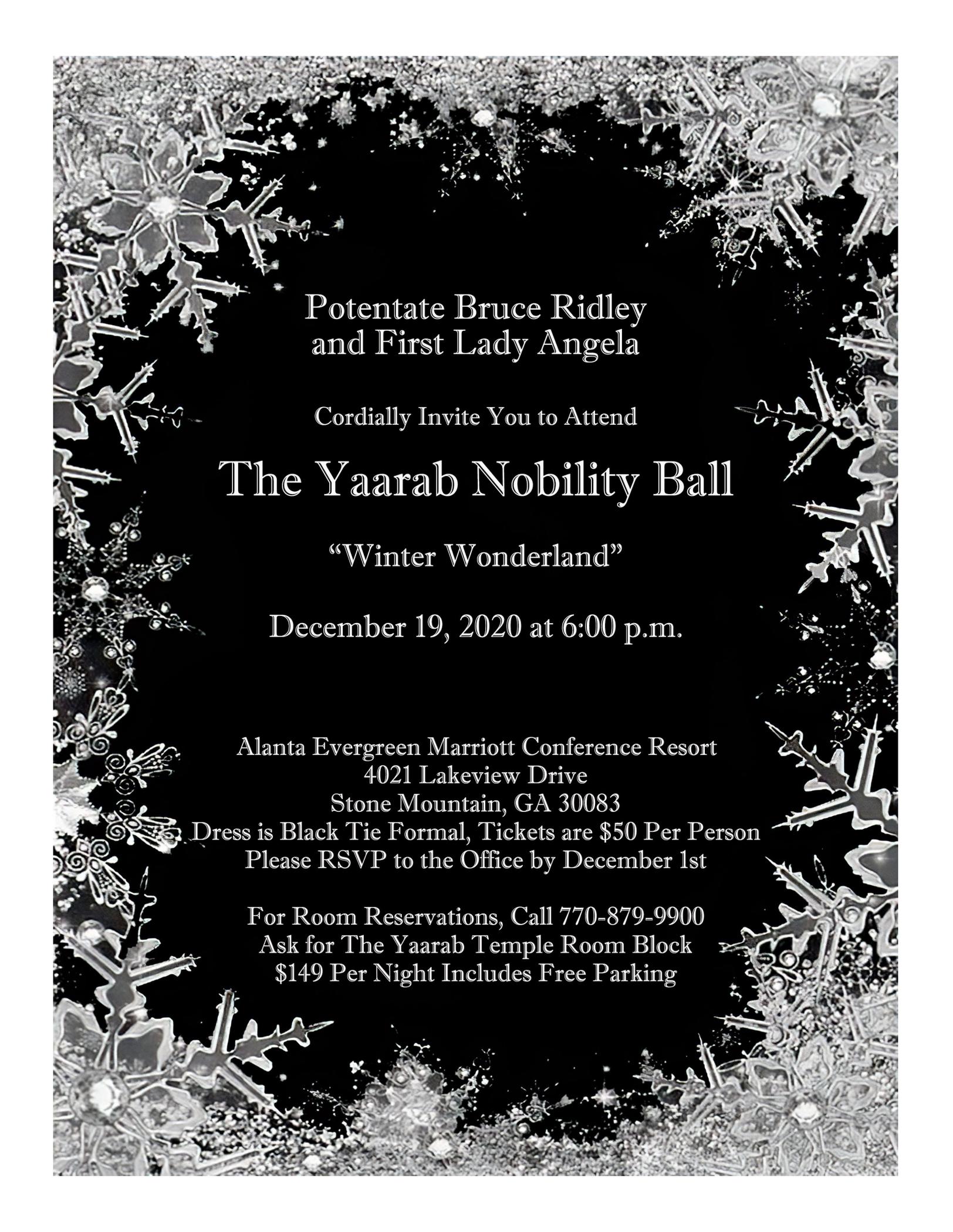
**18**

DEC

2020

Stone Mt Park  
Gristmill Pavilion  
6:00pm - till

**HOTDOGS, CHILI AND S'MORE'S**



Potentate Bruce Ridley  
and First Lady Angela

Cordially Invite You to Attend

# The Yaarab Nobility Ball

“Winter Wonderland”

December 19, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

Alanta Evergreen Marriott Conference Resort  
4021 Lakeview Drive  
Stone Mountain, GA 30083

Dress is Black Tie Formal, Tickets are \$50 Per Person  
Please RSVP to the Office by December 1st

For Room Reservations, Call 770-879-9900  
Ask for The Yaarab Temple Room Block  
\$149 Per Night Includes Free Parking



## **Yaarab Divan Ladies**

Cordially invite All Ladies to join them for:

### **The 2021 Election Day Brunch**

Saturday January 9th, 2021

Georgian Terrace Hotel Grand Ballroom  
659 Peachtree St. NE Atlanta, GA

Tickets for this event are \$35 and must be purchased in advance from the Yaarab Business Office December 1st through December 23rd.

Transportation from Yaarab Shrine to the Georgian Terrace will begin at 9:15 am.

**\*\*Current restrictions limit us to 125 in attendance.**

Please make your reservations early.

After the Brunch, all ladies are invited to attend the open installation and the reception that follows.



# **79th Annual** **YAARAB SHRINE**

## **Circus Kick-Off and Preview**

### **TWO BIG NIGHTS!**

**Friday January 15th ~ Units**

**Saturday January 16th ~ Clubs**

**Yaarab Shrine**

**Activities Building**

**Doors open at 6:00pm**

***Food, Refreshments  
and Fun***

***Bring the whole family!***



**Units / Clubs ~ Make your pledge  
for the 2021 Circus Fund  
Special Prizes and Awards  
will be available**

**Dress ~ Casual with Fez**

**Don't miss this great event**



# **Valentine's Dinner Dance**

**Saturday, February 13, 2021**

**Yaarab Ballroom - 6:30pm**

**\$30 per couple**



**Bring your favorite sweetie  
Enjoy dinner and dancing!**

**RSVP to Yaarab Shrine Office  
404-872-5818 by 2/7/2021**

# *First Lady's Tea*

*February 21, 2021*

*Yaarab Ballroom*

*2:00 - 4:00 pm*

*Join the First Lady in  
celebrating Mardi Gras!*

*RSVP-Yaarab Business Office By*

*February 15, 2021*

*404-872-5818*



## **NASCAR Race Party for the Nobles**

While the ladies are enjoying  
Mardi Gras, the Nobles are invited  
to enjoy burgers and brews while  
watching the Homestead-Miami  
NASCAR race on the big-screen in the  
Activities Building 2-4pm (rain or shine!)



# Recurring or Automatic Dues Payment Plan is Here!

**The Divan, Membership Team and Office staff are pleased to announce the recurring payment plan is now available. Follow the steps below to set your plan up. Remember that you are paying for one year out (payments in 2021 are for 2022 dues). This program will make paying your dues much easier.**

## Setting up an Automatic Dues Payment Plan in WebFez

Nobles have the option to set up an automatic dues payment plan in WebFez. By participating in the plan, you will be making monthly or quarterly automatic payments towards your upcoming dues and will be fully paid for that due's year by the October prior to the beginning of the year. In order to set up the plan, the following conditions must be met: • Your Shrine Center must be partnered with Electronic Merchant Systems (EMS) to process the payments. Contact your Shrine Center if you are unsure whether it uses EMS as its credit card processing company. • Payments will be made with a credit card that will be in securely registered with EMS. • You must be paid up for the current dues' year (2021) to register for the plan. • It is preferable to be registered by January 15th of the year prior to the due's year (e.g. by January 15th 2021 for payments towards the 2022 dues year). The following document details the steps required to set up a payment plan for the following dues year. Before you start, make sure that you have registered in WebFez, <https://webfez.shrinenet.org>, and that you have paid your 2021 dues.

## Setting up your Payment Plan

After you have logged into WebFez, the site will take you to your Member page. You will see the Set-up Payment Plan button displayed near the dues balance summary. Note that the button will only be available if you have paid your 2021 dues so that your Dues Total is \$0.00.

After clicking the Set Up Payment Plan button, a window will pop up displaying the amount of your dues for next year. From the Payment Frequency drop-down, you can choose whether your payments will be made in monthly or quarterly installments. Payments are processed on the 15th of the month.

After you have selected the desired frequency, WebFez will automatically calculate your payment plan and display a list of proposed payment amounts and dates when your payments will be processed. The amount of the installments is determined by the total amount of dues divided by the number of months or quarters remaining through October. For example, if you register prior to January 15th, you will be scheduled for 10 monthly payments or 4 quarterly payments. ***Convenience fees will be added to your total for each payment.***

**If you agree with the proposed plan, check the confirmation message and then click the Set Up Plan button.**



## **Membership Team Wonders WHY?**

Ralph O. Dennis

We often wonder WHY? Why did you become a noble? Was it because a fellow Master Mason/Shriner was constantly telling you how much fun you would have? Was it because you saw the commercials on television and wanted to be a part of something exceptionally large - helping kids? Was it because you saw the fun we are having at our events? You wanted to drive one of those small cars or other fun vehicles?

Well, no matter WHY you joined, YOU DID! Now what has happened? Did you join a club or unit and get active or just wait for the fun to come to you? Did you join a club/unit and then in and out you were not a good fit? IF you did that, did you try another? Did life temporarily get in the way? That happens.

Each year we lose a substantial number of nobles to suspension for non-payment of dues (NPD). When you joined, you knew what the dues were. Are you using some of the things mentioned above not to pay your dues? It is unfortunate that the excuses the Membership Team hears are as varied as the reasons that have been listed. Not being able to come to the Shrine Center for events should not stop you from remaining a noble. Pay your dues and then go looking for a club close to you and get active. If you have run upon financial hardships, and we all do, we have what is called a Lifeline. You simply tell us what the hardship is, and the Divan considers your request.

Since 2015, Yaarab has suspended 823 nobles for non-payment of dues. Last year, 2019, was the lowest of all those years at 66. Each year, Imperial ranks each Shrine Center based on the gains or losses of membership. Gold status is for those that have grown. Yaarab has not grown in the past 20 plus years. We can change this trend with some hard work on every noble's part. We need to make sure that every noble pays his dues and stays current. We need to recruit. Every Master Mason is a candidate to become a noble. We cannot stop the black camel from visiting us, but we can offset those losses by creating and retaining nobles.

We are asking that all clubs and units reach out to their delinquent members. We also are asking them to put the fun back into being a Shriner by beginning some of their activities again.

We have a membership team that consists of truly knowledgeable nobles, and can and will help answer your questions. Please, contact us and let us help. Let's get busy and make the end of 2020 and the beginning of 2021 great.

**Recruit - Retain - Restore**

## ***COLLECTION OF ALUMINUM PULL TABS***

Two nobles have been collecting aluminum pull tabs for the last four to five years and are ready to turn it into cash for the Shriners Hospitals for Children – Greenville. Yaarab Shrine will deliver the tabs to a scrap collector in Greenville, and he will double the scrap value, as long as, the monies go to the Shriners Hospitals for Children.



**Above left:** Noble Billy Rainey (Paulding County Shrine Club) has collected tabs for 5 years. He has collected (5) 55 gal. drums (980#) totaling approximately 1,275,000 tabs.

**Above right:** Noble Charlie Long (Echota Vann Shrine Club) has collected tabs for several years. Illustrious Sir Bruce Ridley recently delivered Charlie's tabs in a full pick-up bed in many, many bags holding approximately 2,000 lbs. of aluminum pull tabs.)

Billy and Charlie send their "thanks" to everyone who helped in their collections that will go for a healthy donation to the Shriners Hospitals for Children – Greenville.



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for Children®  
GREENVILLE



## Yaarab suffers loss of another great Noble

By Jerry "Jug Haid" Rogers

On Sunday, September 20th, 2020. Jimmie Joe "J.J." Moore, loving husband, father of three, grandfather of four, and great grandfather of seven, passed away at eighty-two. Jimmie was born on March 28, 1938 in Clovis, New Mexico. Growing up a tough kid in the west, he later became a rodeo clown and worked for a rodeo stock company where he rode bareback on horses and bulls. His performance was good enough that he won Junior Bareback Bronco Rider for the year 1957 in Oklahoma. That experience made him tough enough for the real world that awaited him for a future in the US Army.

After graduation from High School in 1957, he joined the military in the 101st Airborne Division and was stationed in Germany. He was later chosen to work in Army Intelligence and was trained in the Green Berets. During this time, he met and married Miss Peggy Nichols of Tennessee. After the marriage and other special training, he served two tours in Vietnam from 1965-1966 and 1969-1970. After returning from Vietnam, he was assigned to the Special Forces Group and served with the CID being assigned to the DEA Taskforce in Atlanta where he served until 1977 when he retired from active service with twenty-one years of service. From 1987 to 2003, he helped Georgia State University with their ROTC program which he took great pride in. In 1990, he started the Georgia State ROTC Scholarship Golf Tournament. He was a decorated veteran receiving Three Bronze Stars, Two Purple Hearts, Vietnam Cross of Gallantry, several air medals, four army commendation medals, and many other awards. He was also the youngest man to ever receive the Master Parachutist Badge.

J.J. began his Masonic career when he was 21 and was raised a Master Mason in Fort Campbell, Kentucky. He became a Shriner three years later in Raleigh, North Carolina at Sudan Temple while stationed at nearby Fort Bragg. While on special assignment in Okinawa he became President of the Okinawa Shrine Club and during his second tour to Vietnam, he helped organize the first Square and Compass Club in Vietnam. In 1973 while stationed at Fort McPherson in Atlanta, J.J. joined Yaarab Shrine and became a member of South Fulton Shrine Club. He was elected president of the South Fulton Shrine Club in 1991 and Potentate YAARAB Shrine in 2001. Jimmie also served as the Director of the Royal Order of Jesters in 2005 and was appointed to the Royal Order of Scotland. He was also elected Worshipful Master of College Park Lodge in 2012. One of his proudest accomplishments was being selected to the Scottish Rite 33rd Degree, which he was received in 2011.

Illustrious Sir Moore was preceded in death by his parents, Jack and Marjorie Parkey. His Stepparents W.W. and Lenora Moore, and is survived by his wife, Peggy Moore; his children, daughter Tonja Sysk, son J.T. Moore and his wife Angie; and daughter Kimmie Elliott and many grand and great grandchildren. J.J. had a great passion for life, family, golf, the Shrine and Texas Hold-Em Poker. He will be missed by all of us.

## TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

By Jerry "Jug Haid" Rogers

Soon 1995 will be in the history books but the events of Yaarab Shrine will be in our memories forever. There are still many events for us to attend. Parades, holiday parties, business meeting and Winter Ceremonial on Dec. 9<sup>th</sup>. There will also be a free concert following the Ceremonial presented by Yaarab's "Million Dollar" Band. On Dec. 17<sup>th</sup> a trip is planned for all who wish to attend to the Greenville Children's Hospital. While we are talking about the hospital, did you know a special unit is forming called the "Road Runners"? P.P. Bill Martin who also serves as Hospital Chairman is calling on anyone who wishes to join. "We need nobles in good health with a clean driving record", is what Bill is requiring. Special hospital vans will be supplied to transport children to and from Greenville and Cincinnati. Inquire if interested, this new unit may really go somewhere...

*Reliving some of our experiences brings out memories that sometimes hold a special place in our hearts. Some folks remember them, some don't. Some of the people I write about are no longer with us. One day, I'll be one of them. But I hope that some of these stories are enjoyable to read. And for the guy that writes this article twenty-five years from now, I hope you've got something interesting to send to the printer. We'll see.*

# December 2020

PLEASE NOTE THAT ALL DATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Divan Meeting 4PM	2 Business Meeting Social 5:30PM Dinner 6PM	3 Charity Daylight Lodge #754 10AM	4	5 Paulding County Shrine Club- Dallas Christmas
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13 Yaarab Christmas Drive Through 12PM-6PM	14	15	16 Membership Team Meeting 6PM	17	18	19
20	21	22	23 Happy Birthday Bruce Ridley	24 Christmas Eve	25 Christmas Day	26
27	28	29	30	31 New Years Eve		

## Yaarab Believes In Kids



*McKenzie  
Ridley*



## First Daughter 2020

\$20 for the set. Contact Yaarab office,  
Chief Aide, Potentate or First Lady

# January 2021

PLEASE NOTE THAT ALL DATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 New Years Day	2
3	4	5	6	7 Charity Daylight Lodge #754 10AM	8	9 Temple Election 9:30AM Lady's Brunch 9AM Installation and Reception ~3PM
10	11 Divan Meeting 4PM	12	13	14	15 Circus Kickoff UNITS 6PM Happy Anniver- sary Robert & Vickie Hampton	16 Circus Presales Meeting 3PM Circus Kickoff CLUBS 6PM
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25 Membership Meeting 6PM	26	27	28 Happy Anniver- sary Kevin & Pat Weinz	29	30
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# February 2021

PLEASE NOTE THAT ALL DATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Divan Meeting 4PM	2 Happy Birthday Vickie Hampton	3	4 Charity Daylight Lodge #754 10AM	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13 Valentines Party 6:30PM
14	15	16 Happy Birthday Tom Holt	17	18 Roadrunner Ban- quet 6PM	19	20
21 First Lady's Tea & Nascar Race Watch 2PM Happy Birthday Jim Ketchum	22 Happy Anniver- sary Jim & Julie Ketchum	23	24	25	26	27
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# 2020 SHCCC GOLF TOURNAMENT PHOTOS

Photos by Thom "Squeaky" Ledford



## From the 2020 Editor:

WOW, what a terrible year 2020 has been for Yaarab's Basharat, as well as our Nation. I wish to extend a big "Thank You" to all the Basharat correspondents who sent in articles, in spite of the pandemic we have experienced for most of 2020. Your support and participation in the submission of the articles amongst cancellations and postponements has been the best that could be expected, and I hope you will continue writing in the future. We also had a great number of flyers during the year announcing different events that took place at Yaarab Shrine throughout the year. We did our best to keep all Yaarab Shriners abreast of postponements and cancellations, and hopefully things will get back to normal soon.

This is the last Basharat issue in 2020 for Illustrious Potentate Bruce Ridley. It has indeed been a privilege and honor for me to serve Illustrious Sir Bruce Ridley, the Divan, nobles and ladies of Yaarab Shrine as your 2020 Basharat Editor. I have proudly accepted the position of Basharat Editor again for 2021. We would like to see the number of correspondents increase in 2021, so if you are interested in writing about your Club or Unit, please let your Club or Unit leader know.

You can find a listing of all the deadlines for 2021 in this issue. Many of you have expressed your kindness to me in emails and in person, and I am sincerely grateful to each of you. I think we have a great publication and hope you are proud to receive it in the mail. Oh, by the way, hopefully in 2021, you will again be able to view issues of the Basharat on the Yaarab website – [www.yaarabshrine.net](http://www.yaarabshrine.net). Type in your member password – B@sharat and you will see the Basharat listed. Then just click on it and select which issue you wish to review.

My thanks also go to all the advertisers who support the Basharat. Please try to support these companies whenever you can. Please remember that we are always open for any new ads at any time, and remember you will get Crown of Honor points for each new ad. If you would like to submit an ad of your own, or know of a friend wishing to do so, please have them contact Mary O'Grady, in the Office (404) 872-5818, ext. 226, or myself.

My best wishes to all Yaarab nobles and their families for a blessed, safe, and joyous Christmas and New Year's Holiday season. Let us not forget, even in difficult times, we all must be thankful. God Bless our service men and women serving in harm's way for our continued freedom.

I am looking forward to a newsworthy 2021 and will appreciate everyone's continued support. Do not forget the Annual Business Meeting and Election on Saturday, January 9, 2021. Let us support our elected Divan for 2021 and extend our best wishes for a better year in 2021.

Fraternally yours,

Sam Black, Editor



**Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!**

# 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:



# YAARAB HOME ASSOCIATION – 2020 REPORT

## Past Potentate, W. Danny Huggins – Chairman

### A) Main Building :

- 1- Men's Restroom Upper Floor - Replaced two existing toilets with ADA compliant toilets and auto flush valves. Replaced toilet partitions with stainless steel partitions and hardware. (Funds allocated 2019)
- 2- Ladies' Restroom Upper Floor - Replaced two existing toilets with ADA compliant toilets and auto flush valves. Replaced toilet partition with stainless steel partitions and hardware. (Funds allocated 2019)
- 3- Hallway Upper Floor - Installed ADA water cooler with bottle filler. Donated by member Shane Osmer.
- 4- Ballroom Bar Upper Floor - Replaced all drain piping. (Funds allocated 2019)
- 5- Men's Restroom Lower Floor – Replaced toilet with ADA compliant toilet and auto flush valve in handi capped stall (Funds Allocated 2019)
- 6- Plumbing Lower Floor – Replaced all defective plumbing, drains, vents, traps, and associated piping above ceilings. (Funds allocated 2019)
- 7- Main Building Outside – Pressure washed and painted all columns, railings, doors, and planter boxes. (Funds allocated 2019)
- 8- Kids' Nursery Lower Floor – Renovate one half of the Patrol Room with new wall, ceiling, LED lighting, flooring, and painting. (This project was paid for entirely by the First Daughter's Funds)

### B) COURTYARD:

- 1- Stairs, Railings, and Outside Doors – Sandblasted, primed, and painted.
- 2- Columns and Gates – Painted (Funds Allocated 2019)

### C) ACTIVITIES BUILDING:

- 1- Pressure washed and painted the outside of the building, doors, and window bars.
- 2- Replace the stage carpet with Shaw Phenomenon Paradox commercial carpet. (Funds allocated 2019)

### D) DIRECTORS STAFF BUILDING and BUS BARN:

- 1- Pressure wash and paint the outside of the buildings.
- 2- Remove five trees on east side of the buildings and prune all limbs overhanging the buildings that have been damaging the roofs. (Funds allocated 2019)

### E) FUTURE PROJECTS:

- 1- "D" Room Renovations. (Crown of Honor Room)
- 2- Replace outdated electrical in Activities Building.

Other Yaarab Home Association (YHA) Board Members are as follows; Glenn Harris, Rudy Lumpkin, Joe Miller, J.D. Mitchell, P.P., Jeff Phillips, Joe Stokes, Bobby Tidwell, and Richard Stonecipher.

Respectfully submitted,

Rudy Lumpkin



# News from Yaarab Units & Clubs

## Patrol By Joyce Butler

Yaarab Patrol, the oldest Unit of Yaarab Shrine, was formed in 1912 to exhibit precision marching in Shrine Parades. But, the Patrol has evolved to exhibit precision in even more important and impressive ways. The Patrol has stayed strong, even when faced with trying times. Their outstanding contribution to every Yaarab Shrine Circus and Shriners Hospitals for Children Crusade rivals many units and clubs with more members. This accomplishment is a tribute to a number of long standing Patrolmen and several newer recruits who have stepped up to the plate.

Through the years, many Potentates have come from the Patrol. Jim Lamb and Al Head to name a couple. My husband, Charlie Butler, was proud to march under their leadership. Our family, and theirs, enjoyed many parades and conventions together. Once Charlie even turned down an invitation for 50 yard seats to a Georgia Bulldawg game to march in a Shrine Parade. He loved the Dawgs, but was loyal to the Patrol. He wrote the Patrol article for the Basharat for a number of years. At first under the pseudo "left foot" until he was told he had to "fess up" to his true identity.

Glad to report that another loyal Patrolman (and Dawgs fan), Jim Drew, is doing well after two hip replacement surgeries. You can't keep a good man down.

The Patrol is looking forward to another successful year of supporting the mission of the Shrine and would welcome any newly created noble to join them. You can be assured the Patrol would embrace you and your family. They have continued to include me and other widows when celebrating accomplishments, special occasions, and holidays. As a member of the Patrol, you may be asked to give a lot, but you will receive even more.

Happy and Healthy New Year to ALL!

## Provost Guard By Ed Turner

While it has been a challenging year, the Shrine nobles and their families have remained focused on it's awesome special mission for children! Thank you to our Provost Guard members for stepping up and helping whenever you could.

This past year we lost three members who had provided so much support to the Unit and the Shrine! First was Mike Hulsey on December 31, 2019. Then we lost Carl Jackson on August 20th. Then most recently, Bob Smith on October 30<sup>th</sup>. While they have laid down their tools for the last time, they continue to inspire each of us. Let us keep them and their families in our thoughts and prayers.

But the Unit was also blessed this year with three new members. Nobles Gary Morgan, Asif Sakhyani and Alan Baker accepted the challenge to step up to help the Provost become a better Unit. Thank you to these new members for their commitment to the Unit!

The Unit Elections were held on November 4<sup>th</sup>. The meeting was well attended and went very smoothly. Effec-

tive January 1, 2021, our new Officers will be: Major, Bobby Gordon; Captain, Butch Sellers; 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant, Jerry Shockley; Secretary, Jim Nelson; and Treasurer, William Underdown. Thank you to these nobles for stepping up to provide the leadership needed to make the Unit excel.

Be sure to renew your Shrine membership for 2021! Either go online or call the Yaarab Business Office (404-872-5818) ext. 222 or ext. 226 to renew your Shrine membership dues.

Also, the Provost Guard Christmas Party will be Saturday December 12, at 6:30 p.m. at the Yaarab Shrine Center. It's going to be a little different, but lots of fun! Looking forward to seeing you!

While it has been a challenging year, remember we are: **"Stronger Than Ever, Because Yaarab Believes"**. Having fun and growing our Unit, the Provost Guard!

## Cedar Valley Shrine Club By David Johnson

The year is about over, and we have accomplished very little compared to what we usually do. The COVID-19 pandemic has stopped us from holding our Boston Butt Sale, our Rodeo, our Reverse Drawing, our Parade and lots more. We hope that next year will be a lot better. We have been able to "bucket", and collect a smaller amount than usual, thanks to several members who braved the virus. Thanks to all who helped do this. We did have a raffle, and made a little. We are hoping to be able to return to our regular activities next year.

We have had several members that have gone to the great home above; Noble Benjamin ("Pinky") Knight and Noble Joe Hamrick. We also lost one of our Shrinettes; Diane Tracy. We will surely miss these nobles and lady. We have one Noble, Steve Worthington that has COVID-19, and we are praying for him. We have had other sickness, but are praying that all will be better this coming year.

The Shrinettes do a lot of good work for the Shriners Hospitals for Children, and with all of our problems this year, they were able to give a \$3,000.00 donation. Thank you ladies, for all you do for the Shrine.

Our Election was November 19<sup>th</sup>, and we hope that all went well. The results will be published in the next issue. We are wishing lots of good luck for our new Officers for 2021. Thanks goes to all our 2020 Officers for all their hard work during COVID-19 problems.

We will have our Christmas Party on December 5<sup>th</sup>, at the Cherokee Country Club and hope to have a large crowd ready for a great time.

Our Nobles Tommy Oliver, Bill Wise and Kye Watson have made several trips to the Shriners Hospitals for Children - Greenville and Cincinnati over the past few months, and we do appreciate their hard work taking the kids to the Shriners Hospitals for Children.

We are praying for a safer and better year for 2021. May God Bless our Country during this COVID-19 pandemic, and our Election. We are praying that a vaccine will be soon available, and stop the spread of this virus. We wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

# CARTERSVILLE SHRINE CLUB AND LADIES CAMP

By Jack and Julia Melton

The 2020 Southeastern Shrine Convention was cancelled due to the Coronavirus. However, four couples from Yaarab Shrine went to Pigeon Forge for the SESA. When they got there, surprise, no SESA Convention. Evidently the Zamora Shrine from Birmingham, Alabama did not get the word of the cancellation either. All of the Shriners were camped in the same campground. The Yaarab Shriners and the Zamora Shriners decided since the SESA competition was cancelled, they would have their own competition. A very competitive game of Cornhole was played. The Yaarab Shriners came in "Second Place", and the Zamora Shriners placed next to last place. It was a very exciting evening with great refreshments. Not to be outdone, the Yaarab Shriners decided to host a homemade ice cream gathering on Friday night. Everyone enjoyed a fun time, and everyone went home with a smile on their face. They also had a sugar high to take them through the night.



Larry (right in blue shirt) and Wanda Gore (Yaarab) compete against Ralph Weeks and Roger Shirley (Zamora)

Jack (right in blue shirt) and Julia Melton (Yaarab) compete against Richard Johnson and Susan DeStafino (Zamora)



Geri and Larry Cline (Yaarab) compete against Todd DeStanfino and David Champion (Zamora)

Brent Bevins(Yaarab) was worn out after the competition and took a rest while Pam Bevin (Yaarab) and Terrell Yates (Zamora) planned their strategy.



# News from Yaarab Units & Clubs (cont'd)

## Cherokee Shrine Club By Donald P. Meyer, P.P.

We are trying to get back to normal. Nobles, as you all know, that is a job in itself. Our October meeting was attended by five Cher-O-Kettes, and nine nobles. A small turnout which your Officers fully understand.

Business discussed was; due to the Covid 19 we are not renting the building. The Toy Ride was discussed, and the Officers are working on that. The six foot "Silent Messenger" sign was approved, and it was installed on October 10<sup>th</sup>. Sorry I didn't copy down the workers names. You need to visit your Club and see how beautiful that "Silent Messenger" sign looks.

On the 5<sup>th</sup> of November, we held our "Awards Night". There were 15 nobles and 10 Cher-O-Kettes in attendance. We had a busy night, and I hope I got it all written down correctly.

Our new nobles knocked it out of the park. They collected \$48,314.91, since they joined Cherokee Shrine Club, earlier this year. The following names are the new nobles and some of the older ones; Noble Brandon Hendrix, Stanley Townsend, Charles Danny Greeson, Michael Gary Greeson, Jordan Townsend, Jasen Townsend, Richard Hamilton, Eric Hendrix, Carl Popham, Wallace Reid, Earl Darby, James Ronnie Loner, Gregory Hendrix, Johnny Adams, Tony Trencio, Stanley Townsend, Tony Newberry, and John Keith Painter. This is a great list!

With new nobles we also get help for our Shriners Hospitals for Children from their friends who are not Masons. Mr. Merick McClure, who is a fishing buddy of one of our new nobles, held a fishing tournament on October 17<sup>th</sup> and collected toys for our schools. He also presented us \$270.00, for our Hospital fund. He is having another tournament on November 21<sup>st</sup> for our benefit. It must be noted that Mr. McClure is not a Mason YET.

Other awards were all the 2020 Officers received Certificates and Noble Greg Hendrix was awarded; Cherokee Shrine Club "Shriner of the Year". Nobles Jasen Townsend and Tony Newberry received "Upcoming Shriner of the Year" awards for their hard work.

Noble Greg Hartman, owner of Hartman Motorcycles, is hosting the 40<sup>th</sup> Annual North Georgia Toy Ride in memory of "Mudd and Cee" on December 6<sup>th</sup>. If you get this Basharat before the ride, call this number to participate 770-479-8254. If nothing else, call Noble Greg Hartman and thank him for what he is doing, and for all he has done for our Kids in Cherokee County.

On December 9<sup>th</sup>, the Shrine Club will meet at the clubhouse and mark out barcodes on all the toys, and separate the toys by age, gender, and schools. This is a big job, so keep the evening of December 9<sup>th</sup>, free for the Club.

Some of you Old Timers need to come to a meeting and meet our new nobles. I know some of you have parade vehicles you would like to get rid of, and some of these Shriners want to gear up for parades. We need your help to get these young nobles involved.

One more thing! Remember, our December 6<sup>th</sup> meeting is our elections. Be there and support your thriving Club.

We need your presence to show support for our new Officers.

## Fayette Shrine Club By Russ Sanders

It is another great day to be a Yaarab Shriner, and even better to be a part of Fayette Shrine Club! Even though COVID-19 has impaired a lot of our fundraising events this year, Fayette Shrine Club is on track to meet our 2020 Hospital Crusade goal. We hope that everyone else is doing the same. We have learned that our nobles rise in the face of adversity in a big way. Thank you, nobles!!

Get your Christmas hams here! By the time this article is published, we will have sold over 600 hams for this Christmas season. I hope that you ordered yours, in time.

As I mentioned in the last article, Fayette Shrine Club held our first annual Charity Golf Classic and raised over \$24,000 for Shriners Hospitals for Children. We truly appreciate all the support we received from everyone, our sponsors, and all the participants. Next year will be even bigger and better.

We also hosted our first annual Sporting Clays event on November 14<sup>th</sup>. This event brought in 6 teams that shot on 15 stations for 100 targets total. We had participants of all skill levels and had a 'blast'. Anthony Steele took the top individual score at 92 of 100 and Todd Steele's team took the top team at an average of 67%. Join us in 2021 for a great time.

Fayette Shrine Club wants to send out a huge "THANK YOU!" to the 2020 Divan team led by Potentate Bruce Ridley. Thank you for your leadership in these times of uncertainty and restriction. This has not been an easy year to be a leader. Tough decisions have had to be made regarding the Circus, as well as, many other events across the entire Yaarab Shrinedom, you nobles have worked tirelessly to guide our Shrine Center in the right direction. You have kept our nobles and ladies safe, and helped Yaarab Shrine remain the best Shrine Center in the world. It is always a great day to be a Yaarab Shriner!! **#YAARABELIEVES** and **#FSCBELIEVES**

## Paulding County Shrine Club By Jimmy Millard

It's been a very interesting and tough year for our Club. We are so used to working at the annual Shrine Circus & Carnival, bucketing, conducting fundraisers, and doing anything to help our Shriners Hospitals for Children. We have felt lost in 2020 with the pandemic restricting us. We have been following the guidelines issued by the Potentate and managed to do a few things in the last couple of months.

On August 5, 2020, we were able to have a golf tournament at Creek Side Golf and Country Club. We thank all of the nobles and members of the Divan, including our Potentate Bruce Ridley, for attending and making this a special event. Everyone who attended had a good time, and enjoyed a nice day for golf and our charity.

# News from Yaarab Units & Clubs (cont'd)

On September 13, 2020, members of our Club participated in a Benefit Poker Run and Memorial Service for Greg "Rocketman" Melton at Full Throttle Roadhouse in Mableton. Greg had expressed his desire to some of our members to become a Master Mason and ultimately a Shriner before an untimely illness took him from his family. There were many people who participated in the Poker Run and the family generously wanted all of the proceeds to benefit the Shriners Hospitals for Children. At our Club meeting on October 1, 2020, Randy and Liz Snyder, from Full Throttle Roadhouse, presented our Club with a check for over \$7,000 that we sent to the Shriners Hospitals for Children.

Members of Paulding County Shrine Club are currently selling raffle tickets for a triple black 1996 Mercedes Benz SL 320 that was donated to our Club. It will be given away to a lucky winner on December 4, 2020. This roadster comes complete with both tops and is in great condition.

Congratulations to Paulding County Shrine Club 2021 Officers! They are President, Chris Duke; First Vice President, Donald Morgan; Second Vice President, Zach Miller; Secretary, Alex Vinson; and Treasurer, Jimmy Millard. Our Executive Committee consists of Rusty Allison and Tony Smith.



## Rome Shrine Club By Rick Collins

The Romans have been continuing to endure this COVID-19 crisis, and continues to raise monies for our Shriners Hospitals for Children. For starters, our members had a gospel singing event on Saturday October 17, 2020. The event was held in the Rome Shrine Club parking lot on a tractor trailer. By end of the day, the Club members raised \$4,000 for our Shriners Hospitals for Children. The next event was a golf tournament that was held at Meadow Lakes Golf Course in Cedartown, Georgia. This event had 42 sponsors and raised \$6,000 for the Club.

Our Club is having a "Turkey Shoot" at the Rome Shrine Club yard, led by Noble Mack Godfrey and Club members. It started on Saturday, October 31, 2020 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., and will go thru Saturday, December 19, 2020. So far, Mack Godfrey has done very well with this event.

The Rome Shrine Club Annual Parade was to be held Saturday November 7, 2020. However, it was cancelled due to COVID-19. But later that day, we had a wrestling event in the West Rome Arena that raised \$5,000 for our Shriners Hospitals for Children. So this Saturday proved not to be a total loss.

Rome Shrine Club is having our Annual Banquet on Saturday December 5, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. at the Rome Shrine Club. The nobles and their wives are invited. The Club's Annual Election will be held Thursday, December 10, 2020

at 7:00 p.m. As always, our President Shane Dover wishes all nobles and their families be safe during this pandemic we are currently in.



## South Fulton Shrine Club By Wayne Wilkins

The South Fulton Shrine Club had their first meeting since COVID-19 hit Yaarab Shrine, on Thursday, October 1<sup>st</sup>. We had a great meeting and appreciate everyone showing up. It was good to see everyone doing well. Our Club is ready to move on, and leave COVID-19 behind!

Elections for incoming Officers for 2021, were held on the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday (November, 5<sup>th</sup>) at Yaarab Shrine Center. We had a large crowd attend, and we enjoyed a light dinner before the meeting started.

The election results for our 2021 new line Officers are as follows: President, Brent Bivens, P.P.; 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, Randy McCaslin; 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, Ray Ray; Secretary, Carl Knox; and Treasurer, Gene Blount. The new Officers were sworn in by Chief Rabban Tom Holt. President Bivens said South Fulton was looking forward to a great and profitable year in 2021.

We are sad to say the Black Camel came to our Club this year. We lost some great nobles. South Fulton Past President, J.J. Moore, P.P.; Past President and Past Secretary, Tom Holcomb; Walter Bryson and Harold Brooks. The nobles will be surely missed. Please help us keep these families in our thoughts and prayers.

Our prayers also are in need for our sick, shut-ins and our Military families.

We are definitely looking forward to a new and brighter year in "2021".

## Sweetwater Shrine Club By Ron Henley

Well, 2020 is finally coming to a close, "YAARAB BELIEVES" continues to be the message our entire organization exemplifies. As this pandemic continues to affect our Shriner activities, it does not seem to slow us down one bit.

Our Circus was cancelled twice, along with parades, and so many other events we normally enjoy throughout the year. Our leaders got together and delivered a smooth Sportsmen's Raffle. We all got to watch it live, along with many other events, on the Yaarab YouTube Channel.

Despite the obstacles, our nobility rose to meet them head on. We hit the streets, buckets in hand, doing a mind blowing job raising money for our great philanthropy. Sweetwater raised close to \$100,000.00 for our Circus, and are well into our Hospital Crusade, raising that vital money for our beloved children.

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# News from Yaarab Units & Clubs (cont'd)

As of this writing, we still have some events coming up. The Paulding Christmas parade on December 5th, Children's Christmas party on December 13th, and the Potentate's Nobility Ball on December 19th.

Let me share that this is my absolute favorite time of the year, as we head into Thanksgiving and Christmas. It has been an honor to serve as President of Sweetwater this

year. The immense pride I have for our members, and all they have accomplished, is beyond words. No matter what 2021 has in store for us, I know we will rise to meet it.

From all the members of Sweetwater, to all of our fellow Shrine nobles and ladies, Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year!

## News from Yaarab's Ladies Auxiliaries

**Cher-O-Kettes**  
By Pamela Dobson

Our November meeting was very informational. We wore masks because of COVID-19 and President Cheryl, was the envy of everyone with her Daughters of the Nile mask.

We participated in the Belk Sale November 13th, 14th, and 15th. Our \$5 ticket sales will benefit our chapter. On December 6th, we will participate in the 40th Annual North Georgia Toy Run. Each rider will bring two or more toys for the 45 mile ride.

On November 22nd, we shopped at Target at 7:30 a.m. for toys for the children that attend Cherokee County Schools. The children are identified by the school, and we are given a list of desired toys and for what ages.

We love this season of giving, but we are focused all year. With this in mind, we will be collecting items for the Shriners Hospitals for Children – Greenville to be delivered at a later date.

A pending work day is anticipated to clean, paint and spruce up our Shrine Club.

Our new slate of Officers for 2021 are: President, Cheryl Ellis; Vice President, Melodie Richards; Secretary, Jan Blalock; and Treasurer, Sheri Crowe.

In conclusion, we are praying for all our members and their loved ones who are having surgeries, recovering and those with COVID-19.

**Rome Shrine Ladies**  
By Peggy Sims

Merry Christmas to everyone! Hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving.

My, how time flies! Seems as it was just yesterday that we were beginning a new year.

The Rome Shrine Ladies managed to have a few meetings this year. We met in November. Our Election of new Officers was held on December 3rd. We looked forward to seeing all our members at this meeting, and had a large crowd to show up. I'll report the winners in the next issue.

As we pray, please pray that our country will soon be back to normal, and we can all get together again. It has been a disturbing year, and we all miss seeing each other. Pray for each family that has lost a love one during this pandemic. Lady Debbie Penney had a heart cath, and we can report that everything is fine with her heart. Her spouse, Donnie, is still in rehab and is doing better. Lady Kelli Dover is doing better after being hospitalized with

chest pains. Her spouse, Shane, has been sick and continues to improve. Lady Susan Cagle's neck surgery went well. She is recovering at home. Lady Glenda Voyles is improving with rehab. Lady Diane Collins husband, Rick, is having shoulder problems. Please remember all these above mentioned in your prayers.

Happy Birthday to Nancy Mount, December 16; Gail Middleton, December 23; Lisa Henderson, January 11; Betty Stewart, January 14; Diane Collins, January 23; and Cera Fegan, January 29.

**Widows and Widowers**  
By Judy Campbell

Wishing everyone a Happy New Year. It is hopeful that 2021 will be a better year for families, clubs, units, the nobility, and our Yaarab Shrine Divan. Thank you, Illustrious Sir Bruce Ridley and First Lady Angela for your untiring efforts during 2020. It was a difficult year in many ways. Best wishes go to the 2021 Divan and the upcoming Election in January 2021. We look forward to working with everyone, and hope that 2021 will be a better year.

Congratulations and thank you to our Club Officers for 2021. The following were elected during our meeting on December 2, 2020: President, Judy Campbell; Vice President, Jerry Brookshire; Treasurer, Elizabeth Rogers; Secretary, Shirley Childers; and Sickness and Distress Appointee, Betsy Briamonte.

We had an excellent Circus fund collection this year. The most in our history. Thanks to our members and the wonderful supporters. We appreciate you.

If you know of a widow or widower within your club or unit, please inform them of our Club. Our purpose is to promote fellowship, solace, and comfort among our members.

Among the highlights of our year is our annual Christmas luncheon which was held on December 2. It was a festive and enjoyable event. In attendance was our Divan, some Divan ladies, supporters, their ladies and special guests.

We meet on the 4th Wednesday of each month at 11:00 a.m. at the Shrine Center. Members are notified of the plans prior to each meeting.

If you have questions about our purpose and membership, please contact me. I will be most happy to discuss with anyone.

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# FROM THE SHRINE OFFICE

## Recorders Report for September 2020

	Regular Membership	Associate Membership	Total
Membership, September 1, 2020	3100	46	3146
Created/Added	10	-	10
Affiliated	1	-	1
Restored	-	-	-
Demitted/Dropped	(4)	(1)	(5)
Suspended	-	-	-
Deaths	(13)	-	(13)
Net change	(6)	(1)	(7)
Membership, September 30, 2020	3,094	45	3,139

## Recorders Report for October 2020

	Regular Membership	Associate Membership	Total
Membership, October 1, 2020	3,094	45	3,139
Created/Added	-	-	-
Affiliated	1	-	1
Restored	-	-	-
Demitted/Dropped	(4)	(1)	(5)
Suspended	-	-	-
Deaths	(10)	-	(10)
Net change	(13)	(1)	(14)
Membership, October 31, 2020	3,081	44	3,125

## Recently Known Deaths

22642	M.C. Kelley Stone Mountain, Georgia June 27, 1926 – September 14, 2020 Created at Yaarab Shrine on June 12, 1968	35349	Henry A. Yates Norcross, Georgia February 2, 1933 – November 2, 2020 Created at Yaarab Shrine on June 13, 1992
36300	Clinton M. Wheeler Norcross, Georgia March 24, 1938 – September 19, 2020 Created at Yaarab Shrine on Dec 10, 1994	40399	Walter D. Bryson Forest Park, Georgia January 26, 1941 – November 4, 2020 Created at Yaarab Shrine on June 16, 2012
27176	Jimmie J. Moore, P.P. Fairburn, Georgia March 28, 1938 – September 20, 2020 Created at Yaarab Shrine on Nov 27, 1973	34923	Harry K. Thomas Cleveland, Georgia September 10, 1932 – November 5, 2020 Created at Yaarab Shrine on Mar 20, 1991
25815	Harold B. Carter Atlanta, Georgia May 3, 1941 – September 21, 2020 Created at Yaarab Shrine on June 21, 1972	37868	Albert L. Beck Clayton, Georgia August 8, 1935 – November 8, 2020 Created at Yaarab Shrine on June 12, 1999
35368	Max W. Harper Dallas, Georgia August 14, 1940 – September 25, 2020 Created at Yaarab Shrine on Sept 23, 1992	37569	William “Buck” Herndon LaGrange, Georgia January 24, 1939 – November 10, 2020 Created at Yaarab Shrine on June 13, 1998
42313	Charles A. Rutledge Monroe, Georgia September 12, 1932 – September 25, 2020 Created at Yaarab Shrine on June 13, 2020	23165	Robert E. Elliott, Sr. McDonough, Georgia July 4, 1935 – November 10, 2020 Created at Yaarab Shrine on June 18, 1969
36853	J. Harold Brooks Griffin, Georgia June 4, 1939 – October 4, 2020 Created at Yaarab Shrine on Sept 30, 1995		
39893	Bruce Biggers Loganville, Georgia September 17, 1943 – October 7, 2020 Created at Yaarab Shrine on Dec1, 2007		
14376	Jack Z. Glover, Sr. Atlanta, Georgia April 6, 1927 – October 25, 2020 Created at Yaarab Shrine on May 14, 1952		
38678	Robert L. Smith Kennesaw, Georgia April 4, 1954 – October 30, 2020 Created at Yaarab Shrine on Mar 13, 2002		

# FROM THE SHRINE OFFICE

## September/October Hospital Trip Report

Driver                      Temple #    Greenville, SC    Cincinnati, OH

Tim Bettis	40897	1	
Gene Blount	35036	1	
Wendell Boss	30838	1	
Marty Bruce	40261	1	
Cars Carters	40254	1	
Steven Caylor	39952	1	
Ronnie Duncan	40311	1	
Marvin Ellis	40955	1	
Richard Ergle	40878	2	
Jeff Ferguson	39323	1	
Lucas Lamb	41188	1	1
Bob Mount	30217	1	
Thom Oliver	39663	4	
Wayne Shellnut	36234	2	
Larry Smith	38620	1	
Kye Watson	40832	2	
Mike Young	35828	2	
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Gordon Tatum	30023	2	
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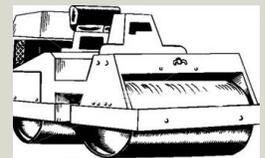
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