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# POTENTATE'S MESSAGE

“Securing Our Children’s Future”

Dear Nobles and Ladies:

We are off to a great start in 2018. Someone said last year that if we elected a clown it would be a Circus. Well we are gearing up for the Yaarab Shrine Circus, the largest Shrine Circus in the world and the last three ring Circus in Atlanta. Please come out and bring your families and friends to be a part of this Atlanta tradition.

I am very honored and humbled to have the opportunity to serve as your Potentate for 2018. You have my promise that I will continue the legacy of excellence at Yaarab Shrine and continue to make you proud.

We have another great year of fun and excitement planned for this year and I am looking forward to seeing all of you this year. We have many wonderful events planned for you to enjoy.

February, we will hold our annual Valentines Party, the First Lady’s Tea, and the Daytona Race Party. March promises to be another fantastic month at Yaarab Shrine with the First of three social parties scheduled this year, the First Lady’s Golf Tournament, March 26<sup>th</sup> at Stone Mountain Club.

Shelly and I are so thankful for the support and friendship that you all have shown to us. I, along with the amazing men and women on the Divan will continue to work hard, make sure that we maintain peace and harmony and have another record-breaking year.

Thank you,



Gary “Shoofly” Lewis  
Potentate 2018



## 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, March 7, 2018 at 7:00 P.M.

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

Attest:

Robert Hampton, Recorder

Gary Lewis, Potentate

# Valentine Party

Dinner and Dance

Saturday February 10th, 2018

Yaarab Shrine Ballroom

Social - 6pm Dinner - 7pm

Wine and Beer Served

BYOB - Setups Provided

Tickets - \$25 per couple

For Reservations call 404-872-5818 ext. 222

~ tickets are limited ~

R.S.V.P. by February 7th, 2018

# Chaplain's Corner

By Dennis Bellamy

## True Love

Greetings nobles and ladies. I hope all is well. Happy New Year to all, what an exciting year we have ahead of us. Congratulations to our Divan and their ladies for the election. Thank you Illustrious Sir Gary Lewis and 1<sup>st</sup> Lady Shelly for the appointment of Chaplain for another year. It truly is an honor and I don't take this position lightly. I pledge to fill this position to the best of my ability and looking to Heaven for Divine guidance. As we embark upon a new and exciting year, it is my prayer that brotherly love may prevail and every moral and social virtue continue to cement us.

In thinking about True Love brought me to 1<sup>st</sup> John 4: 7-8 which reads "Beloved, let us love one another; for love is of God, and everyone that loveth is born of God and knoweth God. He that loveth not, knoweth not God; for God is love. We are about to celebrate Valentine's day and it is known as a day of love where we give flowers or gifts to the one we love and I thought of the many weddings I have officiated over the years where couples vow to love and cherish till death do they part and it reminded me of an example I recently read of true love till death they do part. An elderly gentlemen in his 80's arrived at a doctor's office around 8:30 a.m. to have stitches removed from his hand. He stated to the nurse he was in a hurry, he had an appointment at 9:00 a.m. The nurse began to take his vital signs and had him take a seat, knowing it would be over an hour before someone would be able to see him, she saw him continuing to look at his watch and she decided that since she was not busy with another patient she would evaluate his wound. On exam, she saw it was well healed, so she talked to one of the doctors, got the needed supplies to remove the sutures and redress his wound.

While taking care of his wound she asked if he had another doctor's appointment this morning as he was in such a hurry. The gentleman told her "no", that he needed to go to the nursing home to eat breakfast with his wife. She inquired about her health he shared that she was a victim of Alzheimer Disease. As they continued to talk she asked would his wife be worried if he was a few minutes late. He replied she no longer knew who he was, she had not recognized him in the past five years. The nurse was surprised and asked him "And you still go every morning even though she doesn't know who you are?"

He smiled and patted her on her hand and said, "She doesn't know me but I still know who she is". The nurse trying to hold back tears as he left said she thought this is the kind of love she wanted in her life. True love is neither, physical or romantic. True love is an acceptance of all that it is, has been, will be and will not be.

I'm reminded of a poem (author unknown) titled: "Family Ties":

Family ties are precious things. Woven through the years.  
Of memories and togetherness, of laughter, love and tears.  
Family ties are treasured things and far though we may roam,  
The tender bonds with those we love still pull our hearts toward home.

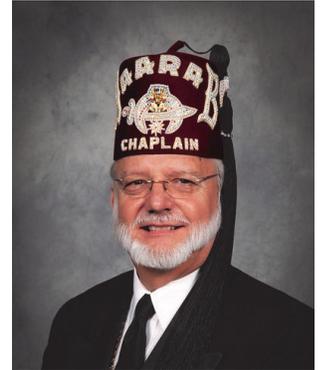
As I share this story, I can't help to think of the way our Heavenly Father must feel when we fail to recognize him in our daily lives. We often times go places where we leave Him at the door or go through the week and leave him at church till the next time we are there to worship. Yet he continues to recognize us at all times. He never leaves us and never forsakes us. He is the same yesterday, today and forever. This is the year, when spiritually, we need to return to our first love Revelation 2: 4-5 reads Nevertheless I have somewhat against thee, thou hast left thy first love. Remember, therefore, from whence thou art fallen, and repent, and do the first works; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will remove thy candlestick out of his place except thou repent.

I encourage you all to include the Lord in all your activities of life, if you are involved in something God does not approve then change directions. God loves you and so do I.

My prayer is that this is the best year ever between you and God.

May God's Blessings Be Upon You!

Rev. Dennis E. Bellamy



## **The Divan Ladies of Yaarab Shrine**



Cordially invite all ladies to attend a Tea

**Honoring: First Lady Shelly Lewis**

Sunday February 18th, 2018 ~ 2 pm till 5 pm  
Yaarab Shrine Ball Room

R.S.V.P. to Mary O'Grady by February 13th  
404-872-5818 ext.226

**And!**

While the Ladies are having tea,  
Come join the guys for some racing action.

Live, flag to flag  
coverage.

Event begins  
at 1:00 pm



Free food and  
beverages

Don't miss it  
be there!



## PARK STYLE / DANCE PARTY

Featuring: 8 South Band!



**Saturday April 7th, 2018 - 6pm until 11pm**

**A night of fun, music and dancing!**

Bring your own Picnic Baskets and wine or beverage of choice

\$100 for a Table of 8

Prizes for the best Table Decorations

Call or Email Yaarab Business Office for Reservations

404-872-5818 or [krobbins@yaarabshrine.org](mailto:krobbins@yaarabshrine.org)

**SEATING IS LIMITED - DON'T DELAY, CALL TODAY!**

**Feb/Mar 2018 – Basharat—7**

## Stone Mountain Golf Club



**Location:**

Stone Mountain Golf Club  
1145 Stonewall Jackson Drive  
Stone Mountain, GA 30083  
770-465-3278

Shotgun start at 10:00 a.m.

**Entry Fee/s:**

- \$500 per team with Hole Sponsor and Park Admission
- Four Playing Spots
- Lunch Provided
- Green Fee, Carts & Range Balls
- Corporate Sponsor \$200 & \$500
- Individual Hole Sponsorship \$125
- Awards for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> Place
- Selling Mulligans
- Putting Contest
- Long Drive
- 4 Close Up Holes

**Registration:**

Please return registration with payment to Attention Tournament Director  
Chuck Rager  
Atlanta Yaarab Shrine  
400 Ponce de Leon Ave NE  
Atlanta, GA. 30308

**Sponsorships:**

Yaarab 2018 Golf tournaments are seeking Corporate Sponsorships. If you know of any persons or organization wishing to support the beautification fund of Yaarab Shrine please call Chuck Rager at 404-357-2956 – primetest@bellsouth.net



2018 First Lady Shelly Lewis invites you to join her for the annual First Lady's Golf Tournament to benefit the beautification fund of Yaarab Shrine. Prizes will be awarded and lunch is provided. Space is limited so sign your team up today and support Shelly's effort to continue the legacy of having the best Shrine Center.

**PLEASE PRINT INFORMATION BELOW**

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

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

Email \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

**PLAYER LIST**


**PAYMENT**

Team with Hole Sponsor (\$500): \_\_\_\_\_

Corporate Sponsor(\$200 or \$500): \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Hole Sponsorship (\$125 per hole): \$----- \_\_\_\_\_

# YAARAB SHRINE MEMBERSHIP SOCIALS -2018

## MEMBERSHIP SOCIAL MARCH 3, 2018

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



## MEMBERSHIP SOCIAL JUNE 30, 2018

Alcovy	Demolay	North Georgia
Alpine	Granite Center	Red Devil Clowns
Appalachian	Gwinnett	Steel Drums
Cherokee	Lake Hartwell	Toccoa
Conyers	Lanier	Tri-County
Coosawatee	Loganville	Washington
Cumming	Mountaineer	W.W. Club

## MEMBERSHIP SOCIAL September 29, 2018

Arab Guard	Henry County	Patrol
Communications	Knights of Mecca	Potentate's Escort
Director's Staff	Lagrange	South Fulton
Entertainers	Motor Corps	Sweetwater
Fayette	NE DeKalb	Tucker
Golf Association	Newnan	West Georgia
Griffin		

## AT-LARGE MEMBERS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND ANY OF THE ABOVE DATES

The concept of holding Membership Socials not only promotes fun and fellowship with members of your own club, unit or association but also allows you and other groups to meet, exchange ideas and enjoy each other's company. This is also a great opportunity for at large members to see firsthand what it means to belong to and possibly join a club or unit.

March 3<sup>rd</sup> Social will be held in Yaarab Shrine Ballroom  
Social Hour- 6:00pm, Dinner -7:00pm, Entertainment & Dance – Follows

If you or your group plan to attend the March Membership Social  
Call 404-872-5818 for reservations – RSVP by February 16<sup>th</sup>

Neighbors and friends are welcome!

# 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:



# MEET THE NEW POTENTATE – GARY “SHOOFLY” LEWIS

By Sam W. Black

Gary “Shoofly” Lewis was born in Springfield, MA, but was raised in East Hartford, CT. His path to Georgia started with his career at Rollins Protective Services which is where Gary was first introduced to the business of alarm systems. While employed at Rollins, Gary was transferred to Philadelphia, then to Delaware and then to Baltimore. While living in Baltimore, Gary was transferred to a position in Washington, D.C. As a Regional Manager with Rollins, Gary was offered a position at the Rollins home office in Atlanta. Two years after the move to Atlanta in 1996, Rollins Protective Services was sold and Gary started his own business in the alarm system industry. He sold that business in 2008. Gary’s career in the alarm industry continues. Gary is employed by Strong Systems International as Project Manager.

In 2002, Gary was raised a Master Mason in Snellville Lodge # 99. Gary went through the York Rite in 2003, the same year he was created a noble of Yaarab Shrine. Gary has a strong family background in Masonry. He can trace the history of Masonry in both his mother’s and father’s families for generations. His maternal grandfather, who was a Master Mason for 60 years, a 33<sup>rd</sup> Degree Mason and Master of his Lodge twice, was able to attend Lodge the night that Gary became a Master Mason. He has many fond memories of his fraternal grandfather as a member of the Oriental Band at Melha Temple in Springfield, MA. His maternal grandfather was a member of Afifi Temple in Tocoma, WA. Gary knew from an early age what a Mason and what a Shriner was, and what they meant to the community from the examples of the men that he admired in his life. Gary received the Daniel Carter Beard Masonic Scouter Award in 2007. He served as Worshipful Master of Snellville Lodge # 99 in 2008. Most recently, Gary served as Director of Works at the Snellville Lodge. Gary has always been involved in the State Alarm Association. He is a founding Board Member and served as Treasurer from 2000 – 2007.



Gary and his wife, Shelly, have four children between them, Grant, Gary III, Jess, and Jon. They also have four grandchildren, Mackenzie, Sabrina, Jace and Jude. Gary is a member of the Red Devil Clowns, where he served as president. He is also a member of the Potentates Escort, where he served as treasurer. Gary is also a member of Knights of Mecca.



Being a Master Mason and a Shriner is a huge part of Gary’s life and his family’s life. It is a history that has carried on for generations and that he hopes will continue for generations to come. Gary feels that the two organizations are so important to the community and to enriching the lives of the men who belong and their families. Gary is very honored to be part of both of these fraternities.

Let’s support Gary and the Yaarab Divan for a successful year in 2018 supporting our Yaarab Shrine and also our Shriners Hospitals for Children. As Gary leads Yaarab Shrine as our Illustrious Potentate in 2018, let’s wish him and Lady Shelly the best for a successful year. The slogan for 2018 is “Securing our Children’s Future”. The nobles of Yaarab Shrine are proud to have Gary as our Illustrious Potentate and should back him to the fullest degree.

## 2018 Basharat Deadline Dates

**MARCH 15, 2018**

**APRIL AND MAY ISSUE**

**MAY 15, 2018**

**JUNE AND JULY ISSUE**

**JULY 15, 2018**

**AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER ISSUE**

**SEPTEMBER 15, 2018**

**OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER ISSUE**

**NOVEMBER 15, 2018**

**DECEMBER AND JANUARY ISSUE**

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

# 2017 December and 2018 January Birthday Photos

Captions by Sam Black and Photos by Thom Ledford



## DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS:

First Row (l/r): Tom Donald, Jack Cox, J.W. Spinks, Bill Messer, John Wilson, Gary Phillips, Grady Roberts, Jerome Pierce, Cliff Mott, and Russell Bradley.

Second Row (l/r): Treasurer Tom Holt, High Priest & Prophet Bruce Ridley, Chief Rabban Gary Lewis, Illustrious Potentate Danny Huggins, Assistant Rabban Dennis Hewatt, Oriental Guide Dennis Davidson, Recorder Jeff Ferguson, and Randall Ribarsky.

Third Row (l/r): Scott Culpepper, Jim House, Richard Morse, Ed Entrenkin, Eddie Smith, Billy Rainey, and Dan Peyseur.

## JANUARY BIRTHDAYS:

First Row (l/r): William Bradford, Carol Kates, Jim Cox, Charles Spiegel, Past Grand Master '95 Joe Suttles, James Drew, Jim Gray, Leo Bosarge, and Bill Morgan.

Second Row (l/r): Ray Dameron, Treasurer Tom Holt, High Priest & Prophet Bruce Ridley, Chief Rabban Gary Lewis, Illustrious Potentate Danny Huggins, Assistant Rabban Dennis Hewatt, Oriental Guide Dennis Davidson, Recorder Jeff Ferguson, and Hardy Warmack.

Third Row (l/r): Jim Rust, Robin Mashburn, Richard Judd, Anthony Nalley, Homer Cowart, Jacob Dungan, Tom Beam, and John Law.



**OLDEST NOBLE ATTENDING THE DECEMBER 2017 AND JANUARY 2018 BIRTHDAY DINNER:** Cliff Mott (94 years young) and Illustrious Potentate Danny Huggins.



**YOUNGEST NOBLE ATTENDING THE DECEMBER 2017 AND JANUARY 2018 BIRTHDAY DINNER:** John Dungan (29 years old) and Illustrious Potentate Danny Huggins.



Past Grand Master - 1994/1995 Past Grand Master Joe Suttles (l) pictured with Illustrious Potentate Danny Huggins.



Yaarab's Serving Team.



Past Grand Master - 1994/1994 Joe Suttles pictured with Chief Aide Jerry "Jug Haid" Rogers (l) and Basharat Editor Sam Black



**SHRINE NOBLE'S LADIES AT THE BIRTHDAY DINNER**

# **2018 Yaarab Shrine Annual Meeting & Election**

## **Gary Lewis, Elected Potentate and Robert Hampton, Elected Recorder**

By Sam Black, Basharat Editor

A cold blustery 20 degree morning greeted a crowd of 374 nobles as they convened in the Gene Bracewell Shrine Auditorium at the Yaarab Shrine Center on Saturday, January 6, 2018 for the 128<sup>th</sup> Annual Business Meeting and Election. The event resulted in the unanimous election of Gary “ShooFly“ Lewis, as the 96<sup>th</sup> Potentate of Yaarab Shrine. It took only one ballot for Noble Robert Hampton to win the position on the bottom rung of Yaarab’s Divan as Recorder.

### **Meeting Call to Order Introductions, Welcomes, Reports**

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Illustrious Potentate Danny Huggins calling all Officers to man their stations. He requested Chief Aide, Jerry “Jug Haid” Rogers, to start the meeting by introducing special guests and Past Potentates. Jerry “Jug Haid” Rogers proceeded to introduce all Past Potentates in attendance. Having been invited by Illustrious Sir Danny Huggins to join him and Yaarab’s Divan on the stage, a grand parade of (12) Past Potentates of Yaarab Shrine followed. Past Potentates present included Illustrious Sirs: Steve Padgett (1997), Dennis Lester (1998), J.J. Moore (2001), Mike Hulsey (2002), Jack Hardin (2004), J.D. Mitchell (2006), Gary Petty (2009), Mike Autry (2010), Ray Skiles (2011), Chuck Rager (2012), Larry Cline (2015), and Brent Bivens (2016). Also in attendance were Associate Past Potentates, George Thurlow (2001 – AMARA SHRINE), Garry Smith (2008 – MARZUQ SHRINE), and Donald Meyer (2011 - KHEDIVE SHRINE). Jerry “Jug Haid” Rogers proceeded to introduce 2014 Grand Master of Masons in Georgia, Edgar Land, and 2017 Grand Master of Masons in Georgia, Gary Leazer. They were both invited to join Illustrious Sir Huggins and Yaarab’s Divan on the stage. To show appreciation for these noted dignitaries, Illustrious Sir Huggins asked for a standing ovation from the nobles present.

In opening remarks by Illustrious Sir Huggins, he made mention that this day was the 128<sup>th</sup> Annual Business and Election meeting for Yaarab Shrine and the election of the 96<sup>th</sup> Potentate. Having thanked the Past Potentates in attendance for their support in 2017, he further introduced Past Grand Masters of Georgia Masons, Edgar Land and Gary Leazer. He noted that Gary Leazer was in attendance at all Yaarab Shrine Business Meetings during 2017, and it was very much appreciated.

Illustrious Sir Huggins requested Yaarab’s Chaplain, Dennis Bellamy to give the invocation. This was followed by the presentation of colors by Yaarab’s Legion of Honor Unit, led by Noble J.D. Henson. Once the flags were in place, Nobles Bob Stillman and Bob Deryck led the singing of the National Anthem by everyone in attendance. Illustrious Sir Huggins asked all nobles present to give a round of applause to the Legion of Honor for their superb job of presenting the colors.

Illustrious Sir Huggins then called on Recorder Jeff Ferguson to call the roll checking attendance for Yaarab’s clubs and units present. Upon completion, Recorder Ferguson reported there were 18 units and 32 clubs in attendance.

Illustrious Sir Huggins asked Recorder Ferguson to read the minutes of the last business meeting held December 6, 2017. A motion was made by Noble Don Malcom to dispense of the reading of the minutes, in the essence of time, and proceed with the meeting. Upon a motion duly seconded, voted on and passed, the reading of the minutes was dispensed. It was noted that if any noble wanted to read these minutes, they could go to the Yaarab Shrine office at any time. Recorder Jeff Ferguson reported that our membership as of January 1, 2018 was **3,229**.

### **Budgets, 2017 Recap, Contracts**

Illustrious Sir Huggins introduced Finance Chairman Terry Bruckner to read the final 2017 finance report for Yaarab Shrine. He reported that we ended the year 2017 with a positive financial position of \$428,399. Members of the 2017 Divan applauded all nobles for their hard work in making 2017 a great and successful year. Illustrious Sir Huggins stated that the distribution of the dollar increase in dollars would be as follows: \$50,000.00 – dedicated for Circus budget, \$20,000.00 – dedicated for 2018 Membership, \$10,000 – dedicated for 2019 Membership, \$10,000.00 – dedicated for 2020 Membership, \$135,000.00 - dedicated for new roof on the activities building by the YHA, \$25,000.00 – dedicated for technology improvements at the Yaarab Shrine Center, \$25,000.00 – dedicated for audio/visual equipment, \$35,000.00 – dedicated for equipment repairs at the Yaarab Shrine Center, \$10,000.00 – dedicated for two new kitchen warmers, \$10,000.00 – dedicated to maintenance on the Circus trailers, and the balance \$98,399.00 – to go into the savings account for the total of \$428,399. A motion was made that the 2017 finance report be approved as read. The motion was duly seconded, voted on, and passed.

Illustrious Sir Huggins called on Chief Rabban Gary Lewis to present Circus contracts for approval. He announced that he was presenting the 2018 Circus and Carnival contracts needing approval. These included: the Tarzan Zerbini Circus (\$90,000 per year), for the actual Circus, Wade Shows (\$150,000 per year) for the Carnival, and Jim R. Miller Park for the facility. The Circus for 2018 will be held May 18 – May 28, 2018 at Jim Miller Park. Chief Rabban Lewis also mentioned that he would be planning a cruise trip, with a date to be determined later, for all Yaarab's nobility and it would be at no cost to Yaarab Shrine. A motion was made to accept the contracts, duly seconded, voted on and passed.

Illustrious Sir Huggins thanked all nobles present for a job "well done" in a successful year – 2017.

### **Past Potentate J.D. Mitchell Presides**

Illustrious Sir Huggins next introduced, Illustrious Sir J.D. Mitchell, P.P. to conduct the annual Yaarab Election. Illustrious Sir Mitchell proceeded to congratulate Illustrious Sir Huggins, the Divan, and all nobles present for a very successful 2017. With this being said, he asked all current 2017 Divan members to remove their jewels and vacate their stations proceeding to start the regular election format in a most dignified manner.

### **Election**

Illustrious Sir Mitchell next recognized, Noble Jim Cox, who placed Gary Lewis in nomination for Potentate. Without any other nominations, Gary "ShooFly" Lewis was unanimously elected Potentate of Yaarab Shrine for 2018. Instead of breaking for a unit or club demonstration, it was announced that this event would be delayed until the afternoon session so that the Shrine ladies and families could witness the celebration.

Illustrious Sir Chuck Rager, P.P. was next introduced. He nominated Dennis Hewatt to the position of Chief Rabban for 2018. The floor was opened for any other nominations and there being none, Dennis Hewatt was unanimously elected to the position of Chief Rabban for 2018. 2018 Dalton Club President and Provost Guard Secretary Jim (Santa Claus) Warren, was next introduced. He nominated Bruce Ridley for the position of Assistant Rabban. The floor was opened for any other nominations, and there being none, Bruce Ridley was unanimously elected to the position of Assistant Rabban for 2018. Noble Matt Greer was next recognized and he nominated Dennis Davidson for the position of High Priest & Prophet. The floor was opened for any other nominations and there being none, Dennis Davidson was unanimously elected to the position of High Priest & Prophet for 2018. Illustrious Sir Gary Petty, P.P. was next introduced. He nominated Tom Holt for the position of Oriental Guide. The floor was opened for any other nominations, and there being none, Tom Holt was unanimously elected to the position of Oriental Guide for 2018. Illustrious Sir Jack Hardin, P.P. was next introduced. He nominated Jeff Ferguson for the position of Treasurer. The floor was opened for any other nominations, and there being none, Jeff Ferguson was unanimously elected to the position of Treasurer for 2018. This completed the normal election format of advancing to the next office open.

There were two (2) candidates seeking the office of Recorder. Illustrious Sir Brent Bivens, P.P. nominated Robert Hampton (Dalton Shrine Club and Yaarab's Provost Guard). Illustrious Sir Ray Skiles nominated Kevin Weinz (Yaarab's Motor Corps Unit and Loganville Shrine Club). Illustrious Sir Mitchell introduced the Head Teller, Don Malcom to oversee the balloting. Noble Malcom announced that his assistants for the ballot counting were Jim Weaver, Jim House, and Jim Scott. Respective Tellers for each candidate were as follows: appointed for Robert Hampton (Matt Greer, Ronnie Tibbitts, and alternate Billy Wages); appointed for Kevin Weinz (Ralph Scharle, Jerry Lothridge, and alternate Noah Sanders). Noble Malcom said that there were 374 possible votes and it would take 188 votes to win.

As the votes were being counted, Illustrious Sir Mitchell called on the 2017 Finance Chairman Terry Bruckner to present the proposed budget for 2018. He gave a review of the budgeted expenses. A motion was made to accept the 2018 budget as read. The motion was duly seconded, voted on, and passed.

While ballots were being counted, Illustrious Sir Huggins wanted to give his many thanks for the dollar amount for the 2017 Yaarab Hospital Crusade which had reached a total of over a million dollars with hopefully more to come. He then expressed his sincere thanks.

### **Appointments for Southeastern and YHA**

During the continued ballot count, Illustrious Sir Mitchell called on High Priest & Prophet elect, Dennis Davidson for nominations of Southeastern Shrine Association for the ensuing year of 2018. He placed in nomination, Potentate elect Gary Lewis, Chief Rabban elect Dennis Hewatt, and the new Recorder elect for 2018. Hearing no objections, the above nobles were elected as Southeastern Shrine Association Representatives for 2018. Illustrious Sir Mitchell next called on Treasurer elect, Jeff Ferguson, for nominations of South Atlantic Shrine Association representatives for the ensuing year of 2018. He placed in nomination, Potentate elect Gary Lewis, Chief Rabban Dennis Hewatt, Assistant Rabban Bruce Ridley, High Priest and Prophet elect Dennis Davidson, Oriental Guide elect Tom Holt, and new Recorder elect for 2018 for South Atlantic Shrine Association representatives for the ensuing year of 2018.

Illustrious Sir Mitchell next called on Oriental Guide elect Tom Holt for nominations to serve on Yaarab's Home Association (YHA), with each to serve a three (3) year term. He placed in nomination: Joe Miller, Jeff Phillips, and Bobby Tidwell. Hearing no objections, the above nobles were elected to Yaarab's Home Association for each to serve a three year term.

Yaarab Shrine is entitled to elect four Representatives to the Imperial Council. Illustrious Sir Huggins nominated Potentate elect Gary Lewis, Chief Rabban elect Dennis Hewatt, Assistant Rabban elect Bruce Ridley, and High Priest & Prophet elect Dennis Davidson. Hearing no objections, the above nobles were elected to Imperial Council Representatives.

### **Recorder Elected**

Head Teller Don Malcom next announced that the ballot counts were complete. He said we had 374 votes cast, and it would take 187 to elect. Noble Robert Hampton won the Recorder position for 2018 by a majority vote on the first ballot. Noble Kevin Weinz graciously withdrew his name and asked that his votes be placed for Robert Hampton.

### **Membership and Hospital Awards**

The gavel was passed back over to Illustrious Sir Huggins who called on 2017 Membership Chairman John Law for presentation of awards. Chairman Law presented the award, for the Top Individual responsible for getting the most new members, six (6), to Russell Allison, Jr. (Paulding County Shrine Club). He next presented the award for Top Unit in Yaarab Shrine getting the most new members, a tie of two (2) to Jan Maaskant (Yaarab's Knights of Mecca Unit) and Martin Bruce (Yaarab's Motor Corp Unit). The award for the Top Club in Yaarab Shrine getting the most new members, 20 was presented to Paulding County Shrine Club, President Mike Curtis.

Illustrious Sir Huggins next called on Hospital Crusade Chairman Ronnie Tibbitts, for presentation of the 2017 Hospital Awards. Noble Tibbitts announced that the Third Place award for clubs went to Dalton Shrine Club (President Jerry Leonard), turning in \$59,107.00. Second Place award for clubs went to Henry County Shrine Club (President Charles Pierce) turning in \$75,427.00. First Place award for clubs went to Fayette Shrine Club (President Michael London), turning in \$76,962.00. Third Place award for units went to Parrot Head Steel Drum Unit (President Arch Wann), turning in \$17,897.00. Second Place award for units went to Yaarab's Motor Corps (President Martin Bruce), turning in \$19,821.00. First Place award for units went to Yaarab's Potentate Escort Unit (Captain Billy Wages), turning in \$36,362.00. This was the tenth year in a row that the Potentate's Escort Unit came in First Place. Third Place award for individuals in clubs went to Don Bedell (Cumming Shrine Club), turning in \$12,139.00. Second Place for individuals in clubs went to Chip Hicks, (Dalton Shrine Club), turning in \$18,187.00. First Place for individuals in clubs went to Paul Paulicelli, Fayette Shrine Club, turning in \$55,012.00. Third Place award for individuals in units went to Billy Wages, Yaarab's Potentate's Escort Unit, turning in \$5,606.00. Second Place award for individuals in units went to Bill Costa, Yaarab's Potentate's Escort Unit, turning in \$10,040.00. First Place in units went to Illustrious Sir Chuck Pittman, P.P. Yaarab's Parrott Head Steel Drum Unit, turning in \$16,500.00.

Illustrious Sir Huggins asked if there were any Hospital presentations to be made. Noble John Daniel, North Georgia Shrine Club #11 proceeded to the stage and presented Illustrious Sir Huggins a \$5,000.00 check for the 2017 Yaarab Hospital Crusade. It is hopeful that Yaarab will again meet the \$1,000,000 goal for 2017.

The time being 11:30 p.m., Illustrious Sir Huggins announced that the meeting would be in recess for lunch and would reconvene not later than 1:30 p.m. Lunch would be served to the Nobility in "D" room of the Shrine Center.

### **Reconvene Meeting**

The start of the afternoon session of the meeting began at 1:30 p.m. Illustrious Sir Danny Huggins welcomed back the nobility and their wives to the second session of the day. Illustrious Sir Huggins next asked if there were any presentations at this time. Noble Pete Denson and members of Chattooga Shrine Club presented a check to Illustrious Sir Huggins in the amount of \$62,500.00 for the 2017 Yaarab Hospital Crusade. Chief Aide Jerry "Jug Haid" Rogers presented a Yaarab Entertainers logo shirt to Illustrious Sir Huggins for his support during 2018. Jug next proceeded to mention Illustrious Sir Huggins ties with being a "Roadie", much to his satisfaction.

### **Merit Awards**

Illustrious Sir Huggins next started the presentation of five Merit Awards for outstanding service to the community and the Shrine. Illustrious Sir Huggins presented Merit Award # 416 to Potentate Elect Gary Lewis (Yaarab's Red Devil Clowns, Yaarab's Potentate's Escort Unit, and Yaarab's Knights of Mecca Unit). Newly elected Potentate Gary Lewis presented # 417 to John Caldwell (Yaarab's Legion of Honor and Tri-County Shrine Club). Newly elected Chief Rabban Dennis Hewatt presented #418 to Joe Stokes (Yaarab's Potentate's Escort Unit). All of the members of the Potentate's Escort Unit, in attendance went to the stage and accepted Joe's award in his absence. Newly elected Assistant Rabban Bruce Ridley presented # 419 to Jim Clark (Paulding County Shrine Club), Newly elected High Priest & Prophet Dennis Davidson presented # 420 to Ralph O. Dennis (Yaarab's Arab Guard Unit and Cumming Shrine Club).

Illustrious Sir Huggins next awarded the coveted Potentate's Gold Merit Award to Noble Bill Costa, member of Yaarab's Potentate's Escort Unit).

## **Forest Adair Memorial Cup Award and Emeritus Awards**

Illustrious Sir Huggins next presented the beautiful special Forest Adair Memorial Cup. This award is presented on a rotation basis for future years to recognize efforts of the clubs and units in Yaarab Shrine. Goals to be met to win the award include: 1) positive growth, 2) positive attitudes, 3) increase in raising funds, and 4) supporting the Shriners Hospitals for Children. The 2018 presentation of this award, went to Yaarab's Paulding County Shrine Club. Congratulations to the members of Yaarab's Paulding County Shrine Club.

Emeritus Awards are presented to nobles who have served in the appointment for ten (10) years. Illustrious Sir Huggins proceeded to recognize and present the Emeritus Awards to the following: Don Malcom, Emeritus Chairman of Raffles; Pete Denson, Flea Market Emeritus; Al Hilsman, Circus Chairman Emeritus; Bob Deryck, Food Chairman Emeritus (served 20 years buying food for Circus); and Jerry "Jug Haid" Rogers, Chief Aide Emeritus. These nobles were congratulated for their contribution to Yaarab Shrine and their accomplishments over many years.

Illustrious Sir Huggins next called Yaarab's Business Manager, Kerry Robbins to the stage. Kerry has served Yaarab Shrine for the past seventeen years in this position and has done a fantastic job. He also announced that Kerry has taken another job and will be working only as an accountant for Yaarab Shrine and will no longer be in the office as active Business Manager. Kerry will surely be missed and was congratulated on a job "well done".

Illustrious Sir Huggins next called on Imperial Marshall Richard Burke to join him on the stage and give some comments. Imperial Sir Burke commented he was proud of Yaarab's successful year in 2017 and he was proud to be a member of Yaarab Shrine.

Illustrious Sir Huggins announced that the total for the 2017 Hospital Crusade was currently \$1,168,000.00. This was the highest total and the 12<sup>th</sup> time over one million dollars had been reached. A grand round of applause followed.

In Illustrious Sir Huggins final comments, he stated that he was having bitter sweet moments after having a wonderful year for "Team 17". He also wished Imperial Marshall Richard Burke well for his continued future. Illustrious Sir Huggins announced that the gross total for the 2017 Circus and Carnival, including the Sportsmen's Raffle, was \$2,394,000.00. He mentioned that we had a great year with membership receiving 179 new nobles, but unfortunately we had 119 deaths. Illustrious Sir Huggins announced that Yaarab had the greatest Divan and he valued working with them and asked for all nobles present and not present to give them all their support. Jerry "Jug Haid" Rogers came to the microphone and serenaded Illustrious Sir Huggins with a special song in his behalf ending his tenure as Potentate of Yaarab Shrine. Illustrious Sir Huggins again thanked everyone present for their support and that he loved each and every one of them.

## **Newly Elected Officials Swearing In Ceremonies**

Next came the swearing in ceremonies. The gavel was turned back over to Illustrious Sir Mitchell for the installation of Officers for 2018 as Installing Officer. Illustrious Sir Jack Hardin served as Installing Marshall. The Elective Divan and Appointive Divan lined up in front of the stage and prepared to take the oath of their new office. Illustrious Sir Hardin next presented Gary Lewis his plaque and gavel for 2018. Yaarab's Installing Marshall, Past Potentate Jack Hardin next presented to Past Potentate J.D. Mitchell the newly elected Yaarab's official Divan Officers and Appointive Divan members for 2018. Illustrious Sir Mitchell next proceeded with the swearing in of the newly elected Officers to their respective positions. Illustrious Sir Mitchell next called on Installing Marshall Past Potentate Jack Hardin to read the Shriner's Creed. He then asked each Officer to raise their right hand and take the oath of office. After this, he asked newly elected Potentate, Gary Lewis, to advance one step forward to take his oath of office as Potentate for 2018. Upon completion, Illustrious Sir Mitchell recognized new First Lady Shelly and asked her to present, newly elected Potentate Gary, his new Potentate's Fez and Potentate's jewel. Illustrious Sir Mitchell next recognized past First Lady Dona and asked her to present Past Potentate Danny Huggins, with his Past Potentate's Fez. Having completed the duty of installing the new elected officials of Yaarab Shrine for 2018, Installing Marshall, Past Potentate Jack Hardin, made the appropriate Proclamation of Installation, and presented the Potentate's Gavel Plaque to newly elected Potentate Gary Lewis. He then relinquished the program over to Illustrious Sir Mitchell, who presented all the newly elected members of the Yaarab's Board of Directors for 2018 to all nobles present.

## **Demonstration for Newly Elected Potentate**

Illustrious Sir Mitchell relinquished the program back to Past Potentate Danny Huggins, who, in turn, presented the newly elected Potentate Gary Lewis to everyone present. Illustrious Sir Gary told everyone present that it was a very proud day for him and he is proud and humbled to serve Yaarab Shrine and work for the Shriners Hospitals for Children. The demonstration followed with members of the Potentate's Escort leading the processional displaying their beautiful Harleys, forming an honor guard for the ensuing parade. Newly elected Potentate Gary Lewis and First Lady Shelly proceeded in parade format being escorted by Yaarab's Shrine Red Devil Clown Unit through the honor guard of Harleys. Illustrious Sir Elect Lewis was then honored by members of clubs and units escorted through the honor guard. Members participating in addition to the Potentate's Escort Unit, members of Yaarab's Knights of Mecca Unit, and Yaarab's Arab Guard Unit.

Illustrious Sir Huggins next presented the gavel to newly elected Potentate Gary Lewis for 2018. In closing, Chaplain Dennis Bellamy was asked to give the closing prayer. Afterwards, it was then announced by Illustrious Sir Lewis that everyone present was invited to Yaarab's Shrine Ballroom for a delightful reception to start off 2018. Illustrious Sir Lewis announced that his motto for 2018 is: "SECURING OUR CHILDREN'S FUTURE".

## Forest Adair Memorial Cup



The 2018 winner of the "FOREST ADAIR MEMORIAL CUP" goes to the PAULDING COUNTY SHRINE CLUB

Yaarab's charter was officially approved on June 23, 1890, at the annual session in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. However, it did not reach Yaarab Temple until October 15. It should be noted that on the duplicate copy hanging in the business manager's office, the name of John S. Alfred, is not listed among the charter members, even though he received Shrine Card Number One at the organizational meeting.

After the first year, this new fraternal organization in Atlanta was starting to be noticed by individuals, especially Masons. On March 18, 1891, Atlantan Forrest Adair was initiated into Yaarab Temple. Destined to become the most influential member of Yaarab, the son of a pioneer Atlanta real estate broker, Adair became the second potentate of Yaarab Temple and served as such for thirteen years. He later became the first life member of the Imperial Council from Yaarab. It was through his persuasive power, delivering his famous "Bubbles Speech" in Portland, Oregon in 1920, that he made the Shrine Disabled Children's Hospitals possible.



# MERIT AWARD AND GOLD MERIT AWARD

## THE MEANING OF EACH

Captions by Sam Black/Photos by Thom Ledford

Merit Awards are awarded annually to five (5) outstanding nobles at the Yaarab Annual Business Meeting and Election. A rotating Merit Award Committee receives nominations and selects five nobles for Yaarab Shrine's coveted award, according to the criterion set back in 1923. That criterion specifies "long service as members of Yaarab Shrine, or nobles who, by their great and specific unselfish actions toward humanity, their brother noble, or the Shrine, shall stand out preeminently as deserving this honored recognition". Since 1923, Merit Award Certificates and medals have gone to 414 deserving nobles.



Pictured (l/r) 2018 Merit Award Recipients: # 416 – Gary Lewis (Yaarab's Red Devils, Yaarab's Potentate Escort Unit, and Yaarab's Knights of Mecca), #417 – John Caldwell (Yaarab's Legion of Honor Unit, and Tri-County Shrine Club), # 418 – Joe Stokes (Yaarab's Potentate's Escort Unit) not pictured, # 419 – Jim Clark (Paulding County Shrine Club), #420 – Ralph O. Dennis, (Yaarab's Arab Guard and Cumming Shrine Club).



Potentate's Escort Unit Members receive Merit Award for their member Joe Stokes in his absence.

The coveted Gold Merit Award is Yaarab Shrine's highest award. It is also awarded at the Yaarab Annual Business Meeting and Election. The Gold Merit Award is given at the discretion of the outgoing Potentate, and the recipient must already hold the Merit Award Certificate. There has been fifty-three (53) Gold Merit Awards given since its' beginning in 1970. There were five years, during that time that two Gold Merit Awards were given in the same year.



2018 Potentate's Gold Merit Award was presented to Bill Costa (Yaarab's Potentates Escort Unit).

## TWENTY FIVE YEARS AGO

By Jerry "Jug Haid" Rogers

We begin our article on a sad note. Former Chaplain of Yaarab Shrine, Dr. Jim Wesberry, passed away on Christmas day 1992. He was 86. The funeral was conducted at Morningside Baptist Church where he had been pastor for 31 years. Dr. Wesberry was a member of Morningside Lodge No. 295 and was created a Noble of Yaarab in 1945. He was appointed Chaplain in 1953 and served in that position until 1981. He was succeeded by Dr. James Bryant the following year. His biography, *The Morningside Man*, was written by Dr. Bryant in 1975.

January 20<sup>th</sup> 1993, marked the date of the Annual Meeting and Election at Yaarab Shrine. 600 nobles filled the auditorium on a rainy Wednesday evening to cast their ballot. Past Potentate Tom Perry nominated Marshall Stephens for Potentate and was unanimously elected. After a brief demonstration by the Potentate elects club, Kennesaw Mountain, he was conducted to the podium as the Pipes and Drums, Legion of Honor, Provost Guard and Brass Band joined in.

Only two candidates were nominated for the office of Recorder. Mike Leonard was nominated by Dick Kreinest, and Gene Baker was nominated by PP Marcy Eisenburg. With a majority vote of 438 out of a total of 620 ballots cast, Noble Leonard was elected Recorder. All other members of the Divan were advanced one level further.

The following nobles received merit awards for their outstanding service. PP Bill Englett #258, PP Jack Emery #259, Lewis Urick #260, Early Jones #261, Hubert Woolbright # 262, James "Red" Adams #263. The Potentates Gold Merit Award was presented to Past Potentate Albert W. Head for his continued service and dedication to fellow nobles following his year as Potentate in 1978. Illustrious Sir Head had received Merit Award # 203 in 1982.

Illustrious Sir Stephens then named his Appointive Divan. First Ceremonial Master, Charles Hardy; Second Ceremonial Master, Aubrey Morse; Director, Gene Lively; Marshal, Stinson Adams Jr.; Captain of the Guard, Randy Edwards; and Outer Guard, L.L. "Pete" Peterson. Noble Sam Black was once again appointed Assistant Basharat Editor and *Polka* Chairman. Looks like "Yaarab depends on you and me in 1993".

## Congratulations Nobles



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# Membership Corner

By John Law



We made it! Home run for Yaarab! I mean we hit it out of the park! The Winter Ceremonial 2017 was a great success. And for the year; we beat our goal of bringing in 100 new nobles in 2017. We brought in 110! In addition, we had 59 Restorations and 9 Associations. That is a total of 178. Thanks to everyone. I feel like we have built a great team for membership by the whole Yaarab Shrine.

Winners for the 2017 First Line Signers awards are Russell Allison bringing in 6 new Nobles. Russell will receive a shirt and a Jacket. Guy Fisher and Wendell Geiger each brought in 4 new nobles and will receive a shirt. Thank you Russell, Guy and Wendell for stepping up!

Meet your Membership Specialists. These nobles have trained to be an information source on membership. You will identify them by a copper colored Yaarab shirt with Membership Specialist embroidered on the pocket. The following is a list of the specialists: Bob Gittings, Terry Bruckner, Kevin Weinz, Marty Bruce, James Watkins, Rodney Johnson, Bill Kitchens, Howell Bradford, Gary Lawrence, John Sisk, Bob McKenzie, Jimmy Flanagan, Gaines Wallen, Mike Scheib, Tim Adair, Scott Horne, Jim Warren, Dennis Brown, Tommy Sweatman, Bryan Lindner and Ralph Dennis. Thanks to all these nobles for stepping up. If you are interested in being a Membership Specialist talk with Jeff Ferguson or Lee English.

Due to the new voting requirements; we will need to have the signed petitions for initiation the day prior to the Winter Ceremonial (with a copy of their current dues card and driver's license). I can accept pictures of the document sent via email or text messages and receive the final the day of the Ceremonial.

Below is a reminder on our new membership fee schedule. This fee schedule brings us in line with bylaws for membership fees. A pro-rated amount paid by candidates for initiation will be charged as follows.

January 1<sup>st</sup> through March 31<sup>st</sup> shall be \$180  
April 1<sup>st</sup> through June 30<sup>th</sup> is \$135  
July 1<sup>st</sup> through September 30<sup>th</sup> shall be \$90  
August 1<sup>st</sup> through December 31<sup>st</sup> shall be \$45

Our rewards program for nobles that bring in new membership is below. The following rewards will be given based on the number of new nobles a current noble brings into our fraternity in 2018.

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 = 2019 dues are paid

There will be four Ceremonials in 2018.  
First quarter Business Meeting on March 7 (\$180 dues)  
Helen Summer Ceremonial on June 7 through 9 (\$135 dues)  
Third quarter Business Meeting on September 5 (\$90 dues)  
Winter Ceremonial on 15 December (\$45)

I look forward to 2018. We will continue to work with our Membership Team and Membership Specialists toward reaching our goals. I would like to beat this year's achievement of 110 new nobles. And we will begin a restoration program right away with a written communication.

Again, thanks to everyone for pitching in and let's have a great year.

**I Am / committed / R-U**

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# TRI-COUNTY SHRINE CLUB

## EVENTS CALENDAR

**APR. 14<sup>TH</sup>**  
**7<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL  
 POKER RUN**  
 FROM NE GA  
 MOTORSPORTS  
 TO COPPERHEAD  
 LODGE

*(MOVED FROM FALL TO SPRING)*

**MAY 12<sup>TH</sup>**  
**JAMMIN IN  
 THE PARK  
 MUSIC FESTIVAL**  
 11AM-7PM  
 HOSCHTON, GA

**SEP. 15<sup>TH</sup>**  
**1<sup>ST</sup> ANNUAL  
 HOSPITAL RUN**  
 FROM FRAZIER'S H-D  
 TO SHRINERS  
 HOSPITAL,  
 GREENVILLE, SC

**OCT. 20<sup>TH</sup>**  
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50th ticket-\$100	250th ticket-\$200
75th ticket-\$100	275th ticket-\$200
100th ticket-\$100	300th ticket-\$200
125th ticket-\$100	325th ticket-\$200
150th ticket-\$100	350th ticket-\$300
175th ticket-\$100	375th ticket-\$300
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**Where: Yaarab Shrine, 400 Ponce de Leon Ave., Atlanta GA**

Ticket Price \$100

Each Ticket Includes:

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**CONTACT: Jeff Ferguson 678-910-0188 FOR TICKETS**

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# News from Cincinnati

## 50 Years of Transporting Patients to Shriners Hospitals for Children – Cincinnati

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Last summer, Southwest airlines added daily service to and from Cincinnati with plans for growth as they monitor the travel patterns of their CVG customers.

Frontier and Allegiant are two other airlines offering affordable flights to and from Cincinnati, including many non-stop options. Frontier offers non-stop flights from 22 cities including Miami and Jacksonville, Florida, while Allegiant offers 21 non-stop flights to cities from CVG.

These airlines are excellent options for our patients, especially with non-stop flights, which eliminate plane changes, potential missed flights and lost luggage!

Once in town, Cincinnati Shriners Hospital has hotel-like living quarters on site called Family Care Units for patients and their families who need to spend the night. The hospital also offers taxi assistance, and car services like Lyft and Uber for people to get around.

There are many options for patients and families traveling to our wonderful hospital in Cincinnati. With your help, we can look forward to another 50 years of caring for kids.

### 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.

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# February 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Charity Daylight Lodge #754	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10 Valentines Party 6PM
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18 First Lady's Tea/Daytona Race Party 2-5PM	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28			

# March 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Charity Daylight Lodge #754	2	3 Regional Social Social 6PM Dinner 7PM
4	5	6	7 Stated Business Meeting 7PM Social 5:30PM Dinner 6PM Ladies Social	8	9	10
11 Daylight Savings Time	12	13	14	15	16	17 St. Patricks Day
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26 First Lady's Golf Tournament 10AM Stone Mountain	27	28	29	30	31 Children's Easter Party 10AM Yaarab Shrine

# April 2018

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

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### Annual Shriners Days 2018

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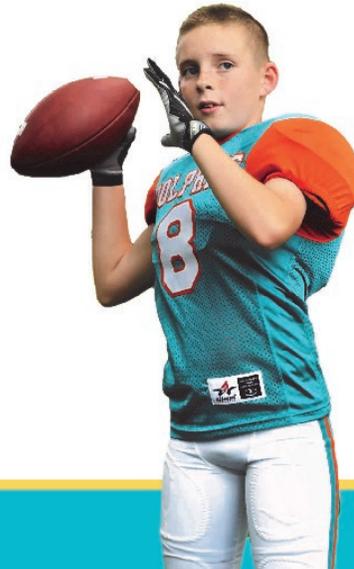
6 p.m. Hospitality\* and Heavy Hors d'oeuvres  
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Saturday, March 10, 2018

10 – 11:30 a.m. Hospital Update  
Greenville Shriners Hospital is home to the largest team of orthopaedic surgeons in South Carolina. Hear from one of our expert physicians about our growing Injury Care program, as well as meet some of the patients whose lives have been changed by the care received at Greenville Shriners Hospital.

11:30 a.m. Attendees will be divided into groups for tours of the Prosthetics and Orthotics department, Motion Analysis Center, Physical and Occupational Therapy department, Operating Room and other points of interest.

Adjourn after lunch



#### Tour Highlights

##### Physical and Occupational Therapy

Physical and occupational therapists at Shriners Hospitals for Children — Greenville provide a comprehensive rehabilitation program for each child. Therapy is provided to patients with a wide variety of conditions with the primary therapeutic goal to increase each child's level of functioning and promote independence.



##### Prosthetics and Orthotics

In the Prosthetics and Orthotics department children are given the tools they need to walk, run, sit up straight, hold on to objects, and so much more. The best part ... all of the prosthetics and orthotics are made right inside the hospital by our American Board certified prosthetists and orthotists. You'll want to watch these professionals in action!



##### Motion Analysis Center

The clinical mission of the Motion Analysis Center (MAC) is to carefully observe and measure the way patients move, to understand how and why they move differently from children without movement problems, to recommend treatments, and to evaluate how well those treatments improve their function. As a diagnostic tool, the MAC allows our surgeons to determine a patient's best treatment options.



##### Operating Rooms

Each month, more than 100 kids go through our hospital's OR doors, knowing when they come out their life will be changed for the better. The pediatric orthopaedic procedures help correct problems including spine, hip, and foot deformities, webbed fingers and toes, and limb deficiencies. During your visit, learn how operations are performed with demonstrations by our own pediatric orthopaedic surgeons.



# Yaarab's Business Office: Totally Committed To Serving Yaarab Shrine's Needs

By Sam Black

Yaarab Shrine, has a business office that is ready and willing to serve. Every noble, his lady, the Potentate, the Divan, every Unit, Club, Auxiliary and group with allegiance to Yaarab works hard with the primary goal of helping children.

The Yaarab business office is indeed the center of all Yaarab activities involving the Potentate, the Divan, every noble on the membership rolls and all the hardworking committees whose function is to be the engine which makes everything work. It is the responsibility of Yaarab's business office to take care of the individual records of all Yaarab's nobles, as well as, the day-to-day operations of Yaarab Shrine.

Recently, with the resignation of Kerry Robbins, after 17 years of service, Yaarab Shrine hired Heather Vincent replacing Kerry as Business Manager. In 2016, Mary O'Grady was hired to be assistant office manager, and Keith Noble was hired to be in charge of Maintenance. These individuals, with the assistance of volunteers, Robert Rhodes, Sam Black, and Tiler Marshall Patton are ready, willing, and able to assist Yaarab's nobility with any matters relating to Shrinedom.



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404-872-5818



Business Manager: Heather Vincent ext 222



Office Assistant: Mary O'Grady ext 226



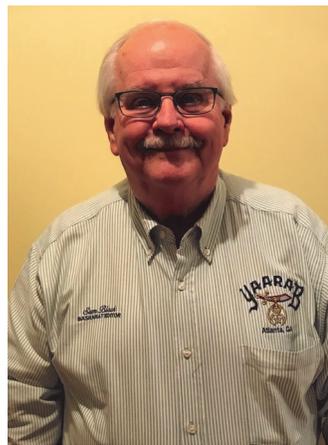
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Tiler: Marshall Patton ext 231/232



Volunteer & Concessions: Robert Rhodes ext 230



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# 2018 Election Day Photos

Photos by Thom Ledford



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Yaarab Shrine  
Atlanta, Georgia

DATE January 6, 2018

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# **Cherokee Shrine Club 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Sporting Clay Tournament**

**Garland Mountain Sporting Clays**

**770-345-0303**

**2618 Garland Mountain Trail**

**Waleska, GA 30183**

**[info@garlandmountain.com](mailto:info@garlandmountain.com)**

**\$120/Person or \$460/Group of 4 (100 Targets)**

**Saturday April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

**8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**

**Awards Luncheon to follow**

**100% of proceeds benefit Shriners Hospitals for Children**

**Ammo available on site or furnish your own**

**Gun rental available on site**

**Must have eye & ear protection**

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# 2018 Circus Kickoff Photos

Photos by Thom Ledford





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MIDWINTER DATES

MARCH 8 - 10, 2018

GREENVILLE, SC.

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THE MEETING PLACE AT THE HOTEL WILL BE MADE AND SET WITHIN THE NEXT TWO WEEKS OR SOONER IF POSSIBLE. WE WILL GET A BLOCK OF ROOMS SO WE CAN BE ON THE SAME FLOOR.

REGISTRATION \$40.00 PER PERSON

THURSDAY EVENING WE WILL HAVE A FISH FRY (BY CHEF P.P. RICHARD BURNS).

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FRIDAY—TOUR GREENVILLE HOSPITAL TIME WILL BE ANNOUNCED LATER. AFTERNOON BAR WILL BE OPEN. MUSIC WITH FUN AND GAMES.

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SATURDAY MORNING PAST PRESIDENTS AND OFFICERS BREAKFAST MEETING AT 8:00 AM (LOCATION TO BE ANNOUNCED LATER). S.A.S.M.C. MEETING SET FOR 10:30 AM (LOCATION TO BE ANNOUNCED LATER). AFTERNOON AND EVENING BAR WILL BE OPEN FOR FUN AND GAMES, WITH SNACKS.

THIS YEAR'S RAFFLE WILL BE ....

"HENRY GOLDEN BOY / FREE MASON TRIBUTE RIFLE"

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TICKETS CAN BE PURCHASED AT MID-WINTER OR FROM ANY OFFICER. TICKETS ARE \$5.00 PER TICKET OR 5 FOR \$20.00. TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE NOW FOR PURCHASE FROM ANY OFFICERS. OFFICERS HAVE PICTURES TO VIEW. SO PLEASE TAKE A LOOK! IF ANYONE WOULD LIKE TO SELL TICKETS OR INTERESTED IN BUYING SOME TICKETS PLEASE CALL ME, TERRELL YATES OR ANY OFFICERS.

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# Shriner discusses children's hospitals at Retired Educators meeting

Article submitted by  
Pickens County Retired  
Educators Association

Pickens County Retired Educators Association held their first 2017-2108 meeting on September 20. Approximately 45 members and guests attended the meeting. Speakers included Don Meyers from the Cherokee Shriners Club, Daniel Lopez, Branch Manager of the United Community Bank, and Joe Boland, our GREA Area 15 Director.

PCREA President Cyndy Buscher opened the meeting by thanking our caterer Cindy Parks from Originals to Remember, The Timothy House for helping set up and take down of our tables, Pat Denney and Ann Mackenzie for table decorations, Angela Babcock for taking minutes, and Luella Ledford and Hettie Young for helping collect our lunch money and raffle money. Gerald Allen gave our invocation, and Lawton Baggs led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Don Meyers from the Cherokee Shriners Club spoke to us about the Shriners Hospitals for Children. The first Shriners Hospital was opened in 1922 in Shreveport, Louisiana to deal with children who had contracted polio. Today the Shriners have 22 Hospitals for Children around the world that care for children up to age 18. The majority of the hospitals deal with orthopedic care, but they also have some of the premier burn care centers in the United States. All of their care services are provided regardless of the families' abilities to pay. The Shriners 22 hospitals are all involved in research, and they have research affiliations with major universities.

Daniel Lopez spoke briefly about the services provided by United Community Bank. He touched on interest rates, mortgages, and changes in the bank community. He said now is a good time to refinance or buy a new home. PCREA holds its



*Don Meyers from the Cherokee Shriners Club talks to the Retired Educators.*

meetings in the Community Room at the bank. Daniel said he enjoyed doing business with retired educators.

Joe Boland is our Georgia Retired Educators Association Area Director. He complimented PCREA on our industriousness and participation levels in the community. Joe discussed the new goals that GREA President Myrtice Johnson set for the 2017-2018 year. He asked us to be generous in our support to the GREA Humanitarian Project for Shriners Hospitals for Children. Joe then went on to discuss financial matters within the GREA including pensions, taxes, and earnings.

During the business section of our PCREA meeting, Pat Denney was recognized with a certificate for extensive involvement in producing the 2017-2018 PCREA Handbook. The proposed PCREA budget was presented and then approved by the members. The members voted to add Burnt Mountain Center to our donation list.

Lawton Baggs introduced a change in our by-laws that will be voted on in our October meeting. The meeting came to a close with our 50/50 raffle and silent auction with proceeds going to the Shriners Hospitals for Children. Our next PCREA meeting will be held on October 11, with lunch starting at 11:30. We look forward to Dr. Carlton Wilson, Superintendent of Pickens County Schools speaking along with Brad Jones from AMBA, and Jesse Hunter, Past President of GREA.

PCREA wants to thank their Spotlight Sponsors who contributed to our scholarship fund: The UPS Store, Clyde Cody, Southern Sass Salon, Southerndipidy, Mary Ann's Country Cooking, Originals to Remember, Advance Rehabilitation & Consulting, Johnny's Pizza, Community Bank, Last Catch, Jasper Drug Store, Carrington Coffee, and Designs on Main.

# What is Public Relations

By Ralph O. Dennis

Public relations are usually thought to be big ads in the paper or television and radio commercials. Well, public relations are much more than that. PR is really any time you are getting your organization's name in front of the public. Something as simple as making a presentation at an assisted living facility, telling them about the Shriners Hospitals for Children, is PR.

The Imperial has many printed tools for us to use. Visit the marketplace and see the varied materials. This year the Imperial came out with a Christmas tree hanger. They are free. I presented 300 to the Boys and Girls Club of North Georgia. The administrator is going to tie these into a safety talk to the kids. It took very little time to make the presentation. I have submitted a picture and a short article to our local newspaper for them to use. This is not done to make me look good, but to bring attention to our Shriners Hospitals for Children and to hopefully one injury, and, it is good PR.

Any time you have a fundraiser or do something like this, it is PR, so send an article and pictures to your local paper. The smaller the community or area covered by the paper, the more "good" news they want.



## Christmas Tree Fire Safety Hangers

By Ralph O. Dennis

Noble Ralph O. Dennis, Yaarab Shriners, presents Christmas Tree Fire Safety hangers to Jessica Wells, Director of Program Administration, Boys and Girls Club of North Georgia. She will be tying the presentation of the hangers to the children with a fire safety presentation. The hangers were distributed in Pickens, Gilmer and Fannin counties. This program (the hangers) was part of the child safety programs of the Shriners International. The Shriners International operates 22 Shriners Hospitals for Children in North America. Three of the hospitals are burn and skin specialty hospitals. Although Shriners Hospitals for Children will accept a child as a patient without regard to the family's ability to pay, they would rather educate and prevent injuries.

Should your child need treatment for bone issues (orthopedic and spine), cleft pallet and lips or skin and burns, please contact a Shriner you know or a Shriners Hospitals for Children (<https://www.shriners hospitalsforchildren.org/shc>) or Yaarab Shriners at 404-872-5818.

# Atlanta Technical Analyst Society Makes A Donation

By Roger Wise

On November 29, 2017, Illustrious Sir Danny Huggins and Yaarab Ambassador Roger Wise received a Shriners Hospitals for Children donation from the Atlanta Technical Analyst Society. They hold their meetings at Yaarab Shrine Center, and this donation to the Shriners Hospitals for Children was a way of saying “thank-you”. Presenting the donation was Mr. Bill Creel. Receiving the donation was our Illustrious Sir Danny Huggins and Ambassador Roger Wise.



Pictured above: Grand Master Larry Nichols presents Potentate Danny Huggins his 25 year pin and certificate at Yaarab’s December business meeting.

# News from Yaarab Units

## Arab Guard By Ralph O. Dennis

The year is off to a roaring start. We had 13 members at our January meeting. Our new Officers are settling into their new duties. Our Unit had nine nobles at the stated Business Meeting and Election of Officers. Many of the nobles and guests arrived early for some good Shrine fellowship and breakfast; sausage biscuits, coffee and some Bloody Mary's.

Our nine nobles dressed in our "uniforms" and escorted our new Potentate, Ill. Sir Gary Lewis into the activities building for his first public appearance. We also are very proud of Past President Dennis Davidson who was elevated to High Priest and Prophet. This year looks to be a great year for the Arab Guard.

We made our Circus pledge at the Kickoff on January 20, and then started getting busy. Between now and our next article, we have several events; the membership meeting, the Valentines Dance and our regular meetings.

If you are an at large member looking for a unit that is fun and hard working, come visit us on the first Friday of the month at 6:30 p.m. in our unit room! You can also keep up with us on our Facebook page.

## Golf Association By A. Gaines Wallen



Our President, Lee Williams got the Golf Association off to an early start on January 3, 2018. Our 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, Bob Rust fed us well. It is believed he will continue to use his culinary skills for each meeting throughout this year. The attendance was great for our first meeting of the year.

President Lee Williams made our pledge for the Circus at the Circus Kickoff on January 20th. Lee is planning a golf outing in the spring at Callaway Gardens. This will be a great trip. Don't miss this fun trip.

We welcome our new Divan Liaison Officer, Treasurer Jeff Ferguson. We look forward to seeing a lot of Jeff throughout this year. While Jeff guides us and keeps us informed, we plan on making him the second-best golfer on the Divan.

The First Lady's Golf tournament will be played at Stone Mountain on the 26th of March. Illustrious Sir Chuck Rager Sr. is the Tournament Director for the first Lady's Tournament this year. For information you may contact Chuck at (404)357-2956. We encourage clubs and units to get your foursomes together, enter a team, and become a hole sponsor in support of our First Lady, Shelly.

Our president urges each member to get one new member during 2018. All of us know many Shriners and Masons who play golf. Bring them with you to our events. While we work to accomplish our president's goals, we are going to have fun playing golf! This is the reason for the Golf Association to exist, play and have fun.

The Yaarab Golf Association meets in the lower level of the Gene Bracewell Activities Building. The Golf Association meets the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of each month, Hospitality with sandwiches at 6:00 p.m., and the meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m. We invite all golfers, or non-golfers to join us for our meetings and our play dates normally the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month. For additional information, contact Lee Williams at (404)414-4985 or Eddie Black, Sr. at (770)428-6600, or just show up. We hope to see you in the near future. We are always looking for a few new members.

When on bended knee, I ask that you pray for our Country, our leaders and those service members who are stationed around the world. Many are in Harm's Way, protecting the freedoms we enjoy and often take for granted.

## Knights of Mecca By Lee English

The new Officers of Knights of Mecca have been elected and installed. The Officers are President, Lee English; 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, Bill Pankey; 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, Phil Faulkner; 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President, Jan Maskaant, Jr.; Secretary, Anthony English; and Treasurer, Lloyd Bowen.

We ended 2017 with a Ceremonial for 28 incoming nobles, immediately following our election. I would like to thank everyone who participated in that, along with those Grand Lodge Officers and Past Potentates who also helped. Everyone who took part did a great job. Our many thanks to Roger Bennett for 10 great years as Ceremonial Director. The new Director will be Phil Faulkner, and Roger will be Ceremonial Director Emeritus.

Congratulations to the new Potentate, Illustrious Sir Gary Lewis, who is also a fellow Knights of Mecca member and to the rest of the Divan. We are certain this will be a great year under your leadership, and we will do whatever we can to help and support you.

Our meetings are on the first Friday of each month, and our first one was a world famous barbeque cooked by Ed Entrekin. Many thanks to him for this meal. Throughout the year, we are planning themed meals, with February planned as chili/soup night and March as salad and pastas.

We are a Past Masters Unit, and we meet downstairs in the Gene Bracewell auditorium. Social hour is at 6:30 p.m. The meeting starts at 7:30 p.m. in the lodge room. If you are interested in joining, please bring your lady and come visit us.

## Legion of Honor By Rick Conn, Adjutant

Nobles, our Election is over and I want to congratulate all the new Officers of the Yaarab Legion of Honor for 2018. John Caldwell was elected as our Commander to lead this Unit for the ensuing year, and I look forward to a great year under his leadership.

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# News from Yaarab Units (cont'd)

Also, congratulations to Robert E Gordon for being elected as our new 2nd Lt Commander. John Robert Smith went in as 1st Lt Commander with Jimmy Flanagan as 3rd Lt Commander. Now let us all get behind these new Officers (and a couple of old recycled ones), and start the year off making LOH one of the best Units in all Shrinedom.

Remember that your LOH dues are due, so please remit to me as soon as possible in order to set our budget for the ensuing year.

At the meeting in December our own Jim Weaver, who has been our Chaplain for the last several years was created an Honorary Commander for the LOH. Jim has served this Unit with distinction and dedication for many years, and it is only fitting that he be honored with the title of "Past Commander". Congratulations Jim. Thanks for all you do.

As we are going into the New Year, let us all set our goals high and reach to attain them. There is a lot in the works for 2018 and I hope more of you can come and join with us in our meetings, as well as, Unit activities and events. This is your Unit, you are needed to help make it one of the best.

I pray all had a bright and happy Holiday season celebrating the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. I also pray that your New Year will be a Blessed one. You that missed our Annual Christmas party on the 1st of December missed a great time, a lot of good food, and as always, great fellowship.

Nobles, our Unit is now a member of the SASA LOH and we can participate in the SASA convention in Myrtle Beach each year. So if you want to go, start thinking about it now and set your plans.

Please remember those of our compatriots who are away from their family during the Holiday Season. Some are far from home and in Harm's Way. Always stop each day and take a moment to offer up a prayer for them, and their safe return as they serve the Greatest Country ever devised on the face of this planet.

Remember nobles that we meet on the first Friday of each month at the Yaarab Shrine Center on Ponce de Leon Ave., downstairs in the Unit Room. Mealtime will be 18:30 (6:30) p.m. Come and be with us when you can. When you are not there you are missed.

Until next issue, May God Bless our Troops, the Red/White and Blue, our great Country and its leadership and each and every one of you. Blessings to all.

## Motor Corps By Dennis Kerwin

The Mighty Motor Corps has just concluded another successful year. During the first meeting in December we conducted the election of Officers. They are for 2018: President, Perry Gibbs; 1st Vice President, Jeff Pittello; 2nd Vice President, Glen Harris; Treasurer, JR Mattitucci; and Secretary, Dennis Kerwin.

The original Christmas party was cancelled due to the snow event that we had in early December. However, it was

rescheduled, and we still had a great attendance. Thanks to all that re-arranged their schedules to make this a successful event.

The Christmas party preceded the New Year's Eve celebration at Yaarab Shrine. The Motor Corps was well represented and several of us even made it past midnight. The Divan Elections were the first order of business in January. This was a good day and a sad day as the Motor Corps retired a member of the Divan as Danny Huggins moved on to the junior past Potentate. Danny and Dona will be missed. We want to congratulate and support the new Divan, and look forward to another successful year for the Mighty Motor Corps.



2018 Officers



2018 President Perry Gibbs

## Yaarab Shrine Road Runners By Matt "Tiny" Greer



The Yaarab Shrine "Road Runners" made a total of 108 trips to the Shriners Hospitals for Children – Greenville South Carolina Unit during 2017, and transported 125 patients.

The Yaarab Shrine "Road Runners" made a total of 24 trips to the Shriners Hospitals for Children – Cincinnati, Ohio Unit during 2017, and transported 28 patients,

Combined, the Yaarab Shrine "Road Runners" transported a total of 153 patients to the Shriners Hospitals for Children - Greenville and Cincinnati Units during 2017, and made a total of 132 trips.

The Yaarab Shrine "Road Runners" have driven 33, 116 miles to the Shriners Hospitals for Children – Greenville Unit and 21,801 miles to the Shriners Hospitals for Children - Cincinnati Unit during 2017. Combined, the Yaarab Shrine "Road Runners" drove 54,917 miles transporting our Shrine patients to and from our Shriners Hospitals for Children during 2017.

Many thanks go to those Yaarab nobles who donate their time and efforts to make these trips back and forth to our Shriners Hospitals for Children. Fezzes off nobles to a job "Well Done".

# News from Yaarab Clubs

## Cedar Valley Shrine Club By David Johnson

Happy New Year! We had a great year for 2017 under our President David Jameson and his Officers. We had our election for 2018 with Assistant Rabban Dennis Hewatt officiating. Our elected Officers are as follows: President for a 2<sup>nd</sup> term, David Jameson; 1<sup>st</sup> First Vice President, Brent Gaiser; 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, Tommy Oliver; Secretary, Ken Thomas; and Treasurer, Lee Williams. We wish them well for 2018 and pledge our support in all our activities. Thanks, Assistant Rabban Dennis for your assistance in our election.

Yaarab Shrine's Annual Election was held on January 6, 2018, with a big crowd there. We congratulate the new Divan and the new Recorder Robert Hampton. We wish him good luck. We will support them in all the activities and money making projects for 2018.

The Circus Kickoff was held on January 20<sup>th</sup>. We had a group to attend and made our pledge for the 2018 Shrine Circus and Carnival. The Circus is set for May 19 to May 28, 2018. We are looking forward to this, for we always have lots of fun and enjoy the festivities.

Our kids have been doing very well. Jon Jon had to go to the Shriners Hospital for Children – Greenville Unit, last month. He will also have to go back in February.

We are looking forward to a great year. May God Bless our country, our military and Yaarab Shrine.

## Cherokee Shrine Club By Don Meyer

Well nobles our Christmas Season is past and a New Year 2018, is here. Let's all start off with renewed energy and continue with the progress we achieved in 2017.

Our joint "Toy Ride" with Hickory Flat Masonic Lodge #205 and Cherokee Shrine Club was an over the top success. There were nine Brother Masons, eight nobles and six ladies involved with separating and packaging the toys by gender and various schools. The toys were delivered to several Elementary Schools in our area. The delivery involved five Masons, seven nobles and two ladies. Through the endeavors of all these wonderful Masons, nobles and ladies they delivered over three hundred toys and seventy seven bicycles this year. They made "A Magical Christmas" for many young boys and girls.

Our Hospital pledge was met through our fundraisers; the Clay Shoot, the BBQ prepared by Richard Hamilton, \$5100 and hard work by Johnny Adams, and \$4000 from Tony Trencio. Let's not forget the Club Officers and their ladies who were also instrumental in the Club's success in 2017.

Yours truly was privileged to speak to the Pickens County Retired Educators Association about our Shriners Hospitals for Children. What an enjoyable luncheon, it truly was a pleasure for my lady Betty and me to represent Yaraab Shrine that day. Thank you, Illustrious Danny Huggins for allowing us to do that.

At our December meeting, Oriental Guide Dennis Davidson conducted the election and installation of our Officers for 2018: President, Robbie Richards; First Vice President, Steve Isom; Second Vice President, Scotty Pack; Secretary, Gordon Owens; and Treasurer, Earl Darby. He also installed the Officers of the Cher-O-Kettes. Another great evening in Cherokee Shrine Club.

Our first meeting of the year was well attended, with 13 nobles in attendance and 7 ladies. We enjoyed a great dinner of Brunswick stew, potato soup and vegetable soup and of course some delicious desserts. The nobles discussed our upcoming fundraiser, Shriners Hospitals for Children, Clay Pigeon Shoot at Garland Mountain on April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2018. Please notice the flier in this Basharat issue.

Nobles, we need your help this year with this event. We need workers to help set up, cook food, assist shooters to their proper stations, as needed, and clean up after the event is over. We also need sponsors, beat the bushes nobles, we need your help.

Our next meeting is February 1<sup>st</sup>. We eat at 7:00 p.m. after which the nobles and Cher-O-Kettes go to their respective meeting rooms. Nobles, we will be doing a lot of business the next two meetings and we really need your help. The more ideas, the better the club performs. Set your calendar for February 1<sup>st</sup>. See you there. God Bless.

## Fayette Shrine Club By Brad Stai

It was a great 2017 for the Fayette Shrine Club. We closed out the year with elections, a parade, annual Christmas party, and our ham sale.

The Annual Christmas Party was a success complete with great food and an awesome local band. The club was treated with over 30 different finger goods and appetizers made fresh by our own Shrinette, Debbie Harris. No one went home hungry!

In December, the club held their annual elections. The new Officers for the club, which were sworn in by Tom Holt from the Divan, are as follows: President, Tim Murphy; 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, Walter Harris; 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, Harold Logsdon; Treasurer, Tommy Hildebrand; and Secretary, Brad Stai.

The Fayette Shrinettes fundraising efforts throughout the year have been outstanding. Their hard work and dedication enabled them to present the Divan a check for \$4,000 to Shriners Hospitals for Children. The Shrinettes also held annual elections and re-elected last year's Officers, also sworn in by Tom Holt. They were President, Cheryl Murphy; Vice-President, Gertrude Landrum; Secretary, Karen Bradley; and Treasurer, Liz Corbin.

The club also participated in the city of Fayetteville's Annual Christmas Parade. Not only did the club participate, but our fire truck led the way to start the parade and our own noble John Law was a key player in the planning and execution of the parade for the city.

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# News from Yaarab Clubs (cont'd)

During the annual clubs and units awards ceremony at Yaarab Shrine, the Fayette Shrine Club was recognized for their contributions. The club came away with the top honors for 2017 for individual contributions thanks to tireless efforts of Paul Paulicelli, who raised over \$56,000 for Shriners Hospitals for Children in 2017.

In addition, we had another successful year with our spiral ham sales. The club sold over 550 hams, a 10% increase over last year, resulting in a \$4200 contribution for Shriners Hospitals for Children.



Fayette Shrine Club's Paul Paulicelli receives top honors as he wins the Individual Contribution award by raising over \$56k for Shriners Children's Hospital 2017!



## Lanier Shrine Club By Gary Lawrence

For the third year, the nobles of Lanier Club made the Christmas season special for 150 seniors in Gainesville. On Monday, December 18th, Phil Wofford, Joe Conner, Jeff Shubert, Larry Miller, Jerry Lothridge, Keith Chandler, and Gary Lawrence distributed goodie bags at four assisted living facilities in Gainesville - Manor House, Gardens of Gainesville, Ashton Senior Living, and Beehive Homes.



## Loganville Shrine Club By Rick Conn

Nobles all, I pray that each and every one of you had a great Christmas Holiday season. That all was Merry and Bright and that your New Year will be a Blessed one. The annual Christmas party held this year in the Historic Rock Gym in Loganville was a good one. A lot of fun and food along with some of the best fellowships ever was enjoyed by those who attended. Don Malcom lead us all in the game of Dirty Santa and some fun was had. I hope all can join us next year in this annual event.

By the time you receive this article our new Officers will have been elected and installed. Our new President Rusty Rogers is set to go into office and lead our Shrine Club for 2018. Rusty is a hardworking and dedicated noble and I pray that all get behind him and help him make Loganville one of the best Clubs in Shrinedom. We have some plans in the works for next year, and I hope all will come out and support your Club and help Rusty and make it great.

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Rob Wing and one of newest members, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, Jeff Dunagan will join Rusty as our new Officers for 2018. Both nobles are hard working and will help Loganville become one of the best.

We have had a lot of sickness and distress in 2017, and to all those that were affected, our hearts and prayers are with them. We remind all our ladies that lost your noble, that you are still a part of this Club and we hope that you will join us and call upon us if you are ever in need.

We have a bright and prosperous year looking ahead and I hope all will take advantage of it and make this one of the best years ever. Do not forget that we are now members of the SASA. Their Convention is held in Myrtle Beach each year after the SESA. It is not too early to start thinking about making your plans to attend the convention, usually held in September. More about this will be coming out later, also on the SESA.

By the time you receive this, our Winter Ceremonial will also be in the history books. I hope many of you attended this event as much fun is always had at the Ceremonials. Our next one is the big one is in Helen. Start thinking about it now.

Don't forget about our parades. If you want to participate please contact Wayne Shelnett and let him know. He would love to have you join him. The more the merrier.

Remember our Troops who are in Harm's Way and May God Bless them, our great country, and each and every one of you.

## Northeast Dekalb Shrine Club By Sam Black

Happy New Year – 2018 – wishes extended to everyone. The newly elected officers of the Northeast Dekalb Club for 2018 are as follows: President, Gordon Fox; First Vice President, Sam Draisen; Second Vice President, Jim Rust; Treasurer, Tom Hunt; and Secretary, Sam Black.

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# News from Yaarab Clubs (cont'd)

We need the support of each member of the Northeast Dekalb Club to make 2018 another successful year. Congratulations are extended to 2018 Merit Award Recipients at the Annual Election and Business Meeting: Illustrious Potentate Gary Lewis, Johnny Caldwell, Joe Stokes, Jim Clark, and Ralph O. Dennis. Congratulations also go to Bill Costa for being the recipient of the Potentate's Gold Merit Award for 2018.

Happy February birthday greetings are extended to Sam Black (4) and Sam Draisen (8).

Congratulations to newly elected Potentate Gary "Shoo Fly" Lewis, as well as, all other Divan members elected to the next higher office for 2018. Let's all get behind and support our Divan, so we can continue to have successful years for Yaarab Shrine.

The major focus for Yaarab Shrine, at this time, is the 2018 Yaarab Circus and Carnival, again to be held at Jim R. Miller Park, May 18 – May 28, 2018. The 2018 Yaarab Circus kickoff was held Saturday, January 20. The Northeast Dekalb Club pledged \$ 3,500, and with all member's help, we will meet and beat this goal. It would be appreciated if all Northeast Dekalb Club members would send in their Mama-Daddy monies. This will not only give you Crown of Honor points, but will help the club reach 100% participation in this program. Northeast Dekalb Club members, please make sure you mark your calendars for the Circus. We will work hard, but will enjoy some good fellowship.

The members of the Northeast Dekalb Club would like to extend a special invitation to all "At-Large" members in Yaarab Shrine, or other Yaarab members seeking a new club, to come visit us. We meet the 1<sup>st</sup> TUESDAY of each month on the lower level of the Gene Bracewell Activities Building. We have dinner in the club room at 6:30 p.m. and the meeting starts at 7:30 p.m. We extend an invitation to all qualified nobles to come and enjoy some good, peaceful fellowship. Hope to see you in the near future.

Let's remember our service men and women who are in Harm's Way to protect our freedom. We pray they will stay safe and return home soon.

## Rome Shrine Club By Paul Brownlow Photos by Rick Collins

The Rome Shrine Club is looking forward to another busy year supporting our 22 Shriners Hospitals for Children. We are excited about the opportunities that the New Year may bring, and committed to the challenges that may lie ahead. Our club Officer Election was held on December 14<sup>th</sup> 2017, and the following Officers were elected: President, Robert Cash; 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, Bob Mount; 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, Shane Dover; Secretary, Paul Brownlow; and Treasurer, Rick Collins. Two Executive Officers were also elected. They were Mack Godfrey and Charles Carney. Charles Carney was also appointed as this year's club Chaplain.

Our annual Club/Unit Christmas banquet was held on December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2017, and despite a visit from "Old man winter", who brought along with him quite a snow storm, we were able to enjoy a great night of fun, fellowship and food.

The Rome Shrine Club is excited about the many events taking place the first part of the New Year, including the Circus Kickoff in January, our Annual Easter Egg Hunt in the spring, and of course the Shrine Circus. Bob Mount and Paul Brownlow will be meeting soon with the Rome Braves management in preparation for the 2018 "Shriners Night with the Rome Braves" baseball game, which we are hoping to negotiate moving the date of the ballgame to early summer instead of August. Rome has many other events planned for early 2018 and we are quite excited about the New Year. Thank you for all that you do nobles for the children and our Shriners Hospitals for Children!



## Slate City Shrine Club By Randy Stone



A very Happy New Year to each noble and lady. We have elected a new Potentate and Divan, new Club Officers and we are ready to hit the streets again. 2017 was a good year for Slate City. We exceeded our goals for fundraising and had a great time representing our club and Yaarab Shrine.

We held a delayed Christmas Party on our regular meeting night in January. The original date had to be rescheduled due to the weather. With good food and fellowship, we held an open meeting with the ladies to discuss our successes of 2017 and to set our calendar and agenda for 2018. We hope to be doing several new projects this year in addition to our usual slate of fundraisers. Recognized during the meeting, was Randy Stone as Slate City "Shriner of the Year", and Carolyn Stone as Slate City "Shriner Lady of the Year". A plaque was presented to Ray Swafford, outgoing President for his service during the preceding year. We owe a great deal of thanks to our outgoing President, Ray Swafford. Ray held that job for the past two years and was really a credit to our club.

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# News from Yaarab Clubs (cont'd)

Our new Officers are: President, Johnny Waites; 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, Bobby Hitchcock; 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, Michael Smith; Secretary, Randy Stone; and Treasurer, Larry Gore.

At the Circus Kickoff we pledged \$10,000.00. We have several new nobles ready to join the group for some bucketing fun. We are already lining up nobles to bucket and can hardly wait to hit the streets again and start the year of fun and service.

Please pray for our sick and infirmed and keep those that protect and keep us safe in your prayers. Come join us for fun and fellowship. Those at-large nobles who are looking for a great club to join, we would love to have you. We meet the second Tuesday of each month. Dinner is at 6:30 p.m., and the meeting is at 7:30 p.m. at 1204 N. Piedmont Ave., Rockmart Ga.

## Sweetwater Shrine Club By Mike Scheib

Let's start by hoping that all Divan nobles and their ladies had a happy and safe holiday season. But now it is over and the New Year begins.

Congratulations to Illustrious Sir Gary Lewis on your election as the Potentate for Yaarab Shrine for 2018. Also, congratulations to Robert Hampton being elected as the Recorder for Yaarab Shrine for 2018. Also, congratulations to the other members of the Divan on moving up to the next higher position. Good luck and know that the members of Sweetwater Shrine club are here to support you.

Also congratulations to the new Officers of the clubs and units of Yaarab Shrine. Especially those of the Sweetwater Shrine Club. President, Tim Adair; First Vice President, Marshall Smith; Second Vice President, Bill Hathaway; Secretary, Roger Faulkner; and Treasurer, Jerry "Jug Haid" Rogers. Congratulations to them and good luck in the upcoming year.

Now we are into January and everyone knows what that means. Yes! Circus Kickoff. Now begins the time to start for Circus fundraising. Whether it is bucketing, ads, sponsorships or Sportsmen's Raffle. Let's all get out there and do what we have to make this another amazing Shrine Circus.

February 17th, Sweetwater Shrine club will be hosting Illustrious Sir Gary Lewis and the Divan with their ladies for our annual Potentate's Reception. Everyone that is invited needs to attend this reception. It is one not to be missed.

## Tucker Shrine Club By Bill Messer and Bill Rodgers

Nobles, this year as usual, our Divan leaders will work hard as a team to insure our future in Shrinedom. We as a unit or club are but links in the strong chain of Yaarab Shrine, and as you have heard many times a chain is only as strong as it's weakest link. The same is true within any club. We can't all be quarterbacks and team captains. We all must work as a team to not be the link that allows the chain of Yaarab Shrine to break. The needs of our Shriners Hospitals for Children will never be less than they are now with our population of children in need increasing daily.

The Tucker Club is a hard working club for Yaarab Shrine. We enjoy what we do, and one of the things we do, as you know, are cooks on call, anytime the Yaarab Shrine has a function and needs cooks for food preparation. If there is a Shriner at large out there who would like to do what we do, cooks on call, come to the Tucker Club meeting the first Wednesday of every month at 6:00 p.m. on the lower level of the Gene Bracewell Auditorium at the Yaarab Shrine Center and dine with us. We will get you involved.

## SPECIAL THANKS FROM 2017 KID'S CHRISTMAS PARTY CHAIRMAN

By Jerry & Doris Brookshire

I have so many people to "thank" for giving of their time for one of Yaarab's greatest Christmas Parties. Friday was the day of wrapping toys and setting everything up. Thanks to Yaarab Shrine for lunch. Saturday was "The Big Day": Santa and Mrs. Claus, toys, bicycles, games, food, ice cream, popcorn, cotton candy, train rides, and jumping bag.

If you missed the party, you missed a lot. Just a few of the cream of Yaarab nobles working together – Cumming Club, South Fulton Club, Director's Staff, Arab Guard Unit, Gwinnett Club, Smyrna Club, Tucker Club, Motor Corp Unit, Provost Guard, Red Devil Clown Unit, Paulding County Club, Oriental Band, and Daughters of the Nile. Thanks to other individuals include: Jerry "Jug Haid" Rogers, Johnny Cosby, and the crew cooking fresh hamburgers and hot dogs, the "Dune Buggy" crew, Santa and Mrs. Claus, plus so many others and you know who you are. The Joy of Giving! Again, thank-you all. To our Sponsors, for toys & bicycles, as well as, so many more – Thank-You.

We hope that the Yaarab's Children Christmas Party will be larger and even better in 2018. If a club or unit wants to help donate toys, it would be appreciated and helpful. The agenda will be: Friday, Nov. 30, 2018 wrapping toys day, and Saturday, Dec. 1, 2018 will be the big day for the party. We will have more bicycles and more toys in 2018, so please put it on your calendar to attend. What a great day it was to see the look on those kids faces and we look forward to that again.

Thanks again, for everyone's help and I hope I didn't leave anyone out. We love ya'll.

Jerry & Doris Brookshire

# News from Yaarab's Ladies Auxiliaries

## Cedar Valley Shrinettes By Glenda Johnson

We are starting a new year, we hope 2018 will be as great for us as 2017. With our line of new Officers and club members, our club works hard to support our nobles and Shriners Hospitals for Children.

We will be planning our fundraisers at our January meeting. We meet with our nobles on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month, and we love to have visitors, great food, fun and fellowship. This is what we do as a club to meet, have fun, and help children.

Our clubs enjoyed all the food and fun at holiday parties. Good job nobles and ladies.

Our club voted for Louise Casey to be "Shrinette of the Year". This is an honor voted on by our club at the end of each year. "Good job", Louise. Our club is very proud of you. You really stepped up for us in 2017. Our club also voted for Sherry Harris to be an Honorary Lifetime Member. Sherry has been absent for a while with sickness and other health problems. Sherry is one of five charter members left in our club. She was our treasurer for many years and did a great job. She set the banner high for whoever followed her. She is still very helpful and we hope she can be with us this year.

Our club wishes new Potentate Gary Lewis and his Elective Divan Staff the best in 2018. Cedar Valley and several ladies attended the Yaarab Shrine 76<sup>th</sup> Annual Circus Kick-off. We enjoyed fun, food and fellowship and hope all clubs pledge great amounts for the year of 2018.

God bless all Americans. Let's all be proud of our country.

## Cher-O-Kettes By Sheri Crowe

Reminder that the Cher-O-Kettes luncheon will be on Saturday, February 10 at 11:00 a.m. at the O'Charley's in Canton. The Cher-O-Kettes invite all the ladies of Cherokee nobles to join us in fellowship. At the next club meeting the members will begin to discuss working the spring Belk Charity Day event and other fundraising ideas for 2018 to help benefit Shriners Hospitals for Children and projects of our Cherokee nobles. As tradition, the Cher-O-Kettes will not have a business meeting in March since the nobles of Cherokee Club have a ladies night out. Once the location has been finalized a calling post and emails will be sent out to inform the members of both clubs of the details.

Jan Blalock and Sheri Crowe attended the Election Day Ladies Luncheon on the very cold Saturday morning of January 6. They not only enjoyed the luncheon but also the installation and reception for the 2018 Divan.

The Cher-O-Kettes welcome Barbara Reid, lady of Wallace Reid, as the newest member.

## Conyettes By Anita Payseur

The year ended with the women supporting the men in selling Christmas trees, pork skins and boiled peanuts. Thanks to everyone who helped with this huge endeavor.

We begin the New Year with Officers: President/Treasurer, Virginia McKenzie; and Secretary, Anita Payseur.

The Conyettes helped our men sell T-shirts at the Circus Kickoff. We will once again sell T-Shirts at the Yaarab Shrine Circus. The ladies will be getting prepared to help out.

We look forward to supporting the Conyers Shrine Club nobles and President, Joe Neely.

## Daughters of the Nile El Tehran Temple No. 122 By Kathleen Turner, PSQ

Our February 14<sup>th</sup> Stated Session will be our Memorial Session for all those members we have lost in the past year. Your attendance is requested for this event.

Our March 14<sup>th</sup> Session will be our election of new Officers for our upcoming fiscal year, April 1, 2018 through March 31, 2019. We thank Queen Belinda for her guidance and dedication to our Order.

Save the date of March 25<sup>th</sup> for the Installation of our new Officers. It will be at Chamblee-Sardis Lodge at 3:00 p.m., with a reception to follow.

The Daughters of the Nile Foundation has opened our Garden of Roses back up, and it is much easier to honor someone with an email white rose. Our donations enable us to make those million dollar donations to the Shriners Hospitals for Children. The price is still \$5.00 for each rose.

Your membership is important to sustain our Order. The work we do for the children gives us a special purpose and we thank the Shriners for allowing us to participate in their great Philanthropy.

## Gwinn-ettes By Elaine Stone

The first of any New Year always brings new hopes and resolutions. The Gwinn-ettes welcomed many new members last year. We are looking forward to getting to know them better in 2018 and building new and lasting friendships. We look forward to working together with these ladies to support our men, Yaarab Shrine, and Shriners Hospitals for Children.

With the New Year, it's always "out with the old, in with the new". We want to give a shout out to Danny and Dona Huggins for their wonderful, record breaking 2017. You two are certainly going to be a hard act to follow!

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

Several of our ladies attended the Election Day luncheon at the Georgian Terrace. We would like to congratulate Shelly Lewis, our new First Lady and Vickie Hampton, wife of our new Recorder, along with all the other ladies on the Divan who work tirelessly behind their husbands as they take up their new positions. We're sure 2018 is going to be a successful, and fun year with Gary Lewis as our new Potentate. After all, he was formerly Chairman of "Fun and Frolic". We're proud of Gwinnett members Mike Fincel, who is Chief Aide, and his lady Susan. They will be working tirelessly this year to make sure all goes as planned.

The Circus Kickoff was held January 20<sup>th</sup>, and the First Lady's Tea will be on February 18<sup>th</sup>. Hope to see you all at the upcoming Valentine's Day Party!

## Karinats By Jane Johnston

The Karinats held their election in January, electing the following: President, Shannon Williams; Vice President, Dottie Denham; Recording Secretary, Betsy Briamonte; Treasurer, Arlene Law; and Corresponding Secretary, Jane Johnston. We would like to thank Julie Donald for her dedication of serving as our treasurer for several years.

The Karinats were well represented at the 1st Lady's Luncheon on January 6<sup>th</sup>. We came back to the Gene Bracewell Auditorium and watched our Arab Guardsmen lead the demonstration for the newly elected Potentate Gary Lewis and 1st Lady Shelly. Several came with their husbands for Picture Day on January 13<sup>th</sup>. The Circus Kickoff was a fun time and several attended the Valentine Party on February 10<sup>th</sup>. We were back again on February 18<sup>th</sup>, for the 1st Lady's Tea.

We need to keep several of our ladies and/or their husbands in our prayers. The following ladies had birthdays: January, Past 1st Lady Pat Rager and Judy Hilsman; February, Patty Harrison, Missy Lockhart, and Vicki Wallen; March, Past 1st Lady and wife of current Imperial Marshall, Judy Burke.

We look forward to a great 2018 and the Summer Ceremonial in Helen. We will have a cheer basket and a \$500 Kroger gift card for fundraisers in Helen. Be sure to see a Karinat and get in on both of these drawings.

We would like to thank Past Potentate Danny Huggins and Lady Dona for a great year and look forward to 2018 under the leadership of Potentate Gary and Lady Shelly.

We invite any ladies and their nobles to come and join us every 1st Friday of the month in the Arab Guard room, at Yaarab Shrine Center, for social hour at 6 p.m., dinner at 7 p.m.

## Lanier Shrinettes



## Rome Shrine Ladies By Peggy Sims

Happy New Year everyone! Hope everyone has a great year in 2018.

Congratulations to our new Potentate Gary Lewis and First Lady Shelly. We look forward to working with you this year.

Rome Shrine ladies had a very successful 2017. Our ladies worked very hard to raise money for Shriners Hospitals for Children.

In August, we donated \$1000 to the Telethon for the Shriners Hospitals for Children and in December, we presented a check for \$2000 to Potentate Danny Huggins for the hospitals.

We really enjoyed having Potentate Danny Huggins and Lady Dona at our Christmas party.

Each homebound member was presented a fruit basket at Thanksgiving. We pray that each one will soon be able to be back with us. We miss all of you.

We also provided Christmas dinner and toys for the children of two families.

Our new officers are: President, Peggy Sims; Vice President, Diane Collins; Treasurer, Nancy Mount; and Secretary, Rhonda Bailiff. We urge each member to give these Officers their full support this year as the Officers pledge to give each members their full support.

The Belk Charity Sale will soon be upon us in April. Anyone interested in purchasing tickets, please contact a member of the Rome Shrine Ladies. Tickets are \$5.00 each.

Our next meeting will be March 1st at 7:00 p.m. at the clubhouse on Bells Ferry Road. We look forward to seeing each member there.

We welcome our newest member, Amanda Mount Middleton and her Noble Clay.

Please keep Beth Trimble in your prayers. She is facing several surgeries in the near future. Marie Davis had pneumonia. Our sympathy goes to Susan Cagle in the passing of her sister, Cynthia Luther.

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



Rome Shrine Ladies, President Peggy Sims presents check to 2017 Potentate Danny Huggins for \$2000 for Shriners Hospitals for Children. Pictured (l/r): Lawonia Bagley, Barbara Cash, Illustrious Potentate Danny Huggins, Diane Collins, President Peggy Sims, Rhonda Bailiff, Jean Fields, Whitney Mount, Nancy Mount, Debbie Penney, Nadine Headrick, Amanda Middleton, Mary Helen McGregor.



Potentate Danny Huggins installing new 2018 Officers for Rome Shrine Ladies. Pictured (l/r): Treasurer, Nancy Mount; Secretary, Rhonda Bailiff; Vice-President, Diane Collins; and President Peggy Sims

## Sweetwater Swirls By Sandra Rogers

The Swirls want to thank 2017 President Pam Scheib for a very successful year. Under Pam's leadership we donated \$12,800.00 to Shriners Hospitals for Children! You did a great job, ladies.

At our December meeting we elected Officers for the upcoming year. Our new Officers are President, Margie Adair; Vice President, Kay Smith; Treasurer, Linda Mitchell; Recording Secretary, Debi Harris; and Corresponding Secretary, Sandra Rogers. Congratulations to all and much luck in the coming year.

President Margie has big plans for the Swirls this year. Our first fundraiser will be a raffle for a "Big Shrine Teddy Bear". You can purchase tickets from any Swirl and your donation always goes to Shriners Hospitals for Children.

Our February birthday ladies are Shirley Etheridge and Teri Faulkner. March birthdays are Revelon Rickman and Kimberly Jenkins. Happy Birthday to all! Happy Anniversary to Janet and David McKnight on March 24.

Last, but certainly not least, we want to wish a happy golden anniversary to our very own Illustrious Sir J.D. Mitchell and lady Linda! On February 17, they will celebrate 50 years of wedded bliss! Congratulations J.D. and Linda.



## Tri-ettes By Clare Godfrey

Happy New Year to everyone! Our club is off and running with some great events planned for this year. In February, we will have a Valentine Party at Randall and Karen Wardlaw's home in Nicholson. In May, we will have "Jammin' in the Park", but this year it will be held in downtown Hoschton. We already have seven bands lined up for this event. Following that, is the Shrine Circus, then Helen in June. In the Fall, we will have a booth at the Hoschton Fall Festival in September, and then in October, there will be a Cow Patty Festival. Details to follow!

We would like to welcome our newest member, Suzanne Landsverk, to our club. We are excited to have you join us!

Our February birthday gals are: Ruth Malcom on the 4th, and Phyllis Warmack on the 11th. Then in March, we have Karen Wardlaw celebrating on the 12th, and both Stephanie Strickland and Suzanne Landsverk on March 22nd. We wish you many blessings in this next year. We will be celebrating the February birthday dinner on February 13th, and the March birthday dinner on March 13th. We hope everyone in our club can join us.

## Widows and Widowers By Judy Campbell

We wish Happy New Year to the nobility of Yaarab Shrine. We look forward to a good year with Potentate Gary Lewis and pledge our support in any way possible.

The 2018 officers are as follows: President, Judy Campbell; Vice President, Jerry Brookshire; Secretary, Marilyn Simmerman; and Treasurer, Elizabeth Rogers.

If you have questions about our club, please call me, Judy Campbell, 770-529-5866.

## First Lady's Luncheon Photos



# FROM THE SHRINE OFFICE

## Recorders Report for November/December 2017

	Regular Membership	Associate Membership	Total
Membership, November 1, 2017	3306	30	3336
Created/Added	29	4	4
Affiliated	7	-	7
Restored	12	-	12
Demitted/Dropped	(4)	(2)	(6)
Suspended	(138)	-	(138)
Deaths	(15)	-	(15)
Net change	(109)	2	(107)
Membership, December 31, 2017	3197	32	3229

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# FROM THE SHRINE OFFICE

## Recently Known Deaths

16748	Bernard Leon Blackwell Stone Mountain, Georgia November 20, 1928 – November 9, 2017 Created at Yaarab Shrine on June 15, 1957	13923	Joseph Ernest Shafer Lawrenceville, Georgia August 27, 1928 – June 3, 2016 Created at Yaarab Shrine June 13, 1957
20767	Paul Perry Burgess Fairmount, Georgia February 28, 1929 – May 8, 2016 Created at Yaarab Shrine on December 8, 1965	35016	Bruce Summerfield Powder Springs, Georgia February 26, 1943 – October 16, 2017 Created at Yaarab Shrine June 15, 1991
23179	Freddie O. Freeman Covington, Georgia November 16, 1931 – October 29, 2017 Created at Yaarab Shrine on June 18, 1969	22672	Major Ray Wilson Woodland, Alabama. December 28, 1936 – February 3, 2016 Created at Yaarab Shrine August 10, 1968
28921	Emmett Vernell Johnson Rockmart, Georgia September 23, 1928 – September 15, 2017 Created at Yaarab Shrine on June 9, 1976	38869	Jerry Dewey Allmon Rome, Georgia September 20, 1935 – December 19, 2017 Created at Yaarab Shrine on September 11, 2002
24995	Joseph Wolf Kraut Fairmount, Georgia May 9, 1925 – January 2, 2016 Created at Yaarab Shrine on June 16, 1971	33761	Haskell Everett Barber Newnan, Georgia April 10, 1922 – December 19, 2017 Created at Yaarab Shrine on December 12, 1987
29483	Billy Joe Peacock Port Charlotte, Florida February 16, 1939 – November 6, 2017 Created at Yaarab Shrine on June 15, 1977	25857	Louis Woodard Gaylor Fayetteville, Georgia September 10, 1933 – December 19, 2017 Created at Yaarab Shrine on June 21, 1972
13430	Aubrey Eugene Seignious Lithia Springs, Georgia February 24, 1920 – October 4, 2016 Created at Yaarab Shrine on May 17, 1950	17354	James Claude Haynie Union City, Georgia February 28, 1935 – December 20, 2017 Created at Yaarab Shrine on June 10, 1959
26035	Elvis Leonious Sellers Tucker, Georgia October 29, 1918 – October 10, 2017 Created at Yaarab Shrine May 9, 1953		

## November/December Hospital Trip Report

Driver	Temple #	Greenville, SC	Cincinnati, OH	Driver	Temple #	Greenville, SC	Cincinnati, OH
Gene Blount	35036	1	1	Gordon Tatum	30023	6	
Harold Atkinson	35849	1		Charley Miller	26303	1	
Eric Witcher	40793	2		Billy Deal	37511		1
Jimmy Ketcham	31583	1	3	Bob Stillman	37045	2	3
Ben Baker	40337	1		Junior Carter	40254	1	
Ron Avery	33910	1		Bill Underdown	30167	1	
Tom Oliver	39663	1		Lee English	35846		1
P.W. Boss	30838		1	Bill Wise	28143	1	1
Seth Carter	40425	2		Matt Greer	39439	1	
Larry Dempsey	28525	3		Bobby Savage	35108	1	1
Ronny Duncan	40311		1	Brad Knight	40858		1
Wayne Shelnett	36234		3	Total Patients		23	9

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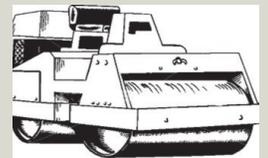
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