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Dear Nobles and Ladies,

Let me start by saying thank you for what you did to make the Circus a success. Our Nobles and Ladies did a great job. It's so fun to stand back and watch everyone working together; I love all the fellowship and love shown within the Units and Clubs.

The Provost Guard were outstanding, what can I say... they broke up fights, found lost children and even chased down a run-away zebra! Thank you.

The Clowns were great as always. They did a fantastic job entertaining the kids, big and little. I enjoyed being dressed as a Clown "Lug Nut" and participating in the skit! The Divan enjoyed the pies as well. FYI Horace said "no water or pies next year" Ha Ha.

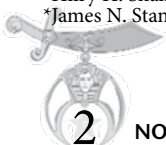
Nobles, the crowd was way down so if you haven't paid for your Circus tickets PLEASE do so we need your help. C.R. Frank Hester and O.G. Scott Jones worked very hard to promote the Circus and for whatever reason it didn't work. So I am asking you to get behind Frank and the rest of the Divan and support them like you did me.

H.P.&P. Randy Williams and Lady Beth went to Membership School and they are full of great ideas to help build Membership. Nobles please remember we need to pay our 2016 dues if you haven't for this year, and ask a Blue Lodge Brother to become a Shriner. We will put a class together before the end of the year.

We still have many events left this year to enjoy. Our Ladies Extravaganza is November 5th, all the holiday parades, and November 22nd is the Directorettes Thanksgiving Dinner and Auction. Please plan on attending some of these functions.

Nobles and Ladies, thank you for all your love and support that you have given Lady Kim and me – we love all of you.

Yours in Faith
Jeff Head, Potentate
 615-310-9009



From the desk of...

CHIEF RABBAN



Although the temps still do not reflect fall as of this writing, can you believe it's November already! Wow, this year is flying by and we still have much to do in these last two months of 2016.

Thank you, Thank you, Thank you for your support and dedication of the 2016 Al Menah Shrine Circus! A lot of work and preparation goes into this event and we couldn't do it without all of those that came out and worked in some capacity. Yes, our numbers were down but we are moving on and

will be working towards making next year's bigger and better.

PLEASE Nobles send your money in for your Circus Tickets if you have not done so. Our Shrine Temple depends on you!!

We appreciate all of you that came out to support the Al Menah Clown Paper Sale Auction. These guys work hard all year spreading laughter and cheer to everyone and love raising money for the Shriners Hospitals for Children. Thank you Al Menah Clowns!

Hope everyone had a fantastic time at the Fall Party. Froggy, Jingles, their ladies and the committee did an outstanding job and fun was had by all. There were some incredible costumes and some of you just outdid yourselves, LOL.

Looking on to this month, we have the Ladies Extravaganza 11/5. Parades begin 11/6 with our first Veterans Day Parade, so be sure to check the Parade Schedule as these will be ongoing and a lot of them. We hope you strive to participate in as many of these as you are able. Our first Christmas Parade will be 11/19 in Springfield and the Robertson County Shrine Club will be hosting the Hospitality at the Springfield Inn.

We hope you all have a wonderful and blessed Thanksgiving and are able to share it with your loved ones. Happy Thanksgiving!

**Yours in faith,
Chief Rabban
Frank Hester**

ASSISTANT RABBAN



Cooler weather and fall is here! Thanks to everyone who sold circus ads and worked at the circus. The circus brought great fun and fellowship. The hospitality was great and a big thanks goes out to the Units and their ladies for bringing the food.

Now is time for Temple Auctions!

Please attend these events because the money is donated to the hospitals. Please do not forget the Ladies Extravaganza on November 5th.

Parades are starting in November and please attend them. We need to show off Al Menah and it helps when we start selling papers in May,

Hope everyone has a great Fall.

**Asst. Rabban
Horace Perkins III**

HIGH PRIEST AND PROPHET



Are «YOU» Part of a Shriner Family Legacy?

During this time of the year, many of our thoughts are on family get togethers and remembering the loved ones that have passed on. If these thoughts bring you to the realization that you are a second generation or more Shriner, we at Al Menah want to know!

Take a minute to list **YOUR FAMILY LEGACY** within the Shrine.

All family members, including: Son...Son-in-Law...Brother...Uncles...Grandfather...etc. are eligible to become part of **YOUR SHRINE LEGACY TREE**.

Please send the following information to the Shrine office: *Your Name, each Family Member(s) First & Last Name and their Relationship* to you. Also, please note whether the person is living or deceased (they **DO NOT** have to be members at Al Menah necessarily).

Good Luck with putting together **YOUR Shrine Family Legacy Tree!** We hope to see lots of participation in this project!

Beth and I would like to **WISH YOU & YOUR FAMILY** a Very Happy Thanksgiving!

**Yours in the Faith,
High Priest and Prophet
Randy Williams**

ORIENTAL GUIDE



I would like extend my gratitude to all the Units, Clubs, DeMolay and Ladies that worked the circus. It was awesome to see everyone work together to produce a great show!

The Clowns had a great auction and delicious Uncle Bud's dinner with over 200+ in attendance. All of the funds from the auction will go to our Shriner's hospitals. Great Job!

If you did not get to attend the Fall party or the Ladies Extravaganza, then you missed a great time. The committees did a great job organizing both events.

With the turn of Fall in the air, so is parade season. We kick off with numerous Veteran's Day parades around the area and then the start of Christmas parades. Hope to see everyone out participating at the parades and if you are not in a unit or club, do not let that stop you. We can find a vehicle for you to ride in, if you are not able to walk.

**Oriental Guide
Scott Jones**



From Chief Rabban Frank Hester and Lady Tracy

Lady Tracy and I would like to extend a heartfelt thanks to all of you that played a part in the 2016 Al Menah Shrine Circus. Your generosity of time, money and effort was very much appreciated. We offer a special thanks to Scott Jones, David Smith and Bob Gessler for all of their hard work and tireless energy. And we couldn't have done without all of the Ladies helping scan tickets and working the hospitality

room. You all are amazing and continue to make Al Menah strong and proud! Thank you to all of the Units and others that contributed in making our Hospitality Room for the Circus successful. We all enjoyed some wonderful food that kept us going for four days. Each of the Units played such a vital part from the Chanters singing the National Anthem, the Legion of Honor posting our colors, the Directors Staff selling the programs and coloring books, the Horse Patrol and Flying Fez selling tickets for the floor events, the Greeters and DeMolay providing ushering, the Clowns offering constant entertainment (and

pies to the face), the Nobles in the downstairs room counting tickets and money and the Provost Guard keeping us safe and protected. And last but not least to our Motor Corps family for pitching in where ever needed and being there from beginning to end. WE THANK YOU ALL!!

AMT Stated Meeting Reminder

Captains & Club Officers Meeting at
5:30 PM

Dinner is served at 6:00 PM

Stated Meeting at 7:00 PM

Unit Meetings at 7:30 PM

Ladies retire to Vision Building after dinner to enjoy fun and fellowship.

Make plans to attend!



Upcoming Events

(as of this publication)

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Nov 5 Ladies Extravaganza &
Shopping Feztival
Buddy Helms

PARADE SCHEDULE 2016

Veterans:

Nov 6 Hendersonville Veterans
Nov 11 Nashville Veterans
Nov 12 Murfreesboro Veterans

Christmas:

Nov 19 Springfield
Nov 27 Dickson
Nov 19 Springfield
Nov 27 Dickson
Dec 3 Macon
Westmoreland
Goodlettsville
Franklin
Spring Hill
Gainsboro
Dec 4 Smyrna
Lebanon
Dec 10 Granville
Dec 17 Bethpage



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Dear Fellow Nobles,

I have been truly blessed to have had the opportunity to serve on the Joint Boards for more than 11 years, and to serve you as your Imperial Potentate. I am humbled and honored to be entrusted with the responsibilities and challenges that come with being elected president and serving as the chairman of the board of trustees at Imperial Session this past July.

Thank you for your confidence in me, and your commitment and dedication to the mission of our unique health care system. I will do all that I can to strengthen and improve Shriners Hospitals, and to keep you informed of new developments. Working together, and keeping our focus on what is best for the children and families we serve, we can accomplish great things this Imperial Year.

I also want to thank everyone who made the effort to be in Tampa, Florida, for our Imperial Session, both the voting representatives, and those who simply came to share in the brotherhood and camaraderie that is such an important part of being a Shriner. We truly are a huge, global family and it is wonderful when we all gather together and share that experience.

Something else we should all share is pride in the accomplishments of Shriners Hospitals, and in our commitment to our patients and families, including doing everything we can to help them realize their potential and believe in their dreams, despite the physical difficulties they face and overcome every day.

Finally, I want to thank you again for allowing me to serve you as the chairman of our health care system. I look forward to working with you, hearing your suggestions and concerns, and to our making a difference together. The most important thing we need to remember as we face the future is our promise to do everything we can to improve the lives of the patients and families who depend on us.

Yours in the faith
Jerry G. Gantt
President and Chairman of the Board of Trustees
Shriners Hospitals for Children





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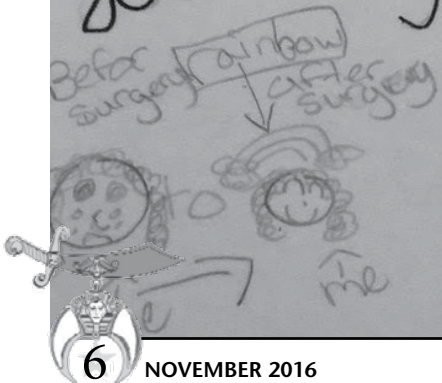
What we are all about...

Dear, Shriners

Thank you so much for all of the help. From telling me nothing was eating at my bone to giving me my Gift Bag. And I really appreciate putting my Bone back in place and putting me asleep for my surgery or else that would have hurt. But what I most appreciate is you caring so much for all of the patients and making your Hospital for kids only. And thank you for letting me rent a wheelchair. And my parents have been bragging on how good you are. So thank you very, very, much.

you made my day!

From, Shelby



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CENTER NEWS



CLOWNS

The Al Menah Clowns have had a great month. The Shrine Circus was a lot of fun for us and hopefully we helped make it fun for all those who attended. We enjoyed working with our brethren from all the other Al Menah Units and Clubs. The Clowns wish to acknowledge and thank our ladies and all the shrine ladies for their support and keeping us well fed during the circus.

Our annual Paper Sale Auction was held October 22 we had a great turnout. Thanks to Charlie Rivers and committee for a great meal and event. We raised a sizable amount of monies to support our Shriners Hospitals.

The Clowns and their ladies will be enjoying the festivities and fellowship at the Fall Party. The food, the chili cook off, the costumes and music were great fun!

Before we know it we'll all be hitting the parade circuit. Get ready, it's going to be a busy time for all.

The Al Menah Clowns welcome two new "rookie" clowns. The vote was taken and we have approved for membership Timothy "Kool Kop" Work and Alan "Biskit" Jones. Please say hi to these clowns when you see them.

Frank "Froggy" Wilson
Secretary



DIRECTOR'S STAFF

We had a great turnout of teamwork and fellowship at this year's circus. How



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amazing it can be when we call come together to get things done?!

The fall party was a great kickoff to our upcoming holidays and "Fez"tivities! Be sure to check the upcoming events in this edition of the Shriner. Directors Staff Thanksgiving and auction to be held on November 12th, 2016.

Plans for next year's Potentate's trip are out! Be sure to get the details from the office on how you can get in on the fun! The Ladies Extravaganza was yet again successful this year and had many participants.

We would like to ask all of our readers to keep fellow Shriners and their families in their prayers. For many it will be the first of many Holidays spent without loved ones, not only within our Unit, but our Al Menah family.

We also ask God to be with us and to be with our Military whom help provide such security on the home front and overseas. God bless our Temple, the work we do and all those who contribute to the success of Al Menah Temple and our mission.

Lt. Randy D. Byram



Lookie here Mountaineers!!! Youns a fix Fellers its startin to cool down but youins gonna get warm by being real busy. Lookie whats comin down the pike:

Parades - Veterans Day
Hendersonville, Tn. - November 6th
Nashville, Tn. - November 11th
and more to come.

This past month we had a whole lot of fun at the big Halloween party and them funny looking fellers (clowns) auction.

In closing, please remember our sick, distressed, our Shrine Children and our Troops in harms way across this troubled world.

Keep your powder dry,

Claude Claytor
Captain



LEGION OF HONOR

The Car Show was fun. It was a beautiful day with lots of beautiful cars to enjoy. The Legion of Honor sold corn dogs, popcorn and soft drinks. We didn't make a lot of money but the camaraderie was great. Thanks to all members who came out and helped.

The Legion of Honor also had good participation at the Fabulous Al Menah Shrine Circus. It was a good circus enjoyed by all who attended.

The Legion would like to apologize about the Turkey Shoot which we had scheduled for Oct. 8th and 9th. The Metro laws have changed and open shoots are not allowed. We were looking forward to it but could not go through with it.

We welcome to the Legion our newest member Wayne Russell Steele. He is retired from the U.S. Marines and I'm sure he will fit right in. You too might fit right in if you are a military veteran and a Shriner. Ask any member for an application.

Veterans Day parades are coming up at Hendersonville, Nashville and at the Murfreesboro VA Hospital. Watch for emails with details and Christmas parades soon after that.

Remember members of the military still serving and protecting our freedoms and keep them in your prayers. Also pray for our Shrine Hospitals and the children.

May God Bless,
PC Roy Lindsey, VC



PROVOST GUARD

The Circus has come and gone once again. Thanks to all the ladies that fixed food and worked at the hospitality. I think everyone had a great time.

Now it is time to look forward to the parade season.

Secretary
Ken Loftis



MOTOR CORPS

Get your motors running. Parade season is just over the horizon! The Veteran's Day parades kick off our season on November 6 in Hendersonville and November 11 in Nashville. The upcoming Christmas parades include November 19th – Springfield and November 27 – Dickson.

A great big Thank You to everyone for their awesome help and participation at this year's Circus, especially for the help at the kids' matinee and ticket scanning. As always, a very special thank you to our ladies for providing hospitality. While everyone did their best, attendance was low this year so we will all have to dig in next year and help make this an amazing year for our upcoming Potentate.

Have you made your plans for the Motor Corps Christmas party yet? Saturday, December 3rd at the American Legion Hall, Post 88. Invitations will be in your November Motor Corps newsletter, so make sure you RSVP. If you do not get your newsletter in the mail, contact Fat Rabbit or Debbie via email. This is always a great time and a great way to cel-

brate the ending of a year of friendship while bringing in the new officers and celebrating their future year. See you 'round the bend!

Joey Holder

SHRINE CLUB NEWS

Hendersonville Shrine Club

What a great time of the year to be a Shriner! Christmas Parades, parties for our kids and veterans and more. I would like to say THANKS to all our members for their hard work this year on our onion sales, plaque sales and Paper Sale by going the extra mile to help our kids. Remember, "Shriners help children."

We will elect our 2017 officers at our November meeting and they will be installed at our Christmas party in December. Our November meeting will be Monday the 28th at the Black-Eye-Pea at 164 East Main Street in Hendersonville. We meet at 6:00pm for food and fellowship and at 7:00pm for our meeting and election. Plan on coming or you may be our "New President"!

Our Christmas party will be Thursday, December 22nd at the Cherokee Steakhouse on Old Hickory Lake. We meet at 6:00pm for the installation of officers and dinner at 7:00pm.

Everyone have a Happy Thanksgiving with your family and friends. Thank God for all the blessings we enjoy...our families, our health, our country and the freedom we have through our men and women in uniform fighting for that freedom.

Boyd Parnell
President

Williamson County Shrine Club

All Shrines and their ladies are welcome. We are meeting on the 4th Thursday of every Month (except August and December) at Sammy B's, it is located in the Old Chop House building on the Old Castle Heights Academy grounds. We eat a 6:00 Meeting at 7:00. Will meet at Sammy B's until further notice. Fez Required

We now preparing for our Christmas Party for the Handicap Kids which will be held December 13th at the Wilson County Fair Grounds.

WCSC was invited to attend a Law Enforcement outing in Lebanon City Park, The Mt Juliet Lodge, Lebanon Lodge, and Watertown Lodge, Plus the WCSC donated several hundred Shrine Circus tickets and goodie bags to the Police Departments to take children from their communities to the Circus.

Lets let people know who we are and what we do, be proud of our Fraternity.

Walt Trapnell
615-405-3545

Membership Notice



What are you doing to help get candidates? Our Potentate, Leadership team and Membership team has set a goal of Gold membership in 2016. It will take extra efforts of everyone to be successful.

2016 Membership Chairmen Sam Isbell (sisbell@eml1.com or

615-579-0765) & Co-Chairman Dale Pewitt

(dalepewitt@comcast.net or

615-533-6714) are soliciting

our help and support.





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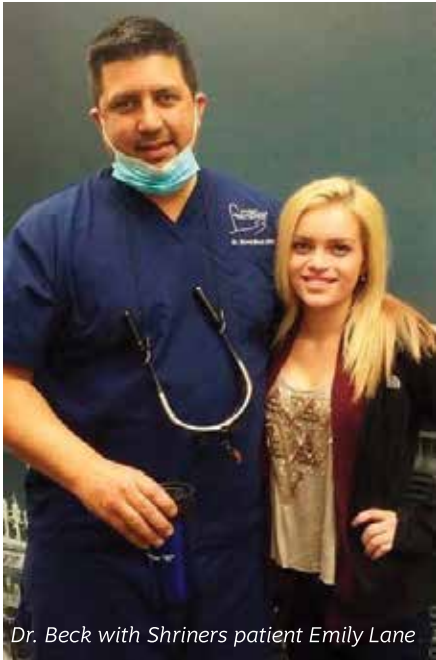
News from Cincinnati



Giving the gift of a smile

That is exactly what David Beck, D.D.S. is doing. He has been volunteering his services and time to help patients at Shriners Hospitals for Children®—Cincinnati since 2012.

Dr. Beck learned about Cincinnati Shriners Hospital through one of his patients, Pam Kresser. She is an RN that works in Family Services at the hospital. "She knew we volunteered to help treat veterans and asked if I could help some of the children since there is no dentist on staff," said Dr. Beck.



Dr. Beck with Shriners patient Emily Lane

Once he found out about the conditions treated at Cincinnati Shriners Hospital he jumped at the chance to help. There are many complex craniofacial patients in need of dental services. He knew his knowledge, time and talent could help many of Shriners patients that may not have the opportunity to receive dental care.

"I'm so amazed at the care patients and families receive at Cincinnati Shriners Hospital," said Dr. Beck. "I had no idea all of the plastic surgery conditions they treat regardless of a families ability to pay."

Dr. Beck has treated more than 30 of Shriners' patients and continues to do

so. He treats them at his office in downtown Cincinnati and at the hospital. He also consults with their pediatric plastic surgeons on complicated craniofacial patients and burn survivors. Some of the procedures he performs include extractions, root canals, multiple crowns and implants.

After spending time at Cincinnati Shriners and researching Shriners International, he decided to become a Shriner. Dr. Beck said, "I wanted to be part of an organization that has a mission to help kids and do the right thing when no one is watching." He is currently a Mason and working his way up to become a Shriner.

Shriners Play a Big Role in Referrals

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

Website

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

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Lexington Shriners Hospital patient named Volunteer of the Year

Olivia Noble, a 16-year-old patient of Shriners Hospitals for Children — Lexington has been named Volunteer of the Year by the American Red Cross - Eastern Kentucky Chapter. Olivia has volunteered a total of 500 hours in 2016 without missing one day of school! “I chose to volunteer with the Red Cross five years ago. I wanted to help others without expecting anything in return. I also wanted to show other young people in my community the importance of helping your neighbor,” said Olivia.

Olivia has been a patient of Shriners Hospitals for Children — Lexington since she was 4 months old, after being born with club feet. “We all have challenges and we all can be successful depending on how we choose to overcome our obstacles. There is no limit to my ability,” Olivia said.

Growing up, Olivia has been on the receiving end of bullying due to her physical disabilities; particularly with the way she runs. Instead of allowing the bully to bring her spirits down, she found hope and healing through her volunteer efforts. Olivia has accomplished so much in five years with the Red Cross and is now certified to assist with house fires by helping the victim(s) find a place to stay and delivering food boxes to disaster victims. She also received certification from the Red Cross in CPR and first aid. She and her volunteer leader will be teaching certification classes in the summer of 2017.

Olivia plans to become a patient ambassador for Shriners Hospitals for Children — Lexington and join the #CutTheBull campaign to help raise awareness of the challenges children with disabilities face and give patients the confidence they need to not only see the ability in themselves but in others as well. Olivia says that her favorite volunteer outreach program is during the holiday season when she gets to wrap and deliver gifts to low income homes and the terminally ill at the VA hospital. “I will continue to volunteer with the American Red Cross until they throw me out,” said Olivia.



Patient gives back to hospital

Kallie Mullins, 18-year-old patient of Shriners Hospitals for Children — Lexington, recently presented a custom wood burning plaque as a token of her appreciation to the hospital and staff. Kallie has her own company called Out of the Woods, creating custom pyrography – the art of decorating wood or other materials with burn marks. The Lexington Shriners Hospital is now the proud owner of a custom piece by Kallie and plans to display the art at the new medical center – opening in April 2017.

Kallie presented the plaque to the hospital on September 23, at the 10th Annual Island Luau Ball. “I want to thank the doctors and staff of Shriners Hospitals for helping me with my disability so that I can walk through life as a braver person,” said Kallie. “You have given me so much care and love, and today I want to give back to you.”

Kallie has been a patient of the Lexington Shriners Hospital for many years, receiving expert care for brachial plexus injury. The brachial plexus is a network of nerves that originates in the neck region and branches off to form most of the other nerves that control movement and sensation in the upper limbs, including the shoulder, arm, and hand.

She has joined the hospital’s nationwide #CutTheBull campaign to help all children with disabilities find their ability, like she has with pyrography. Kallie wears the 2016 campaign t-shirt proudly and looks forward to continuing to inspire others with her custom pyrography.



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