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Wilmington
William A. French
1919



Wilmington
Leroy C. Robertson, Jr.
1926



Wilmington
Orless H. Shoemaker
1934



Wilmington
Luther A. Raney
1943



Wilmington
John J. Burney
1952



Wilmington
2023 Potentate
Louis R. Smith III



Wilmington
Horace T. King
1961



Wilmington
Luther M. Cromartie
1970



Wilmington
John R. Godwin
1979



Supply
Albert H. Parker
1988



Wilmington
Lloyd A. Tyndall
1997



Watha
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2006



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Potentate's Message



Lady Patricia and I wish you and your families a Happy New Year. I have been honored to serve in 2023 as your 106th Sudan Potentate. We appreciate all the support we have received from our Sudan Nobles, Ladies, club members, and unit members. It has been a fun and exciting year!

We were thrilled to bring our Fall Ceremonial back to our home-

town of Wilmington. We were also pleased to dedicate the 2023 Fall Ceremonial to the loving memory of my parents, Noble Louis R. Smith, Jr., and Lady Dylah Danford Smith. He was a dedicated Master Mason and member of the Scottish Rite for over 53 years and a Shriner for over 43 years. Dad was Master of Wilmington Lodge AF&AM #319 in 1997 and 2006, and Captain of the Sudan Drum and Bugle Corps for 2 years. My mother, Dylah, always supported him in his Masonic, and life endeavors.

The venues for our events were special because of their beautiful views that showcased Wilmington and the Cape Fear River. Lane Marshburn, Outer Guard, chaired the Ceremonial Team and our Program Book. He and his Committees did a fabulous job! Many enjoyed the Henrietta Riverboat cruise and enjoyed the beauty of our city and port while Sudan golfers enjoyed a round of golf at our city course. The Moslem Feast held at New Hanover High School and prepared by the Chef Crew was delicious.

Our home clubs of Wilmington and Pender were "over the top" with delicious hospitality food, desserts, and decorations. Our bartender team served refreshments with smiles and thanks for all who attended. Thanks to New Bern Shrine Club for loading and hauling the huge coolers for our bartenders, and to Steve Marshburn from Onslow County for the coolers of ice. Dare County Shriners brought and cooked fresh seafood for our pleasure. All these things were planned for Sudan Shriners and their Ladies. We give a huge THANK YOU to our volunteer teams who worked so hard to make it happen. "Too Much Sylvia" and "Craig Woolard & The

Embers" rocked Cape Fear Community College's Union Station in the evenings. The Ladies Breakfast was also a hit. Thanks also to our Roadrunners for driving the shuttles for our Potentates Ball.

We have gained 67 new members, 8 Affiliates, and 5 new associates. Our membership number on November 30th was 3306. We must look to the future and focus on retaining our current members and actively recruiting new members. We want enthusiastic Shriners, eager to learn, and willing to work to promote our fun, fellowship, and Shriners Children's.

To Sudan's office staff we thank you for your daily hard work, advice, and assistance. I want to thank our Divan Leadership team for their hard work, continuous travel, dedication, and sacrifice of their time. We have worked hard to meet our challenges and move Sudan forward. We have focused on today's requirements and our future needs.

Sudan was so fortunate to have the Imperial Session in Charlotte this year. This enabled many of our Shriners, Ladies, clubs, and units to parade and experience an Imperial Session. We were able to meet our Imperial Officers, Shrine Children Ambassadors, and Shriners from all over the world.

Pat and I are so proud of the Shriners and their Ladies we have met at our Shrine Clubs, fish fries, golf tournaments, parades, and other club events and fundraisers. We have made new friends in our travels within Sudan and at other temples. Our travels to Shriners Children's Greenville and Shriners Children's Texas have been so rewarding. We were excited to approve a new parade unit the "Sudan River Rats," at our One Day Ceremonial.

Thank you all for your support of our 2023 temple fundraisers and we look forward to your continued support in December. We thank all our Shriners, Shrine Ladies, family, and friends for their generous donations to Lady Pat's "Three Hearts United Program" for Pediatric Burn Care. Her goal was \$50,000 and we may exceed \$65,000. This will be divided between our burn centers in Galveston, Texas, and Dayton, Ohio.

Pat and I carry our wonderful memories and friendships with us. "WE ARE SUDAN" and thank you for a wonderful year! We look forward to 2024 and supporting Sudan Shriners.

Fondly,

Louis R. Smith III

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Louis R. Smith III". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large "L" and "S".

Sudan Potentate '23



Recorder's Message



Nobles and Ladies:

Best wishes to all for a happy and prosperous 2024! By the time you receive this, our Christmas and New Years activities will be completed with promises and obligations for the new year. We will have the final plans completed

for the 2024 Annual Winter Ceremonial in New Bern. I want to thank Illustrious Sir Lou Smith and Lady Pat for their work in 2023. Lady Pat's fundraiser for the burn hospitals was noteworthy.

The three ceremonials saw a good group of our Sudan Shriner's and their families having an enjoyable time and the One-Day Ceremonial was well attended. Rain put a damper on two big events in 2023. The annual Oxford Celebration in October and the Fall Ceremonial on Veterans Day weekend in Wilmington were hit by heavy rainstorms thus canceling the parades at both locations.

We did make presentations of (81) 25-Year and 50-Year Shriners International Service Awards to some well-deserving nobles at several shrine clubs throughout Sudan. Another good note is that the annual Sudan Scimitars gun raffle was very successful for the 9th year.

Working membership must be our highest priority by identifying ways to keep our membership interested and still be capable of supporting "LOVE TO THE RESCUE". In 2022, there were only 600+ new Master Masons created in North Carolina. Our NC Grand Lodge continues to suffer an unbelievable reduction in new masons, affecting all our masonic bodies. Shriners International reported losses of over 20,000 nobles the last two years. We need to concentrate and realize our losses are going to start to affect our fundraising abilities

for our hospitals! What can we do to keep our younger membership active and interested? Do we need to change the night of the meeting? How about family-oriented activities at the club or unit? We need to participate and be active in our blue lodges to attract lodge membership.

Let's talk about our 2023 Shrine Bowl of the Carolinas! We did not win this year! Chilly weather did not deter the turnout of our several hundred North Carolina fans supporting these young talented athletes. A Shrine Bowl official told me that of the total 88 players from each team, over 30 have committed to major colleges to play football. Two of the game officials are members of shrine temples.

Our Sudan units continued the impressive display of spreading the word of Shrinedom and our hospitals by their participation in communities annual Christmas parades. Some units participated in as many as 35 parades, and several with over 15 events. A special thanks for this dedication to all those involved.

In closing as always, please remember those in need of prayers for healing, those mourning the loss of loved ones, and prayers for the best fraternity in the world. Jan and I wish you all a very Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Yours in True Faith,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'George L. Raecher'.

George L. Raecher
Recorder



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SUDAN SHRINERS					
Budget Report for					
2024 Budget Preparation				Nov 30	
		2022	2023	2023	2024
	REVENUES:	Year End	Budget	Actual	Proposed
Account #	Account Name				
400.01	Initiation Fees	8,000.00	13,000.00	6,300.00	6,000.00
401.01	Dues	301,968.00	394,380.00	381,229.00	470,033.00
401.04	Prior Year Dues Received	1,575.00	2,000.00	1,480.00	2,000.00
402.01	Life Membership Interest	136.03	200.00	0.00	5,000.00
402.03	Life Membership Dues		0.00	7,600.00	0.00
403.01	Rental Income	22,050.00	42,000.00	0.00	0.00
405.01	Interest Income	6,666.38	6,000.00	105,120.83	100,000.00
406.01	Miscellaneous Income	198.65	2,000.00	5,587.20	2,000.00
406.02	Donations - Moslem Feast	2,539.00	3,000.00	4,046.00	3,000.00
	Hurricane Florence Ins Deferred	539,116.74			
409.01	Donations - Fraternal	0.00	20,000.00	0.00	0.00
409.02	Donations - Building Fund	25,609.35	0.00	1,013.80	0.00
470.01	Children's Activity (Salaries)	37,606.78	37,900.00	28,370.33	39,850.00
470.02	Children's Activity (Tel & Post.)	2,275.99	3,000.00	1,762.22	3,000.00
470.022	Children's Activity (Insurance)	9,394.60	8,000.00	5,804.91	9,500.00
470.023	Children's Retirement	1,043.54	1,000.00	788.85	1,300.00
470.055	Children Trans. (Van Insurance)	11,255.00	12,000.00	13,753.80	12,000.00
470.056	Uniform Units & Club (Insurance)	41,107.00	40,000.00	43,766.51	40,000.00
470.06	Jesters (Telephone & Postage)	1,416.84	1,000.00	2,478.34	2,000.00
472.05	Potentate's Ties / Uniform additions	57.00	0.00	142.00	0.00
	Potentate's Ladies Jewelry & Donations	8,670.00	0.00	60,160.00	0.00
474.01	Temple Fundraiser	23,841.75	23,000.00	24,535.00	23,000.00
474.02	Cost of Temple Fundraiser	(10,850.75)	(12,000.00)	(10,762.90)	(12,000.00)
474.041	Potentate's Fundraisers	32,115.00	31,000.00	30,330.23	
474.042	Cost of Potentate's Fundraisers	(17,715.16)	(17,716.00)	(17,715.16)	
474.05	Misc. Fraternal Fundraiser	11,920.00	12,000.00	1,880.00	
	Cost of Misc. Fraternal Fundraiser	(939.60)	(1,000.00)	(121.99)	
480.01	Fez & Strip Sales	11,545.44	10,000.00	10,469.18	10,000.00
481.01	Cost of Fezzes & Strips	(21,268.02)	(15,000.00)	(19,518.77)	(15,000.00)
484.01	Red Fez/Website Income	23,918.00	22,000.00	25,160.00	22,000.00
485.01	Red Fez/Website Publication Expense	(28,426.20)	(30,000.00)	(29,561.88)	(30,000.00)
	Adjustment to Restricted Income				
	TOTAL REVENUES	1,044,826.36	607,764.00	684,097.50	693,683.00
	EXPENSES:				
	Total Imperial Council	99,792.50	100,330.00	95,507.50	160,950.00
	Total Administrative & General	253,326.08	367,384.00	245,804.13	390,958.00
	Total Building Operations & Maintenance:	34,637.14	19,400.00	89,327.09	19,600.00
	Total Business Sessions	10,559.30	19,900.00	9,772.71	18,425.00
	Total Ceremonials	42,000.00	48,000.00	46,208.17	51,000.00
	Total Entertainment & Social:	23,100.00	26,000.00	22,816.68	26,000.00
	Total Visitations & Pilgrimages	23,197.41	25,600.00	17,176.31	25,600.00
	Total Promotions:	0.00	150.00	0.00	150.00
	Total Charity & Member Welfare:	557.67	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
	TOTAL EXPENDITURES:	487,170.10	607,764.00	527,612.59	693,683.00
	Income	1,044,826.36	607,764.00	684,097.50	693,683.00
	Expenses	487,170.10	607,764.00	527,612.59	693,683.00
	Net Income	557,656.26	0.00	156,484.91	0.00



SUDAN SHRINERS
WINTER CEREMONIAL
New Bern, North Carolina
January 26 – 27, 2024
SCHEDULE OF EVENTS



Friday - January 26, 2024

8:00 am	Past Potentates Cabiri Breakfast/ Meeting – <i>Courtyard by Marriott</i>
10:00 am	Board of Directors Meeting – <i>St. John's Lodge #3, 516 Hancock St.</i>
11:00 am - 3:00 pm	Open for shopping and sightseeing
3:00 pm - 5:00 pm	Sudan Hospitality Room - <i>New Bern Shrine Club – 2102 S. Glenburnie Rd.</i>
7:00 pm - 9:00 pm	Memorial Service, Patient Introductions, Check Presentations & Potentate Remarks - <i>Riverfront Convention Center, 203 S. Front St.</i>
9:00 pm - 12:00 am	Ceremonial Dance – “Cat5 Band”

CASH BAR DOWNSTAIRS ALL WEEKEND Admission by
2024 Shrine or Blue Lodge Dues Card
Coat / Tie & Fez Requested – Ladies - Dress or Pantsuit

Saturday - January 27, 2024

7:30 am	Registration of Candidates – Fez Sizing & New Candidate Orientation <i>Grover C. Fields Middle School - 2000 MLK Blvd</i>
8:00 am	Annual Stated Business Meeting - Officer Elections & Budget Approval, Sudan Shriners Holding Corporation - <i>Grover C. Fields Middle School</i>
9:00 am	Ladies Breakfast & Entertainment - <i>Riverfront Convention Center</i> (<i>All Shrine Ladies, New Candidates Ladies, and Special Guests are invited</i>)
9:30 am	Shrine Degree by Ritualistic Cast - <i>Grover C. Fields Middle School</i>
11:00 am	Parade Formation at Kafer Park - George Street
12:00 Noon	Parade Steps Off – George St. - Broad St. - Middle St. - Disbands on South Front St. at Truist Bank & DoubleTree
1:00 pm	Moslem Feast - Chef Crew – <i>Grover C. Fields Middle School</i> <i>Camel Drivers will be set up</i>
2:00pm	Potentate's Happy Hour - Hosted by the Wrecking Crew - <i>Grover C. Fields Middle School</i>
3:00 pm - 5:00 pm	Sudan Hospitality Room - New Bern Shrine Club
6:00 pm	Riverfront Convention Center – Doors Open
6:30 pm	Doors to Ballroom Open for Seating
7:00 pm - 9:00 pm	Grand March - Distinguished Guests, Divan & Past Potentates Fez & Rose Presentation / New Nobles & their Ladies Installation of Potentate & Remarks
9:00 pm - 12:00	Potentate's Ball - “Bounce Band”

Nobles / Ladies & Invited Guests Only
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Ladies - Dress or Pantsuit

NOTICE
The Annual Session of Sudan Shriners
will be held at Grover C. Fields Middle School
New Bern, NC
January 27, 2024 – 8:00am

For the election of Potentate, Divan Officers, Shriners International Representatives, SASA Representatives and New Candidates: the 2024 Budget Approval, and the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the temple.

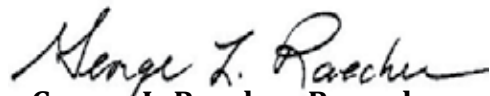
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- (a) **Electioneering.** A candidate for an elected office in a Shrine temple may print, publish and circulate during the year he is seeking the elected office, a resume' consisting of his educational background, his vocational history, and his Masonic and Shrine record. Except as provided in the prior sentence, the printing, publication, circulating or distribution of resolutions, letters, telegrams, tickets, email or other devices, by a unit, club, noble, or group of nobles, suggesting, recommending, opposing, or containing the names of proposed candidates for office in the temple is prohibited.
- (b) **Expenditures Prohibited.** The expenditure of money for gifts, favors, or entertainment on behalf of a candidate for elected office is prohibited.
- (c) **Violation.** For any violation of (a) or (b), the Imperial Potentate may suspend any offending noble, and he may declare the election of the officers void and order a new election.
- (d) **Notice.** At least one week prior to the annual meeting or any election, the temple Recorder shall mail to each member a notice thereof containing this section.

Amend. 2011



Louis R. Smith III, Potentate



George L. Raecher, Recorder

NOTICE TO NOBILITY OF SUDAN SHRINERS

The Annual meeting of *Sudan Shriners Holding Corporation* will be held on Saturday, January 27, 2024 at Grover C. Fields Middle School immediately following the Business Meeting. All nobles of Sudan Shriners are members of the Holding Corporation and are invited to attend.

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Wilson County Service Awards



On October 17, 2023, the Wilson County Shrine Club conducted their monthly meeting. It was a special meeting in that seven nobles from the club were recognized for their long-term dedication and service to our fraternity. Four were recognized for their 25-year service and three nobles for their 50 years of service. Noble Lemuel A. Harper was presented with his 25 Year Service Award and Noble Arthur T. High was presented with his 50 Year Service Award. Nobles Christopher A. Bass, Harris E. Tyson and Seth H Tyson were unable to attend to receive their 25-year awards. Nobles Frederick S Daniels

and Aaron A Absher were unable to attend for their 50-year awards. These will be presented with the appropriate certificates later. The letters and awards were read by Outer Guard Lane Marshburn. The presentations were made by Illustrious Sir Louis Smith III. Other Divan members and their ladies present were Chief Rabban Randy Simpson; High Priest & Prophet Jeff Taylor; Oriental Guide Chris Boykin; Recorder George Raecher; 2nd Ceremonial Master Ronnie Blount; and Marshal Dean West. A great meal and fellowship were enjoyed by all in attendance.

Pender County Service Award



Noble Edsol Rowell receiving his 50 Year Service Award at Pender County Shrine Club on October 24.

Pictured with Nobles Jeff Taylor, High Priest & Prophet, Ronnie Blount, Club Governor and Second Ceremonial Master, Jay Green, Club First VP, and Lou Smith III, Potentate.



Noble Edsol Rowell receiving his 50 Year Service Award with his family at Pender County Shrine Club.



“Bella” 2023 Queen of the Shrine Bowl of the Carolinas



On December 16, 2023 “Bella” reigned at the Shrine Bowl that featured the best football players representing North and South Carolina. Held at Vikings Stadium at Spartanburg High School in South Carolina, the selective teams from both states matched up. The game was promoted and hosted by Shriners; it’s the oldest high school football all-star game in the United States. Many alumni of the Shrine Bowl have gone on to play in prestigious universities and in the NFL. The Shrine Bowl is an athletes dream come true and can be truly life changing.

Donna Horton, Patient Services Coordinator, recommended and connected Bella with our Potentate, Lou Smith and Lady Pat. Bella was selected by Ill. Sir Lou Smith for this prestigious honor. She is a strong, beautiful, and courageous Shrine ambassador. She has been a Shrine patient for many years and approaches each day with love and resilience. She is an amazing student and attends high school in Hope Mills, NC.

Bella was honored earlier at Hope Mills Shrine Club on November 27 with a special reception, program, and meal given by the Nobles and Ladies of Hope Mills Shrine Club. Attendees included Nobles, Ladies from various clubs, and the Divan who came to honor her. Bella’s family, support team and loved ones from her high school and community showed their admiration and support. Noble Dana Mauldin, a member of the Board of Governors of the Shrine Bowl of the

Carolinas presented a PowerPoint presentation of the most notable things to know about this historic game.

Congratulations to Bella as she enjoys the rewards of being selected our 2023 Queen of the Shrine Bowl of the Carolinas and showing so many how to live, love and smile.



Shrine Bowl Queen Bella

87th Shrine Bowl Blazer Presentation



On October 20, 2023 at Northampton High School at their Homecoming Game in Gaston NC, Coach George Privott was presented with his Shrine Bowl of the Carolinas jacket having been selected as an Assistant Coach for the North Carolina team. This is a tremendous honor to be selected for this game. Defensive tackle from the North Hampton team, Henry Hicks Jr, has also been selected to play in the game. The 87th game was played between North and South Carolina on December 16th in Spartanburg, SC with forty-four of the best players from each state. The coat presentation to Coach Privott was made by Illustrious Sir Louis Smith III. First Ceremonial Master, Noble Larry Barnes, Coach Privott’s wife, Florissa and school Principal John F Williams were present for this special presentation.

2023 - Shrine Bowl of the Carolinas



North Carolina Fan Support at 2023 Shrine Bowl of the Carolinas

The Shrine Bowl of the Carolinas pitting our North and South Carolina top football athletes is quite an event to plan and conduct. Not only do we have eleven nobles from Sudan on the Board of Governors, but we also have a fabulous representation with other nobles and their ladies from Sudan completing chores and taskings. This includes Noble Ronnie Blount and Lady Jocelyn; PP Buddy Brown and Lady Tina; PP Coble Wilson and Lady Sheryl; Noble Jeff Taylor; Noble Tom Ferrell and

Lady Milly; Noble Dean West and Lady Darlene; and Noble Tony Edwards and Lady Vickie. They participate in selling hats, shirts, and SBOC logo items to planning the banquet the night before the game. They work on game day assignments with on-field activities. These behind the scenes complement the most organized and successful All-Star Football Game in Shriner's International. Thanks to you all!

New Nobles – Fall Ceremonial



Jason Bryan Blackwell
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Amelia



Amelia was born in December of 2022 to Noble Tyler Jones and Lady Ashley Jones. She, like her dad was born with webbing of the middle and ring fingers and toes. A medical condition that is known as syndactyly. Amelia will be receiving her first surgery on her right hand at Shriners Children's Greenville in South Carolina in February 2024. This will be the first of three surgeries that she will have to include her left hand and feet.

Like her dad, Noble Tyler and 1.6 million others she will carry on the title of being a Shriners Child and will be a personal representative of what Shriners across the world strive for: compassionate care, expertise and changing lives.

Amelia hasn't let anything slow her down as she is growing and doesn't seem to be phased by her hands or feet. She is a very happy little girl and as everyone has always said has a million precious expressions. Her parents are so grateful for the care and the treatment that she has been given thus far by Shriners Children's Greenville.

Tyler became a Sudan Shriner as a result of family and his exceptional treatment at Shriners Children's and wishes nothing more than to carry on the legacy to serve one of the world's greatest philanthropies. As parents, Tyler and Ashley are very excited to have the opportunity to teach Amelia the same.

New Brother



Shriners Children's patient Connor has a new brother, Carson. Connor loves him dearly! Look at the smile on both faces!

Do's and Don'ts of Burn First Aid

Reacting quickly and appropriately to a burn injury can make a significant impact in the recovery process and extent of the skin damage. Here's what to keep in mind for first aid best practices, according to guidance from the American Burn Association and Shriners Children's Dr. Palmieri.

Do



Immediately run the burned area under **cool water**. Dr. Palmieri recommends running it under water **for up to 20 minutes** within three hours of the injury.



Remove all jewelry and clothing around the area.



For small burns, apply **soothing lotions** intended for burns, such as aloe, every four hours.



Drink plenty of **fluids**.



Take ibuprofen or acetaminophen for **pain control**.



Cover the area loosely with a bandage.



Seek **medical attention** for severe burns or those affecting an area of the body larger than the palm of the hand. According to Dr. Palmieri, if the burn is larger than five hand prints in size, seek medical attention without delay – don't stop to run it under water. This is due to the risk of the patient going into shock.

Don't

✗ **Do not place ice on the injury** – it could cause further skin damage.



✗ **Do not use any household substance** on the burn, such as butter, tomato or toothpaste – it could trap the heat as well as introduce bacteria to the wound that could cause infection.



✗ **Do not pop burn blisters** – they help protect the injured area from infection.



Ladies Page

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Neva Godwin and Lady Sybil Tyndall, friends re-united..



Ladies of Pender County Shrine Club
Total Pediatric Burn Care Fundraiser
\$67,690.00

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In Their Own Words

Inspired by the incredible accomplishments of former patients, current patients tell us about their hopes and dreams for the future.



Bridget, 15 |
SHRINERS CHILDREN'S
NEW ENGLAND

“I aspire to be a Dallas Cowboys cheerleader. My passion for this sport started as a toddler, and I am dedicated to reaching that elite level of athlete, despite a knee injury. Post-surgery, I have never felt stronger or more versatile as a dancer.”

Kayson, 8 |
SHRINERS CHILDREN'S OHIO

“I want to be a pilot because I can fly people all over the world to destinations they love, and it would make them happy.”



Wen, 10 |
SHRINERS
CHILDREN'S
SHREVEPORT

“I want to be an artist. I love to draw, and I’m inspired by nature! I want to use art to encourage people.”



Grace, 15 | SHRINERS CHILDREN'S FLORIDA

“I think it would be cool to design prosthetics for animals or develop websites for blind or visually impaired users.”

Madison, 16 |
SHRINERS CHILDREN'S LEXINGTON

“I want to work in the horse industry. I enjoy training, riding and just about anything to do with horses. I cannot think of anything I’d rather do that brings so much joy to my life.”



Solomon, 16 | SHRINERS CHILDREN'S HAWAII

“I want to express myself creatively in the art of acting because I love to embody characters. Acting gives a different perspective of looking at life.”



Maria, 18 |
SHRINERS CHILDREN'S
MEXICO

“I want to dedicate myself to flower farming and help the community where I am from. I like to see how flowers grow and cultivate them. I am studying engineering in sustainable agricultural innovation.”



Dash, 8 |
SHRINERS CHILDREN'S
TWIN CITIES

“I want to design video games and even be on *BattleBots* someday.”



Sydney, 18 | SHRINERS CHILDREN'S PHILADELPHIA

“My dream job is to work as an occupational therapist at Shriners Children’s. The care I have received has shown me how important it is to help others be comfortable and successful no matter their diagnosis or injury. I want to be that person for someone else like Shriners Children’s was for me.”

A JOURNEY OF HOPE

NAME: KAROLINA

CONDITION: DOUBLE AMPUTEE

LOCATIONS: SHRINERS CHILDREN'S BOSTON, SHRINERS CHILDREN'S NEW ENGLAND



“She got right up and took off walking. It surprised me how fearless she was.”

– BROCK MCCONKEY

Injured during an artillery strike in her home country of Ukraine, 7-year-old Karolina, a double amputee, arrived at Shriners Children's Boston in early 2023. Treated by a collaborative care team from the Boston hospital and Shriners Children's New England in Springfield, Massachusetts, Karolina took her first steps on new prosthetic legs just weeks later.

Led by physical therapist Hilary Smith-Chong, the Shriners Children's Boston rehabilitation team worked on strength and balance with Karolina in preparation for receiving her prosthetics. Brock McConkey, Manager of the Pediatric Orthotics and Prosthetics Services (POPS) department at Shriners Children's New England, casted Karolina for temporary prosthetic legs.

Shriners Children's worked in partnership with the Ukraine House – the foundation established by Ukraine President and First Lady Zelensky – to provide care for Karolina. Relationships with additional humanitarian and government agencies were integral to helping both Karolina and Daria, her godmother and guardian, during their time in the United States.

On the day of her initial fitting, Karolina's ability to instantly navigate her temporary prosthetics astonished everyone in the room. “Children who use bilateral prosthetics need to have even more balance and strength than those who don't,” Smith-Chong explained. “She picked up the use of her prosthetics possibly faster than any other child I have worked with.”

Karolina received her permanent prosthetics before leaving Shriners Children's Boston in late March. Her positivity and perseverance inspired everyone she met. “Karolina is truly a hero for everything she has been through,” said McConkey.



Sudan Shriners Plaque Pledges

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Phone – Vaughn Steele (910) 483-3983

Phone – Johnnie Albritton (252) 243-6584



To: Sudan Shrine Club Salesmen

From: Vaughn Steele & Johnnie Albritton

Dear Plaque Pledge Salesmen:

Our Plaque Sale total for this year is **\$46,225.00** and although we did not reach our goal, we want to recognize and congratulate the clubs who were dedicated and worked hard selling plaques in 2023. Please know that your efforts have not gone unnoticed.

Yes, we are selling plaques again in 2024 and we are requesting each club to set a goal now. This will give you an early start selling.

Always remember that the **#1** mission of Sudan Shriners is to raise funds for Shriners Children's.

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays.

With kind regards,

Fraternally,
Vaughn Steele
Johnnie Albritton



Sisters Hailey and Isabella have had numerous appointments at Shriners Children's.

Sudan Shriners were welcomed aboard the NEWest Henrietta for a relaxing, informative and fun tour on November 10. There were spectacular views and fellowship along the Cape Fear River.



Leadership Seminar

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Thank You, Abbe' Godwin Sculptor, Lady, Friend of Sudan Shriners

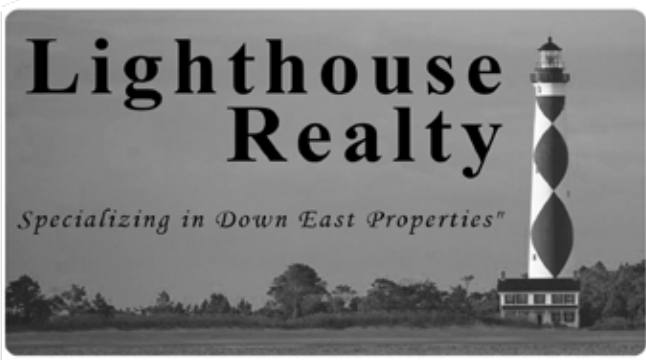
Abbe' Godwin is one of three daughters and two sons of Past Potentate, John Godwin, and Lady Clara who faithfully served Sudan Shriners and SASA leadership during Abbe's younger years. Abbe' spoke passionately and captivated our full attention at the Fall Ceremonial Ladies Breakfast. Her parents now deceased, "never recovered from losing their eldest brother, Cece, when we were children". Abbe' fully understands now why her father spent so much time away from them while they were growing up. She thanks Sudan Shriners for "reminding us over again about his contribution towards helping to relieve the suffering of children". That is what we are about.


Abbe's message ignited painful memories for many of us as she shared her research that inspired her military sculptures depicting the men and women who served during the Vietnam era and about their return to the United States. Plagued with trauma, mysterious illnesses, and no parades they refocused their service towards the greater good. Many are Shriners who direct their service back to Shriners Children's and more...

Abbe' is a nationally known sculptor. Her work includes thirteen sculptures in her public collection across the United States. Many of them are tributes to our servicemen and women who ensure our freedom and remind us of all that means. Abbe' is the widow of Lino Tornero. They were happily married for 38 years.


She graduated from New Hanover High School in Wilmington, UNC with a Bachelor of Fine Arts, and UNC Greensboro with a Master of Fine Arts. Abbe's greatest lesson to us is knowing and appreciating the hearts of Shriners and our Veterans ~ all served mankind and the greater good.

In friendship,
Lady Pat Smith





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AN EXCERPT FROM GENERAL ORDER NO. 1:
FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES

It is natural to associate the fez with Shriners Hospitals for Children. Because of this, meticulous attention must be given to all fundraising activities, including circuses, to make certain that such activities comply with the law of the land and that a contributor is not led to believe that his money will be used for the Hospitals when all or a portion thereof will be used otherwise. The integrity of our charity and of our fraternity must remain above reproach.

Your specific attention is called to the following fraternal and charitable bylaws:

§335.3 USE OF NAME "SHRINERS HOSPITALS FOR

CHILDREN." The use of the name "Shriners Hospitals for Children" or reference to the Hospitals in connection with any fundraising activity by a temple or Noble without the written consent of the Imperial Potentate and the Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Hospitals is prohibited.

§503.11 COMMERCIAL USE OF NAME

The use of the name "Shriners Hospitals for Children" or reference to the Hospitals in connection with any commercial product or business enterprise is prohibited unless the written consent of the Board of Directors and Trustees has been first obtained.

Now, therefore, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

1. Fundraising for Fraternal Purposes:

- (a) No Noble (in his capacity as a Shriner), club, unit, organization of Nobles or affiliated or appendant corporations shall engage in any fundraising activity without the express written consent of the potentate of the temple having jurisdiction thereof.
- (b) There can be no representation, express or implied, that the proceeds will be for the benefit of Shriners Hospitals for Children.
- (c) The temple potentate shall carefully examine all phases of the advertising, promotion and solicitation to determine that it complies with §335.3 and §503.11 of the fraternal and charitable bylaws and that there is no representation, expressed or implied, that would lead a reasonably prudent person to believe that the proceeds will be for the benefit of Shriners Hospitals for Children. If the potentate is in doubt, he must receive the opinion of the Imperial Potentate who, after consultation with the Director of Temple Accounting, shall make the final determination.
- (d) The temple potentate must approve the terms and provisions of any contract for a fundraising activity after receiving the advice of the temple attorney, and additionally, as may be required by the temple bylaws.
- (e) A copy of the temple potentate's written consent shall be mailed to the Executive Vice President, Shriners International. Further, such written material pertaining to the fundraising activity, as requested by the Executive Vice President, Shriners International shall be promptly mailed to him.

2. Fundraising for Charitable Purposes:

- (a) No Noble (in his capacity as a Shriner), club, unit, organization of Nobles or affiliated or appendant corporations shall engage in any charitable fundraising activity other than for Shriners Hospitals for Children. Permission therefore must be first obtained in writing from the temple potentate. The temple potentate must then obtain written permission from the Chairmen of the Boards of Directors and Trustees. This request for written permission shall be sent to the Executive Vice President, Shriners International, P.O. Box 31356, Tampa, FL 33631-3356. No charitable fundraising activity shall be held in the jurisdiction of another temple without the written permission of the Potentate of that temple.
 - (1) A joint charitable fundraising activity with another 501(c)(3) charity may be authorized provided that a minimum of 50% of the net proceeds are for the benefit of Shriners Hospitals for Children, and the Chairmen of the Boards of Directors and Trustees determine, on a case by case basis, that it is in the best interest of Shriners Hospitals for Children and they grant their written permission for the activity.
 - (2) A charitable fundraising activity conducted by a temple located outside of the U.S.A may be authorized for other charities, provided that the chairmen of the board of directors and trustees determine, on a case by case basis, that it is in the best interest of Shriners Hospitals for Children and they grant their written permission for the activity.

- (b) 100% of net proceeds (as defined in the Charitable Fundraising-Approval And Reporting provisions of the current General Order) from charitable fundraising must be given to Shriners Hospitals for Children except for such portion thereof as may be permitted to be retained for the temple Shrine Hospital Patient Transportation Fund, pursuant to the Special Purpose Funds provisions of the current General Order. Provided, however, if the chairmen of the boards of directors and trustees determine for good cause shown, that the law of the land requires that a portion of the net proceeds must be distributed locally, then they may, if they determine it to be in the best interest of Shriners Hospitals for Children, grant their written permission for such distribution.
 - (c) The temple shall report the result of each charitable fundraising activity within sixty days of the activity, pursuant to the Charitable Fundraising-Approval And Reporting provision of the current General Order.
 - (d) This section shall not apply to activities exempt under §335.4(b) of the bylaws of Shriners International.
 - (e) Each independent corporation or entity that receives the permission of the chairmen of the boards of directors and trustees to raise moneys for Shriners Hospitals for Children, and which does not have its financial statements reviewed pursuant to §334.6 & §337.8 of the bylaws of Shriners International, shall have its financial statements audited by a certified, chartered or licensed public accountant and shall submit such audit report to Shriners International within 120 days of the activity.
3. Statement of Purpose and Disclosure:
- (a) Every fundraising activity must contain factual information on its solicitation material, tickets, programs and documents, including all electronically transmitted materials, regarding the use of the proceeds.
Examples:
"Proceeds are for the benefit of (_____ Shriners) (_____ Shrine Club) activities."
"Proceeds are for the benefit of Shriners Hospitals for Children."
 - (b) Every fundraising activity which is not entirely for the benefit of Shriners Hospitals for Children shall prominently state on the solicitation material, tickets, programs, documents and electronically transmitted material that "payments are not deductible as charitable contributions."
 - (c) There must be compliance with the Revenue Act of 1987 provision of any existing general order by U.S. temples.
4. Compliance with Applicable Laws:
- It is the responsibility of the temple potentate, after receiving the advice of the temple attorney, to determine that there is compliance with all applicable laws in its jurisdiction for the temple's fundraising activities.
5. Financial Records:
- (a) The temple shall maintain detailed financial records pertaining to all fundraising activities involving Nobles, clubs, units, organizations of Nobles and affiliated and appendant corporations. Details of all revenues and expenditures shall be maintained in such financial records.
 - (b) The temple must retain such detailed financial records for a period of seven (7) years.
 - (c) There must be compliance with *Financial Reporting on Charitable Funds and Activities* provision of the current general order.
6. Notification to Nobility:
- A copy of the *Fundraising Activities* provisions of the current general order shall be printed in the temple publication at least once every calendar year. If there is no temple publication, then a copy shall be mailed to each Noble in the temple not later than the last day in March of each calendar year.
7. Discipline:
- Any officer, Noble or temple which violates a provision of *Fundraising Activities* is subject to discipline pursuant to the bylaws of Shriners International.

In Memoriam

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James E. Barnett, Sr.	Salter Path	11/20/1993	11/6/2023
Hubert H. Bordeaux	Wilmington	11/25/1972	10/10/2023
William S. Brantley	Bath	5/29/1982	9/4/2023
Donald S. Bright	Fayetteville	11/17/2012	10/14/2023
Isaac S. Brigman	New Bern	5/21/1988	9/30/2023
Robert E. Bryan, Jr.	Cedar Grove	5/18/1967	9/22/2023
Mitchell D. Carter	Clinton	5/22/1976	9/19/2023
Donald G. Daniels	Ahoskie	1/27/1996	10/10/2023
Edmond F. Faircloth	Goldsboro	1/27/1979	9/26/2023
George S. Hansley	Surf City	5/22/1971	9/6/2023
Martin D. Johnson	Maysville	1/28/1984	10/6/2023
Norman B. Leary	Camden	11/22/1999	10/5/2023
Raymond C. Littleton	New Bern	5/12/1990	10/5/2023
William A. McClung	Greenville	11/17/1990	11/4/2023
James F. Modlin	Beaufort	5/20/1965	7/18/2023
Clifton P. Morris	Wilmington	6/1/1974	9/24/2023
Charles R. Noblin	Oxford	5/21/1964	9/25/2023
Junious A. Reeves	Clinton	1/23/1993	10/31/2023
Richard D. Sealey	Lumberton	1/22/2005	9/10/2023
Thomas W. Sheets	Wilmington	11/30/1968	11/12/2023
Monte L. Starr, PP	New Bern	5/6/1978	9/11/2023
John C. Young	Murrells Inlet, SC	5/16/1992	9/22/2023

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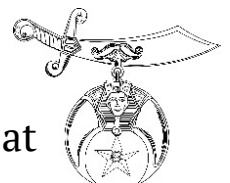


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March 8 - 9	Shriners Days - Greenville	Sept. 20 - 22	SASA, Myrtle Beach, SC
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