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Potentate's Message



Dear Ladies and Nobles,

The Holidays have now come and gone. I trust everyone had a memorable Christmas season filled with family, fun and friendship. I also hope everyone stayed well and away from sickness, but for those of you who unfortunately caught a bug like me and several others, I trust you quickly recovered.

To begin, I simply cannot say enough about all the Great Ladies and Nobles of Robeson County. The Shrine Club, the Pirates and the Tomcats all

came together and put on an absolutely wonderful November Fall Ceremonial for Sudan Shriners, "ROBCO STYLE"!! Many thanks also go out to all the Sudan Units and Clubs who participated in the Friday night tailgating experience and cooked so many various and delicious dishes. There was no reason for anyone to have gone back to their rooms without a belly full of these treats. We were blessed with beautiful fall weather all weekend and it was an impressive sight to see so many of the Sudan parade units in formation on Saturday as we followed the Lumberton Christmas parade. The streets were lined with spectators who were thrilled by all our units. Even Santa Claus, who followed us, commented that he seldom saw such a grand parade, and we all know he has seen parades the world over! I'm also sending a special shout out to PP Coble and my "Lil Sis" Sheryl Wilson for spearheading this fine event. Folks, this Shrine family, along with their son Jace, are like family to me and I love them so.

Our Sudan Shriners parade units took off on their annual holiday treks throughout Sudan Land for many Christmas parades in December and some even traveled to other temple areas to entertain the hundreds who attended these events. Sudan Shriners has always been blessed with dedicated parading nobles who give freely of their time to represent Shriners Hospitals and our mission, and though they represent us well all year, they really come through and shine during the Christmas Season.

Your Divan was also on the go in December and January traveling and attending many clubs for Christmas events including Shrine Club Officer, Shrinette Officer and Unit Installations. This is one of the highlights of serving on the board of Sudan Shriners because it gives all the Divan members the opportunity to see old friends, get to know new Shriners along with their ladies and further our relationships within this great fraternity. Everyone always makes us feel welcome and at home, and you feed us very well also! Thank you so much for allowing us to spend these special events with you.

January 11, 2026 marked a special day for Sudan Shriners. On this day the Columbus County Shrine Club held a ground breaking ceremony to begin construction on a new 7500 square foot building. Though there have been a few setbacks here and there over the past few years, the nobles and ladies of Columbus County have worked hard, saved their money and are now on the

way to making a longtime dream come true. This new building not only marks a milestone in the 64-year history of the club, but it will also shine a positive light on Sudan Shriners, the Shriners Hospital system and be a welcomed asset for the surrounding community. This just goes to show you what Shriners and their ladies can do when they set their mind on a goal and come together in unity for a common cause.

In just a few weeks, the Sudan Shriners Winter Ceremonial will be held in our long-standing home city of New Bern. This annual celebration marks the end of the previous Shrine year and welcomes in the officers of the forthcoming year. I urge each of you to get behind our incoming leaders, pledge your support and continue to keep our Children and Hospitals as our primary forethought and the reason for our existence. We can only continue to succeed in supporting our philanthropy and taking care of all the Children who need and benefit from our endeavors, if we consolidate our efforts as ONE, on the level. To our nobility and our incoming officers, I wish us all Godspeed for a successful and unified 2026.

In looking back over 2025, I want to thank each of you for all the support you showed in allowing me to serve as the 108th Potentate of this great Shrine temple. It has been an honor to represent you and the Children we serve. The nobles and ladies of the Lenoir and Wayne County Shrine Clubs, including the Motor Patrol, Cart Caravan and Wrecking Crew, never failed to ensure everything was always handled in a first-class manner. I especially want to thank Illustrious Sir Cale Grady for showing his faith in me when he appointed me to the Divan line in 2016 as his, and your, Outer Guard. Cale, you are a very dear friend and I appreciate the guidance you provided as I advanced through the ranks. You will always be in my heart. Your appointment gave me the opportunity to meet and work with some great individuals and develop many genuine, lifelong friendships.

I would be remiss if I did not convey my many thanks and appreciation to our office staff, Mrs. Sharon Evans and Mrs. Sheila Foy, for all the efforts they have put forth in making sure our day-to-day activities have always been carried out in the utmost professional manner during their many years of service. Sudan Shriners is so very fortunate to have these dedicated ladies in our office. Thank you, ladies, for your hard work, advice and taking care of all of us.

Lastly, I thank my family for all their support over these past 10 years. It wasn't always easy for them when I had to step away from our business, but they made sure everything was taken care of in my absence. I love you all so much. Without a doubt, my most proud moment during my tenure as a Divan member was when I was afforded the privilege of sitting as Master of Mount Olive Masonic Lodge 208 and conferring the Third Degree on all three of my sons in 2017. Shortly thereafter, Thomas, Sam and Jake crossed the Hot Sands and became Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. Daddy of course got stuck with the initiation fees but I gladly paid them.

So, nobles and ladies of Sudan Shriners, I again say THANK YOU! for being a part of this great journey. I have faith we will continue to strive and succeed for our Children and I pray for each of you a safe and prosperous New Year in 2026.

Fraternally and gratefully, I remain simply,

Tom

Recorder's Message



Nobles & Ladies,

Jan and I would like to give best wishes to all our nobility and their ladies for 2026. Welcome aboard to Noble Jeff Taylor and Lady Colleen who take the reins on January 25, 2026. Special note! Prior to his appointment in 2017 to the Divan, he served five years as the Assistant Director for Sudan. Another year is about to start our never ending first priority - that of supporting our Shriners Children's and ensuring the long-time care of thousands of children who need us!

Before I go too far, I want to thank Illustrious Sir E.T. "Tom" Ferrell and Lady Milly for an outstanding year. The annual quarterly Spring, One-Day and Fall Ceremonial were outstanding. The shrine clubs and units associated with their planning and conducting the events were above reproach!

I have included an article in this issue of the Web-Fez article titled "Time for Change". Our membership issues are still of the utmost fraternal concern throughout all our Masonic Bodies. We will start out 2026 with another loss of over two hundred for the fifth straight year. What can you and I as members do to retain some of these losses?

Sudan Shriners are without a doubt making our presence known throughout our jurisdiction with unbelievable participation in civic, festival parades (28), Veterans Day (10). In 2025, we had units participate in 79 Christmas parades with a collective total of 203 units. Our Dunn Clowns stayed busy with participation in a total 30 parades for the year. Fraternal and charitable fundraisers are another fantastic display of who we are and why we do these events.

Our 2026 Leadership Seminar will be conducted at the Dunn Shrine Club this year. We will include a thorough presentation on the recent changes to Imperial Potentate's GO #1. This will include mandated language in temple and club rental contracts, insurance updates, North Carolina ABC permits, membership initiatives, and financial and administrative issues. The seminar is not only for newly elected officers but other nobles holding elected positions.

On a brighter note, our Sudan parade units were outstanding in paying tribute to our military veterans on Veterans Day. We had seven units at the Warsaw Veterans Parade. This is the oldest consecutive veterans' parade in the United States.

We did not receive awards in the Annual Dromedary Awards competition. We did see how we may be able to better promote and enhance our public relations efforts. The award-winning magazines were all published in color. Again, as in the past several years, there were suggestions on how to protect our fraternity with the increases in Scam issues.

Our office ladies often go unnoticed! Sharon Evans, our Office Manager, Sheila Foy, our bookkeeper, and newly hired Jessica Aldridge, our Patient Coordinator are without a doubt dedicated to Sudan. Nothing but perfection from all three of these ladies is displayed daily. We are blessed repeatedly to have them. Send them a "Thank You" card or thank them when you call the office.

In closing, let me encourage you to make an extra effort for you, your lady and a new candidate to attend the upcoming 2026 Winter Ceremonial. As always, please remember those needing healing from sickness and distress. Be safe and God Bless you all!

Fraternally,

George L. Raecher
Recorder



NOTICE
**The Annual Session of Sudan Shriners
will be held at Grover C. Fields Middle School
New Bern, NC
January 24, 2026 - 8:00am**

For the election of Potentate, Divan Officers, Shriners International Representatives, SASA Representatives and New Candidates: the 2026 Budget Approval, and the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the temple.

Imperial Bylaws Article 325.11: Election Regulations

- (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

E. T. "Tom" Ferrell 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 24, 2026 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.

2026 SHRINE CARD NECESSARY FOR ADMITTANCE

Fezzes Requested



**SUDAN SHRINERS
WINTER CEREMONIAL**
New Bern, North Carolina
January 23 – 24, 2026
SCHEDULE OF EVENTS



Friday - January 23, 2026

8:00 am	Past Potentates Cabiri Breakfast / Meeting – <i>Courtyard by Marriott</i>
10:00 am	Board of Directors Meeting – <i>Courtyard by Marriott</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</i> – 2102 S. Glenburnie Rd.
7:00 pm - 9:00 pm	Memorial Service, Patient Introductions, Check Presentations &
9:00 pm - 12:00 am	Potentate Remarks - <i>Riverfront Convention Center</i> , 203 S. Front St. Ceremonial Dance – “DJ Justin Rouse”

CASH BAR DOWNSTAIRS ALL WEEKEND
Admission by 2026 Shrine or Blue Lodge Dues Card
Coat / Tie & Fez Requested – Ladies – Dress or Pantsuit

Saturday - January 24, 2026

7:30 am	Registration of Candidates – Fez Sizing & New Candidate Orientation <i>Grover C. Fields Middle School</i> - 2000 MLK Blvd
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> (All Shrine Ladies, New Candidates Ladies, and Special Guests are invited) \$20
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>
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 Potentate's Ball - “Blackwater Band”
9:00 pm - 12:00	

Nobles / Ladies & Invited Guests Only
Fezzes Requested All Weekend
Nobles Coat / Tie & Fez Requested / Ladies Formal - Semi-Formal
Ladies - Dress or Pantsuit

SUDAN SHRINERS					
Budget Report for					
2026 Budget Preparation		Dec 31		Nov 30	
		2024	2025	2025	2026
Account #	Account Name	Actual	Budget	Actual	Proposed
400.01	Initiation Fees	6,800.00	6,000.00	5,100.00	6,000.00
401.01	Dues	420,037.00	419,706.00	393,030.00	386,295.00
401.04	Prior Year Dues Received	1,820.00	2,000.00	455.00	1,000.00
402.01	Life Membership Interest	2,821.08	4,500.00	4,223.34	4,500.00
402.03	Life Membership Dues	5,700.00		7,655.00	
405.01	Interest Income	110,668.15	100,000.00	77,284.62	100,000.00
405.19	Truist Bonds Change in Value	299,793.99		221,927.78	
405.20	Carteret Co S/C Interest	8,290.42			
405.201	Change in Value -Bonds Carteret Co S/C	14,356.98		17,889.52	
406.01	Miscellaneous Income	2,768.44	2,000.00	975.88	2,000.00
406.02	Donations - Moslem Feast	3,896.00	3,000.00	2,903.00	3,000.00
409.01	Donations - Fraternal	0.00	20,000.00	0.00	20,000.00
409.02	Donations - Building Fund	50.00			
470.01	Children's Activity (Salaries)	41,101.58	40,650.00	24,182.02	40,650.00
470.02	Children's Activity (Tel & Post.)	3,790.95	3,000.00	1,757.25	3,000.00
470.022	Children's Activity (Insurance)	9,668.12	8,000.00	2,739.61	8,000.00
470.023	Children's Retirement	1,095.47	1,400.00	412.65	1,300.00
470.055	Children Trans. (Van Insurance)	10,722.00	12,000.00	11,212.00	12,000.00
470.056	Uniform Units & Club (Insurance)	17,233.00	25,000.00	18,189.00	25,000.00
470.06	Jesters (Telephone & Postage)	2,648.26	3,000.00	2,715.37	3,000.00
	Potentate's Portrait Presentation			390.00	
	Ladies Breakfast	2,792.00		3,865.10	
472.05	Potentate's Ties / Uniform additions	(54.00)		31.00	
	Potentate's Ladies Pediatric Burn	5,670.00			
	Donations Masonic Home - Oxford	13,500.00			
	Helene Donations payable to Grand Lodge	9,750.00			
474.01	Temple Fundraiser	21,025.00	23,000.00	21,537.00	23,000.00
474.02	Cost of Temple Fundraiser	(9,775.11)	(12,000.00)	(10,392.19)	(12,000.00)
474.041	Potentate's Fundraisers	450.00			
480.01	Fez & Strip Sales	6,961.73	10,000.00	5,769.34	10,000.00
481.01	Cost of Fezzes & Strips	(22,300.01)	(15,000.00)	(16,015.03)	(15,000.00)
484.01	Red Fez/Website Income	23,963.00	22,000.00	23,201.00	21,000.00
485.01	Red Fez/Website Publication Expense	(28,956.82)	(30,000.00)	(29,113.63)	(30,000.00)
	Gain on Sale of Property				
	Adjustment to Restricted Income	(21,365.40)			
	TOTAL REVENUES	964,921.83	648,256.00	791,924.63	612,745.00
	EXPENSES:				
	Total Imperial Council	152,190.00	156,750.00	137,877.50	138,150.00
	Total Administrative & General	235,890.52	349,181.00	197,550.26	323,370.00
	Total Building Operations & Maintenance:	20,891.47	19,600.00	19,002.09	20,800.00
	Total Business Sessions	13,011.71	17,475.00	14,685.74	19,175.00
	Total Ceremonials	46,900.92	51,000.00	34,996.38	55,500.00
	Total Entertainment & Social:	23,703.48	27,500.00	15,501.86	29,000.00
	Total Visitations & Pilgrimages	23,744.57	25,600.00	13,846.60	25,600.00
	Total Promotions:	45.00	150.00	30.00	150.00
	Total Charity & Member Welfare:	29,920.00	1,000.00	3,500.00	1,000.00
	TOTAL EXPENDITURES:	546,297.67	648,256.00	436,990.43	612,745.00
	Income	964,921.83	648,256.00	791,924.63	612,745.00
	Expenses	546,297.67	648,256.00	436,990.43	612,745.00
	Net Income	418,624.16	0.00	354,934.20	0.00

New Nobles - Fall Ceremonial



Jeffrey Kyle Benton
Nicholas McClain Bower
John Alex Brinkley
Orville Crowder Jones III
Joel Daniel Kelly
William Bryan Proctor
Jacob Earl Quinn
Robert "Joseph" Rogers
Christopher Michael Shatley, Jr.
Christopher Charles Sykes

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Mt. Olive

Affiliate member
Michael Ray Turner - Bailey



Leadership Seminar

Saturday, February 14, 2026

Dunn Shrine Club

**Upcoming Club / Unit Officers, this is for
YOU!!**

**Presidents and Secretaries: Regardless of
how many terms you have served, you should
make every effort to attend this training
session, due to the many operational matters
that are occurring.**

**Topics will be Contracts, Legal, Financials will be
discussed and/or presented, etc.**

2025 Shrine Bowl of the Carolinas Coaches Jacket Presentations



On December 20, 2025, the Annual Shrine Bowl of the Carolinas will be held at Spartanburg High School in South Carolina. Each year 40 football players, seniors from high schools across North and South Carolina, are selected as all-stars to play in this prestigious game. The North Carolina High School Football Association has named four of the seven North Carolina coaches from our Sudan jurisdiction. On September 12, 2025, Coach Duran McLaurin, from 71st High School, Fayetteville, NC was the first North Carolina Coach to receive his jacket. Noble Ronnie Blount, Chairman of the Shrine Bowl of the Carolinas made the presentation. Members of our Divan and several nobles from the Fayetteville area were present.

On October 17, our Sudan Potentate, Illustrious Sir E.T. "Tom" Ferrell traveled to Tarboro High School and presented Coach Jeff Carddock his Shrine Bowl of the Carolinas jacket just prior to the kick-off. Coach Carddock has been named as the Head Coach for the North Carolina team who will play on December 20, 2025. Coach Andrew Harding, also from Tarboro High School has been selected as an Assistant Coach. Members of our Sudan Divan, board members from Shrine Bowl of the Carolinn's and several nobles from the Rocky Mount Shrine Club were present.

On October 24, 2025, Illustrious Sir along with Divan members and SBOC Board Members attended the Ayden-Grifton High School football game and presented Paul Cornwell with his jacket. He is now the Pitt County Athletic Director, and the former coach at Ayden Grifton High School. Sudan Shriners congratulates these coaches having been selected from the nearly 500 high schools in North Carolina.

Rocky Mount Shrine Club Check Presentations



On December 10, 2025, Rocky Mount Shrine Club conducted their monthly meeting. A social started the evening followed by a great dinner. After dinner, the installation of club, unit and Shrinette officers for the year 2026 were conducted by PP Carl Smith (19). At the conclusion of installations, PP Carl Smith and the 2025 Shrine Club President, Steve Tharrington presented a check to Illustrious Sir E.T. "Tom" Ferrell III for \$14,486.28. The funds were raised at the club's annual Fish Fry, their charitable fundraiser for the Shriners Children's hospitals. Following that presentation, Lady Mary Ann Tharrington, Shrinette President presented a check for \$1000.00 for the Sudan Transportation Fund. We recently received a memo asking how do we project to the public about who we are, what do we do, why and for who! This work in our communities and these donations answered those questions. Congratulations to all of the Rocky Mount Shrine Club membership.

Wilmington Shrine Club Fish Fry Check Presentation

On November 13, the Wilmington Shrine Club held their annual Fish Fry Appreciation Dinner. Approximately 45 members and guests were in attendance as the club recognized those nobles and volunteers who made this year's fundraiser a success. The evening started with a social gathering, followed by a seafood dinner. After dinner, a presentation by club officers was made to our Illustrious Sir E.T. "Tom" Ferrell with a check for \$36,318.77. The photo shows the club members with our Divan members present.



(L-R) Nobles Jeff Collins, Site Chairman, Lee Cannady, Outer Guard; Club President Wayne Baker; Greg Nobles, Site Chairman; Illustrious Sir Tom Ferrell; Duane Howlett, Site Chairman; Lane Marshburn, 2nd Ceremonial Master; Jeff Taylor, Chief Rabban; George Raecher, Recorder; Lou Smith III, PP; and Rick Jackson, PP.

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Sampson County S/C Presentations



Left to Right: Ashley Holland, Michael Thornton, David Simmons, Illustrious Sir E T (Tom) Ferrell III (Potentate), Jeffrey Taylor (Chief Rabban), C Lee Cannady (Outer Guard), Ken Sutton and David Purdie.

The Sampson County Shrine Club conducted their monthly meeting on November 11, and made two special presentations. The first presentation was to an incredibly special business person, Robert Stroud, his wife, Kim and son, Graysen Stroud. The award is presented based on his continuous and exceptionally dedicated support to the Sampson County Shrine Club for several years. He has paid for numerous public relations on Boogie Shoes Radio Network for nearly every special event or fundraiser at the club.



The second presentation to our Illustrious Sir E. T. "Tom" Ferrell III was a copy of the check for \$20,196.52, proceeds from their charitable fish fry that was held on October 24. These funds are designated for our Shriners Children's hospitals.

Columbus County S/C – Pork Chop Fundraiser



On Friday, October 24, 2025, the Columbus County Shrine Club conducted their 2nd Annual Pork Chop Dinner fundraiser. The event was held in Tabor City at the Tabor City Masonic Lodge, AF & AM #563, with the help of the lodge members, their wives and volunteers. Our recently elected Grand Master of Masons in North Carolina, and Past Potentate of Sudan (2012) Steve Norris attended the fundraiser and worked with the group. The event was a huge success. There is an ongoing discussion by the Shrine Club to move the next event to other towns / communities in Columbus County. We might attract some new Sudan Shriners' by conducting these fundraisers at Masonic Lodge locations.

Roanoke Chowan S/C Special Award



The Roanoke Chowan Shrine Club recently held its annual golf tournament to raise money for the Shriners Children's (hospitals). This year's tournament was again a tremendous success. Through the generosity of our sponsors and teams supporting us, we were able to raise \$7,500.00 which was donated to Shriners Children's. The club would like to thank all our sponsors and supporters for helping make this a wonderful day to support the children we serve.

The photo above shows the Shrine Club President, Noble Tony Bracy presenting Noble Donnie Harrell a plaque of recognition for his many years of outstanding service as chairman of the tournament. As in several times in the past years, it is through his efforts, dedication and leadership, this year's tournament exceeded the goals of the club.

THE SHRINERS FRATERNITY

Shriners International, a fraternity based on fun, fellowship and the Masonic principles of brotherly love, relief and truth, founded Shriners Children's as its official philanthropy in 1922. What began as one hospital is now a world-renowned healthcare system with locations in three countries. The fraternity, which has approximately 200 chapters in several countries and thousands of clubs around the world, continues to support this unique healthcare system. To learn more, please visit shrinersinternational.org.

Flag Unit Award



Pictured with Ted are Terry Adams, Jim Brown, Dennis Hill and Tony Frost.

Noble Ted Willis received the "Life Time Achievement Award" from the Sudan Flag Unit this week while at SASA. He was one of the original members and the first Secretary of the Flag Unit. The Flag Unit was formed in 1984.

Bladen County Shrine Club Check Presentation



On December 4, 2025, the Bladen County Shrine Club conducted their monthly meeting. The newly elected club officers were installed after which club President Wendell Garner, presented a check to Sudan's High Priest & Prophet Larry Barnes for \$11,680.00 to the Shriners Children's hospitals. The funds were raised at the club's annual Fish Fry that was conducted on October 8, 2025. Thanks to all members and best wishes for the new year!

Dunn Shrine Club Service Award



On November 17, 2025, the Dunn Shrine Club conducted their monthly meeting. There were approximately 50 nobles, ladies and their guests in attendance. As always, a great social and dinner was enjoyed by everyone. The photo above shows our Sudan Divan with Noble Joseph J. Hemphill Sr and Lady Francesca. Noble Hemphill was presented with his Shriners International 25-year Service Award. Sudan Oriental Guide Dean West read the letters of appreciation from Shriners International. Lady Francesca presented her husband with the 25-year pin. Sudan Potentate, Illustrious Sir E.T. "Tom" Ferrell III then read and presented Noble Hemphill with his award. Congratulations from all of Sudan!

Plaque Sales Year Total 2025

Plaque Chairman

Shrine Club

	<u>Amount</u>
Dare Co SC	\$3,225.00
Dunn SC	\$500.00
Elizabeth City SC	\$2,400.00
Harnett Co SC	\$200.00
Hope Mills SC	\$15,080.98
Johnston Co SC	\$250.00
Lenoir Co SC	\$1,700.00
Martin Co SC	\$1,925.00
New Bern SC	\$875.00
Pamlico Co SC	\$1,000.00
Pender Co SC	\$2,900.00
Robeson Co SC	\$200.00
Wayne SC	\$100.00
Wilmington SC	\$1,125.00
Wilson Co SC	\$12,344.00
Subtotal	\$43,824.98
Expenses	\$3,967.87
Total Sales	\$39,857.11

Time for Changes – Increasing Membership

Noble Russell L. Scull, Shriners International Regional Membership Chairman 8A, found the following in a publication from Management Counseling firm, dated September 1940: (1) "We have done business this way for years and it has always been profitable, just because profits are sliding doesn't mean that we need to look at new ways to improve them". (2) " We have done recruiting this way for years and it has always been profitable, just because membership is sliding doesn't mean that we need to look on new ways to improve it." Wrong answer indeed! We need to look at new ways immediately to "open the doors to the Greatest Philanthropy in the World – Shriners International."

Our 2025 Sudan Potentate Illustrious Sir E.T. "Tom" Ferrell III opened the doors at our Spring and Fall Ceremonials with invitations to all Blue Lodge Masons and non-masons, men who we thought might fit the bill and be interested in joining our Masonic fraternities. It worked fine, in that we had eight of our total 51 new Shriner's in 2025 who joined the either Blue Lodge or Sudan.

What do we do to be attractive? Have an open house meeting for non-masons, masons and their families (wives and children). Stress the organization's goals about our Shriners Children's. There are videos available through Shriners International showing success stories. You might consider a light meal of hot dogs, or pizza! Our Masonic Lodges might even consider helping with the expenses. How about coordinating with a Shrine patient and their family let them explain what was achieved in the care of their child! Distribute the quarterly Shriners International "Care Magazines" to perspective masons and non-masons! Publish notices and have a local pediatrician present who can speak for our hospitals. Just innovative ideas, but we need new members!

Colton Barbour's Story



On Saturday night at our 2025 Fall Ceremonial in Lumberton, NC, we were honored to meet and listen to a miraculous story about one of our long-term patients, Colton Barbour, who shortly after being born was treated over several years at our Shriners Children's. This article is a summary of his experiences as presented to our guests and the nobility by his parents and Colton himself. The photo above shows the Barbour family with our Sudan Potentate, Illustrious Sir E.T. "Tom" Ferrell III and Lady Milly.

"On July 12, 2007, at Duke Hospital, Colton Barbour entered the world weighing only three pounds eight ounces. Soon after, doctors diagnosed him with hemi vertebrae, a rare condition where part of a vertebra and rib fail to form. His parents were told that his spine would curve rapidly every few months—and that corrective action could not be taken until after age two. The prognosis offered little hope.

As predicted, Colton's spine continued to curve, compressing his lungs and leading to repeated bouts of pneumonia. His parents sought second opinions, but the outlook remained grim. Yet, through a chance encounter, Colton's father was introduced to the Shriners Hospital. As Colton's father Roy said, "it was not a coincidence it was a God thing." This connection brought Colton to Dr. Patrick Cayhill, who offered a groundbreaking surgical approach: fusing only five vertebrae rather than the entire spine, potentially sparing Colton from multiple surgeries.

The surgery was successful, but recovery was grueling. Colton's father recalls watching his son, trembling in pain, take each step with a walker while whispering to himself: "Never stop, never give up." That mantra became Colton's guiding light. With determination and therapy, he relearned walking and reclaimed his independence.

Once healed, Colton longed to be "just a normal kid." After convincing his parents and receiving his doctor's approval, he embraced sports—soccer, basketball, ultimate frisbee—and later discovered hunting and knee boarding. He experienced the joys of teenage life, graduated high school, and moved away to pursue higher education.

To Colton, success is not measured by the absence of scars or surgeries, but by the freedom to live without being defined by them. As he put it: ***"A successful surgery is when you don't think about it, you don't let what once held you back stop you, and you have a chance to be normal."***

Colton's story is more than medical triumph—it is a lesson in perseverance. His words echo as a challenge to us all: "Think about what you can do, set your mind to it, and never stop, never give up."

This article was submitted by our newly appointed Assistant Recorder, Noble Bill Lamm.

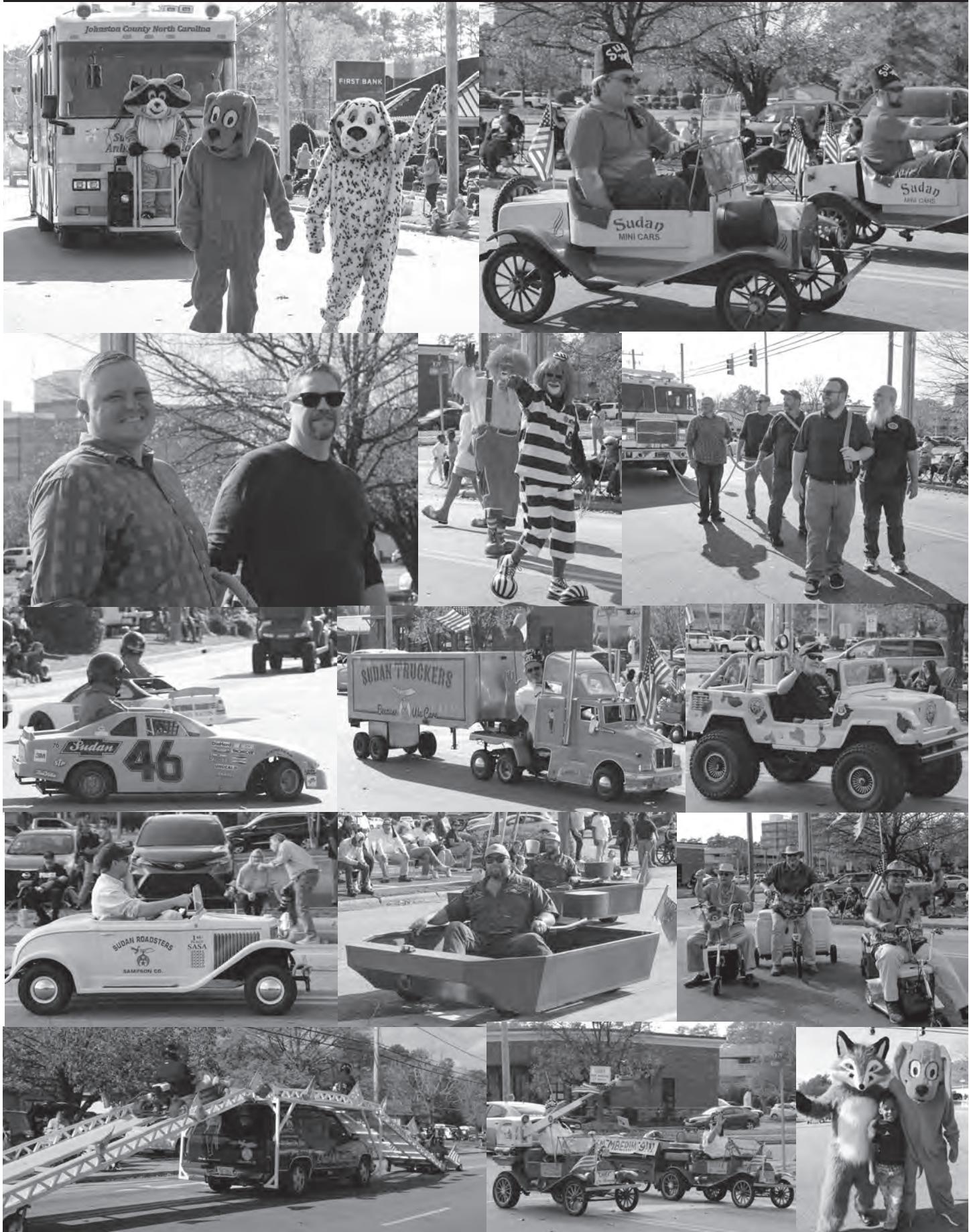


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Shriners Children's Honored in 'Best Hospitals' Rankings

Shriners Children's continues to set the standard in pediatric orthopedics, with four locations nationally ranked in *U.S. News & World Report's* 2025–2026 "Best Children's Hospitals" list. The rankings highlight the top 50 centers across 10 pediatric specialties, guiding families of children with life-threatening or complex conditions to the best care available. Shriners Children's locations are ranked in collaboration with their university affiliates, reflecting the strength of these partnerships in delivering exceptional pediatric care.

This year's honorees:

- No. 21 — Shriners Children's St. Louis
- No. 22 — Shriners Children's Salt Lake City
- No. 23 — Shriners Children's Northern California
- No. 45 — Shriners Children's Lexington

"Excellence in medicine is never an accident," said Chief Medical Officer Fran Farley, M.D. "It is the result of constant learning, collaboration and an unwavering focus on patients. This recognition affirms what I see every day at Shriners

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pediatric care. This honor underscores Shriners Children's commitment to excellence, innovation and advancing pediatric medicine. We celebrate these achievements and reaffirm our mission to give every child the best chance to thrive.



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The Sudan Shriners Red Fez Magazine is published four times a year and distributed to over 3200. We offset part of the publishing costs by offering businesses an opportunity to place an ad in the Red Fez. Ads are very reasonably priced and we will gladly assist you in preparing your ad if assistance is needed.

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Ladies Page

Thank you to Robeson County Shriners and Shrinettes for a Beautiful Ladies' Breakfast and wonderful Ceremonial weekend! Special thanks to the Lumberton FFA, under the leadership of Candace Grimsley, for the large donation of toys for our Greenville hospital.

Thanks to all Sudan Ladies for your love and support in 2025.

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We are still in the early stages of planning. We encourage you to visit the Noble Academy website for updates on registration, hotel reservations, schedule of events and things to do in Washington, D.C. If you have any questions, please contact membership@shrinenet.org.

Help Prevent Serious Injuries

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Shriners Children's stresses the importance of burn prevention

For decades, Shriners Children's has been working to help reduce the number of preventable pediatric burn injuries by increasing awareness of the causes of burn injuries and offering prevention tips.

Burn Awareness Week, observed annually during the first full week of February, is the kickoff of our yearlong educational campaign. Free materials available via our website, including tip sheets and fact cards, are designed to be a resource for firefighters, teachers, parents and others concerned with the safety and well-being of children.

Be Burn Aware

Burn Awareness Week is February 1-7, 2026. Building on the theme **Be Burn Aware**, our efforts focus on preventing burn injuries in the home, because that's where the majority of preventable burn injuries occur. Homes are the sites of thousands of burn injuries to children every year, including scalds, fire-related injuries, electrical burns and flammable liquid burns. With some simple precautions, many of these injuries may be prevented.

We have found that educational efforts have an impact: In the U.S., the occurrence of major pediatric burn injuries has decreased since campaigns like this one have been in place.

FAST FACTS ABOUT BURN INJURIES

FIRES

- Fires occur quickly. In less than 30 seconds a single flame can become a fire. In two minutes, it can become life-threatening; in five minutes a residence can be destroyed.
- Every year, hundreds of children under age 10 die in home fires.
- Fires and burns are a leading cause of injury-related fatalities among children under age 15.

SCALDS

- Young children have thinner skin that burns more quickly than adults'. People of all ages can be burned in 30 seconds by a flowing liquid that is 130° F; at 140° F, it takes only five seconds; at 160° F, it only takes one second. For children under 5, these temperatures can cause a burn in half the time.
- Hundreds of children are taken to the emergency room every day with burn injuries, including scalds.
- Most scald injuries occur in residences. Scald burns are typically related to ordinary activities, including bathing, cooking and eating.

All materials are available for viewing, ordering or downloading at beburnaware.org.
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As world leaders in burn care, Shriners Children's promotes burn awareness and prevention throughout the year. Burn Awareness Week, February 1-7, 2026, marks the kickoff of our yearlong Be Burn Aware campaign.

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Spencer H. Etheridge	Tarboro	5/28/1977	9/11/2025
William E. Glover	Bailey	5/23/1963	10/27/2025
Donald F. Harrelson	Tabor City	1/28/1989	8/29/2025
Joseph R. Hill	Youngsville	5/21/1983	8/30/2025
Charles E. Hughes	Rocky Mount	11/16/1996	10/24/2025
Harry L. Parker, Jr.	Lake Waccamaw	1/23/2010	9/15/2025
Fred T. Simmons	Supply	11/29/1975	8/27/2025
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COME TO CIGAR CITY!

The 2026 Imperial Session is being hosted in Tampa, home of Shriners International Headquarters since 1979, when it moved from Chicago. It is being held downtown at the Tampa Convention Center and three hotels, the Tampa Marriott Water Street, the Embassy Suites Downtown and the Hilton Downtown Tampa.

All are only a short distance from some of Tampa's most notable attractions: the *USA Today* Readers' Choice award-winning Riverwalk, Florida Aquarium and Ybor City historic neighborhood.

Nobles will love exploring this city with their families, friends and brothers. So come and see this vibrant city for yourself!

VISIT THE SUNNY CITY ON THE BAY

Historically, Tampa has been known as "Cigar City," from the industry that helped spawn the metropolis from a small town. But it is also sometimes known as The Big Guava – a reference to the fact that it was a search for wild guava trees that triggered events leading to the small village's initial growth.

In the 1880s, Spanish-born Vincente Martinez Ybor, a renowned Cuban cigar maker who had fled the island when accused of being a revolutionary, was searching for a new location for a cigar business. He happened upon an individual who was searching for wild guavas, who suggested Tampa. It was humid, had an excellent harbor and was developing shipping and rail lines.

Tampa was small then, but it was poised for great things. City fathers bought him land just north of town. That land became Ybor City and the cigar industry flourished. At its height, workers in the city's

numerous cigar factories rolled multiple millions of cigars annually.

Automation took its toll on Ybor City's livelihood in the 1930s, and the area languished for decades. It has been revived and renovated now, and just enough of the old cigar rolling town history remains to make it interesting. There are old factory buildings that have been repurposed; even some worker housing remains. The Ybor City Museum tells the story of cigar rolling and the mostly Latino community that flourished when the cigar industry was thriving and lucrative.

Ybor City is a short trolley ride from the convention center area and downtown.

For those who like to swim or lie back and feel the sun, let's not forget Tampa's beaches. St. Pete Beach was named the #1 beach in America by TripAdvisor in 2021; it's about 30 miles from downtown Tampa. Clearwater Beach is known for its fine sand and sunsets, and it's even closer, about 25 miles from downtown.

WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE

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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.

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Feb. 14	Leadership Seminar - Dunn Shrine Club	Oct. 10	Oxford Homecoming
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