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# ALCAZAR NOBLE NEWS

Imperial Sir Gary J. Bergenske & Lady Anne



Meet Your New Imperial Potentate & First Lady  
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## Alcazar Shrine Divan / Committees / Clubs / Units

### Elected Divan

Al Smith, Potentate  
 Greg Moore, Chief Rabban  
 John Daniel, Assistant Rabban  
 Bill Forshey, Jr, High Priest & Prophet  
 David Royal Oriental Guide  
 Allen Daniels, Treasurer  
 Lee R. Sims, P.P., Recorder

### Appointed Divan

James Henderson, 1st Ceremonial Master  
 Toney Ivey, 2nd Ceremonial Master  
 Marvin Johnson, Temple Director  
 Bill Forshey, Sr, Parade Marshal  
 Terry Wofford, P.P., Marshal  
 Dave Russell, Captain of the Guard  
 Tommy Hill, Outer Guard  
 Wayne Smith, Chaplain  
 Bruel Davis, Asst Chaplain

### Imperial Representatives

Al Smith, Potentate  
 Greg Moore, Chief Rabban  
 Lee R. Sims, P.P., Recorder

### Dixie Representatives

Andy Compton, P.P.  
 Allen Daniels, Treasurer

### Potentate's Staff

Chris Hudson, Chief of Staff

### Personal Aids

Jeff Johnson, P.P., SHC Board  
 Paul Mann, P.P.  
 Steve Starr  
 Benny Sanders

### Hospital Board of Governors - Greenville

James T. Wofford, P.P.  
 Jeff Johnson, P.P.

### Hospital Transportation

Ray Matheson, Director of Transportation  
 Leon Brown, Valley  
 Ray Matheson, Wiregrass  
 Robert Daughtry, Geneva County  
 Kenneth Smith, Phenix City

### Finance Committee

Paul B. Mann (15-17)  
 Jack Crysel (15-17)  
 Hommer Homann, P.P. (16-18)  
 Ray Matheson (16-18)  
 Gene Mosley (17-19)  
 Zachary Holmes (17-19)

### Buildings & Grounds Committee

Jack Crysel (15-17)  
 Dave Garringer (15-17)  
 David Headly (16-18)  
 Don Cook (16-18)  
 David Grant (17-19)  
 Pete Anderson (17-19)  
 Jim Randolph, P.P., Emeritus

### Insurance Committee

Gene Moseley, Chairman  
 Ernie Lollar, P.P.  
 Jack Crysell.  
 Don Cook  
 Steve Starr

### Non-voting members

Al Smith, Potentate  
 Lee Sims, P.P., Recorder  
 Larry Hall, Temple Attorney

### Membership Committee

Ernie Lollar, P.P. Chairman

### Public Relations Committee

Jeff Johnson, P.P., Chairman

### Donor Relations Committee

[Endowments, Wills, Gifts and \$100 Million Dollar Club]

Dr. John Van Valkenburg, Chairman

### ALCAZAR SHRINE CLUBS

#### Autauga County SC

Dave Russell, President, 335-365-9907  
 Email: drruss47@aol.com  
 Meeting: 2nd Thursday every other month (Jan, Mar, May, Jul, Sep, Nov)  
 Location: Prattville Masonic Lodge

#### Covington County SC

Billy Hughes, President, 334-388-4352  
 Email: padmans@oppcatv.com  
 Meeting: 4th Thurs. monthly – 7:00 pm  
 Call for Location

#### Crenshaw County SC

Andy Compton, Secretary, 334-342-0036  
 Email: andy.compton@alabpp.gov  
 Meeting: 3rd Mon. monthly – 7:00 pm

#### Boll Weevil (Enterprise)

Robert Preachers, President, 334-347-4000  
 Email: oliver26@roadrunner.com  
 Social, 2nd Thurs. monthly – 6:30 pm  
 Business, 4th Thurs. monthly – 6:30 pm  
 Call for Location

#### Geneva SC

Kevin D. Ledbetter, President  
 334-684-9393  
 Email: motebodyworks@century.net  
 Meeting: 1st Tues. monthly – 6:00 pm  
 Location: Geneva Shrine Club

#### Phenix City SC

Kevin Duraso, President, 706-577-9814  
 Email: +  
 Meetings: 1st & 3rd Wed. – monthly 7:00 pm  
 [Eastern Time]

#### Troy SC

Homer Homann, P.P., President, 334-372-3246  
 Email: troyshrinerclub@troycable.net  
 Meeting: 2nd Thurs. monthly – 7:00 pm

### Valley SC

Eddie Adams, President, 334-750-1006  
 Email: leonb@charter.net  
 Meeting: 1st Thurs. monthly – 7:00 pm  
 Location: Lanett Masonic Lodge

### Wiregrass SC

Robert Williams, President, 334-379-5066  
 Email: robertwilliamslittal@yahoo.com  
 Meetings: 1st Mon. monthly – 7:00 pm  
 Location: Wiregrass Shrine Club

### River Region SC

Pete Anderson, President, 334 221-7490  
 Email:

Meetings: 2nd and 4th Wed 7:00 pm

### ALCAZAR SHRINE UNITS

#### Brass Band

Meeting: Every Mon. – 7:00 pm

#### Camel Riders

Meeting: 1st Tues. monthly – 7:00 pm

#### Fire Chiefs

Meeting: 2nd Tues. monthly – 6:30 pm

#### Golf-Nobles

Meeting: 3rd Thurs. monthly – varies

#### Keystone Kops

Meeting: 1st Mon. monthly – 10:00 am

#### NOMADS

Meeting: 2nd Thurs. monthly – TBD

#### Provost Guard

Meeting: 1st Fri. monthly – TBD

#### Trail Busters (Wiregrass)

Meeting: 2nd Mon. monthly – TBD

#### Directors Staff

Meeting: 1st Mon. monthly – 7:00 pm

#### Hillbilly's

Meeting: 2nd Wed. monthly – 7:00 pm

#### Legion of Honor

Meetings:  
 2nd Fri. in Jan – 6:00 pm  
 2nd Fri. in Apr – 6:00 pm  
 2nd Fri. in Jul – 6:00 pm  
 2nd Fri in Oct – 6:00 pm  
 2nd Fri in Dec – 6:00 pm

#### Fire Dogs (Phenix City)

Meetings:

#### Hornets (Florida)

Meetings:

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## Message from the Potentate

Greetings Nobles and Ladies,

Billie Sue and I want to thank our Divan and Ladies, each of the Clubs and Units, and every Noble and Lady, that helped make our 2017 Potentate Ball a complete success. I am extremely humbled by the decorations, food, and each of our guest attending. This was only possible because of each of you. We appreciate the dedicated support from everyone. Thanks.  
 What an honor to Represent Alcazar Shriners at the Imperial Session 2017. Imperial Sir Chris and Lady Ethel closed 2017 on a high note, making way for Imperial Sir Gary and Lady Anne. We are all blessed with great Leadership, with our Joint Board of Directors. We have an awesome team to look up to.  
 Our calendar for August, through the end of the year, is extremely packed. What an awesome experience this trip has been. Our Temple visitation this year has truly been a blessing.



This is an excellent method to spread our message. Come out and support Our Temple. Buck Masters Expo, an August 18-20, event, gives Alcazar a wonderful opportunity to sell Sportsman Giveaway Tickets. We will have Nobles assigned to the Alcazar booth, if you attend, wear a Shrine shirt or cap. This will give us added visibility.  
 An exciting trip to Cincinnati SHC open house is planned for August 25-26, Billie Sue and I have our reservations and plan to represent Alcazar Shriners.  
 Ill Sir Andy Compton and the Crenshaw County Shrine Club, Kick Off the World's Largest Peanut Boil, Aug 31-Sept 4, 2017, with all the community volunteers, are warming up the vats to boil peanuts for the Labor Day Fund Raiser. This event is SHRINE at its best. Community involvement is the key, a wonderful site, seeing the whole community involved in this awesome fundraiser.  
 Greenville SHC is celebrating their 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday celebration, September 24, 2017, and another trip is planned. If we have enough interest a bus trip can be planned for the weekend. Hope to see some Alcazar Shriners. A special note, I think Alec plans to attend.  
 September, has a light schedule, but hold on to your hat !!, October 2017, is jam packed with excitement. The first week, we have our Pike County Fair, October, 3-7. This event is hosted by Troy Shrine Club. Also, on October 3, we have two performances of the ALCAZAR SHRINE CIRCUS, in Autaugaville, Al. Shrine attendance is a must. We don't have to furnish any manpower; however, this is another visibility opportunity. Let's make the best of the circus. Circus Dad tickets will be in the mail shortly, please purchase, and make the Alcazar Circus a successful fundraiser. Thanks for your support.  
 The next day, October 4, we jump to our Shriners Hospital Children Charity Classic, Fundraiser, at RTJ Pratsville. See brochure in this publication. We need as many volunteers. There will be a job for everyone. We have a Temple meeting scheduled on October 13, 2017, 7:30 pm, and a Candidate Ceremonial the following day at 10:00am. Nobles and Ladies is our last big push for Shrine candidates for 2017. Membership, is still the major Issue from Shriners International. A new membership initiative, was unveiled at our Imperial Secession this year (RU COMMITTED). This is the major question? RU COMMITTED? Let's all jump on board.  
 Finally, Alcazar's major fundraiser, October 28, our annual Sportsman Giveaway. All Nobles and Ladies need to be selling Gun giveaway tickets and Sponsorships. We all need to make an extra effort to make this event a success. Thanks for your support. Remember, Bingo at Phenix City, Wiregrass Shrine, and Alcazar Temple

"Building a Legacy for Our Kids"  
 Al Smith, Potentate  
 Alcazar Shriners

## Bio Gary J. Bergenske, Imperial Potentate

Gary J. Bergenske of Orlando, Florida, was elected Imperial Potentate, during the Shriners' 2017 Imperial Session – held in Tampa, Florida.

Bergenske was raised a Master Mason in 1994 at Eola Lodge #207 in Orlando. He became a member of Bahia Shriners in Orlando in 1994, where he is now a lifetime member. He served as Potentate of Bahia in 2005. Bergenske is the founder of the Bahia Historical and Educational Museum in Orlando. He is an associate member of Zor Shriners in Madison, Wisconsin. He is also a perpetual lifetime member of the Orlando Scottish Rite and holds the rank of Knight Commander of the Court of Honor. Bergenske is an emeritus member of Shriners International, a lifetime member of the Cabiri International, and a member of the Royal Order of Jesters, The Order of Quetzalcoatl, Lions International, and the Loyal Order of Moose.

Bergenske served three successful years as Chairman of the Shriners International all-star college football event, the East-West Shrine Game®. During his years as a member of the boards of directors, he has served on numerous committees, including as Chairman of the Public Relations, Fraternal Strategic Planning, Information Services, Insurance, Protocol, and Capital Evaluation Committees. In addition, he has served as the Liaison Officer to the Shriners Hospitals for Children in Erie, Springfield, Houston, Galveston, Portland, Honolulu and Spokane. On the Imperial Membership Committee, he served on the Executive Committee for 14 years and was a charter member of both the TRAC and PACE Teams. He has also been an inspirational keynote speaker and presenter at Imperial conferences for Oriental Guides, Assistant Rabbans, Public Relations, Donor Relations and Membership.

During the time Bergenske was a member of the Imperial Membership Executive Committee, he came up with the idea of a Shriners mascot to not only promote the fraternity but to also attract younger generations, which resulted in the development of Fez Head Fred. While serving as Membership Chairman of Bahia Shriners, Bergenske created and developed the Mentor Program to get new members involved. Shriners now use this program throughout the world.

In 1985, Bergenske purchased J & J Metro Moving and Storage, which he has owned and operated for the past 30 years. In addition, Bergenske is a motivational speaker and has written three books. His books discuss ways to “Build a Better Life” and “Become a Better Leader” and are available in more than 10 countries, where they are making a positive difference in people’s lives.

In his down time, he loves traveling, the outdoors, hunting, old cars and Harley-Davidsons. Bergenske and his wife, Anne, have six children – Carrie, Lisa, Jason, Jami, David and Jared – and are often referred to as the “Bergy Bunch.” They have 11 grandchildren who regularly brighten their days.

**Al Smith, Potentate**

### **Nobles Lost In The Desert—Will be suspended on 31 Dec 17**

These Nobles have not been active in Alcazar for the last 2 years and will be dropped from our roles by Shriners International at the end of calendar year 2017.

Do you know where they are? Help us locate them and get them back active on our roles in Alcazar.

Milton N Crawford  
Doyle C Griffin  
Arthur J Koon  
James R Newman  
Samuel E Thompson  
James R Barton  
Clifford A Carroll  
Glen F Chambers  
Jerry L Charles  
Ronald G Childs  
Randall L Clark  
Arnold B Dopson  
Jimmy F Edwards Jr  
James C Fulford  
Jeremy O Grimes  
Roger C Groome  
Johnny O Hand Jr  
Oscar C Harper III  
Troy V Harrison  
Kenneth A Heckman

Don E Herndon  
Grady L Ingram Jr  
Justin L Jackson  
Ernest D Johnson  
John P Jones  
Wendell S Kennedy  
John T Lunsford  
Christopher R Martin  
Walter P Maulden  
James T McPherson  
Clinton L Mitchell  
Luther D Morgan  
Stephen K Moseley  
Joseph M Moulton  
Alvis E Naramore  
Jeffrey P Parish  
Larry G Parker  
George H Payne  
Jonathan A Pearce  
Willie W Phillips

Richard E Price  
C. W Rowe  
Jerry M Senn  
Ricky L Simmons  
Charles W Simpson  
Elmer Smith Jr  
Kristopher S Smith  
Troy A Smith  
Terry G Sorrells  
Keith A Spradlin  
Steve D Stevens  
James K Tidwell  
Brian K Todd  
Michael S Turner Sr  
John D Vaughan Jr  
Christopher L Warren  
Richard J Wilson  
Robert H Yates Jr

### Message from the Recorder

Greetings Nobles and Ladies,  
 With each article and in our meetings I continue to speak about and request help with membership and the payment of dues.  
 Your Temple Imperial Representatives have just returned from the Imperial Session held in Daytona Beach Florida. The main topic of discussion from your newly elected Imperial Potentate, Gary Bergenske, was membership, retention of members, and the goal of creating 12,000 new Nobles during his year as Imperial Potentate. He asked ALL Shriners to take a stand against declining membership.  
 At Alcazar at this time we stand to lose approximately 60 Nobles due to non payment of dues as of December 31, 2017. Nobles, we do not need to lose these men.  
 I respectfully request that every Noble review the "Lost in the Desert" list in this edition of the Noble News and if you know and can contact any of these Nobles and encourage them to pay their dues it would be appreciated by Alcazar. As I have said in the past, if there are any Nobles with a hardship contact me in the Temple office, we can help.  
 Our volunteer Road Runner drivers continue to make many trips to our hospitals. We appreciate their time and dedication to our cause, the children. Thank you Nobles and Ladies.  
 If you know a Mason that would make a good Shriner, please encourage him to join us.  
 Remember, Our Children are Our Guiding Light.  
 Yours in the Faith,  
 Lee R. Sims, P.P.  
 Recorder

### Hospital Transportation Activity May—June 2017

The Nobles listed below have worked in providing transportation for our young patients and their parents to Greenville and Cincinnati Shrine Hospitals. Some are also Area Coordinators.

**THANK EACH OF YOU FOR YOUR HELP AND SERVICE**

Number of trips for this time period 12

<u>DRIVER</u>	<u>TRIPS</u>	<u>DRIVER</u>	<u>TRIPS</u>
JAMES McDANIEL	2	BOB SMITH	2
LARRY WALKER	2	RICHARD GRACY	2
JOHN SMITH	1		
BILL GRAHAM	3		

**POV's 9**

**TOTAL MILES DRIVEN - 5137**

**COORDINATOR FOR TRANSPORTATION**

Ray Matheson

**AREA COORDINATORS**

- Ray Matheson Wiregrass SC
- Robert Daughtry Geneva SC
- Kenny Smith Phenix City SC
- James Pearson Valley SC

Alcazar Shriners are always looking for Nobles and or their Ladies that would like to participate in our transportation program and become a driver and or a co-driver. If you are interested, please call Lee Sims, Recorder in the Temple office, 334/279-9174

## Activity at the Wiregrass Shrine Club

We, The nobles at Wiregrass Shrine Club, sponsored a little girl for a second year in a row at the 10th Annual Wiregrass Buddy Walk on October 14th, 2017 at the Peanut Festival Fairgrounds in Dothan, Alabama. Her name is Maddy Sue Graf, Daughter of Amy Graf. It is held every year in Dothan, Alabama and provides an annual public platform for awareness as well as to support children with Down Syndrome. She and her mother came to our meeting and we were able to get pictures for the club and we presented her with a Shriner's Teddy Bear.

The Buddy Walk is a one mile walk in which anyone can participate without any special training. The goal of the Buddy Walk is three fold: To promote acceptance and inclusion of people with Down Syndrome, To raise the funds necessary to develop initiative and effective programs and to enhance the position of the Down Syndrome community enabling them to positively influence local and national policy and practice.

We, the Nobles of Wiregrass Shrine Club, were proud to take part in this awesome opportunity to support our local community and this awesome family. Our children are our guiding light!!

Fraternally,  
Noble Robert Williams  
President, Wiregrass Shrine Club



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**SHOW  
HOURS**

Fri., Aug. 18: 3 pm - 9 pm  
Sat., Aug. 19: 9 am - 7 pm  
Sun., Aug. 20: 10 am - 5 pm

**ALCAZAR SHRINERS 2017 SPORTSMAN'S GUN GIVEAWAY**

**Saturday October 28, 2017**

**Lunch Served 11:00 AM until 1:00 PM**

**Drawings commence at 12:00 Noon**

**You do not have to be present to win.**

**If you need tickets, contact the Records officer at  
(334) 279-9174 or any Divan member**