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# Alcazar Noble News



## Imperial Session Nashville, TN



# Alcazar Shrine Divan / Committees / Clubs / Units

## Elected Divan

John Daniel, Potentate  
 Bill Forshey, Jr., Chief Rabban  
 David Royal, Asst. Rabban  
 Randy McFarland, High Priest & Prophet  
 Eddie Ellis, Oriental Guide  
 Allen Daniels, Treasurer  
 Lee R. Sims, P.P., Recorder

## Appointed Divan

William Baker, 1<sup>st</sup> Ceremonial Master  
 Andrew Webber, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ceremonial Master  
 Jack Crysel, Temple Director  
 Andy Compton, PP, Parade Marshal  
 Ill. Sir Terry Wofford, Marshal  
 Bill Graham, Asst. Marshal  
 David Grant, Captain of the Guard  
 Don Gates, Outer Guard  
 Raymond Abercrombie, Chaplain

## Imperial Representatives

John Daniel, Potentate  
 Bill Forshey, Jr., Chief Rabban  
 Lee Sims, P.P., Recorder

## Dixie Representatives

Allen Daniels, Treasurer  
 Al Smith, P.P.

## Hospital Board of Governors – Greenville

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

## Hospital Transportation

Ray Matheson, Director of Transportation  
 Robert Daughtry, Geneva  
 James Pearson – Valley  
 Kenny Smith, Phenix City  
 Ray Matheson, Wiregrass

## Finance Committee

Andy Compton, P.P. (18-20)  
 Jack Crysel (18-20)  
 Ed Sapp (19-21)  
 Ray Matheson (16-18)  
 Gene Moseley (17-19)  
 Zachary Holmes (17-19)

## Building and Grounds Committee

Jack Crysel (18-20)  
 Andy Compton, P.P. (18-20)  
 David Headley (16-19)  
 Don Cook (16-19)  
 David Grant (17-19)  
 Pete Anderson (17-19)

## Insurance Committee

Gene Moseley, Chairman  
 Ernie Lollar, P.P.  
 Jack Crysel  
 Bob Smith  
 Steve Starr

## Non – Voting members

John Dael, Potentate  
 Lee Sims, P.P.  
 Larry Hall, Temple Attorney

## Membership Committee

Eddie Ellis

## Public Relations Committee

Jeff Johnson, P. P.

## Donor Relations Committee

Jeff Johnson, P.P.

## Alcazar Shrine Clubs

### Autauga County SC

Dave Russell, President  
 Email: drruss47@aol.com  
 Meeting: 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday every other month (Jan, Mar, May, Jul, Sep, Nov)  
 Location: Prattville Masonic Lodge

### Covington County SC

Eddie Ellis, President  
 334-618-4125  
 Meeting: 4<sup>th</sup> Thurs. monthly 7:00 PM  
 Call for location

### Crenshaw County SC

Andy Compton, P.P. 334/342-0036  
 Email: andycompton@alapp.gov  
 Meeting: 3<sup>rd</sup> Mon monthly 7:00 PM

### Geneva SC

Jerry Broadway, President  
 850-951-4887  
 Meeting: 1<sup>st</sup> Tues. monthly 6:00PM

### Phenix City SC

Chris Hudson, President  
 706-681-3463  
 Meetings: 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Wed monthly 7:00PM  
 (Eastern Time)

### Troy SC

Neil Sneed., President  
 334-344-0542  
 Email: troyshrineclub@troy.cable.net  
 Meeting: 2<sup>nd</sup> Thurs. monthly 7:00 PM

### Valley SC

James Pearson, President  
 706-588-8379  
 Meeting: 1<sup>st</sup> Thurs. monthly 7:00PM  
 Lanett Masonic Lodge

## Wiregrass SC

Sammy Hicks, President  
 334-899-5612  
 334-726-3894  
 Email: nay.pops@gmail.com

## River Region SC

Pete Anderson, President  
 334-379-5066  
 Meeting: 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Thurs. 7:00 PM

## Alcazar Shrine Units

### Brass Band

Meeting every Mon. - 7:00 PM

### Camel Riders

Meeting 1<sup>st</sup> Tues monthly - 7:00 PM

### Fire Chiefs

Meeting 2<sup>nd</sup> Tues monthly - 6:30 PM

### Golf N Nobles

Meeting 3<sup>rd</sup> Thurs monthly – varies

### Keystone Kops

Meeting 1<sup>st</sup> Mon monthly - 10:00 AM

### Nomads

Meeting 2<sup>nd</sup> Thurs monthly - with RRSC

### Provost Guard

Meeting: 1<sup>st</sup> Fri monthly – TBD

### Trail Busters (Wiregrass)

Meeting 2<sup>nd</sup> Mon monthly - TBD

### Directors Staff

Meeting: 1<sup>st</sup> Mon monthly - 7:00PM

### Hillbilly's

Meeting 2<sup>nd</sup> Wed monthly – 7:00PM

### Legion of Honor

Meetings

2<sup>nd</sup> Fri Jan, Apr, Jul, Oct, Dec – 6:00 PM

### Fire Dogs (Phenix City)

### Hornets (Floral)

## Noble News Editor

Andrew Webber  
 706-580-3001  
 Email: Webbera79@gmail.com

As of 2/5/2019



## NECROLOGY REPORT

The following Nobles have been visited by the Black Camel since our last reporting. Please keep these Nobles and their families in your thoughts and prayers.

Carlie Tatum

James Barr

Durwood Thompson

## Message from the Potentate

Greetings Nobles:

This year is half over. How time flies. There are never enough hours in a day, never enough days in a week, never enough weeks in a month, and never enough months in a year to do everything that's needed to be done.

I, along with my Lady, Sharilynn, the Temple Recorder, Ill. Sir, Lee Sims, P.P, and his Lady Dottie, were honored to represent Alcazar Shriners at the 145<sup>th</sup> Imperial Session in Nashville, Tennessee the first week of July this year. There were several items on the call that were passed. There was a resolution passed that a process would be adopted to start restoring the fraternal relationship between Shriners International and the Grand Lodge of Arkansas.

The Sportsman's Gun Giveaway tickets are here and you should have some by now, if you do not have any, please call the Temple office at 334-279-9174, and we will get some to you as quickly as possible. If you have some and are having problems selling them, give me a call at the Temple office and I will try and help you.

The next fundraiser is the World's Largest Peanut Boil. Crenshaw County Shrine Club will have their annual peanut boil starting August 29<sup>th</sup> through September 2<sup>nd</sup>, unless they sell out before the 2<sup>nd</sup> which is very likely. Come join us and have some fun.

Alcazar will host its annual Shriners Hospitals for Children Charity Classic Golf Tournament at Robert Trent Jones Capitol Hill Golf Club in Prattville, Alabama on Wednesday, October 2, 2019. Registration starts at 11:00 am and tee off is at 1:00 pm. If you, or anyone you know, would like to attend please contact the Temple Recorder, Ill., Sir Lee Sims, P.P. at the Temple office by calling 334-279-9174, or Jack Crysel at [jcrysel7235@gmail.com](mailto:jcrysel7235@gmail.com) for more information. We need volunteers, players, and sponsors. Come join us and have fun too.

Nobles, remember Membership – Membership – Membership. Our Fraternity and our Philanthropy depends on it. Remember our Children are Deer to Our Heart

Yours in the Faith,

*John*

**Ill. Sir John A. Daniel, Potentate 2019**



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## Message from the First Lady

First things first: Temple Treasures Vendor and Craft Show for Alcazar Shrine Ladies

August 10<sup>th</sup> 8-5 pm and August 11<sup>th</sup> 9-4 pm

**YA'LL COME OUT AND SUPPORT YOUR ALCAZAR LADIES**

The kitchen will be open for business with breakfast and lunch plates available. See Dottie Lou Sims if interested in helping out with relief help, serving, cooking, etc. Call 1-334-399-5003

We then need to support Luverne for the Peanut Boil on the Labor Day weekend, they love to have the help, it's a lot of fun and the help is appreciated.

Then, you need to get your creative hats on for the next quarterly, please wear your casual clothes, (no shorts please) because we're making Christmas ornaments for the Christmas Tree!!!! Everyone please come for the fun! We will also need help with bringing heavy hors d'oeuvres for the Quarterly meal before the meeting-by 6:00 pm

Potentate's Lady

*Sharilynn*



## Message from the Assistant Rabban

Dear Ladies and Nobles,

As I'm trying to write this letter while working Alcazar Gun Show, I am proud to have seen eight new Shrine members and their ladies join at the last quarterly meeting. Brothers, try to go to your Blue Lodge to encourage new members. We all need to participate in just one membership program. We ask each Shriner to bring in just one member. This would double our membership.

Thank you for your support.

*David Royal*

Asst. Rabban



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## Message from the Oriental Guide

Greetings to all,

WOW, yep that was my impression of our Imperial Session. Nobles, if you have never been to an Imperial Session you owe it to yourself to go to one! You get to meet old friends, make new ones and LEARN a lot!

Continue to work on getting new Nobles. We have lost eight nobles in four months to the Black Camel and TOO MANY for non payment of dues. If you know of a Noble that has let his dues lapse, find out why, because in a lot of cases we can help out. Don't forget a suspended Noble can be reinstated for \$100.00. Should you have a question on membership or need assistance, please call me. 334-618-4125.

Our Shriners Hospital for children Charity Classic Golf Tournament is October 2, 2019. If you know a golfer or golfers in your area tell them about our tournament. They will have a great day and will be helping OUR Children. Don't forget to also contact businesses in your area for door prizes for the golfers.

Our 100 gun give away is October 19, 2019. All U have to say "This is Alcazar's 100 gun give away" and folks will buy a ticket. \$20.00 for 1 ticket or 6 for \$100.00 and of course the sponsorship's for \$300.00.

Lets remember our sick Nobles and Ladies.

Till next time remember, Faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.

Yours in the faith,

*Eddie*

O. G. Alcazar Shriners



## Message from the Recorder

Nobles and Ladies,

Your Potentate, Recorder and other Nobles just returned from the Imperial Session in Nashville Tennessee. This session, as usual, was very informative and at some times lively. There was legislation on the hospitals and a hospital report that explained the new direction Shriners International and Shriners Hospitals for Children are going. This direction will amount to downsizing some of our current hospitals to more of a clinic operation with more efficiency while still providing the same exceptional care.



There was legislation that would make an assessment on each Temple. This failed to be passed.

There was legislation that would have changed the way and time we vote for our Temple officers. This failed to pass.

There was legislation allowing a non-shriner to operate a vehicle in a civic parade if no shriner was present to operate the vehicle. This passed

There were some jurisdictional changes and withdrawals from some associations.

Legislation was proposed and adopted to start restoring the fraternal relationship between Shriners International and the Grand Lodge of Arkansas.

In addition, there was a lot of discussion and reports on membership and the fact that Shriners International is currently below 225,000 in membership.

Membership for Alcazar Shriners is a major concern with us losing approximately 40 members for non-payment of 2018 and 2019 dues. With this loss it will reduce our membership below 700 members. If you know of a Noble that has not paid his dues, please encourage him to get current. If a Noble has a hardship, contact the Temple office and we can help.

In addition please remember our Charity Golf Tournament on October 2 and the Temple Gun Giveaway on October 19, 2019. We need golf teams and workers. For the gun giveaway please sell sponsor packs and the individual packs. If you need additional tickets, contact the Temple office or come by.

Remember, Our Children are Our Guiding Light.

Yours in the Faith,

*Lee P. Sims P.P.*  
Recorder, Alcazar Shriners

**HOSPITAL TRANSPORTATION**

1 May 2019 – 31 Jul 2019

The Nobles listed below have worked in providing transportation for our young patients and their parents to Shriners Hospitals for Children.

THANK EACH OF YOU FOR YOUR HELP AND SERVICE

Number of trips for this period

<b>DRIVER</b>	<b>TRIPS</b>	<b>DRIVER</b>	<b>TRIPS</b>
Mike Porterfield	1	James McDaniel	2
John Smith	2	Larry Walker	2
Joe Lewis	2	Dee Lewis	2
James Pearson	2	Sharon Pearson	2
David Royal	1	Daniel Payne	1
Ed Sapp	1		

**POV Trips 5**

**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 their ladies that would like to participate in our transportation program and become a driver and or co-driver. If you are interested please call Lee Sims, Recorder in the Temple office, (334) 279-9174.

# Donations

Technical Sergeant David Vann of Maxwell Air Force Base, Gunter Annex raised money through his unit during a morale event. The proceeds were donated to the Shriner's Hospitals for Children. Accepting the donation from TSgt Vann is Noble Pete Anderson, President of the River Region Shrine Club.



On Saturday June 22nd Alcazar was asked to provide volunteers to sell CD's at the Peter Frampton concert at Wind Creek Casino in Wetumpka. We had a fantastic group of Nobles and ladies volunteer for this event. The evening was a huge success with Nobles Alan and Ronnie Hancock representing Shriners International and Shriners Hospitals for Children on stage. At the end of the event the Poarch Creek Tribe made the decision to donate their portion of souvenir sales to Shriners Hospitals for Children as well! A huge thank you to all who made this successful event possible.

Jeff Johnson, P.P.  
Member, Board of Governors  
Shriners Hospitals for Children- Greenville

# 50 Year Shriner

## CONGRATULATIONS

Alcazar Shriners recently honored Noble Raymond L. Matheson for his membership in Shriners International and Alcazar Shriners for 50 years. Noble Matheson was created on November 23, 1968 and has been a hard working Noble ever since. He is joined by his wife Joyce in the Shrine activities. Ray is a retired Army veteran and currently a member of the Wiregrass Shrine Club, Legion of Honor, 100 Million Dollar Club and Dothan Lodge 466. Ray is the coordinator for the Alcazar Road Runners that transport our children to the various Shrine hospitals. Again, **CONGRATULATIONS RAY FOR A CONTINUING JOB WELL DONE.** Please keep up the good work.



## ORIENTAL GUIDE MUST BE SELECTED WISELY

When the members of a Shrine Center elect a Noble to the office of Oriental Guide, they are virtually starting that Noble through the Divan line on the assumption that he will prove to be qualified and worthy of advancement to the high office of Illustrious Potentate. Hence it is quite evident that the nomination for Oriental Guide should be based upon a thorough and accurate evaluation of character, ability, prestige, interest and experience. A Noble can be a good fellow, a loyal Shriner, a hard worker; yet lack the basic qualifications that would make him a good Potentate. Unless a Noble is fully qualified for the job, he is unfair to both himself and his Temple in seeking office or permitting others to support and promote his candidacy.

The following checklist may prove helpful in evaluating potential candidates for the office. However, no thinking man could be so naïve as to believe that any one man could possess all the characteristics listed below. Nevertheless, the list has practical value for self evaluation by the Noble whose ultimate aspiration is the office of Illustrious Potentate.

- Leadership
- Executive Ability
- Business Sense
- Community Standing and Influence
- Well poised
- Good Health
- Diplomacy
- Stage Presence
- Competent Organizer and Promoter
- Possess Social Graces
- Financially Secure
- Energy and Vitality
- Free to Devote Ample Time to the Job
- Capable of Building Good Masonic Relations
- Interest in Shrine-Masonry
- Ability to Give and Get Cooperation
- Commitment of his Wife and Family who understands how much time and money the Divan takes



Many Shrine Centers have placed definite limitations on their progress and standing in the community as a result of hasty or ill-considered judgement in connection with the election of an Oriental Guide. Every Noble is a good Noble, but it does not follow that every person is fit for the job of Oriental Guide, and the rigorous demands placed upon the Divan Officers and the Potentate. So let's be fair, honest and wise in electing to the office only those men who are eminently qualified for the job. We all know that with honor comes responsibility. And while there is honor associated with a Divan office, the ensuing responsibilities entail a lot of time-consuming, energy consuming WORK. We are genuinely grateful that our Temple has been favored with sincere, honest and able men. However, eternal vigilance must be exercised in order to perpetuate a high level of leadership.

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**SAVE THE DATES**

**August 29th—September 2nd**  
 Crenshaw County Shrine Luverne, AL  
 Club Peanut Boil Starts

**September**  
 14th Golf Committee Meeting-10am Alcazar Temple  
 21st—22nd Bake Sale Alcazar Temple  
 28th Golf Committee Meeting-10am Alcazar Temple

**October**  
 2nd Golf Tournament Prattville, AL  
 11th Quarterly Meeting Alcazar Temple  
 19th Gun Giveaway/ Alcazar Temple  
 PreSale Camp Stew  
 26th Ceremonial TBD

**December**  
 8th Children's Christmas Party Alcazar Temple  
 13th Temple Elections Alcazar Temple  
 14th Temple Christmas Party Alcazar Temple  
 19th Polar Express 6:30 pm Alcazar Temple

**Official Call of the Potentate**  
**QUARTERLY MEETING**

OFFICIAL CALL OF THE POTENTATE

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of Alcazar Shriners will be held at the time and place shown below for the purpose of conducting any business as may come before the Temple,

2019 or 2020 Dues Card required for admission  
 October 11, 2019  
 7:30 PM  
 Alcazar Shrine Center  
 555 Eastern Blvd.  
 Montgomery, Alabama 36117  
 Office: (334) 279-9174

John A. Daniel, Potentate  
 attest: Lee R. Sims, P.P. Recorder



Please continue supporting our first Ladies project. Candles are available in French vanilla, pomegranate, and fluffy towels for \$15 each. Help us reach our goal!