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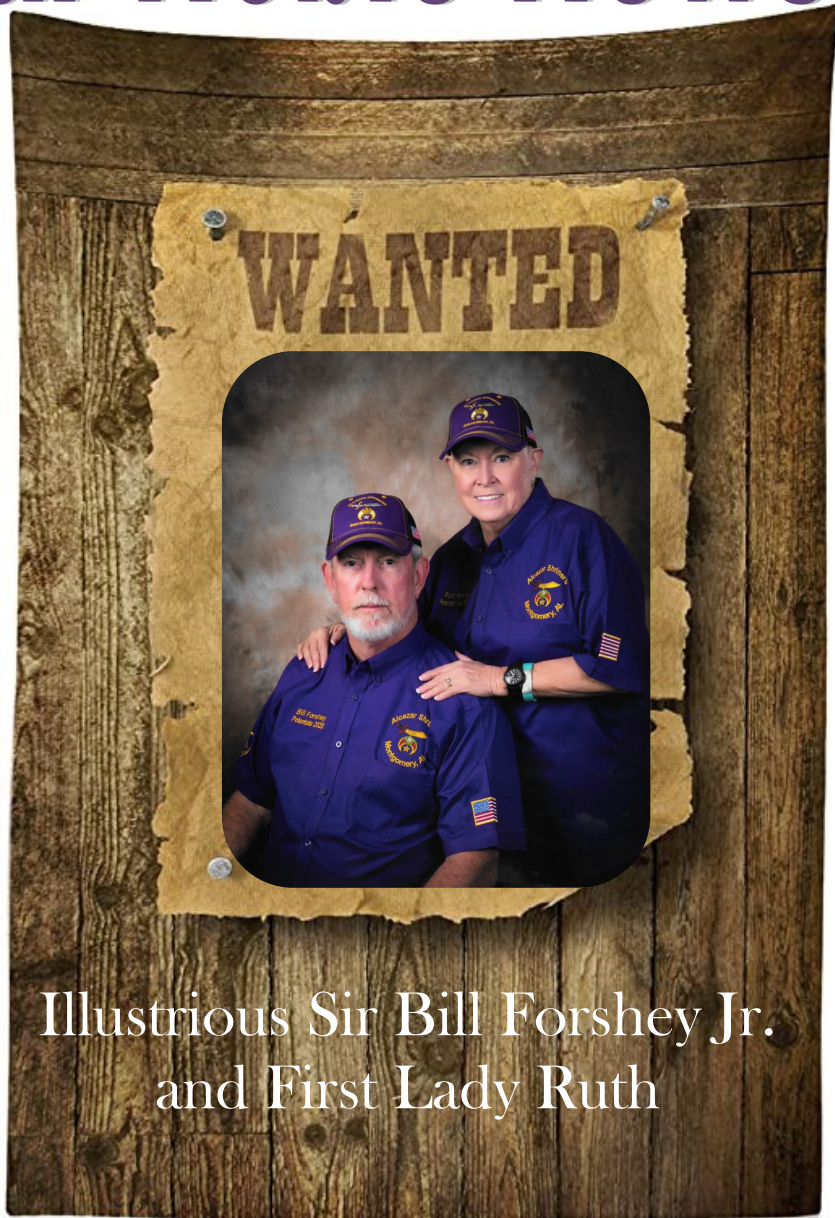
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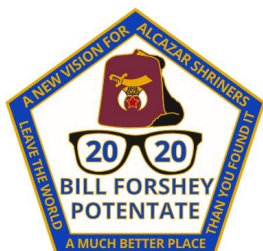
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Illustrious Sir Bill Forshey Jr.  
and First Lady Ruth



**Elected Divan**

Potentate-Bill Forshey, Jr.  
 Chief Rabban-David Royal  
 Assistant Rabban-Randy McFarland  
 High Priest & Prophet-Eddie Ellis  
 Oriental Guide-Jack Crysel  
 Treasurer-Allen Daniels  
 Recorder-Lee Sims, P.P.

**Appointed Divan**

1<sup>st</sup> Ceremonial Master-Ronnie Hancock  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Ceremonial Master-Alan Hancock  
 Temple Director-Joey Crysel  
 Parade Marshal-Andy Compton, P.P.  
 Marshal-Terry Wofford, P.P.  
 Assistant Marshal-Robert Smith  
 Captain of the Guard-David Grant  
 Outer Guard-Steve Starr

**Appointed Officers**

Chaplain-Raymond Abercrombie  
 Temple Attorney (Primary)-Larry Hall  
 Temple Attorney (Alternate)-Paul Adams  
 Parliamentarian-George McCain, III., P.P.  
 Chief of Staff-Andy Compton, P.P.

**Potentate Aides**

Andrew Webber-PCSC  
 Ed Sapp-WSC  
 Al Riley-CCSC  
 Neal Sneed-TSC  
 Paul Adams-CovCoSC  
 David Grant-RRSC  
 Steve Starr-RRSC  
 Pete Anderson-RRSC  
 Jimmy Smitherman-RRSC  
 Chris Jackson-RRSC  
 Peter Prielaida-RRSC

**Imperial Representatives**

Bill Forshey, Potentate  
 David Royal, Chief Rabban  
 Lee Sims, P.P., Recorder

**Dixie Representatives**

Allen Daniels, Treasurer  
 Al Smith, P.P.

**Hospital Board of Governors**

Terry Wofford, P.P.  
 Jeff Johnson, P.P.

**Finance Committee****3 Yr Terms**

Gene Moseley, Chairman (20-22)  
 Don Cook (20-22)  
 Andy Compton, P.P. (18-20)  
 David Headley (20)  
 Ed Sapp (19-21)  
 Ray Matheson (19-21)

**Buildings and Grounds Committee****3 Yr Terms**

Pete Anderson (20-22)  
 Don Cook (19-21)  
 David Headley (19-21)  
 Daniel Payne (20)  
 Andy Compton, P.P. (18-20)  
 David Grant (20-22)  
 Bill Forshey, Potentate (ex-officio member)  
 Lee Sims, P.P., Recorder (ex-officio member)

**Insurance Committee**

Gene Moseley, Chairman  
 Robert Smith  
 Steve Starr  
 Allen Schwindling  
 Larry Hall, Temple Attorney  
 Paul Adams, Alt Temple Attorney  
 Bill Forshey, Potentate  
 Lee Sims, P.P., Recorder

**Membership Committee**

Eddie Ellis, Oriental Guide, Chairman  
 Ernie Lollar, P.P.

**Leadership Development Committee**

Terry Wofford, P.P., Chairman  
 Committee comprised of PP Members  
 of Cabiri International

**Public Relations Committee**

Jeff Johnson, P.P., Chairman  
 Andrew Webber, Editor Noble News  
 Brian Smith, Alcazar Webmaster  
 Lee Sims, P.P., Recorder

**Donor Relations Committee**

Jeff Johnson, P.P., Chairman

**Alcazar Shrine Clubs****Autauga County Shrine Club**

Dave Russell, President  
 Email: drruss47@aol.com  
 Phone: 334-365-9907  
 Meeting: 2nd Thursday every other month  
 (Jan, Mar, May, Jul, Sep, Nov)  
 Location: Prattville Masonic Lodge

**Covington County Shrine Club**

Paul Adams, President  
 Email: padamslaw@outlook.com  
 Phone: 334-764-4126  
 Meeting: 4th Thursday monthly at 7:00 PM  
 Location: Call president for location

**Crenshaw County Shrine Club**

Andy Compton, P.P., President  
 Email: andycompton76@gmail.com  
 Meeting: 3rd Monday monthly 7 PM  
 Location: Shrine Club / Masonic Building

**Geneva Shrine Club**

Jerry Broadway, President  
 Phone: 850-419-0376  
 Meeting: 1st Tuesday Monthly 6 PM  
 Location: Shrine Club

**Phenix City Shrine Club**

LaDon McAllister, President 2020  
 Phone: 706-681-1563  
 Meeting: 1st & 3rd Wednesday Monthly 7 PM  
 Location: Shrine Club

**Troy Shrine Club**

Neil Sneed, President  
 Phone: 334-344-0542  
 Email: troyshrineclub@troycable.net  
 Meeting: 2nd Thursday Monthly 7 PM  
 Location: Shrine Club

**Valley Shrine Club**

Williard Eason, President  
 Need email address  
 Phone: 706-773-6572  
 Meeting: 1st Thursday Monthly 7 PM  
 Location: Lanett Masonic Lodge

**Wiregrass Shrine Club**

Tony Saliba  
 Email: tslab2@yahoo.com  
 Phone: 334-792-4528  
 Meeting: 1st Monday Monthly unless holiday, if  
 occurs, held following Monday, time: 7:30 PM  
 Location: Wiregrass Shrine Club

**River Region Shrine Club**

Pete Anderson, President  
 Email: petegator64@gmail.com  
 Phone: 334-379-5066  
 Meeting: 2nd & 4th Thursdays Monthly 7 PM  
 Location: Temple Club Room

**Alcazar Shrine Units****Brass Band**

Meeting Every Monday - 7 PM  
 Gene Moseley, President

**Fire Chiefs**

Meeting 2nd Tuesday Monthly - 630 PM  
 Allen Daniels, Chief

**Fire Dogs ( Phenix City)**

2 - 3 Times a Year BBQ  
 Jeff Johnson, P.P. - President

**Golf N Nobles**

Meeting 3rd Thursday Monthly - time varies  
 Greg Moore, P.P.

**Legion of Honor**

Meeting: 2nd Friday Jan, Apr, Jul, Oct & Dec  
 President- Terry Wofford, P.P.

**Nomads**

Meeting 3rd Thursday Monthly with RRSC  
 Pete Anderson, Chief

**Provost Guard**

Meeting 1st Friday Monthly  
 President- Terry Wofford, P.P.

**Trail Busters (Wiregrass)**

Meeting 2nd Monday Monthly  
 Ray Harris, Chief

**Hillbillys**

Meeting 2nd Wednesday Monthly  
 Mark Burkett, Chief

**Hornets (Floral)**

Meeting date/time/location needed.  
 Ron Rawls

**Directors Staff**

Meeting: Third Thursday Monthly  
 Joey Crysel, Director

**Noble News Editor**

Andrew Webber  
 Phone: 706-580-3001  
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Greetings Nobles and Ladies.

This year started off with a bang and has not let up yet. The Installation of Officers on 10 January with the Club Officers Installation and Education event on 11 January were both awesome events. We then had a great Alcazar Gun Show on 18-19 January followed by several Mardi Gras parades as well as the Valentine/Mardis Gras Party hosted by the River Region Shrine Club on 15 February.

We followed all that fun and festivities with an awesome Potentates Ball on 29 February attended by over 225 Nobles, Ladies and guests. I think it was a spectacular time had by all with great food, drinks and dancing. I have heard nothing but compliments on the ball and I must say it was a great team effort led by your First Lady Ruth and those Divan ladies and aides. Thank you all for the great time and fun. We look forward to next year when you may just see Western Casual Too – continued for your pleasure and entertainment.



Now the serious message. As you all know our country and the world has been going through some serious times with the COVID-19 outbreak. We just barely got the CASC Gun Show in on 14-15 March before the City invoked limitations of events with less than 10 attendees. It was a great event and even though attendance was off a little most of the vendors indicated that they had great sales this time.

Based on the most current information we had at the time from the CDC and the State, we chose to curtail bingo at all our locations on Monday, 16 March for the week. This was not a decision made in haste or considered without a lot of dialogue between our clubs and the Divan. We felt like this was the best course of action based on the recommended limitations by Federal, State, and local governments as well as the interest of our bingo customers, most of which are in the potential hazard target group.

Later in the week we chose to extend the closures of our temple and club activities of 10 or more persons until 6 April. Because of this we have had to postpone our ceremonial scheduled for 28 March in Dothan at the Wiregrass Shrine Club. We had hoped to still vote on all the new candidates and at least obligate them at the temple on 28 March but that has been overcome by the pandemic issues. The Shriners Days at the Greenville hospital scheduled for 13-14 March had to be postponed to a later date to be determined once this pandemic had run its course and it is safe to visit the hospital without potentially endangering our patients or staff.

We have received guidance from the Imperial Staff that we should be following the guidance put out by our State Grand Masters in relation to all Masonic activities. At present, Mike Taylor, Grand Master of the Alabama Grand Lodge has released guidance that suspends all meetings and functions in Alabama until 30 April. The Grand Lodge will be convening prior to that date and will assess the current situation at that time and issue further guidance. So we as a Masonic based organization will comply with that date and will also curtail all functions at our temple and clubs and units. We will be relocating the quarterly meeting from 10 April to 8 May at 7:30 pm in the temple Oasis.

We just received notice that the Dixie Shrine Association meeting scheduled for May in Panama City has been cancelled for this year. At present we are still standing by for further guidance from the Grand Lodge, the Imperial Staff as well as the government agencies that control our current day to day activities. This is a serious issue and we place our trust in the leadership in the country as well as our Masonic bodies to lead us in this time.

It is an honor to serve you this year as Potentate for Alcazar Shriners. Please be careful in these trying times.

My door is always open, call me or text me or email me and let's work together for a great 2020 year.

Yours in the faith,

*Bill Forshey, Jr.*

**Potentate, 2020  
Alcazar Shriners**

**Email: 2020.Alcazar.Potentate@gmail.com or billforshey@gmail.com**

**A New Vision For Alcazar Shriners - Leave The World A Much Better Place Than You Found it.**





## Message from the First Lady



Hello Ladies!

Happy Spring! I trust all of you are practicing social distancing and staying healthy.

I want to thank all the folks that helped with the ball preparation this year. We couldn't have done it without y'all. You made it beautiful.

There has been a lot of changes due to COVID-19. Please read the Potentate's section for further information on those changes.

I sure miss seeing all of you. But if we just hang in there we will make it through these tough times. I've seen you in action and know you are tough, funny and loving ladies. When you band together you can accomplish great things!

*Lady Ruth*



## Message from the Chief Rabban



Greeting Nobles & Ladies,

We are off and running. We have hosted an Indoctrination Program for all Club/Unit Presidents, in January. In February the River Region Shrine Club hosted a Low Country Boil (shrimp, sausage, corn and potatoes with all the trimmings) – was it ever good! – Thank you, River Region! Your Divan participated in three Mardi Gras Parades in February, in Prattville, Millbrook and Wetumpka, in an effort, to support children and gain visibility within the surrounding communities. If that's not enough, the Prattville Shrine Club and the Alcazar Shriners Divan support the Prattville IHOP in hosting the International Pancake Day for Shriners

Hospitals for Children. We passed out Mardi Gras Beads and IHOP provided free pancakes all day — the IHOP Staff did an outstanding job and it was a fun day for all who attended.

Now, we are preparing plans for the 2021 year, and **we need your help**. Is there anything special you would like to have us host next year in the way of family fun and friendship activity – please let me know about it personally. We would like to assemble a large group of Potentate Aides, for the 2021 season (5-8 aides), if you're interested please contact me soon so I can add you as a personal Aide. We will challenge each Divan member to enlist 2-3 personal aides to help in their projects throughout the year.

Finally, please remember the “Just One” program and bring in one candidate for the 2020 year and support your Blue Lodge.

**Yours in the Faith,**

*David Royal*

**Chief Rabban, 2020  
Alcazar Shriners**

Message from the Recorder

Nobles and Ladies,

I have recently returned from the annual Recorders meeting held this year in Austin, Texas. Our meeting was attended by the majority of Temple Recorders and was a productive meeting with many updates and changes in the everyday operations of the Recorders office. Many things were learned by myself that will be beneficial to Alcazar.

In our meetings the Imperial Potentate and others spoke of membership and retention of our current members.

With the health issues in our country and throughout the world many of our hospital trips have been cancelled by our hospitals. The trips we are making are under tight restrictions from the hospitals for our drivers, the patients and family of the patient. If you are a driver or going to one of our hospitals please understand the restrictions they have imposed.

With the current health issues I pray everyone stays safe and healthy and adheres to the mandates of those that are trying to guide us. Remember, Our Children are our Guiding Light.

Yours in the Faith,

*Lee P. Sims P.D.*

**Recorder, 2020  
Alcazar Shriners**



HOSPITAL TRANSPORTATION

JANUARY – MARCH 2020

The Nobles and ladies 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 of time 11

DRIVER	TRIPS	DRIVER	TRIPS
DAVID ROYAL	1	KEITH MCTAGGART	1
JAMES PEARSON	1	WILLARD EASON	1
LADON MCALLISTER	1	JOE LEWIS	1
SHARON PEARSON	1	DEE LEWIS	1

**POV 3**

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 a co-driver. If you are interested, please call Lee Sims, Recorder in the Temple office, (334) 279-9174.

NECROLOGY REPORT

No black camel visits to report during this reporting period.

## IHOP INTERNATIONAL PANCAKE DAY FEBRUARY 25, 2020



This year's event was hosted in support of **Shriners Hospital for Children** and was a big success thanks to the **Prattville IHOP & Staff**. The entire Staff make this a most enjoyable and successful day. We salute the **Prattville IHOP & Staff** for their tireless efforts and outstanding support of **Shriners Hospitals for Kids!**



# Installation of Officers







# Alcazar Potentate's Ball 2020



Honoring  
III. Sir  
Bill Forshey Jr.  
&  
Lady Ruth



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**Special Note from the Potentate**

At this time in our country we need to take time to pray for all those affected by this horrible virus. We need to make a special prayer for our first responders and medical personnel that are the real soldiers on the battle front of this war.

Take heed to the warnings our local and government leaders are giving us to get us by these trying times but know this, just like the phoenix rising from the ashes - we will be back even stronger and better than before.

We will not tolerate negative actors and their attempts to tear down our leaders as they navigate these previously uncharted waters. A wise old man I knew years ago said "its easy to criticize someone that is doing something, if you are not doing anything you cannot be criticized."

Take care of yourselves and your families. We will be back doing our Masonic/Shrine events very soon and need you all back with us.

Bill Jr. and Lady Ruth

**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, 2020 Dues Card required for admission

May 8, 2020  
7:30 PM

Alcazar Shrine Temple  
Oasis  
555 Eastern Blvd.  
Montgomery, Alabama 36117  
Office: (334) 279-9174

*Bill Forshey, Jr.* attested  
BILL FORSHEY, JR.  
Potentate

*Lee R. Sims.*  
LEE R. SIMS, P.P.  
Recorder

**Dates to Remember**

Good Friday  
Easter Sunday  
Cinco De Mayo  
Divan/Divan Ladies/Committee Meetings  
Quarterly Business Meeting-- 7:30 PM (CST)  
Mother's Day  
Input Deadline - Noble News - 12:00 PM (EST)  
Memorial Day

Friday, 10 Apr  
Sunday, 12 Apr  
Tuesday, 5 May  
Wednesday, 6 May  
Friday, 8 May  
Sunday, 10 May  
Monday, 18 May  
Monday, 25 May

