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Kazim Shrine Circus

The Kazim Shrine Circus had to be rescheduled to October this year due to Covid restrictions from early in the year. The new dates of the Circus are: October 22, 23, and 24.



New Dates!

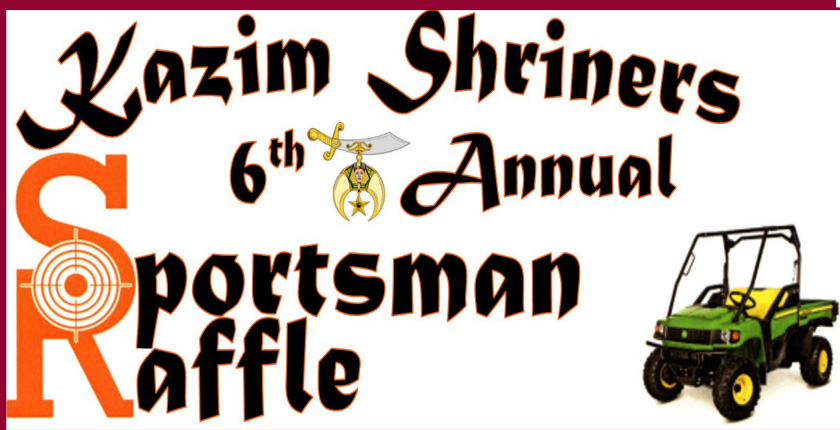
Fri, October 22
7:30 PM

Sat, October 23
10:00 AM, 2:30 PM, 7:00 PM

Sun, October 24
1:00 PM, 5:00 PM

Sportsman's Raffle

The Kazim Sportsman's Raffle has been approved for 2021 with the drawing set for November 13th. Flyers and tickets are currently set to be printed and made available as soon as possible. They will be available through the Shrine Center Office and other Nobles which will be communicated once available. The information for the Raffle has also been made available on the website by hovering over the "Fundraiser" tab and then selecting "Sportsman's Raffle" or going directly to it by visiting: www.kazimshriners.com/ksr



Oktoberfest

Oktoberfest is **BACK** at Kazim Shrine Center. We are looking forward to seeing everyone out and about at Kazim on September 25th to grab a bite to eat or maybe even doing an Oompa dance. More information will be available as we get closer to the event, but put it on your calendar now to make sure you don't miss it!



Emily's Fund

Emily Colna was a patient at the UVA Children's Hospital for a kidney issue when she was born. Since then, Emily has had 2 additional surgeries related to that issue.

Emily, the daughter of Kazim Noble Harley Colna (Hillbillies) and wife Viola, has found a fascination with the Shriners' Hospitals due to her unique situation and wants to help the patients at the hospitals as a way to give back to others in need.

Her initial intent was to raise money so she could buy presents and art supplies for the Children at Greenville Hospital. She had a goal of \$600 to be raised by Christmas to do just this. So how would a girl of her age, 7, go about raising the money for this endeavor? The way many of us would have when we were her age, chores. However even with working all of the chores that Mom and Dad could give her to do she wanted to be able to add more money to the total than what she had. The next best step that Emily came across is one that would be hard for any child to commit to. Undoubtedly every year as a child you will receive money from relatives so you can go out and buy what you want. Emily donated half of the money she received for her birthday to the fund to help get it to where she thought it should be at.

Seeing the determination and sincerity that his daughter had for this fund Harley brought her with him to the next Hillbilly meeting where he was able to describe to the Nobles what this fund was and why she was raising money. In that one-night Emily surpassed her initial goal with the help of several generous Nobles.

Since that night Emily's goal has changed to just collecting as much as possible between now and December so she is able to provide as many presents and supplies to the children as possible. Emily is a good kid with a big heart and wants to help the Shriner patients as much as she can. If you would like to donate to Emily's Fund, please send your donation to the following:

*Grayson Carroll Shrine Club
P.O. Box 666 Galax, VA 24333*

BUY A BRICK PROGRAM

We are raising money to help pay for improvements to our building and property. The bricks will be placed around the "Walking Tall" Statue and along the memory walk.

Each engraved 4-inch by 8-inch brick can be purchased for \$100, or an 8-inch brick icon for \$200.

Contact the Recorder for more information.



Membership BBQ

Kazim Shrine Center held a Membership BBQ on Saturday May 15th. The event saw over 120 people enjoy an afternoon of fellowship and music which has been sorely missed over the past year. We look forward to being able to do more to get the Nobles, their families, and Masons involved with the Shrine Center in the near future. I would like to thank everyone who came out to the BBQ and especially those who helped to make it happen.

Jeff East
Membership Chairman

Potentate's Ball

The Potentate's Ball has been rescheduled from its original date to October 2nd. All the information pertaining to the Ball will be made available once it is ready to distribute. You will be able to find it online at the website and will also have it sent to you via email once it is ready. If you do not have your, or your Ladies, email updated in WebFez please do so as this is our best way to communicate with you. The information will be available on the website at the following location:

www.kazimshriners.com/potentates-desk/potentates-ball/



Kitchen Renovation

Even though the Shrine Center has been quiet over the last year, the RVSC kitchen committee has been hard at work. We have taken an old, worn out kitchen and transformed it into a more modern commercial kitchen that will serve all the Clubs and Units of Kazim.

Gone are the old electric ovens and stove; replaced by gas fired convection ovens and a ten-burner stove. Along with these two appliances a commercial dishwashing system has been added. The kitchen has also been reconfigured so that everything that is needed to put on a meal is at the users' fingertips. Shelves have been added just behind the cooking area, along with an array of cooking utensils. There is now a large assortment of frying pans and a new set of sauce pans with lids. The metal storage cupboards that were in the back of the pantry room have been moved into the kitchen area, sorted and labeled with their contents. The ice machine and single door cooler have been moved together so that the tavernkeepers have easier access to them. There are now two sets of china; one a two-piece setting for 270 people, the other a six-piece setting for 250.

The committee would like to make three acknowledgments. First, to all the nobles who have taken time over the past fifteen months to lend a hand. Your help was always appreciated. Second, to all the Units that donated \$250.00 towards cost of the utilities. Your financial support helped us stick to our overall budget. And finally, to our most important committee member—the late Noble Steve Nelson. Without Steve we would have never been able to accomplish this project. He spent hours working on gas, electrical and plumbing hookups. He gave his technical expertise at every step of the project. At the RVSC April meeting, the Committee saw fit to bring forth a motion to dedicate the kitchen to Steve. The motion passed unanimously.

Finally, we are pleased to announce that the kitchen [with the exception of a few technical things] is ready for the Units to use. One thing that we are planning in the next few weeks is having a “run through” for the Units. What we would like to do is to have one or two members of each unit meet with us some evening so that we can walk everyone through how things work and where everything is stored. We feel that this will be the best way for everybody to understand how things work.



Greenville Hospital Update

Annual Fishing Tournament Raises \$15K for Greenville Shriners Hospital



Early this month, members and friends of the Lake Norman Shrine Club gathered for the 42nd Annual Dogwood Bass Fishing Tournament in North Carolina where Aaron Digh and Nolan Sanders (who caught the biggest fish) weren't the only winners. Thanks to the efforts of all who participated, our hospital received a whopping donation of \$15,000 — and we couldn't be more grateful.

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POPS Department Customizes Doll to Match Halo Patient

Not every hospital has the staff or the resources needed to create an American Girl doll that looks just like one of their patients. But that's not the case when it comes to Shriners Hospitals for Children.

When local Pediatric Orthotic and Prosthetic Services department team member Mike deBrouwer heard patient Harper would be spending her 6th birthday in the hospital, he wanted to make sure she would always remember it as being filled with joy and excitement. So, he took it upon himself to create a present she'll never forget: an American Girl doll featuring a custom-made halo.

Harper was thrilled to receive a "twin" that made her feel less alone during her inpatient scoliosis treatment, which is an isolating time for many children, and won't soon forget the hope and healing every staff member at the Greenville Shriners Hospital gave her.



*Shriners Hospitals for Children
Named New Title Sponsor for
ESPN Events' Charleston
Classic; Field for 2021
Tournament Revealed*

Dear Nobles,

I am thrilled to share with you that Shriners Hospitals for Children and ESPN Events have entered into a multi-year agreement for our healthcare system to be the new title sponsor of the Charleston Classic. This 8-team tournament is considered to be one of the nation's premier men's college basketball tournaments and will be played November 18, 19 and 21, at TD Arena in Charleston, South Carolina.

All 12 games will be broadcast nationally on various ESPN networks, helping us share the story of how our healthcare system has positively impacted the lives of children for nearly a century. By partnering with the "World Wide Leader in Sports," ESPN will help us inform millions of families of the services provided at our healthcare locations.

In addition to highly visible advertising opportunities during the tournament, Shriners Hospitals for Children will also receive additional promotional opportunities including experiences for our patients during several other ESPN events throughout the year.

Teams set to play in the 2021 Shriners Children's Charleston Classic include Boise State, Clemson, Elon, Marquette, Ole Miss, St. Bonaventure, Temple and West Virginia. I hope you will make plans to attend this incredible basketball tournament this fall.

Fraternally,



James R. "Jim" Smith
Imperial Potentate
Shriners International





IMPERIAL SESSION 2021

Havin' FUN in '21!

Houston Here We Come

The George R. Brown Convention Center (GRB) has earned accreditation from the Global Biorisk Advisory Council (GBAC) STARTM Facility Accreditation Program – the industry gold standard of safe facilities.

In early September 2020, the GRB became the first convention center in the nation to implement Medistar Corp's new biodefense air filtration system proven to eliminate a number of airborne contaminants, including COVID-19.

Since January 6 of this year, the GRB has successfully welcomed nearly 300,000 attendees at several large events including the Mizuno Cross Court Volleyball Tournament in March. The facility remains active daily, and has hosted up to 21,000 guests in a single day, all while maintaining the highest standards of public safety.

Additional Safety Measures

The GRB now has 20 EMist 360 electrostatic disinfectant sprayers, which are used at the end of each day to sanitize all common areas throughout the GRB as well as meeting rooms being used during events.

The NUCTECH infrared face temperature screening system FeverBlock provides a non-contact solution for large scene temperature measurement and screening.



65 permanent hand sanitizing locations throughout the facility

- New sliding doors for touchless entry
- Touchless water fountains
- Touchless payment options at food vendors
- UV Sanitizer on escalator handrails
- The GRB is part of the Houston Clean initiative, a citywide task force committed to enhanced health precautions designed to mitigate virus spread.



#First2Fun at the 2021 Imperial Session

It's been a long time since we've been able to celebrate as one big Shrine family, and we are excited about the fun and fellowship we will experience together in Houston!

From traditional events like the unit competitions, Imperial Representatives Evening concert (the Bellamy Brothers are performing this year!) and the National Patient success story premiere, to brand new events like a street party and cornhole tournament – opportunities for fun and fellowship are endless.

We encourage you to regularly check ImperialSession.com for schedules and event information.

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Suggestions to the Kazimer

We appreciate your patience as we work through some inevitable bugs and glitches with this Newsletter, but know our end goal is to help connect our Nobility with everything going on at Kazim. To do that it will take YOUR help to make sure we mold this into a worthwhile Newsletter for all Nobles, and Ladies, to enjoy.

If you would like to make a suggestion for any type of information to add to the Kazimer please feel free to do so as it will help us provide you, our Nobility, with a more well-rounded Newsletter.

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