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SASA Fall 2020 Session Canceled

As we venture into the uncharted waters of the pandemic of COVID19, the Officers of The South Atlantic Shrine Association have elected to cancel the SASA Fall Festival of Shriners scheduled to be held in Myrtle Beach September 17-19, 2020.

The wellbeing of our Nobles and their families during this pandemic is our top priority and as Master Masons it is our duty to adhere to the edict of the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons of South Carolina.

The Officers and Staff of the 2020 SASA Fall Festival of Shriners pray for your safety during these difficult times and hope you will mark your calendar for an exciting time in 2021 at the SASA Fall Festival where Shriners will once again have fun in the sun at Myrtle Beach.

Should you have questions, please direct them to the Director General at registerforsasa@gmail.com.

Website: <https://southatlantica.org/>

The officers of SASA will be meeting in Parkersburg, West Va. at Nemesis Temple on **September 19**, 2020 for the purpose of conducting the business of our Annual Meeting as required by our Bylaws. A memorial service will begin at 4pm and the business meeting will begin at 4:30pm. We will post a link to the SASA ZOOM account on the website so any member who might be interested in the meeting will have the opportunity to watch the meeting live.



A note from Illustrious Sir, Ed Barker

Illustrious Sirs, Nobles, Friends,

I must inform you that SASA has been officially canceled for this year. I regret that so many nobles had made reservations, arranged schedules and planned for this event only to have it canceled. Our SASA officers have made this decision in the best interest of our nobles and families. If you have made hotel reservations please be sure to cancel in a timely manner in order to avoid additional charges, etc.

Regards,

Ed Barker
Potentate

Leaf and Cork Club



We are pleased to announce the formation of Kazim's new **Leaf & Cork Club**.

A place where Shriners will intersect with fine cigars and spiritual libations to:

Attract new prospective Shriners.
Promote Brotherly love & Friendship.
Have Fun.

A Charter Membership meeting will be scheduled at the Temple to elect Officers on Thursday September 17th starting at 6:00PM and will be followed by a celebration event at the Pavilion.

For additional information contact either Aubrey Rosser (rosserlaw@aol.com) or Fred Heptinstall ([fredhept@gmail.com](mailto:redhept@gmail.com)).



Shrine Fest 2020

Please join us on Saturday, September 12, for Shrine Fest at Kazim Shrine Center.

The gates will open up at 10:00 AM with the bands set to take stage starting around 1:00 PM and the 2nd around 4:00 PM. This year we are lucky enough to have 2 great bands performing for us in The Legacy Motown Revue and Too Much Sylvania.

This event is to help the Sportsman Raffle sales and admission is simply the purchase of a ticket.

Visit our Facebook page and look for the events section to find more details about this event.



Kazim Shrine Circus Canceled

The 62nd Annual Kazim Shrine Circus has been canceled due to Covid-19. Tickets will be refunded. If tickets were purchased via Ticketmaster, the refunds will process directly to the card used. If they were purchased at the Salem Civic Center Box Office, you will need to come in for the refund. Box Office is open Monday-Friday 10am – 6pm.

If you purchased tickets from the Temple office call (540) 344-9306, Tuesday – Thursday, 8am – 12pm.

ALL REFUNDS FOR THE CIRCUS MUST BE COMPLETED BY SEPT 11TH.



Oktoberfest Canceled

The 3rd Annual Kazim Shrine Oktoberfest has been canceled due to Covid-19.

With the complications of the virus effecting the Band's ability to practice, and play in general, the ability to cook and server food, and the Grand Lodge's One Day conferral roll over date it has been determined in the best interest of all to hold off on this event.

We look forward to having this event again next year when the Oompa Band can play proud and loud.





50 Years Strong

The photo known as the "**Editorial Without Words**" is probably one of the best recognized symbols of Shriners Hospitals, yet it was taken almost by accident. Randy Dieter, the photographer, recalled that in 1970, he had been on assignment covering Hadi Shriners' annual outing for children with special needs at the now-defunct Mesker Amusement Park in Evansville, Indiana.

"I was taking shots of the midway and was using my telephoto lens," Dieter said. "I saw a local Shriner walking by carrying a little girl in one hand and her crutches in the other. My camera wouldn't fire. Then they were too close for my lens. I ran past them, but the camera jammed. I had to take my last shot as they walked by. It was the end of the roll. If I had to think about it, I wouldn't have come up with something like that. Fate guides you."

"It still seems unreal," said Bobbi Jo Wright, the little girl in the photo. "I have many wonderful memories of the years I was a patient at the St. Louis Shriners Hospital and remember all the fun activities. I was born with cerebral palsy, which resulted in many orthopedic problems that made walking difficult. I had many surgeries at the St. Louis Hospital. They greatly improved my ability to walk."

Bobbi Jo received her B.A. in English from Anderson University. She is active in her church and teaches Sunday School. "I use a cane when I go shopping," she said. "If I'm walking on grassy areas, I use crutches."

Today, the famous photo is an integral part of the Shriners Hospitals identity, and has been reproduced on stained-glass windows, mosaics, tie tacs, pins, and in statues. A larger-than-life replica of the "Editorial Without Words" stands outside the International Shrine Headquarters building in Tampa.

NOTE: Noble Albert Lanier Hortman, the man in the photo carrying Bobbi Jo, passed away on December 6, 2009, two months shy of his 81st birthday. He lived a full life and was one of the fortunate ones to make a place in history that will live in time immemorial.



"Editorial Without Words"

June 11, 1970

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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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Meet your New Imperial Potentate

On Saturday, July 11, James R. “Jim” Smith of Georgetown, Texas, was elected Imperial Potentate of Shriners International, part of the 12-member body that helps govern the Shriners fraternity, during the Shriners’ 2020 Imperial Session in Tampa, Florida. As Imperial Potentate, Smith is the highest-ranking Shriner in the world, and serves as president of the Board of Directors of Shriners International and chairman of the Board of Directors of Shriners Hospitals for Children. This is Smith’s 10th year as a member of the Boards of Directors for Shriners International and Shriners Hospitals for Children.

Getting to know Jim Smith

A native of Racine, Wisconsin, Jim Smith spent his childhood summers on his father’s family farm. “I really enjoyed that time. It was a great way to be raised,” he said.

Growing up, the importance of family and faith were deeply instilled – to this day, he continues to uphold the conservative values and Lutheran faith of his family.

Smith received his bachelor’s degree in business administration from the University of Wisconsin. He studied for his MBA at the Keller School of Management in Chicago.

Jim Smith and his wife, Alice Smith, first met through a blind date. They were married 10 months later in Alice’s hometown of Kilkenny, Minnesota, and will celebrate their 48th wedding anniversary in August.

For more than 30 years, Smith worked in the material handling business. As his career with a conveyor systems company progressed, the family moved quite often, mostly to various cities in Wisconsin and Minnesota, but they also spent time in Illinois and on the East Coast. Eventually, they purchased a fuel company in Phillips, Wisconsin, which was their last move before retiring to Georgetown, Texas.



Smith became a Mason on Feb. 13, 1999, and a Shriner in 2004. He joined the fraternity as a way to acknowledge and give back to the organizations that assisted a nephew who had orthopaedic difficulties, and received care at Shriners Hospitals for Children — Chicago throughout his childhood.

Smith first joined Zor Shriners in Madison, Wisconsin. When the family moved to Georgetown, Texas, Jim joined Ben Hur Shriners in Austin, where he participated in the Provost Guard and helped transport children to and from the Texas Shriners Hospitals. He also sat on the Board of Governors for the Houston Shriners Hospital.

In 2009, Smith served as Potentate (president) of Ben Hur Shriners. That year, the temple (chapter) had a balanced budget for the first time in many years and was awarded a Gold Membership Award for a net gain in membership. It was the first time Ben Hur Shriners had achieved gold status in 38 years.

Smith became a member of the Shriners’ Boards of Directors to make a difference. “I really thought I could help,” he said. “We need to strengthen the temples and ensure they are places where people want to go, and are welcomed.”

Smith believes the fraternity needs to emphasize and focus on its original purpose of bringing fun and fellowship to a Masonic organization.

“When the Shriners fraternity started in 1872, its purpose was fun and fellowship,” said Smith. “We did well with that – but we’ve lost our focus. As Imperial Potentate, I will try to put Fun and Fellowship back in the fraternity.

Imperial Divan



Matt Sturlaugsson Imperial Captain of the Guard
 Marty Bartlett Imperial Outer Guard

Trustees



Jim Doel Leslie Stewart, M.D. Ken Guidera, M.D.

First Ladies Program – Rising Stars



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Donors to the Rising Stars program receive one of the gifts below for every \$40 donation.

"We all want our children to be happy and successful. I want to help our patients move from the Shriners Hospitals system to successful, independent adult lives."

- First Lady Alice Smith

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