

KAZIM SHRINERS

Unit Directory



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Ceremonial

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Band

Formed: 1919

Meet: Weekly on Thursday

Where: Kazim Temple

Records show that Kazim's first band was organized in 1919 with 22 pieces, under the direction of Dr. W.H. Burt. The size of the band has varied over the years and the Kazim Noblemen continue to delight to this day.

The band holds a Spring Fling, plays in parades, plays at various temple functions, and even morphs into the Salty Pretzel Band at our Oktoberfest!

Membership is open to qualified musicians who would be welcomed by the unit. Their unit room can be found in the basement of Kazim (Arab Room) and meetings are held weekly on Thursdays.

For more information regarding the band please contact their Manager, John Stump.

Email: band@kazimshriners.com



Beach Bums

Formed: 1990

Meet: 4th Monday

Where: Kazim Temple

The Beach Bums can be found parading in many parades and always having a great time!

The Beach Bums hold a successful Oyster Roast, participate in several fundraisers, and are always visible at the temple. You may also have seen their infamous shark car and large travelling tiki float, with one of the best sound systems around.

The Bums room is located in the basement of the temple (Arab Room) and the unit meets on the first Monday of the month.

For more information on the beach bums please contact their Director, Robert Leftwich.

Email: beachbums@kazimshriners.com



Central VA Clowns

Formed: September 1975

Meet: 1st Wednesday

Where: 214 Lemon DR, Lynchburg, VA

The clowns of Central Virginia Shrine Clowns meet the first Wednesday of every month except July, and some years, when we are exceptionally busy, we meet in July. Our meetings are always fun to attend. We discuss the events we clowned at the previous month and the ones coming up. It is great to get together and fellowship with one another. We currently have 35 members on our roll and usually get 15 or so at our meetings. We were formed in 1975 from a previous clown unit in Bedford, Va. and clowns from Lynchburg, Va. Our members live in Bedford, Concord, Evington, Forest, Gladys, Hurt, Keysville, Lynchburg, Pamplin, Rustburg, and Thaxton.

We stay pretty busy with the following events each year: Monthly visits to clown at Centra Hospital, Roanoke St Patricks Day Parade, Kazim Shrine Circus at Salem Civic Center, Uncle Billy's Day Festival in Altavista, Va, Concord Fourth of July Parade, Law Enforcement National Night Out, SASA Convention, Camp Woodbine Festival for Hearing Impaired Children in Raleigh N.C., Appomatox October Railroad Festival, November Campbell County Adoption Reception, Several Christmas Parades, and we also have our Stew in November which is our biggest fund raiser.

In addition, several church or school activities randomly pop up where clowns can have fun.

So, we are a unit which loves having Kazim nobles join us. If you are looking for a close-knit group of fun-loving Nobles, come join us. We guarantee you will have a great time while, at the same time, spreading knowledge of the accomplishments of our Shrine hospitals.

For more information, please contact Director, David Blanks.

Email: centralvaclowns@kazimshriners.com



Director's Staff

Formed: 1922

Meet: 1st Wednesday

Where: Kazim Temple

The second oldest unit in the Kazim Shrine, The Director's Staff has several fund-raising events are conducted each year. In 2019 three major events were organized that included a Race-watch Party, a St. Patrick's Day breakfast, and a country "Boots and Hat" dance. The unit also raises funds by selling Masonic, Shrine, and Eastern Star jewelry. Members and their Ladies enjoy fellowship, pot-luck dinners, picnics, Christmas parties, and other social activities such as cruises on Smith Mountain Lake and special trips to dinner theaters.

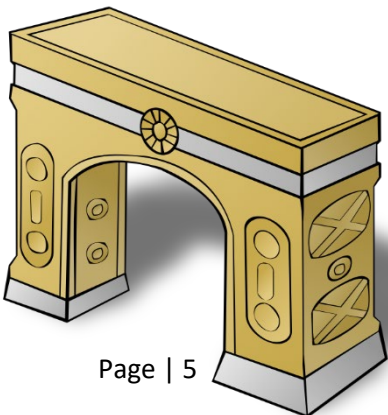
One of the Directors Staff responsibilities is to help with the two major ceremonials that are held each year. Unit members set up the altar and chairs for the ceremonials, guide new candidates with check-in on the morning of the ceremonial, and direct them on the activities of the day. Members also assist new candidates with the fitting and purchasing of their new fez.

The unit's main objective is to produce the Arch Degree as part of the Ceremonial Day. This production introduces the candidate to the goal of helping Shriner Children, and inducting new Nobles into the Shrine. As part of this dignified activity a new Noble is honored by the Fezing Ceremony whereby his Lady or friend places the fez on his head to signify he is officially a new member of the

Kazim Shrine. The unit also participates in parades, serves as ushers at the annual Shrine Circus, and assists the Potentate with special projects. The Directors Staff is always looking for a candidate who wants to be part of a strong, proud unit where service to others is their goal.

For more information regarding the Director's Staff please contact their Director, Charlie Page.

Email: directorsstaff@kazimshriners.com



Fire Brigade

Formed: 1979

Meet: 4th Tuesday

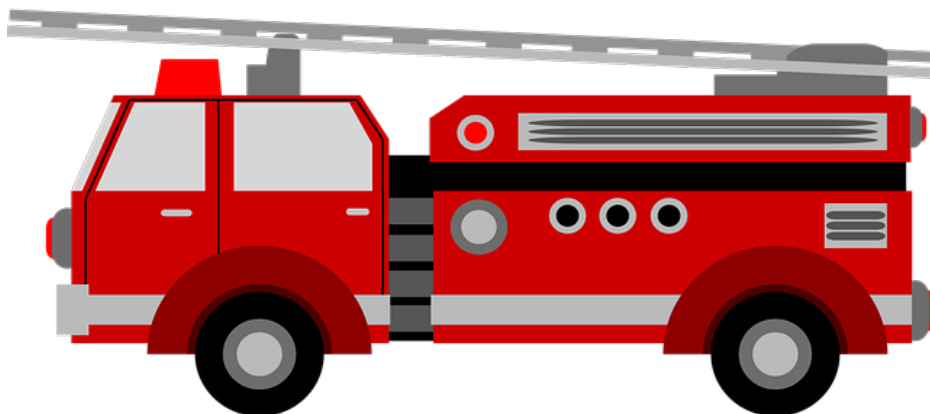
Where: Kazim Temple

The Fire Brigade was organized in 1979 and meet the 4th Tuesday of the month in their room in the Kazim Temple basement.

The unit owns two antique fire trucks and are always a hit at parades.

For more information regarding the Fire Brigade please contact their Chief, Philip Weaver.

Email: firebrigade@kazimshriners.com



Hillbillies

Formed: 1976

Meet: 1st Tuesday

Where: 105 Roseland Road, Galax, VA

The Kazim Hillbillies was formed in 1976 by members of the Grayson-Carroll Shrine Club as a separate parade unit of Kazim Shriners. They meet jointly with the shrine club on the 1st Tuesday of each month at their building/garage located at 105 Roseland Rd., Galax, VA. Membership is limited to 50 “active” members and requires participation in a majority of the meetings, activities and parades. The Kazim Hillbillies are always in demand to parade their collection of Ford “A” Model jalopies. They have traveled extensively and gathered many trophies for their parade participation. Their primary fundraiser is their contract to handle all gate admissions 24/7 during the entire week of Old Fiddlers convention. They are self-supporting and work tirelessly to support Kazim Shrine and Shriners Hospitals for Children.

For more information on the hillbillies please contact their Director, Mike Kinzer.

Email: hillbillies@kazimshriners.com



Klowns

Formed 1962

Meet: 1st Thursday

Where: Kazim Temple

Another one of Kazim's clown units is the Kazim Klowns. This active unit is always a hit at parades and temple functions. The Klowns meet the 1st Thursday of the month in their unit room in the basement of Kazim.

The unit has won many awards and trophies at SASA for parades and clown competitions.

The Klowns participate in many parades, fundraisers, breakfast with Santa, and hold St. Patrick's Day and Halloween dances with the Tramp Unit.

For more information regarding the Klowns please contact their Director, Roger "Hot Rod" Harrah.

Email: klowns@kazimshriners.com



Misfits

Formed: Est. June 9, 1986 (Approved Date)

Meet: 3rd Friday

Where: 120 Pembroke Park Lane, Pembroke, VA 24136

Call Tree and Email distro list available for information dissemination if interested. Please contact us at kazimmisifts@gmail.com.

The Kazim Misfits Unit was formed in June 9, 1986. This unit meets the 3rd Friday of every month following the Giles Shrine Club's stated meeting. The meeting is normally held at the Shrine Center in Pembroke, VA, but we do occasionally meet down on the New River in Pembroke as well if the weather permits during the summer months.

The Misfits are exactly what the name implies; a group of Misfits. You can be anything you want to be in this group whether that is a White Face Clown, Tramp, Hobo, Bum, Character, Hillbilly or anything else you can come up with. We also have a wide variety of vehicles that we use during parades from go karts, motorcycles, and tractors to our trailer for members who many not be able to use the small vehicles any more. We participate in the 4th of July Parade in Newport, the Virginia Tech Homecoming Parade, SASA, and all of the various Christmas Parades ranging from Christiansburg to Peterstown. We have several events during the year ranging from the Scarecrow Festival and Halloween Dance in Pearisburg to our Fundraisers in our Poker Run Float in Pembroke and Cornhole Tournament in Newport.

So if you are looking for a Unit the Misfits have something to offer any candidate looking for a home; and if you aren't quite sure of what you want to do there is no better place to be than somewhere you can do whatever you like.

For more information or questions please reach out to our Director, Bobby Lucas.

Email: kazimmisifts@gmail.com



Mobile Nobles

Formed: March 28, 2017

Meet: 3rd Thursday

Where: All-Star Storage, 555 Peppers Ferry Rd, Wytheville, VA 24382

The Kazim Mobile Nobles began March 28, 2017 headquartered in Rural Retreat, Va. and encompassing Wythe and surrounding counties. It began with 6 charter members and has grown to 8 currently. Four go-carts were donated to the unit by Kent Smith of Thunder Valley Entertainment in Salem, Va. and we have purchased more. Many hours were spent fixing and painting our equipment.

Golf tournaments and golf-cart raffles have enabled us to finance our endeavors and donate to the hospital. We were also able to fix a go-cart and donate it to the Ladies Oriental Shrine of North America new Ma'at Court No. 110 to help them with fundraising.

For more information regarding the Mobile Nobles contact their Director, Charles Griffith.

Email: mobilenobles@kazimshriners.com



Motor Patrol

Formed: 1974

Meet: 3rd Thursday

Where: Kazim Temple

The Motor patrol has enjoyed their participation in the South Atlantic Shrine Motor Corps. The group rides Honda 450s and completes maneuvers in competitions, as well as parades.

The unit meets on the third Thursday at Kazim in their unit room in the basement.

The unit has won many awards and is open for new members! For more information, please contact their Captain, John Eanes.

Email: motorpatrol@kazimshriners.com



Piedmont Ts

Formed: 1986

Meet: 4th Thursday

Where: 100 Fair Oaks DR, Stanleytown, VA

The Piedmont T's Unit drive Model T's and other antique vehicles and hold the annual Rabbit Dinner to raise money for the Transportation Fund

For more information regarding the Piedmont T's please contact President, Illustrious Wes Wells.

Email: piedmontts@kazimshriners.com



Mystic Pirates

Formed: 2017

Meet: 2nd Thursday

Where: Kazim Temple

Argghh! The Kazim Pirates are the newest unit at Kazim (2017). This new unit is very active and growing each year!

The Pirates participate in parades with their operational pirate ship, winning many awards, and are a big hit with all!

The unit holds various fundraisers, breakfast with Santa, and is very active with unit outings and dinners. The unit also holds a successful Seafood Boil that continues to grow each year.

The Pirates also hold raffles and their annual Pirate ball! Come visit the Pirates in the Kazim basement.

For more information contact their Captain, PJ Nagel.

Email: mysticpirates@kazimshriners.com



Provost Guard

Formed: Founded Early 1940s

Meet: 4th Tuesday

Where: Kazim Temple

The Provost Guard maintains the peace, checks membership cards and passwords, allowing no unauthorized individuals entrance to our temple meetings. The unit is always helping out when needed and also assists with their duties at the Circus.

The unit fundraises with their annual Valentine's Day Dance and other functions. Unit equipment includes rifles, flags, and full-dress uniforms. The unit also presents the flag of our country at our stated communications and is always a hit at parades.

For more information, please contact their Captain, Anthony Dementi.

Email: provostguard@kazimshriners.com



Tramps

Formed: 1979

Meet: 1st Thursday

Where: Kazim Temple

The Kazim Tramp Unit was formed in October of 1979 and meets the first Thursday of the month at 7pm in their unit room on the second floor of the Kazim Shrine Center.

The Tramps have captured many trophies during the parades they participate in and enjoy parading their pump-car train (miniature) any time they can.

The unit also competes at the South Atlantic Shrine Clown Association clown competitions and routinely dominates the Tramp category at this competition, sweeping all Tramp categories in 2019 at SASA!

The unit fund-raises with a joint St Patrick's Day and Halloween Dances with the Kazim Klowns and with various other events during the year. The unit also participates in the temple to include Breakfast with Santa and anytime a Tramp is needed!

For more information, please contact their Director, Giles Gilley.

Email: tramps@kazimshriners.com

