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POTENTATE’S MESSAGE
TOM NICKENS, POTENTATE 2016

50 years for Siskiyouian

There stood a man 6’4” who did carry 280 lbs. around proudly. John Berry was presented with his 50 year pin, his 50 years fez tassel guard, a letter from Shrine International, and a framed award acknowledging this momentous occasion on Thursday, Sept 1, 2016 in Redding, CA. His wife, Delores drove him down from Weed along with some Siskiyou Shrine Clubbers. He was in the military aeronautics and a high school teacher. He originally joined Shrine when he was 18. His Shrine Temple of creation is Ansar Shrine located in the great State of Illinois. His Dad was membership chairman and his two brothers and John became Masons and Shriners. We are very happy and honored to have such a loyal and dedicated Shriner in our mystic fraternity. Congratulations! John Berry we are all proud of you!

Hostilers of Northern California

Hark another Ben Ali first—the hospital volunteers of Northern California emerge from their labors to attend the Shriner’s Root Beer Float party at Shriners Hospital, Stockton Blvd. Ben Ali had 100% attendance of the Divan. The Divan demonstrated their admiration for the Nobles, family and friends who volunteered to supplement the hospital staff. We as Nobles thru our donations pay for it all. The volunteers devote their time and energies for the Shrine children. The Transportation drivers take the Shrine children to and from home. The tour guides show the hospital to anyone who is interested. Ben Ali appreciates their volunteer service. There was a big turnout by the Clowns. How great to see all the clowns in all their outfits and costumes ready for fun, adventure and tom-foolery. The Clowns looked great, acted like a bunch of clowns and added to the fun and chivalry of the event. Al Schafer, Gary Kiddie, Bill Hall, Tal and others shared their acclamations.

There were the Pet-Therapy volunteers also. Our first lady Suzanne was happy to see the three teams that showed up. Two greyhounds and one mixed New Zealand sheepdog. (wearing a blue stripped tie) I think he wanted to be a Clown. When Lillian Nelson, Shriners Hospital for Children Northern California, Director of Volunteer Services got up to speak the Shriner Float party was on. As Dan and Sue Leonard, our Host and Hostess for this p.v. got our servers going Paula Kubo, Billie Roggenbusch, Bob & Terri Jackson, Sandy Ludington, Linda Potts and others delivering Root Beer Floats it conjured up ambrosia nectar served to everyone present. Lillian Nelson and Meredith, her assistant thanked all volunteers for their service and the “Plus” that our volunteers make for the Shrine. Shrine children spoke with emotion and grateful praises. They were Chet Fristoe, Scott Leventon and Lyndsey Chediak. For more information on the hospital to become a volunteer email volunteer@SACNC or call the following number. 916-453-2087.

The Divan had a 100% turnout. Dave Kubel, Chief Rabban, Chris Chediak, High Priest & Prophet, Jairo Gomez, Oriental Guide, Bill Wells, 1st Ceremonial Master, and Dave Lagala, 2nd Ceremonial Master were there applauding all the volunteers saying thank you.

Paparazzi In Ben Ali

Who is dat comin down the street? Who is dat in the black? Where is dat whistle from, that big boom in the street?? Is it a riot? A fire? A fight? No, No, No Dat is the Keystone Cops of Ben Ali. Geeman—ee those guys attract the girls, the men, the kids, the elderly it’s the Keystone drivers down the street, thru the fire station. They cause the police to jump, the citizens to gasp when they fire off the oatmeal stuffed shot guns shells, and now they even use feathers in them shot gun shells when they come to town. The kids get big round eyes and stare in awe at those Keystone Cops. Jairo was in stripes He sat beside a parade goer and Bill W. and Bill P. came up and arrested the gal next to him. Then Jairo hide behind some kids on the parade route and they said the prisoner went dat-away attempting to deceive Jeff and Mike of the whereabouts of the runaway convict, all the merry-ment of those nearby. Oh a whistle, then John T drives the Nellie and then Ed R conducts the paddy wagon to a cute lass wearing chevron stripes. They cornered her and tried to arrest her for fashionable prison wear. Oh the irony was not lost on those around Hootin and hollering with the Keystone Cops. And that was just the parade on Labor Day. The night before Mike had scripted a play, scored the music, took charge of wardrobe, audio and the rehearsals. Timblin brought the material tools and built the props. The rest of the Pinkerton Department was stage crew and actors. The stage amongst the beautiful Redwoods North of Fort Bragg was set. Then the cops arrested Potentate Kay Dunn of Aahmes and took him off. They redressed him from civilian clothes into a mountain man, plaid shirt, big beard, skull cap, an axe Kazam! He was now Kay Dunnyan and a distant relative of Paul Bunyan (you see it was Paul Bunyan days in Ft. Bragg. Next they demanded a friendly competition between Kay Dunn, Potentate of Aahmes and yours truly Ben Ali Potentate. I couldn’t say no – I accepted the challenge. We had axe throwing, log rolling, cross-saw log cutting, pancake eating. It was a tie and the lesson in the tie to be learned was that Shriners need to work together to get things done. Andy and Gary did the tear down keystones, To round out the week the cops had an evening BarBQue with Salmon and potluck by the ladies. The Motorcycle gang “Devils Deciples” wanted the cops for pictures and pranks since they all shared the same parking area at the motel. Some of the cops went fishing on a blustery and rough sea. Others went to a car show. Some to the Paul Bunyan competition. The Keystone Cops went to a crafts faire with the cops and ladies. Then twenty-two attended the Ft. Bragg melodrama. With villians, heroicines, heros, and all the assorted characters of a play. It depicted Ft. Bragg a hundred years ago. After the show a courtesy by a buxom blond within inches of John Timblin’s nose was quite the eye popper. Whew, what a weekend. Then the winding mountain road to Willets for 33 miles before heading home for the 5 hour trip to Sacramento. The Keystone Cops have a blistering schedule loaded with fun and frolic.
CIBARA MOTOR CORPS
Joe LaPilusa, Captain

As we ride into the closing months of the year 2016, Cibara looks forward to the rides and events that are coming. We will be participating in the Folsom Veterans Day Parade on November 11, this parade is a tribute to those who served our country and it’s always an honor and a pleasure to ride in it. On November 19, Cibara will be joining the Ben Ali Divan and other Units and Clubs to show our colors at the annual Shrine Bowl, a terrific high school football event and an opportunity to help raise funds for the hospital. The holiday season will be the focus of the Woodland Holiday Parade on December 10th, in downtown Woodland, Cibara Go Karts are always a crowd favorite and we really like going there to join the fun and festivities.

We ride to help kids and the hospital and we have fun in the process.

We meet the first Tuesday of each month on the 5th floor of the hospital at 7:00 PM; All Shriners are welcomed to come to our meetings to find out more about us or call me at 916 436 6462. I can tell you that there is no activity that is so much fun while also doing a good thing. Try us out, I guarantee that you will love what we do and how we do it!

KEYSTONE COPS
John Timblim, Secretary

How would you like to go to work and have the day off all in the same day? Well with me being an employee of the Antelope Home Depot and being a member of the keystone Cop patrol that is exactly what it felt like for me on the first Saturday in October. For your general information all Home Depot stores host a free “Kids Workshop” on the first Saturday of each month. With October being “Fire Prevention Month” it was only obvious they would invite us to the event so we could inform the public about what a great hospital system the Shriners have established throughout the United States, Mexico and Canada. This year we had 3 Keystone Cops, 1 prisoner dog and our Model T Touring Car to entertain the folks while we answered questions, posed for pictures and passed our information on our hospital. Eric Leutholtz dressed his pooch “Gracie” in prisoner garb to the delight of everyone, young and old. Wow!!! Talk about “Pet Therapy”, it really works. Throughout the day after admiring and clamoring over Gracie a few people even said, “Oh yeah, nice car, how old is it?” A total of 244 kids registered and attended the workshop and at least half of those visited our display and posed for pictures in, around, about and underneath the Model T. Great day for all who attended and yes…I was on the clock and got paid for what I love to do….spread the word about our Children’s Hospitals.

Join us at our monthly meeting to learn a little more about our Unit. We meet the last Tuesday of the month. We meet at the Hart House with dinner around 6 P.M. followed with a meeting at 7 P.M. Contact me for details at (916) 300-0699

The Cops do a great job with the Kids!

Looks like they are outside the cage.

Too many donuts.

Going to the Dogs.
Had a great Club Picnic at a members home, John and Sandy Ludington opened up thier home for us to have a Tri-Tip BBQ, pot luck. Also, at the Picnic we will be working on our two projects for the Bazaar, one is a Hillbilly Wind Chime and the other is the Christmas Holiday Wreaths made out of fresh pine tree branches, they are both great Christmas items.

We are also looking forward to the Folsom Veterans Parade, the Club fixes up a flat bed trailer and addes hay bales for sitting and effect. We use to have it pulled by a old tractor, but lately the tractor has been under the weather, so we settle for a pick up truck, who knows it may be there this year.

Shoo Shoo’s Charades
Since Clown’s are known for uttering “few words”, I’ll suffice it to say that we’ve had a busy summer at the various parades and events. The new Dada-Mobile, with a large smile under a larger fez, has had its exercise. Since a picture is worth a thousand words, here’s a photo of the 8 Al Bar Shrine Clowns from San Diego (o.k, there’s 9 with Shoo Shoo) that visited, toured and entertained children and families at our Sacramento Hospital on Saturday, August 27.

Ben Ali Clowns hosted a Luncheon in the Conference Room at 17 1/2.

Hope you all enjoyed the Circus at Sunrise Mall! I miss the traditional animal acts, and especially the classic Clowns! Maybe we should dress up next year to entertain children.

Meet the Patrol — Arthur L. Smith
Art was born June 27, 1921, in Cincinnati Ohio and was initiated September 1, 1948, in Columbia Lodge # 44 in Miami Township, Ohio, passed to the degree of Fellowcraft January 1, 1949, and raised to Master Mason January 22, 1949. Art served as Master of Columbia Lodge in 1952.

Art affiliated with San Juan Lodge # 732 in Citrus Heights, CA. on February 16, 2000, and shortly after joined the Ben Ali Shrine, where he joined the Marching Patrol and served as Captain of the Patrol in 2002. Art proudly served his country during WW II in the Army Infantry joining the Army in 1941 and serving until 1945. Art saw action on D-Day at Omaha Beach in Normandy, France. The trip from South Hampton, England to France was 17 days on the ship George Washington and Art helped publish a small daily newspaper called the “Heard & Scupper” which was distributed to the entire crew and consisted of articles by the Signal Corps members talking about their daily activities and experiences while on their journey.

Art married the late Jenny Dore in 1946. Jenny passed away in 1999. They were blessed with two children a son and a daughter who both live near the Sacramento area. Art has five grandchildren and six great grandchildren.

Art retired from Proctor & Gamble in Sacramento in 1985, after 46 years, starting his employment with P & G in 1939, in Cincinnati, Ohio all the while going to the University of Cincinnati at night studying Chemical Engineering. Art has enjoyed his years as a Ben Ali Shriner and hopes that he may be able to attend some stated meetings once he is walking again on his own.

Art has had some medical issues in the past few months which have kept him away from lodge, the Patrol and the Shrine.

Thank You Art for you years of dedicated service to the Masons, the Shrine and the Patrol. We hope to see you again very soon.

Ben Ali Peace Officers: Yes we are inactive. BUT if there be any cops or former cops who are Shriners we (the old guys) would like to reinvigorate this worthwhile unit. You young folks must do it. WE will help with the re-start. Call me Hal Barker Past Chief 530-647-0510, HalNBarker@yahoo.com
We’unz had a gud time this summer at th’ Roundeevou at Cuz’n Bubba’s (aka Robert Nield’s) ‘n were mitee pleased t’ welkum Cuz’n David Barnekkoff ‘n Cuz’n Deb Murata t’ th’ Clun after they each kompteted th’ appropriate Grand ‘n Glorious Hillbilly Degreee. It wuz veree speshul ‘cuz a deposit wuz made rite in front o’ th’ outhouse by one o’ ‘r 4-legged friendz, shortlee beefour th’ degree.

Next on th’ kalundar iz th’ Nut Pickin’ Partee with th’ memburrrz o’ th’ Central Sackrotoomatoe Vallee Shrine Klub. This here fun event will b’ held Sundee, Novemburr 20th at Stinky Holler Ranch, near beutifull downtown Meridian along the Sackrotoomatoe River. We start pickin’ out them walnut meatz ‘bout 9:00 am. After they’re weighed ‘n bagged, they’ll b’ sold at th’ Shrine Ladee’s 7th. Th’ Still ‘ll b’ open fer liquid refreshmentz ‘n a potluck lunch will b’ ‘bout high noon. Th’ main dish ‘ll b’ provided ‘n A-H ‘r akst t’ bring side dishes ‘n I-Z ‘r akst t’ bring deesertz. Pleeze let us know if’n ya’ll r kummin’ so az we set up enough tablez.

Th’ dae beefour iz th’ Shrine Bowl ‘n all unitz ‘r encouraged t’ attend ‘n walk in th’ half-time parade o’ th’ 8th graderz football game. Last year thar wuz representativez frum Ladies Oriental Shrine ‘n th’ Masonic Youth Groups az well az th’ usual Shrine Klubz ‘n Unitz. That’z Saterdee, Novemburr 19th with infurmashun DOGTOWN HILLBILLY CLAN NO. 114

We are all kinds of excited for November to arrive! Our Supreme Queen, Cathy Carol Rose, will be visiting us from Indianapolis, Indiana. Wednesday, November 9, we will be showing Supreme Queen Cathy our Northern California Shrine Hospital for Children. Luncheon is at 12 noon and tours will begin about 2pm. Thursday, November 10 is Ceremonial and New Princess Day to honor our Supreme Queen at the George Primrose Masonic Temple. The Ceremonial begins at 1pm followed by a banquet in the dining room. RSVPs are necessary for the complimentary luncheon at the hospital and the banquet. After Supreme Queen Cathy’s visit, many of us will travel with her to Nefru Ari Temple in Richmond, to Islam Temple in Burlingame, to Sharon Temple in Fresno and to Annom-Ra Temple in Reno. It will be quite a time! Our December session is on Saturday the 3rd. Bring your lunch and join us in the dining room at 11:30am for lunch. Session begins at 1pm. Wear a festive holiday dress for the day. Princess Royal Barbara Mustard is taking reservations for our Christmas dinner following session. The princesses of Menzaleh Temple wish all in the Shrine Family a very Happy Thanksgiving.

Nile love, Princess Becky Dunn – 408-515-0822

The Tommyknockers of Grass Valley and Nevada City had a busy summer, especially September, with the celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the Constitution Day Parade. Nevada City #13 F&AM was the originator of the Parade in 1966, so our Shrine Club was involved in this year’s presentation. At high noon, Lynton Daniel and the Grand Master of California led the Dedication Ceremony for the Lodge’s new flag pole and American flag. The 165-year old Lodge’s original patriotic display was removed about 95 years ago. Members of the Tommyknockers initiated returning the roof-top symbol of our country.

Our “Thanks” to the many Shrine Units and Clubs that participated in the Parade. It is one of the few exhibitions of our Masonic family in our local communities. Following the Parade, Potentate Tom was honored (or maybe just acknowledged) at our Potentate’s Visit. Tom was initiated as a Tommyknocker. About 55 guests witnessed Tom’s Divan and Aides pelting him with marshmallows during the solemn ceremony. The guests enjoyed the traditional Cornish Pasties and salad served for the occasion.

On the following Monday evening, the Northridge Restaurant in Nevada City shared a portion of its meal proceeds with our Shrine Club to support our Shrine Hospital. Tommyknockers were present to greet the guests and provide literature explaining the role and services of our Hospital.

A few months are left to become a Tommyknocker! 2016 members will receive a special Charter Member Certificate printed on intaglio paper.

Folklore: Tommyknockers, arriving in the Gold Country with the Cornish miners, were said to be direct descendants of ancient Pixies that inhabited the mines. They were helpful (life-saving), but mischievous elves about two-feet tall. These friends of the miners wore mining attire complete with picks, hard hats, and lunch buckets. Maybe now, a Fez.
November will be a busy month for our Ladies starting with our regular meeting on the first Tuesday of the month, November 1, 2016. Dinner will be served at 6:00 PM by the Jesters Unit so please call Senior Jester Margaret McCuistion, PHP, phone (916) 332-9693, for a reservation. Meeting will begin at 7:30 PM. Then, on Wednesday, November 30, 2016, our Grand High Priestess Lady Diana Schmitz will visit our Court. We hope all members can come to this special meeting!!! A special dinner is being prepared by Lady Joy Simpson, PHP, and her crew and will be served at 6:00 PM. Please call Lady Joy Simpson, PHP, at (209) 986-2645, or email her at oohjoy65@yahoo.com for a reservation to this special dinner. Meeting will begin at 7:30 PM. Then on Thursday,, December 1, 2016, we will have a luncheon for Grand High Priestess Lady Diana Schmitz at the Northern California Shrine Hospital for Children, at 11:30 AM. Please call Lady Jane Butler, PHP, at (916) 961-6789 or by email at jbbassv07@comcast.net for a reservation. The Ladies from Ankh Court #92 of San Jose, CA, always join us for this luncheon. Both Courts will show Grand High Priestess Lady Diana Schmitz many of the items made by the sewing groups from each Court for the hospital. A tour of the Northern California Shrine Hospital for Children will follow. If you haven’t seen the hospital, this is a good time to tour it. Ankh Court #92 of San Jose will be having a dinner and meeting honoring Grand High Priestess Lady Diana Schmitz on Tuesday, November 29, 2016, at the San Jose Masonic Center in San Jose. Dinner at 6:00 PM, meeting at 7:30 PM. Please attend if you can, but be sure to make a reservation for dinner. Since Ila Neb Court #51 is having the special meeting on November 30, 2016, honoring Grand High Priestess Lady Diana Schmitz, there will be no meeting on December 6, 2016. Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, January 3, 2016. Dinner will be served by the Razzamatazz Unit at 6:00 PM. Please call Lady LeCristha Boone, PHP, at (916) 267-5050 or email her at lecristhab@gmail.com for a reservation. Meeting will be held at 7:30 PM. The Shrine Ladies Bazaar will be held on Saturday, December 3, 2016, from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM at the Scottish Rite Center. If you have any questions or would like to donate something, please contact Lady Carol Balbiani, at (916) 684-7780 or (916) 204-2069, or by email at crbalbiani@gmail.com or Lady Margaret Leutholtz, phone (209) 368-9030 or (209) 327-5040, or by email at mluzbitz@hotmail.com. Please come help support this event and bring all of your friends and neighbors.

The Sewing group will meet from 9:00 AM to Noon on November 8, 2016, at the Shrine Hospital. They will meeting at the San Juan Masonic Center on Tuesday, November 22, 2016, from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Bring a bag lunch. Dessert will be served by Lady Helen Zinn, PHP. The Razzamatazz Unit will meet on Monday, November 14, 2016, at 1:00 PM. The Shufflin Songsters will meet on Monday, November 14, 2016, at 7:00 PM. The Jesters Unit will meet on Wednesday, November 16, 2016, at 7:00 PM. The Pageantry Patrol Unit will meet on Thursday, November 17, 2016, at the home of Lady Janet Johnston, PHP, at 1:00
LADIES HOLIDAY CRAFT BAZAAR
Carol Balbiani & Margaret Leutholtz
Co-Chairpersons

Ben Ali Shrine Holiday Craft Bazaar
For the Ben Ali Transportation Fund
December 3, 2016
*New time this year, 8:30am-2:00pm*

Scottish Rite Masonic Center – 6151 H Street, Sacramento

It’s November. One more month until the Bazaar! We’re getting excited and I hope you are too!  

**Nobles** there is no ceremonial on Bazaar day and you are invited to come check out the Bazaar. It’s not just for ladies, many tables have items you might be interested in. Check out the Sportsmen Club table.

Keep working on those projects and help your club/unit. Please volunteer to help at their table. One person cannot do it alone during the whole Bazaar. It takes team work to make any event successful.

Speaking of a team, we are a team running the Bazaar. Here are some of the team members chairing the different functions at the Bazaar. They give a lot of time and effort helping at the Bazaar.

The **Wrecking Crew** is here every Bazaar morning to help us unload and bring in our boxes and baskets.

**Paul McDaniel** will again be the very ‘Santa-looking’ Santa Claus. He loves being Santa and we love him for doing it.

**John Timblin**, Keystone Cop, will again be taking pictures of the kids with Santa.

The **Keystone Cops** will be guarding the doors and keeping order at the Bazaar. Keystone Cops – keeping order?

**Kathy Campbell** and her crew will be running the Opportunity Tables. We can use donations for the table. You can bring it to the Scottish Rite Center Friday 2:00pm-7:00pm or Saturday morning before 7:30am. Kathy needs time to set everything up before we open the doors. You can take items to Kathy’s house Nov 25-Dec 1. Call her at 916-689-4758. There will be 3 sections for the tables. Drawings will commence at 11:00, 12:00 noon, and 1:00 pm.

**Billie Jean Roggenbusch** always does double duty. She will be chairing the ornament table and selling tickets – would it be a Shrine event if Billie Jean wasn’t selling tickets? We always need ornaments at the table. You can bring them to the Shrine Center or bring them early the morning of the Bazaar. Call Billie Jean at 916-358-5253 to let her know so she can plan.

**Joanie Davidson** is going to handle our Specialty Item Silent Auction for items that are valued at $50 or more. Do you have a vacation home or timeshare you can donate for a week or weekend? Couple of rounds of golf? Are you an electrician, plumber or have some other skills that you can donate for an hour or two? If you have items or time to donate go to the Ben Ali website and download the Specialty Items Entry Form for instructions and form. For information call Joanie at 530-632-9662.

**Terri Jackson** is heading up the Trees and Wreaths Silent Auction. If you want to donate a tree or wreath – it’s not limited to just the clubs and units – go to the Ben Ali website and download the Tree and Wreath Entry Form for instructions and form. For information call Terri at 916-988-5979.

**Helen Zinn** is heading the Gingerbread House Competition. For details on the competition rules, the prize information and the entry form go to the Ben Ali website and download the Gingerbread House Entry Form. You could be a first prize winner! For information call Helen at 916-296-2232.

**Susan Eggleston** is our Bazaar photographer this year. Smile! Susan always has her camera handy.

**Joy Simpson** is the chairperson for Cashiering. She is the lady that oversees all the money handling. A big job with a lot of responsibility. If you are interested in cashiering contact Joy at 209-986-2645.

**Judy Tamblyn** will be heading up the Collectibles Table where we will have the dolls mentioned last month. We will be adding Beanie Babies to the table.

**Julie Center** will be chairing the sales area for our food kitchen. The Purveyors will again provide our food. Coffee will be available starting at 6:30am for those working in the morning. Breakfast casseroles will be available at 7:00am.

Then there are all the unnamed nobles and ladies, those that make all the items that are sold at the Bazaar and those ladies that also staff the tables during the Bazaar. All our participating clubs/units do a wonderful job. They must or they wouldn’t make so much money for the Transportation Fund.

That’s what this Bazaar is – a team effort with a common goal. I am so thankful for all the ladies who have stepped up to continue on with their past duties and those that have accepted new ones.

If you are interested in helping in any of the areas, please give the chairperson of that area a call.

I hope this gives you an idea of who does what at the Bazaar. Many of the ladies have been doing their part for the Bazaar for many, many years. They need new ladies to step in and help them out. You can contact your club/unit chair if you wish to help out. If you don’t belong to a club/unit, please contact one of the people mentioned above to volunteer.

If you are Chairperson for a Club/Unit and did not get a copy of the reservation form and letter go to the Ben Ali website and download the Table Reservation Form for instructions and form. We hope to see you all at the Bazaar. If you have any questions, please contact one of us, your Bazaar co-chairladies.

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BEN ALI SHRINE LADIES
48th ANNUAL
Holiday Craft Bazaar
Saturday December 3, 2016
8:30 AM—2:00 PM
Location: Scottish Rite Masonic Center
6151 H Street—Sacramento
ADMISSION IS FREE

Features:
* UNIQUE ARTS, CRAFTS & HOLIDAY DECORATIONS
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* FRESH CROP FRUITS AND NUTS
* FRESH MADE SANDWICHES, SOUP, CHILI, PREPARED by the BEN ALI CHEFS
* FUN FOR KIDS—CRAFTS—FACE PAINTING

Proceeds benefit the Ben All Transportation Fund used to pay expenses for patients transportation to
the Shriners Hospitals for Children—Northern California
www.benalishrine.org
Brian Bell is on a roll...one that has earned him a gold medal in wheelchair basketball at the Paralympic Games in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. The 27-year-old Alabama native and father of three calls the games the biggest challenge of his career.

Bell lost his right leg in a train accident when he was just 10-years-old. Between the ages of 10 and 18, he came to Shriners Hospitals for Children — Greenville for treatment and prosthetic limb fittings and fabrication. At Shriners Hospitals for Children, the doctors and staff helped Bell to not only recover, but also try new activities. These activities included sports, such as football, which he played until he discovered wheelchair basketball at a training facility he frequented.

Bell fell in love with basketball and went on to win a gold medal in the World Championship in Birmingham, England, when he was just 16. He now plays professionally in Italy.

Bell is also studying kinesiology and hopes to become a personal trainer and basketball coach. He wants to give back to other young people who suddenly find themselves facing adversity, just like he did after his accident.

"I want to show others that you can still go on to do great things even if you have a disability," said Bell. "It can make you stronger and Shriners Hospitals for Children helped me see that."

We are proud of all that Brian has already accomplished and...
BEN ALI SHRINE

BASCO DAYS WEEKEND  January 20-22, 2017
"COMMAND EVENT"

All Ben Ali Nobles are invited to attend the "BASCO Days Weekend" on January 20-22 2017 at the "Hilton Sacramento Arden West Hotel". There will be seminars of interest for all. A Saturday evening Banquet and Sunday morning breakfast along with special speakers and guests you will not want to miss the hospitality rooms and fun and games.

This is a must be at event so Please mark your calendar and plan on being there. Additional reservation information to follow in coming weeks. “SAVE THE DATE” and don’t be late.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT STAN SOLID, BEN ALI DIRECTOR GENERAL
(916) 580-4583 OR SRSOLID@AOL.COM
Ben Ali Shrine “Enormous 2016 Drawing”

This is how it works. At each stated meeting dinner you print your name on the printed entry ticket and place into the red top entry bucket. You can also print your name on your “Youth Shrine Bowl” ticket, your “Ceremonial attendance” ticket, your “Parade ticket”, your “Picnic ticket”, your “PV ticket”, etc. Mainly at every Ben Ali Shrine function thru out 2016 you will have the opportunity to enter. Enter as often as you wish and Good luck! What do I win? You ask. Well at the November ceremonial three tickets will be drawn from the drum. The 1st ticket drawn will win a $100.00 gift certificate to a fine restaurant in the Sacramento area; the 2nd ticket drawn will win (2) banquet dinners at the Ceremonial in November, an $80.00 value; the 3rd ticket drawn will win (2) dinners at Election night in December, a $30.00 value. The more times you enter the more chances you have to win. The drawing drum will be at all functions and plainly marked. If for some reason you can’t find the drum then give your entry to the Ben Ali front office and they will make sure it is entered. “Good Luck” and see you at the next function. Tom Nickens Potentate, Ben Ali Shrine.

NOVEMBER STATED MEETING
NOVEMBER 8, 2016

MENU:
Salad, Italian Sausage, pasta, veggie, garlic bread, poached pear in red wine

CALL 916-920-4107 FOR RESERVATIONS
MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS EARLY!
In addition to advertising, a program was created in 2003, called Ben Ali Shriners Monthly Supporters. This program was created to assist the Shriners Monthly Magazine with the cost of printing and postage. If you move please let us know as returned mail gets expensive and more importantly we don’t want you to be left out. Donations are on an annual basis, year to year. Supporters will have their name printed for $10.00 per line. This program runs from January 1st through December 31st & needs to be renewed every year.

COMPLETE THE FORM BELOW AND MAIL IT ALONG WITH YOUR DONATION TO: BEN ALI SHRINE - P.O. BOX 21-4477 - SACRAMENTO, CA. 95821 ATTN. LEO

YES, I WANT TO BE A SHRINERS MONTHLY SUPPORTER
Cut out and mail to Ben Ali Shrine Center, P.O. Box 21-4477, Sacramento, CA. 95821
Enclosed please find my check of $ ____________

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History of the Shriners

Shriners International is, at its most basic level, a fraternity. It all started in Manhattan in 1870 when some members of what’s considered the world’s oldest fraternity – Masonry – were hanging out at their favorite tavern. They felt that Masonry, which traces its roots to stonemasons and craftsmen of the Middle Ages, was a tad too focused on ritual. These guys wanted a fraternity that stressed fun and fellowship.

Two of those gentlemen – Walter M Fleming, M.D., and Billy Florence, an actor – took that idea and ran with it. Florence came up with the idea for a Near Eastern-themed party after attending a party thrown by an Arabian diplomat. Fleming added the structure, drafting the fraternity’s name, initiation rites, rituals and rules. Together, Fleming and Florence designed the fraternity’s emblem, devised a salutation and determined that the red fez with the black tassel would be the group’s official headgear.

The first chapter, Mecca Shriners, met in New York City in 1872. As word got out about the fledgling organization, membership grew rapidly, spreading across the U.S. In the early 1900s, membership spread into Canada, Mexico and Panama. Today, Shriners International is a fraternity with nearly 200 temples in several countries, thousands of clubs around the world and hundreds of thousands of members dedicated to the principles of brotherly love, relief and truth.

Who Are the Freemasons?

No one knows with certainty how or when the Masonic Fraternity was formed. A widely accepted theory among Masonic scholars is that it arose from the stonemasons’ guilds during the Middle Ages. The language and symbols used in the fraternity’s rituals come from this era. The oldest document that makes reference to Masons is the Regius Poem, printed around 1390, which was a copy of an earlier work. In 1717, four lodges in London formed the first Grand Lodge of England, and records from that point on are more complete.

Within 30 years, the fraternity had spread throughout Europe and the American Colonies. Freemasonry became very popular in Colonial America. George Washington was a Mason, Benjamin Franklin served as the head of the fraternity in Pennsylvania, as did Paul Revere and Joseph Warren in Massachusetts. Other well-known Masons involved with the founding of America included John Hancock, John Sullivan, Lafayette, Baron Fredrick von Stuben, Nathanael Greene, and John Paul Jones. Another Mason, Chief Justice John Marshall, shaped the Supreme Court into its present form.

Over the centuries, Freemasonry has developed into a world-wide fraternity emphasizing personal study, self-improvement, and social betterment via individual involvement and philanthropy. During the late 1700s, it was one of the organizations most responsible for spreading the ideals of the Enlightenment: the dignity of man and the liberty of the individual, the right of all persons to worship as they choose, the formation of democratic governments, and the importance of public education. Freemasons supported the first public schools in both Europe and America.

During the 1800s and early 1900s, Freemasonry grew dramatically. At that time, the government had provided no social “safety net.” The Masonic tradition of founding orphanages, homes for widows and homes for the aged provided the only security many people knew.

Today’s Freemasons are widely involved in a range of charity and community service activities. In fact, the Masonic Fraternity gives almost $1.5 million each day to both Masonic and non-Masonic charities locally, nationally and internationally. The causes they support range from operating children’s hospitals, providing treatment for childhood language disorders, treating eye diseases, funding medical research, contributing to local community service, and providing care to Freemasons and their families at Masonic Homes.

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