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#### From The Presiden **Bobby J. Fisher OMAR Shriners**



Hi Nobles, Harper, has been sick and is on a long road to recovery, I apologize for not having a Clowning Around in Dec.

**Bobby Fisher** President

is to fill his shoes as he does so much for us to keep us going. Thank God he is back.

We sure did miss you Ed.

So lets go back to Sept. and start by saying S.A.S.C.A.weekend was one of my favorite and I'm sure you all understand why. After all, it was a five year climb to become Pres. It means so much to have so many people work so hard to make my dreams come true. I thank everyone who came out and helped make my weekend so successful. Everyone is important, even if you just came by and looked around, you made us look good. We had a great clown competition. Congratulations to all the winners. We had no losers, if you competed you were a winner because you made someone happy. Thanks Guys.

Thank you Tony and Nikki Jones for all you all you do. did for us, for the sound system and curtains and all of your help. And to Leon McBride, Tony, and Nikki for the good makeup clinics, and to all the vendors and to the silent auction, and to all who helped.

I was fortunate enough to have my entire family with me at the banquet. Everyone rearranged their schedules so they could be a part of my big night. And how about that great menu Diane planned for us. The food was probably the best yet.

This five year journey would not have Since my right-hand man, Ed been possible without the help of the Omar Imps and my wife, Judy. They have been there every step of the way. For this, I am truly thankful.

The parade on Sat. morning had some You have no idea how hard it real good looking units and the clowns really stood out. And again, the Dunn Clowns could not be beat.

> The Omar Imps and the Impetts put on a killer pool party. Good fellowship and great food. Thank you Joe Bittle, Jack and Rhae Knight, Debbie Jones and all the others that helped to make it so good.

> Without Ed Harper doing the News Letter and Robbie Jones keeping a good set of books, I don't think I could do this. Good work keeping me so informed. Last, but not least, there is our ever faithful Diane Hensley. You not only created a S.A.S.C.A. web site but you are a great Web Master. And all the other stuff you do is just to much to list, but everyone knows you are a big part of the reason we move forward so smoothly. Thank you for

> This Association is as good as you let it be. Each of us has an obligation to do all we can to keep harmony and brotherhood among ourselves, to work together to make this Assc. all it can be. Please come to the meeting in March and voice your opinions. Hope to see you all there.

> Please pay your dues to Robbie as soon as possible. Yours in Faith. Bobby Joe Fisher, President Omar



Don't Forget to VISIT Your Blue Lodges and Temples to help in Securing new CLOWNS We're losing members!



#### From The 1st. Vice President Michael Wallace **KAZIM Shriners**



Mike Wallace 1 st., VP

you all? We are at the Midyear

support of each and

point of another year,

every one of you.

We need to increase the number of competitors in the competitions, we are going to add a balloon competition, this is new, and for this to work we need your help. The times and the rules will follow at a later date and are also made available at the registration table in September, along with the schedule.

his years of doing the news letter, this is a hard thing to complete.

We also need some names to run for open positions on the officers line.

The skit completion always has trophies that nobody gets, they are here for the taking. Speaking of which, make sure someone from you, or someone from your unit comes to the banquet to pick up your trophy. We cannot afford to mail them out!

Hope all is well with we will have our Mid-Winter meeting. This will not have any competition but will have make up classes. I have competed for many years and this will make you have better as we move forward to makeup and make you more at ease September we need the with the kids, one on one.

> We also have our vendors so that you can see what is new and old for the clowns in costumes and gimmicks, as well as Pro-Knows with clown noses.

I hope to move up to be your President in September and I need your help and support to keep SASCA moving forward.

Please send your dues in as soon as you can we need each and every I wish to thank Ed Harper for all one of you as you are important to us, also remember, to attend the meetings, you MUST show your current Shrine card as well as your SASCA card per the Imperial Potentate.

> Feel free to contact me, or any other Officer, by email or phone if any of us can help you.

Remember we clown for the kids making them smile is our reward

> Michael (SLEEPY) Wallace 1st. VP Kazim Shriners

On march 9<sup>th,</sup> at the Sea Mist,

If anyone asks where THEIR copy of the newsletter is, ask them to check with their Secretary and/orTreasureer . This went out to ALL PAID UP MEMBERS as of May 20th. The Editor, EddO

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# From the 2nd. Vice President Pat Godwin SUDAN Shriners



Greetings and salutations fellow Shrine clown members. I hope you're as ready as I am to get the winter behind us and move forward into the

new year. Hopefully all are in good health and spirit.

I look forward to working under the direction of our President Bobby Fisher and hope you will give him your support as well. If all goes well I look forward to that seat some day and want to hear your suggestions as to how we can make things better for our members, events and banquets. I'm sure all of the officers feel that way. We all want to work toward building this association to what it once was before the downturn in the economy the past few years.

We are getting ready for our mid -winter meeting in Myrtle Beach and hope you can attend and participate. Last year went well with quite a few attending. Not bad for a first time. All you new clowns (joeys) need to attend to learn how to apply makeup, get your supplies, and interact with other association members. I look forward to seeing you there.

This year in our fall ceremonial and we will have balloon competition for the first time. We have adopted International rules with minor modifications and should be off and running this fall. I have seen some of our members work and it should be a great time to test your skills with your peers.

This time of year is very busy for me at work (we call it silly season) and my duties, responsibilities and title have changed. I'll be ready for a break at our midwinter. I look forward to seeing all of you there.

> Pat Godwin Jr. SASCA 2<sup>nd</sup> V. Pres. Sudan Shriners

#### From the 3rd. Vice President **Robert Wilson KOSAIR** Shriners



3rd. VP

Wow, time is going by spring is almost here. Soon we'll be

Hello Fellow

dies.

seeing tulips blooming and robins out diligently building their nests! Also just around the corner is our Mid-Winter Convention in Myrtle Beach, S.C. I hope to see all of you there, so get ready and mark your calendar for March 8th and 9th. The funsters have been busy with the annual Kosair Circus as always it was a success. distressed know that our The clowns really work hard during this time to be present at hope you are feeling better. all the performances. After it is over they head home to relax in their recliners and start thinking about next years Circus and how they can make it even better! Also they recently had a dedication recognizing a past fellow clown who was respected by everyone for his

many years of service as a Nobles and La- Funster. Bub-os, Bob Johnson's, portrait now hangs on the wall of Kosair Hospital where he made countless visits to the kids hoping to put a smile on their faces. Bub-os portrait along with many other past clowns continue to put smiles on the faces of all who look at them. You know by their smiles, their unique style, makeup, colorful costumes, and gleam captured in their eyes that they loved to be clowns and loved to make kids laugh! At this point I would like to let all those who have been sick or prayers are with you and we So that's all for now. Take care and enjoy the Spring days ahead of us. Hope to see some of you in Myrtle Beach! Godspeed.

> Robert L. Wilson " Lucky" **3rd Vice President SASCA** KosairTemple, Louisville, Ky.

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## From the 4th. Vice President Randy Moore RIZPAH Shriners



Greetings and Salutations Noble Clowns and Ladies,

Where does one start, I hope all is well with everyone and that we all had a great time last year

at SASA. Half a year has passed since then and Mid-Winters meeting is upon us once again. Please join us at the Sea Mist in Myrtle Beach in March is what I would say. But by the time you read this it may well be over. But in case we do get this posted beforehand, by all means join us there this March 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>. It will be great seeing everyone who will come. Don't forget we do have our first business meeting of the year at this time. It is the place to come and discuss anything about our organization, and make changes if need be. So please attend if you have anything you want to go over or just to hear what anyone else has to say while there.

On the home front, I believe we have had a great year. All three clown groups are doing well here in western Kentucky. This year our Circus was spread out over several cities and lasted a week. The fall ceremonial was very good bringing in more possible clowns I hope this next year. Christmas parades and gatherings are always my favorite things to do at the end of the year. Included is a picture of our clowns at the Owensboro Christmas parade. So, now as we are in a new year I hope all will have a safe and happy new year and that we all find ways to clown and bring joy and happiness wherever we show up. Please attend your Shrine and club meetings whenever you can, and support you Blue Lodges too.

Don't forget September is not that far off either. Please come and join us this fall for the SASCA meeting.

Until later...remember to do all you can, if you can, when you can. No matter how small, a smile is still a smile and can make a difference in someone's life.

> Randy Moore aka Topper 4<sup>th</sup> Vice President of SASCA RIZPAH



Units, Please Remember To Update Your Newsletters, Deadlines are Feb. 15th., May 15th. August 15th and Nov. 15th. Page 6 Volume 13, Issue 1

## Proposed rules for SASCA balloon competition as adapted from ISCA with clarifications.

1. Balloon competition will be judged in the fall ceremonial only. Contestants can enter either single or multiple categories. He may not compete in both of these categories. All contestants will be placed in an appropriate area of the room according to the category they desire to enter. Contestants will also be separated from any non-contestants. Non-contestants will be allowed to watch the competitors make their creations. The director will be responsible for maintaining quiet and decorum during the competition. The judges are not allowed in the area during this time. The contestants and the public will be asked to leave during the judging. The room will be reopened for public viewing after the judging. The contestant need not be in makeup to compete. No one will be allowed to touch the creations (except the director) until after it has been judged by all the judges.

2. The two categories for balloon competition are:

a. Single (pencil): Any single unit made from one (1) single 130, 245, 260, or 280 pencil balloon.

b. Multiple: Any creation made using one (1) or more balloons of any type.

3. For both categories the following rules apply:

a. A contestant must declare, before competition begins, in which category he will compete. Contestants may participate in only one category.

b. No glue or device other than the balloon will be allowed to hold the creation together.

c. Contestants will be given fifteen (15) minutes to make his creation. He may make more than one creation during this time period but only one creation will be allowed to be judged for the category entered.

d. When the contestant is finished or at the end of the time period (whichever comes first), that contestant will clean up his area and present the creation in the area the way the contestant wants it to be presented. He must place his number on the table (or in a noticeable place alongside the creation) and leave the area without disturbing any of the other creations.

e. The "Balloon Judges Score Sheet" will be used to score the creations.

f. There will be first, second, and third place trophies awarded in both categories.

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## From the Sergeant-At-Arms Jason Hinkle Beni Kedem Shriners



Hello all,

First, I would like to thank you for electing me as Sergeant

Jason Hinkle Sgt. At Arms

At Arms I hope to full fill your expectations. Please feel

free to contact me if I can be of any assistance.

It was a busy winter for us here in West Virginia. We had 48 inches of snow in October and it knocked me out of all of the circuses around here I hope everyone faired the winter ok.

I am looking forward to SASCA in March and September. I encourage everyone to come out to the competitions in September, we put on a great time with the silent auction, seminars, and vendors; us clowns have the best time at SASA guaranteed. Even if you do not compete, we have vendors and classes that can help you in your clowning. Everything from make-up tips, magic, costumes and things to make clowning easier in general. If you do compete you guys definitely need to stop by for the

seminars and vendors in September.

Last year we had RC tell us some things the judges are looking for.

We also need more people to get involved in the meetings ,this is your Association and we want your input. If I am fortunate enough to move forward in the line up this is one thing I hope to accomplish.

Spring is a busy time for us here in Nicholas County, we are gearing up for our onion sale and Golf Tournament.

The Golf Tournament will be the first weekend in June with a rain delay of the second weekend, so any of you golfers, or sponsors out there want to play or sponsor a hole just let me know. Hope to see everyone soon.

> Thank You, Jason Hinkle Beni Kedem Clowns Sergeant At Arms 304-651-0504

## **Business Meeting Minutes September**

Meeting was brought to order by President Earl Frady. Invocation by Omar Chaplin J. Knight. Roll Call : Temples present included Omar, Beni Kedem, Kosair, Sudan, Rizpah, Hejaz, Acca, Kazim, and Kerbela. Total 32 members present. Past Presidents present were Ed Harper, Dean McCard, Buddy Brown, Robbie Jones and Jake Hensley. Treasurer/Secretarys Report per Robbie Jones: Balance as of Sept. 3,2012 was \$2,053.39. There were 2 deposits of \$425.00 and \$290.00. Last Aug.31,2011 balance was \$2,674.04. All checks cleared. A motion was made to accept the report as read, and was seconded and all were in favor. Robbie reported that 140 plates were sold at \$35.00 per plate. Old Business Harry Moore and Pat Godwin had suggested at the March meeting to extend the individual clown skit times and times for the balloon presentations which were to be voted on. Also to add new categories of Novice Hobo and Novice Tramp along with the previous Open Hobo and Open Tramp to be amended to by laws. Buddy Brown made a motion to amend the by laws to make any changes as needed. The motion was second, and all in favor. In the second reading it was decided that the balloon times be the same as used by ISCA. Pat Godwin read the balloon competition rules of ISCA. It was decided to change the designated area and one of the other categories 1,2,3, trophies. Also that clowns do not have to be in their clown suits when blowing up the balloons but in plain clothes and only need to leave their competition number. Motion had a second and all were in favor. In another second reading it was suggested to extend the time for the individual skit to 3 minutes to do the skit, 1 minute to setup, and 1 minute to teardown. The

skit itself can only be 3 minutes the extra 2 minutes are for setup and teardown only. This motion had a second and all in favor by membership. New Business:1st Reading, Ed Harper made a motion to change registration fees to \$10.00 to include all categories except Children's Choice. The motion had a second and all in favor. Ed Harper made a motion to change all Novice to one class, the motion had a second , the votes were tallied with 5 yes, 4 no's. And yes carried with 9 temples present. A motion was made that all executive members must purchase trophies together. The motion had a second and all were in favor. Call for Elections was done by Past President Dean McCard, he made a motion that all officers move up one position, the motion had a second and all were in favor. Nominations for SGT of Arms, Doug Hensley nominated Jason Hinkle from Beni Kedem, Jim Duke nominated Guy Lamont from Acca. Nominations were closed for Sgt of Arms. The vote was 6 for Jason Hinkle and 3 for Lamont. Jason Hinkle was elected the new Sqt of Arms . Robbie Jones was nominated for secretary and treasurer again with no other candidates, the motion was seconded and all were in favor. Robbie Jones was elected for the Secretary/ Treasurer position. The dates for the mid-winter were announced and are March 8th and 9th at the Sea Mist in Myrtle Beach , S.C. 2013. Benediction by Jack Knight, Chaplin, Omar. Meeting closed by President Earl Frady.

Robert L.Wison "Lucky" 3rd. Vice President SASCA Kosair,Louisville,Ky

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## **Officers Meeting September 20, 2012**

The meeting was brought to order and opened by President Earl Frady. Invocation by Pat Godwin. Roll Call completed with all officers noted as present plus past President Jake Hensley. New Business included the following: 1. Earl Frady suggested that the President. 1st Vice President. and the 2nd Vice President together make the decision on purchasing trophies. 2. Bobby Fisher suggested that the President have monthly communication with the officers. 3. Bobby Fisher brought forth a need to discuss the eligibility of a candidate who

wanted to run for Sgt. of Arms. The candidate was not accepted due to he is currently on the divan at his temple. 4. Robbie Jones suggested adding new categories of Novice Hobo and Novice Tramp along with the previous Open Hobo and Open Tramp to the by laws. 5. It was noted that Mid -Winters will be March 8th and 9th, 2013 and held at the Sea Mist in Myrtle Beach, S.C.

Robert L Wilson " Lucky" 3rd Vice President SASCA Kosair Louisville, Ky.

### NOTICE FROM THE EDITOR

I have repeated the Minutes in this printed version so that ALL of you would get a copy. ANY other repeats are because we did NOT receive an update from the Officer or Unit involved.

Remember, it is up to you, the Secretaries or representatives of YOUR units to send me an article if you want to let everyone know what is going on with YOUR unit, and it is up to the Officers if they want to address you in the newsletter.

We have 2 printed editions, March and September, and 2 email editions in December and June. Please make sure <u>YOUR</u> <u>DUES ARE PAID</u> to *SASCA* and that we have a <u>CURRENT E-</u> <u>MAIL ADDRESS</u> on file for you. If not, notify me at Edsfixit@aol.com and put SASCA in the Subject line. Also make sure I have a good Mailing Address for you. Send changes the same way!

## 2012 March Business Meeting

10 March 2012 Business Meeting:

Meeting was Brought to Order by Earl Frady, President at 5:00 P.M. Invocation by Frank Moore. Pledge of Allegiance By Earl Frady.

Roll call of temples Hejaz, Beni-Kedem, Omar, Kazim, Sudan, Kosair, Rizpah, Kerbela, El Hasa and Acca were represented.

Past Presidents in attendance were Frank Moore, Harry Moore, Ed Harper, R.A. "Robbie" Jones, and Jake Hensley.

Secretary Robbie Jones gave the treasurers report. As of 30 Sept. 2011 the bank account closed with \$2647.04 with all bills paid. As of 05 March 2012 we have \$2450.56 in the bank with a check for 433.00 not cleared. We will have to pay \$800.00 for trophies and possibly \$1000.00 to \$1200.00 to be paid for the hotel.

Jake and Ed Audited the books and found them to be O.K., Motion was made to accept and seconded, with all members in favor.

Ed made a motion to dispense from reading of the minutes, because they were printed in Clowning Around. We had a motion and second and members all were in favor.

Black Camel- Ron Vanbuer of El-Hasa.

Diane Hensley does super job on SASCA site.

Ed said some web site addresses and phone numbers are wrong and email addresses need to be corrected as soon as possible. Officers need to update their info.

Old Business Discussion: Bobby Jo brought up again that he thinks Clowning Around needs to drop one issue out of 4. We sent out 372 copies for March, used 2 cartridges one Black, one color, and 49 cents a stamp per copy, Total cost of \$748.00 for this mailing of the newsletter.

Harry Moore asked to go to 2 Electronic Emails and 2 mail outs of Clowning Around. Last of December and first of August to send copy out by mail and 2 Email copies in between.

A Motion was made by Harry Moore to send 2 issues by Email and 2 by U.S.P.S. however we need all email addresses of officers of all units and all members of units in writing, ASAP. and his motion was seconded. All members present were in favor. E-mail will begin in June.

Mike Wallace discussed number of minutes for one man skits should increase to 3 min. for skits, and 1 min. on and 1 min. off, if needed, for a total not to exceed 5 min. Bobby read out of the by-laws on skits and unit skits.

Harry Moore made motion to change By-Laws on minutes for the one man skit to 3 min. for the skit , and, <u>if needed</u> to set up, up to 1 min. on and 1 min tear down. A second was made, all voted in favor by unit, <u>First reading</u>. 2nd. reading will be in September per our By-laws.

Harry Moore made a motion to change SASCA By-Laws to add multiple balloon and single balloon competition. We had a second and all were in favor by unit, A second vote will be in September per our By-Laws.

A motion to Adjourn was made by Frank Moore and seconded, and all were in favor by unit.

Meeting adjourned by Earl Frady. Benediction by Frank Moore.

Robert L."Lucky" Wilson 4V.P.SASCA KOSAIR

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### Minutes from Officers Meeting March 2012

#### 10 March 2012

Meeting was called to Order by Earl Frady, President at 4:30 P.M. Invocation was given by Frank Moore. Pledge of Allegiance was lead by Earl Frady.

Mike Wallace brought up the number of Minutes for an Individual Skit should be changed to to 3 min.skit and 1min. on and 1 min.off for a total of 5 min. By-Laws concerning time were read by Randy Moore.

Past Presidents in attendance were Frank Moore, Harry Moore, Ed Harper, R.A. "Robbie" Jones, and Jake Hensley.

Bobby Fisher brought up that we had a problem with trophies, that we were supposed to redo old trophies on hand and replace those that were given out in September. This was given to Keith Mason and his wife to do in September for the coming September.

Earl went out and purchased new ones in January for \$800.00 for trophies only and handed Robbie a hand written note with an address and \$800.00 written on it for trophies, but Robbie wouldn't take the receipt, as it had to be an original copy from vendor and needed a break down of product, in order to pay the bill, due to problems arising in September at Pigeon Forge.

Robbie said, Earl should have gotten Officers OK before buying trophies, what would happen if Keith Mason, who was approved in September to make trophies, would have gotten through with trophies and then we would have two bills for trophies. By chance Keith said he could get trophies canceled. We will still have to buy the Officers Plaques and President's Plague & Lifetime Card.

Bobby said we need to go ahead

and help Earl with trophies and need to pay for trophies.

Ed had to send a check to pay the banquet room deposit in February for the March meeting, and will have to pay for the Banquet Room on July 15 for the fall session. Ed will have to pay Sea Mist \$600.00 for the meeting room and \$1000.00 on the banguet on July 15th. He just paid \$433.00 for printing supplies. and will have more expense before September. He will have to pay with his personal credit card if we do not have money as he guaranteed contract. He explained that the cash deposits on rooms had been used in the past to defer paying the deposit, however, as everyone wanted to use their credit cards, these go direct to the Sea Mist and can not be used for SASCA's deposit.

We discussed that all trophies should be bought in August and paid for in Sept. in the future.

Jake and Ed Audited the books and found that a check for \$433.00 had not cleared, but when check clears the books will Balance.

New Members Dues are \$10.00 at all times and if a member has been member before, Dues will be \$11.00 after April 1st, Ed recommended a By-Law change that dues have to be paid by Feb.1 of each year but this will take a Membership Vote. This will be brought up again in September for a vote.

Pat Goodwin said he will front the money to pay for trophies and association will make contract to pay Pat back as soon as possible.

Benediction by Frank Moore. Meeting Adjourned by Earl Frady

> Robert L."Lucky" Wilson 4V.P.SASCA Kosair

### Greetings From the RIZPAH Loonies

Salutations noble brothers and ladies,

Hope each and everyone had a blessed Christmas, New Years and Valentines Day, (for the special ladies in our lives.) The Cut-Ups are currently planning for the 2013 year events.

At the present time, Strata World-Wide Safety Products LLC, donated two (2) sets of Nascar Race Tickets for the Truck, Nationwide & Cup Series Races at Kentucky Speedway in Sparta, Kentucky for June 27, 28 & 29, 2013 weekend Package. The Cut-Ups are currently selling raffle tickets to raise funds for the Club.

We were extremely busy with the Christmas Parades during December 2012 but it was the highlights to a great year. I'll never get tired of hearing the children: "<u>HERE</u> <u>COMES THE CLOWNS"!</u>

May our lord and savior, bless you with his love !

"SNOOKUMS the CLOWN snookumsthclown@bellsouth.net John Scott, Rizpah Cut-Ups, President

Main Parade Group With the Chicken

Along the Route





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## From the SUDAN Dunn Clowns

I hope everyone got through the Christmas holidays with the events and such going on. Here in Sudanland the clown unit had more parades that we've ever had before. Don't remember the exact number but our "bookie" worked hard on the logistics so we would disappoint the fewest number of parade directors because we simply cannot do them all. Most realize that we typically operate on a first come first served basis and place their request a year in advance. Heck we've even had one person say they would move their parade date so we could be there. You know you've done a good job in the past when a parade director tells you that!

The unit attended the Governor's inaugural parade and had a great time, except yours truly goofing up the music during the parade by pressing the wrong buttons. It's tough when you need glasses for those close up moments. As I recall we had 26 clowns in the parade. Just the same it was fun and we had many to comment on our performance afterwards.

Keep your head high, your nose in place and a big clown smile on your face. The children at the parades and hospitals will thank you for it.



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## From The Editor Edward A. Harper P.P. OMAR Shriners



I am truly sorry to have let all of vou down on the newsletter. As some of you might have noticed, I was very sick in September and thought it was

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just my arthritis, but found, on returning home, that

I had an Abdominal Aortic Aneurism that was 5.6 cm. They wound up operating on November 7th. And I have been in and out of the hospital ever since with low blood, clots in my legs or gout, or even worse, all at the same time and Lady Lou's Dementia is getting worse by the day. I don't know if I will be able to make it in March to the beach, but my thoughts will be with you.

Now is the time for someone to step forward and take on the responsibilities of Editor for our newsletter, as I will definitely be giving it up in September. You ALL might start thinking ning to tire out, but please thik on on who you will vote for to go on the line in September. As I have already stated many times, the person you elect this September will be your President in 2019-2020, and as such will help MAKE or BREAK our association. You will also have to pick another Secretary this year, let's try to find someone willing to dedicate his time for the next few years to working with our association. This is not a de-

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manding job, as it can be done working 5 or 6 hours a week keeping up with dues and dues cards, except during convention time, handling ALL paper work, arranging for Motels at the convention sites with adequate room for meetings and competition, keeping up with ALL monies received and paid out and keeping adequate records of ALL transactions. You cannot do this job and do Divan or Special Aide work for your Temple as we have had people find out on previous occasions, however, we do need someone willing to do this for several years, as some of vour work will carry over up to 4 years. The main requirements will be some basic computer skills with Microsoft Office on your computer. Between Robbie Jones and Myself, our records cover most years between 2000 and now, so we can help some while we're able, as well as give you som program templates to use.

Enough for now, as I'm beginwhat I have said, if you, like me, wish to keep this association going.

Lastly, thank you from the bottom of my heart to all of you who have kept me in their prayer. God bless you,

> "EddO" ... Edward A. Harper PP S.A.S.C.A. **Editor Clowning Around**

## From the KAZIM KLOWNS

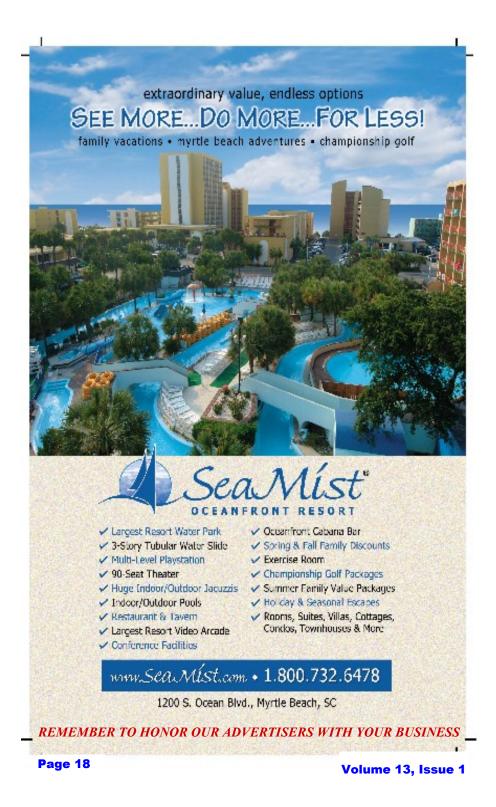
KLOWNS. We just finished our circus and it was a GREAT success, thank a lot, in part, to this Group. We made some new friends, met some old one and made a lot of people laugh. After six performances, you are ready for the last one to start, you are ready to go home until they open the doors and the children start coming in wanting you to sign their circus programs, then you get you second wind and you are glad to be there and see more happy faces. By the way, the one in the pink hair is our leader this year. At Myrtle Beach in September of this past year, he competed for the first time and won second place, but most important, he competed in the Children's Choice Award and won. GREAT job to Reggie (Junebug) Robins. In the coming weeks we have our annual St. Patrick's Parade, then the Spring Ceremonial along

with a few other klown outings and before you know it, winter is gone and it is summer time. It is then time to start getting things ready for S.A.S.A. again. Life is like a big circle with all the fun of being a klowns wrapped inside. Till next, make a child smile and keep a smile on your face and make everyone wonder why it is there. P.S. They don't know it is because of the feeling we get when we do succeed and make a child come out of their shell and smile back at us because of something we did that made them smile. Hope everyone stays healthy and has a great spring. Dear Lord, as I stumble through this life, help me to create more laughter than tears, dispense more happiness than gloom, spread more cheer than despair. Never let me become so blasé that I will fail to see the wonder



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When Allah calls, then our friends obey, and fold their tents and steal away To the land where the crystal waters flow, where the Beautiful Palms of Allah grow.

The Black Camel Has Visited

Please keep brother David Cunningham in your prayers. He had major heart surgery at the end of the year due to a Heart attack and is still doing poorly.



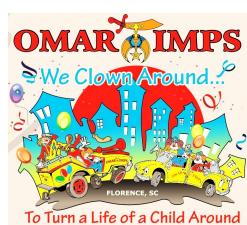
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