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From The President

Ervin “Jake” Hensley BENI KEDEM Shriners



“Jake” Hensley
PRESIDENT

Noble clowns and ladies,
WOW!! And again,
WOW!!! What a great convention. The competition was decent, the judges were first rate, and the audience was supportive.

was the kind no one wanted to leave. Good friends, good food—what better way to celebrate and the dunk in the pool on such a hot day was just what I needed.

The business meeting went as expected with all officers moving up and 3 guys running for sergeant at arms. Congrats to Robert Wilson, Kosair on his win. Thanks to all of you for your vote of confidence in making me president for this year. My plans for this year are to increase our membership. If all of you will get just one new clown or get one re-activated, we’ll be back to the numbers that have made us successful year after year. I want to give a big thank you to Carl Wellman. His contributions this past year are too many to name. Robbie Jones, PP, congratulations to you and thanks for taking the office of secretary/treasurer. Don’t think I don’t know all the work that goes into it. Ed Harper—thank you for taking “Clowning Around”. I know you’ll do a great job.

You all have my email, my phone number, and my address. Don’t hesitate to get in touch. Make this year the “TIME TO CLOWN”!!

Jake

The new vendors (4, counting Spears Shoes) did a brisk business. The Ladies’ Silent Auction had lots and lots of clowns with some high end gifts that were super. They were so Super that the ladies SOLD-OUT.

Then the dinner. Can I just say WOW! The potentate from Beni Kedem, Illustrious Sir John Thomas and his lady along with several members of his divan and their ladies were there to show support along with Illustrious Sir and Martin Castleberry, PP.

Illustrious Sir Billy Wade Wickline, PP was there to install me with his beautiful wife Judy. This was a great honor for me as I respect these men for the way they live their lives and show the world what a Shriner really is. The Beni Kedem Clowns, the Logan Lady clowns, my sisters and their husbands along with many good friends made this a night I won’t soon forget.

From the 1st Lady
Greetings,

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! That’s all I’ve got to say. We pulled together and made SASCA 2010 the best ever. I’d be remiss if I didn’t say a special thanks to Linda, Virginia, Marna, Mary, Alice, Tina, and Teetle for helping with everything. I had the best time at the pool

party. Even though Jake has explained it was your idea to throw me in (LOL). I can’t wait to travel to some of your shrine centers with Jake this year to see you all. One more group I need to thank is my pals from Greenville. I love all of you all!!! One more to Dimples who can always

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From the President and His First Lady,



Christmas is coming very near.

Time for Santa and his tiny reindeer.

As you gather with the ones you love
Remember to give them a kiss and a hug.

Because wherever you go, whatever you do

There’s a Clown who’s wishing for you

A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, too.

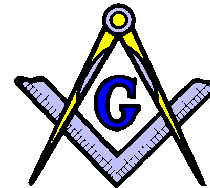
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Time to Clown

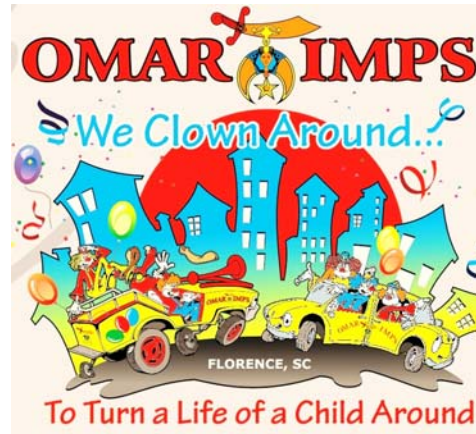
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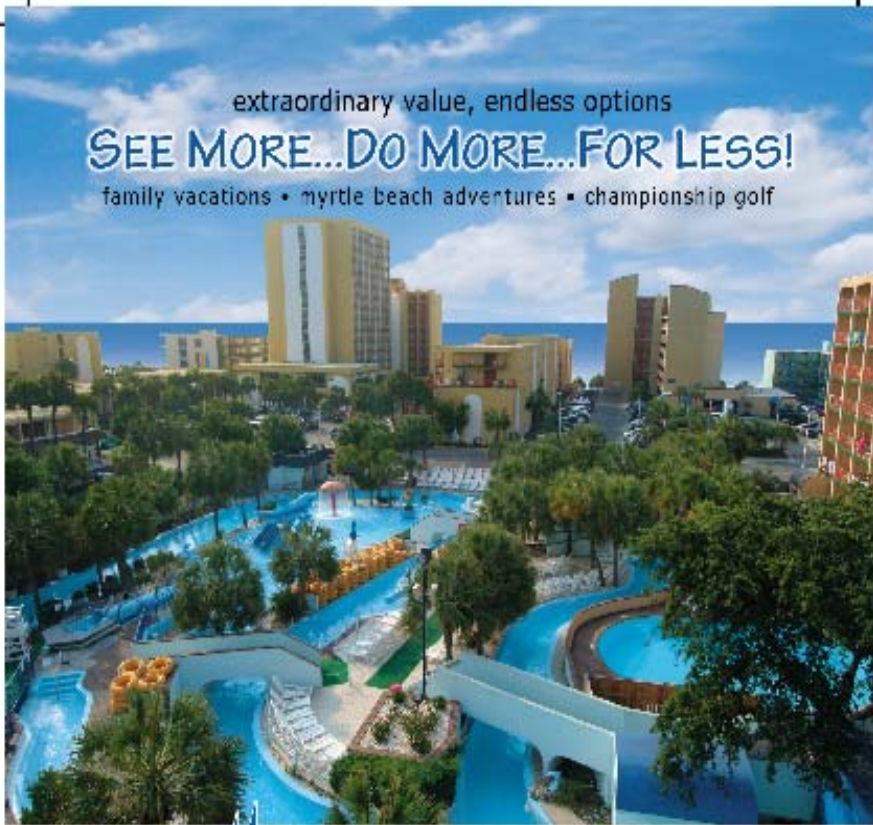


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From The 1st. Vice President D. Earl Frady HEJAZ Shriners



Earl Frady
1st. VP

Fellow clowns and ladies,
 If you missed the convention this year, you missed a good time. From the day we got here until we left it was busy, busy, and busy. Nice to see some more clowns at competition. It went well with all 3 judges doing up-close looks.

Make up seminars were done by Bubba Sikes and Robbie Jones, PP with lots of helps and hints. Sunshine and Company was there with costumes. She also brought along clown shoes from Spears and Company. Another hit was the tricks and gimmicks courtesy of Broadway Magic of Myrtle Beach.

The Silent Auction had some great gifts from Emmett Kelly clowns and wine baskets to Masonic watches and donations from vendors. The ladies sure did an excellent job this year.

Thanks to everyone who voted to move me up at the business meeting. Now on to the dinner. Delicious food. Thanks Harry for allowing your lovely lady, Virginia to escort me to dinner again this year.

The parade on Saturday was hot! Hot! HOT! So the pool party was just the right way to end the day. More good food, good drinks and good friends. This was the best party in a long time.

Now I'm back in Greenville looking forward to the next year. Robert, congratulations! You will find more friends as the next years go by. Jake, have a Great Time this year. Nuts about Clowning,
 Earl Frady, 1st Vice president
 Hejaz

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make me smile and to the Beni Kedem potentate and his divan, what a privilege to hall all of you and Martin. You really honored Jake. Billy Wade and Judy, you are special folks. Brady and Linda, you guys are two of the best friends Jake and I have ever had and we both appreciate all you do and all the advice. Last but not least Logan Clowns and their ladies, thank you for the support.

Hugs and Kisses to all,
 Diane

From Our WEBMASTER

To All SASCA Members,
 Thanks for the gift. It was unexpected, but much appreciated. You didn't have to do it, but I'm glad you did. I will always treasure it and that man who made it, the man who presented it, the men who voted to give it to me and most especially the man who means the world to me.

Now guys-Add your pics to our pages. Join the website. Send me new to put on it. Visit often. Help me make this a tool to use in making SASCA the greatest clown association around.

The webmaster/mistress?
 Diane

(For those who weren't there, she received a GOLD necklace)

To those of you getting your FIRST issue of CLOWNING AROUND, Welcome to our

From the 2nd. Vice President **Bobby J. Fisher OMAR Shriners**



Bobby Fisher
2nd. VP

Wow, what a great weekend at the Summer Ceremony. We sure were sorry that Keith and Alisa could not stay with us. Our thoughts and prayers go out to their family.

Alisa, the decorations for the banquet were very nice and our thanks go out to the ladies who stepped in for Alisa. We would also like to thank everyone who bought tickets and attended the banquet. You are the reason it was so successful. The Officers and the Ladies showed great commitment and came together to make it a great weekend.

I sure hope you got to attend the clown competition. There were about 56 clowns and they really brought us a show. They brought their best game and it really showed. The judges had their work cut out for them. I don't think I would have been able to do the good job they did. Thanks Guys.

The vendors were probably some of the best we've ever had. and the clinics were so good and informative.

I guess what I'm trying to say is that each and everyone who attended these events, even down to the parade's last step, played a very important part in a very good weekend and without you there would have been something missing, an empty space so to speak.

I'm sure Jake and Diane will do a tremendous job for us this year and I look forward to being a part of the good things to come. congratulations to them and also to Robert Wilson and Robbie Jones. Our team of officers just keep getting better and better.

Everyone needs to plan now to attend the Mid-Winter Meeting at Myrtle Beach ,March 25th and 26th, at the Sea Mist. We are working on clinics for makeup, competition, and parade ability. Hope to see you there. Remember, you don't want to be the missing link.

If I can help in any way, please let me know.

Yours in Faith,
Bobby J. Fisher
2nd V. Pres.

ATTENTION MEMBERS

There will be an ALL-DAY training session for our Mid-Winter meeting at the *Sea Mist Ocean Front Resort* on Saturday, March 26, 2011. We have 40 rooms available for those who would like to come in Friday night, or before, and stay through Sunday, and can get more at our guaranteed prices if we let them know early. Contact our Editor, P. P. Ed Harper at (843) 621-1109. Rooms are from \$66.00 to \$99.00 according to room and location.

We have a tentative agreement with Sunshine & Co. and are trying to get other Vendors here for the session. We plan to start at around 8:30 am and go until 12:30 or 1:00 before taking a 1 hour lunch break, then resuming until 4:00 or 4:30 PM, at which time we will ask our families and guest to excuse us for our Business Meeting. Bring the family, or if you prefer, several Clowns from one unit could share an apartment, the choice is up to YOU! EddO

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From the OMAR Imps Shrine Clowns

Greeting to all,

The Omar Imps had a fantastic weekend at the SASCA fall event. Its always good when SASA comes to Myrtle Beach, because its close to home! But enough with the small talk. The Omar Imps brought home some gold in competition and at the parade. In the competition, Noble Jonathan Turner won 1st place in Open Tramp and also 3rd place in Individual Skit. Jerel Hutchinson won 3rd place in Open Hobo. The parade was great, and the Omar Imps showed up in force. And, like always, our antics prove to bring home the gold. Omar Imps claimed 2nd place in SASCA for the parade, and also 1st place in SASA for the Clowns. Thanks again to **PP** Robbie Jones, PP from OMAR for demonstrating an excellent white face makeup clinic.

Omar Imps will be activate in the communities around Florence in the upcoming Christmas season. We have recently done some renovating to our building that includes pretty much of everything from A to Z. We have put the finishing touches on some new attire and a logo. We also completed one of our biggest fundraisers at the Florence Agricultural Fair, which was a great success. Now we are getting our equipment ready for the Christmas season. The Omar Imps, this season, like every season, will help spread the cheer by bringing smiles along the way. Hope to see you all in Myrtle Beach for the Mid-Winter meeting! From our homes to yours, "Happy Holidays!"

Jonathan Turner
1st Assistant Omar Imps

From the 3rd. Vice President **Michael Wallace** **KAZIM Shriners**



Mike Wallace
3rd. VP

[As we move into the holiday season please remember all of our departed brother's and their families as they need to know they are still a part of our lives](#)

Today we had a ceremonial with a tail gate party after the parade. This was something new for us and was a lot of fun.

The officers are looking forward to some new ways of doing things to make SASCA the leader and the best such as the new Midyear meeting place.

Your President has made this his goal for this year and I support him 100% also don't forget about Fun Fest as this is a great time for family and friendship with our brother clowns.

We at Kazim had one of our brothers from the Klowns get hurt at SASA. I received a call from that unit asking for help and without any delay, I asked "What can I do!" after we got back to Roanoke.

The unit offered to pay me for helping them, I told them this is what we are all

about and this is what we should be doing, supporting each other.

The reason I am telling this is that in looking at some things that have happened in the past, we as brothers and as clowns need to have our hearts in the right place.

I wish to thank the Klowns from Kazim for making me a member of their unit, and it means a lot to me.

We need your support and your ideas to help SASCA move forward.

When a child looks at you when you are clowning and has a big smile on their face you will know your heart is in the best place it can be.

Be safe during the holidays and at the parades. I am looking forward to seeing each one of you and thanks to you for letting me be part of SASCA.

A speedy recovery to SASCA Past President Frank Moore.

3rd Vice President
Mike (SLEEPY) Wallace

Cherry Blossom Festival, Washington D.C. 2010

By Doug "High Pockets" Hensley

I was asked when I was raised to the master masons degree, if I had ever given thought to becoming a shrine clown. This struck me as being odd, I had seen clowns in parades and at the circus. But me a shrine clown? Could I perform in front of a group of people? And most of all could I apply the make-up to look like a real clown? This was the questions that were on my mind.

I spoke to some brothers in the lodge about the idea of becoming a clown. To my amazement they were also clowns, before I know it I was given a starter package of make-up and instructions on how to apply it to achieve the look of a real hobo clown. I can not think of anything that I would rather be doing than to be

out in front of a crowd of laughing kids and smiling adults. Clowns are one of Gods gifts to man kind, no matter our age. Just keep in mind you do make a difference in this world, let's keep up the good work, and keep encouraging the new brothers to join one of the clown units.

I had the opportunity to travel to Washington D.C. to perform in the Chery Blossom Festival parade along with 39 fellow Shrine Clowns from the Alma Temple in Washington D.C., Kena Temple from Fairfax Va., Palestine Temple from Rhode Island and myself from the Beni Kedem Temple in Charleston W.V.

When we stepped off at 10am that clear and sunny morning all my questions had been answered. I can be a shrine clown. The amount of smiles both Young in age and young in heart, told the story of how a man from a small town in the coal fields of West Virginia could touch

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From the 4th. Vice President
Pat Godwin SUDAN Shriners



Pat Godwin
4th. VP

Greetings from the land of Sudan. Where does one start sometimes? I think first to Keith Mason, Alisa and family for the unexpected passing of Alisa's father. Our hearts go out to them and hope that they are comforted in the upcoming weeks by our great creator. They had no time to spend at SASCA and in our officers meeting I expressed the need to send SASCA to them in photo. Thanks go out to the officers that stepped up to the plate to assist in my duties while I was taking these photos.

SASCA went well and I feel everyone otherwise had a great time. Congratulations go out to Robert Wilson of Kosair for being elected to the Sergeant at Arms and to Robbie Jones of Omar for being elected to the office of Secretary for SASCA.

Speaking of Omar, Past Pres. Ed Harper, 2nd V. Pres. Bobby Fisher, and Secretary, PP, and director of Omar Imps Robbie Jones, visited Sudan Clowns at our stated unit meeting on Monday Nov. 1st and presented our whole unit an honorary membership in the Omar Imps. Complete with membership cards. This was quite a surprise to me as unit director although I have since found out others knew. Robbie made the presentation and commented on how our guys wished good luck to the

Imps while waiting to compete in the parade. Even though the Imps are our competition we all should be cordial, helpful and have the right attitude. This makes our association stronger.

While helping with the SASCA competition on Friday I found out through our judges and tabulators that we had quite a few entries for our organization. That's great because it makes us hone our skills and strive to do better with our make-up and such. To be exact we had 57 entries consisting of many more clowns than that when you factor multi person skits.

Sudan will be hosting our fall ceremonial in Dunn next week (our home town) and will jointly be celebrating our ceremonial with our neighbor Amran from the Raleigh area. We are looking forward to this as well as our busy Christmas parade season which is fast approaching. The Sudan Clowns have 22 Christmas parades booked and are still negotiating logistics on more. The Sudan Dunn Clowns have another bus that has been undergoing the transformation from Bookmobile to Clown-mobile.

Ed Harper our new newsletter editor said we can send some photos as well, so we will try one. We had the loss of one of our most faithful clowns this year with the passing of "Happy" Whitley Hood. (Shown in the car) The photo is of the last parade he participated in. He's looking down on us now with

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From the Sergeant-At-Arms
Robert Wilson KOSAIR Shriners



Robert Wilson
Sgt. At Arms

Salutations to all my fellow clowns and ladies, the river. The view from the top deck is great. I am proud to be the newly elected Sgt. At Arms of SASCA and would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who voted for me. I am looking forward to working with the other officers this upcoming year. I want to encourage all of you to continue to work on recruiting new members and participate in as many events as possible. If we invite a fellow clown to one of our events and he sees how much fun we have maybe he will think about joining our association.

Since our return from the SASCA convention in Myrtle Beach the Funsters have been busy clowning at numerous parades. We also had a Ceremonial in Lebanon, KY which was a huge success. We brought in eleven new Nobles. Some of the clowns clowning on the Belle of Louisville. This is an annual event sponsored by Kosair Charities, the kids come for a boat ride, lunch, and are entertained by the Kosair Funsters. The boat leaves the dock and cruises down the scenic Ohio River for about two hours. The kids and adults enjoy watching the giant paddle wheel churn the water as the boat moves down

Believe it or not the holidays are here again! The Funsters will be clowning at several events. This is such a fun time of the year and the clowns are rewarded by the endless smiles of all the children we entertain. It is the greatest thanks and best gift anyone could receive. Wishing you all Happy Holidays and the best in the next year. Looking forward past the new year we will be having our mid-winter convention in Myrtle Beach in March. Hope to see you all there, after the cold winter it will nice to have some fun in the sun.

As always I wish to give my humblest gratitude to the Great Architect of the Universe for my family and friends, this great nation that we live in, the privilege to serve in our association, and be a part of the greater philanthropy of the Shrine.

Robert L. Wilson AKA "Lucky"
 Sgt. At Arms SASCA
 Kosair

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



Ed. A. Harper
Editor CLOWNING
AROUND

As you can see, I'm back. First let me say that it is a privilege to again be YOUR Editor, however, I cannot do my job unless YOU give me something to

print. My deadlines for receiving items will be February 15th. for the March 1st. Edition, May 15th. For the June 1st. Edition, August 15th. For the September 1st. Edition and November 15th. For the December 1st. Edition. Again this is YOUR publication, so send in those pictures and articles. If you see blank pages, it's because no one thought enough to send in an article!

You will see the Mid-winter meeting mentioned several times. It was decided to try to have it as a Full day seminar & clinic like we had it when S.A.S.C.A. was first started, but we DID NOT want to interfere with the Kerbela Fun Fest for those who want to go. It's just that there is so much going on at Fun Fest, there is not enough time for S.A.S.C.A. business, nor did we have time for seminars. Too many of our clowns are complaining that we do not do enough for them, so they feel they are wasting money by being a member. Remember, you will ONLY get out what you put in.

Several members have also asked about if we were going to have Competition at our Mid-winter. At present, that is NOT on the schedule, but if enough interest is shown for a mid-winter competition, I'm sure that YOUR officers

will take heed and bring it before the membership, at a later date, for a vote. This is one of the reasons that it is so important to attend YOUR meetings, to bring things before the membership and democratically decide what will be the future of YOUR association.

We are trying to help ALL of you, but cannot do it if YOU don't attend YOUR functions at our Mid-winter and Fall events. Don't forget to bring your wives, girlfriends and/or children (but not your wife and girlfriend, we don't like to see blood, especially ours! Ha-ha) to our public functions as they sometimes enjoy seeing what we go through and it also gives us a better audience. They are MORE THAN WELCOME during our Seminars and competitions. Rooms will be available at the *Sea Mist Oceanfront Resort* so call me if you need rooms. You might also want to contact the *Sea Mist Oceanfront Resort* about rooms when you vacation in Myrtle Beach for other than SASCA conventions.

Please remember to use the services of those who advertise with us, and mention that you saw their add here. Their adds help defray the costs involved in our Clowning Around newsletter, and if you know of a vendor who would like to advertise, show them our newsletter and give them my address and phone number.

To quote another newsletter, "We try to have something for everyone in our newsletter, so if you find a mistake, it's there for those who look for them"

Yours in the Faith
EDDO

From the EL HASA Clowns

Hello everyone, For those of you that don't know me, my name is Darrin Roe a.k.a Will-Bee the clown.

I was elected President of the EL HASA Clowns at the Nov. meeting for the upcoming year. Our other elected officials are.. Carl Wellman Sr.- Vice President. Charley (Bunny) Atkins- Sec/Tres.and Keith (Smiley) Mason- Boss Clown.

We will be attending the Ashland Christmas parade on Nov 23rd. The El Hasa Clowns have a train we take around to the festivals and parades to give the children as well as adults rides. We will have the train there and it will be decorated so we make sure we catch Santa's attention. Then our local Shrine Clubs along, with the help from the Temple, hosts Children's Christmas

Parties (these are for the kids that go the Shriner's hospitals that are from our area) and the Clowns always help out by entertaining the kids well until the big man with the red suit comes in and then it seems all the attention goes to him.

Another event we have coming up is the presidents dinner which will be held at The Texas Roadhouse on Dec. 9th. This dinner is to welcome our new president, thank our out-going president and for our group with their ladies to celebrate Christmas.

I along with the El Hasa Clowns wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!!

Will-Bee

From the RIZPAH Loonies

Greetings from the Loonies,

Another year has come and gone, and we had a lot of good times along the way. As always we are looking forward to the next yeae, but before we go there, just yet, comes my favorite time of the year. Christmas!!

This is the time of family and friends, new ones and old ones alike, to get together and have a great time. In the next few weeks we will be very busy, as I'm sure all of us will be, around the association. The Loonies will be parading all over western Kentucky. We have a list of 24 possible parades to be a part of and several local events in our area to show up and

spread a lot of happiness to the young and young at heart(I won't say old). :-)

We also have a new list of Officers for 2011: John W. Brown (Roadrunner) President, James Shepherd Vice President, James Stamps (Jalopy Jim) Secretary, and Randy Moore (Topper) Treasurer.

We look forward to the new year and new opportunities to have fun with all our Clown Brothers, their Ladies and friends. See you down the road at Mid-winter, Fun Fest, or SASA.

Until next time, **Randy Moore** aka Topper and all the Loonies wish you well.

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From the Secretary/Treasurer PP Robert A. "Robbie" Jones P.P. OMAR Shriners



Robbie Jones
Sec/Trees.

Nobel Clowns and Ladies:

I want to thank everyone for their support at S.A.S.C.A. in Myrtle Beach by electing me Secretary/Treasurer. Lady Debbie and I will do our very best to help everyone make S.A.S.C.A. stand tall and be recognized.

The Holiday season is here with Thanksgiving just next week. I would like to wish each and every one of you a happy and joyous Thanksgiving and a very Merry Christmas. I hope that we all can take a little time even with our busy lives to stop and remember the Reason for the Season and be thankful that we were born in a country where we have the freedom to enjoy and express our lives the way we like. We have a lot of men and women around the word in harm's way that will not be with their families this time of year,

Congratulations to Jake Hensley our new President since Myrtle Beach. I'm looking forward to a

great year under his leadership. Jake, I am at your service for whatever you need me to do, just say the word. I know you will have a great year.

I would also like to congratulate Robert Wilson, our new Sgt. at Arms. I know he will be a tremendous asset to the association. And I'd like to welcome back Ed Harper on the newsletter.

Debbie and I look forward to seeing you in the future. Please remember Nobles, the association is only as strong as its weakest link. Don't forget to work on the membership and remember S.A.S.C.A. Dues are due January 1st. May God bless each and every one of you! Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!!!

Yours in the Faith
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other clown buddies from the Great Parade, eternal in the Heavens.

The Sudan clowns have been hard at work promoting shinedom and keeping our house in order. We do have our issues from time to time but if you truly love what you do and do it for the right reasons one will trudge through and show the naysayers otherwise. We do indeed have a great group of guys in Sudan and we seem determined to keep it that way.

Thanks for clowning,
Pat Godwin Jr. (4th V. Pres.)
(Sudan clowns director)

See Photo on Below



Clowning Around

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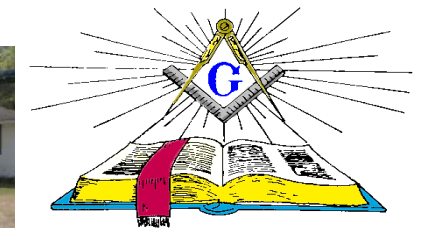
the people from all over the world who traveled to our nations capitol to witness that act of friendship and brotherly love between Japan and our United States.

If you have not had the opportunity to visit this celebration for your self, you don't know what you are missing. It takes place each spring as the cherry blossoms are in full bloom.

Take the time each day to make someone smile. I look forward to meeting each and every one of you good brothers of the grease paint.

Until then keep smiling. =:0)~

Doug "High Pockets" Hensley



Remember to visit your Blue Lodge often. This is where your new members come from.

We have already lost our York Rite and Scottish Rite requirements in the Shrine, let's not lose our Blue Lodge requirement too.

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MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 2010 MEETING

A Note from Lady Alisa Mason

SOUTH ATLANTIC SHRINE CLOWN ASSOCIATION
SEPTEMBER 16, 2010

The meeting was opened in regular form by Past President, Robbie Jones, *PP Omar Temple*. The pledge to the flag and invocation were given. Past President Robbie Jones, *PP* explained that he was asked by President Keith Mason to preside over the meeting due to the death of his father in law. The reading of the minutes was dispensed with the approval of the membership.

The floor was open for business. Ed Harper talked about classes at SASCA mid-winter to be held the last weekend of March in Myrtle Beach. It was decided to have the meeting in Myrtle Beach so everyone could go to Fun Fest in Pigeon Forge without having any extra obligations. There was a motion made and properly seconded that we move mid winter 2011 to Myrtle Beach. After discussion the motion passed. It was agreed that the Sea Mist Resort would be the location in Myrtle Beach.

Past presidents of SASCA were introduced by Ed Harper.

Harry Moore spoke about the website. The amount of time spent on the website was discussed. There was a motion made and properly seconded that the webmaster receive a gift. Motion passed.

It was announced that competition will not begin before the scheduled time.

The pool party will begin one hour after the parade at the Sands building pool. Alcoholic beverages will be served.

The books were audited by past presidents Buddy Brown and Harry Moore. The books were approved.

Clowning Around was discussed. Past President Dean McCard asked that the booklet be published 4 times a year.

Election of Officers for the ensuing year was opened. Past President Harry Moore was the election official. It was moved that all officers be moved up one office. Motion was properly seconded. The vote was unanimous. Nominations for Sgt-at-Arms was opened. Jerald Loftin, Robert Wilson, and Richard Brown were nominated. Robert Wilson, Kosair, was elected. Carl Wellman asked to present his resignation as secretary/treasurer. Resignation was accepted. Nominations for Secretary/Treasurer were opened. Past President Robert A Jones, *PP* was nominated. There were no other nominations. It was moved that Robert Jones be elected by acclamation. After a proper second, Robert Jones was elected secretary/treasurer.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Carl Wellman
Secretary/Treasurer 2009-2010

Ladies'

I have no idea where to start. This year has been so many things, happy, exciting, tiring and sad for me. I love to spend time with all of the Clown Ladies and it just does not seem to me like I got to do very much of that this year. I want each one of you to know that I hold you dear to my heart. It doesn't matter how much you plan on doing throughout the year, if God has different plans for you then your path can take many different turns. I do know Keith and I both enjoyed the time we got to spend with all of the SASCA Clowns, officers and members alike. I love to see the smile on children's faces when the Clowns show up whether it be in competition, parade or party, that is when I am very proud to be a Clown Wife. Kids are what it is all about, making them happy and to keep them smiling.

I would like to thank all of you for your thoughts and prayers for myself and my family during the tough times of sickness and loss of my father. I never knew how sad a person could be until I lost my Dad. He was the strength of our family. It was a hard decision for me to leave Dad to come to the convention, but I wanted to be there to support Keith and spend time with all of you. We had not been at the beach but about 1 hour when my sister called and told me that I needed to hurry home and then about 10 minutes later she called and told me that Dad had passed away. There were several of you there with me when I got the

news and I want to THANK all of you for what you did. I will not mention names in the fear of not giving all the names because to tell the truth I don't remember a lot after that phone call. Friends mean the world to me and I appreciate each and every one of you.

I am not sure how you ladies pulled everything together for the Silent Auction and the banquet in such short time. I will forever be grateful for a GREAT job that you all done. I have heard so many good things about how well everything went and how good it all looked. I was never worried, I knew it would all be fine because it was left in good hands. Love to you all for everything.

Best of luck to our new president Jake Hensley. I know he has a strong lady backing him up, Lady Diana. I knew she was a wonderful friend, but when everything happened, she told me to go, take care of me and the family and she would take care of everything down at the beach. Diana words can never be enough to thank you for that comfort you gave me. I am there for you and Jake next year for what ever you may need. I will never be able to do enough to repay you, but please take heart that I will most definitely try. Love to both of you.

In closing this note, I would like to say I am honored to have been able to work with all of the SASCA Clowns and feel very lucky to have made so many friends on this journey. Friendship and Smiles to everyone.

Alisa Mason

Found this picture and article from the OMAR Clowns from last year. As it was never printed in Clowning Around, I thought you would enjoy it. Let this be a reminder, have a key switch or hidden switch on your clown vehicles and make sure they are NOT operable when you're not in them. It's YOUR insurance and the Imperials, as well as local Shrine Center that would be held responsible should anyone get hurt!

WOMAN WRECKS CLOWNS CAR!

A Conway SC takes a Shriner's parade car and runs it into a railing. The clown was entertaining guests at an annual Golf Tournament Saturday when a Woman out of nowhere takes his parade car and wrecks it into a wood railing. The clown was quoted saying: "I can't believe it! I've never had anyone but myself drive the thing". The police were summoned and took the woman away. A court date has not yet been determined. Lesson to be learned... Don't mess with a clown!!



From The OASIS Clowns

The Oasis Clowns have been quite busy since SASA. We recently performed in six performances of our shrine circus produced by the Toby Jordan Circus from Las Vegas, NV. We had six clowns participate at our shows in Asheville, NC and Boone, NC and ten clowns at the Concord, NC performances. The unit did the "break-away bench" routine and got a lot of laughs from the audience. During the meet and greet period before the show started we handed out circus coloring books which the unit had printed that had a drawing of each clown in it for the children to

color. We are looking forward to the holiday season as we have been asked to participate in six different parades in December. Under the leadership of Captain Robert Bickel, our unit is getting strong again, we have recently elevated two apprentice clowns to regular status and have voted in three new apprentice clowns in the past six months. Our apprentice clowns got a chance to work in our circus in October.

Keep on clownin'
French "Patches" Harvey
1st LT

See Group Photo Below



ATTENTION UNITS

This could have been YOUR Units news. PLEASE, send in your news articles and photos for inclusion in YOUR newsletter. Deadlines for articles are February 15th., May 15th., August 15th., and November 15th. For articles to be included in the newsletters for March 1st., June 1st., September 1st. And December 1st. This is THE PLACE to let YOUR UNIT Shine!!!

From Our Outgoing President Keith Mason PP EL HASA Shriners

WOW where has the time gone. What a great group of guys to work with. It has been an honor to work with all of you. I have had an experience of a lifetime. I started thinking about trying to enter the SASCA line when a very dear friend was talking so highly about this group of Clowns. My dear friend Ralph Selby who was also a Past President of SASCA was a mentor of mine when I first joined El Hasa Clowns and we stayed good friends until his passing. Actually Edra, Ralph's wife, would tell everyone that I was their long lost son, I guess that tells you how much time we spent talking. I will always be grateful that he shared his experiences, words of wisdom and friendship with me. Thank you my dear friend in Heaven for getting me started on this journey with the SASCA Clowns.

Now that my year has come to an end I look back and think about all the things I did and all the things I wish I would of or could of done. I hope that each of you had as good of a year as I did and I thank each and everyone of you for all that you did this past year. As you know my wife's father passed away right after we got to Myrtle Beach and we had to turn around and go back home. Please accept this THANK YOU for all of you that stepped up and made that SASCA event what it was. I have heard many many

wonderful things about how the whole group took over and did a good job of carrying on. That was very hard, I know, to take over at the last minute, but I had no worries that you group of men would do a great job. You will never know how much I appreciate everything that you did. I would like to thank Pat Godwin for taking the time to make DVD's of the whole weekend and sending them to us. That is what Clown friends do, whatever they can to take care of each other and make the most out of bad situations.

Now that a new year has started I would like to welcome Jake Hensley our new president and his lovely lady Diane. Jake thank you very much for stepping up when I had to leave the convention and taking things over and doing a great job. To Diane and the other ladies thank you also for taking care of the silent auction and decorating for the banquet, the pictures that I have seen showed what a great job you all did. I know Jake will make all of us SASCA Clowns proud this year. Let's all get behind Jake and give him our support. Looking forward to seeing everyone again soon.

Thanks for a GREAT year
Keith "Smilley" Mason

The attendance might have been low and the weather was rather cool, but the fun was there at the annual Shrine Circus. Clowning around has never been more fun as President Bulljigs, Bug Dust, Slobbers, and High Pockets came up with a very funny skit that had the crowd laughing. Joining them in Huntington were El Hasa clowns Felix, Smiley, and Wilwee. Professor Pumphandle, too, got to join in the fun at Huntington and Charleston. The kids had great smiles and laughs aplenty. Four days and eight circuses later, they were all tired, but happy clowns.



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COMPETITION WINNERS

<i>55 & Over</i>			<i>Open Tramp</i>		
1st. Place	Robert Wilson	KOSAIR	1st. Place	Jonathan Turner	OMAR
2nd. Place	Kenneth Sharp	RIZPAH	2nd. Place	David Cunningham	HEJAZ
3rd. Place	James Stamps	RIZPAH	3rd. Place	Jimmy Hampton	BENI KEDEM
<i>Character</i>			<i>Open Hobo</i>		
1st. Place	Tony Minnicks	RIZPAH	1st. Place	Sherman Morton	KERBELA
2nd. Place	Robert Wilson	KOSAIR	2nd. Place	Randy Moore	RIZPAH
3rd. Place	Ronnie Taylor	KOSAIR	3rd. Place	Jerel Hutchinson	OMAR
<i>Novice August</i>			<i>One Man Skit</i>		
1st. Place	Erick McPeake	KERBELA	1st. Place	Harry Moore	ACCA
2nd. Place	Carl Miller	SUDAN	2nd. Place	Jim Fankhanel	BENI KEDEM
<i>Novice Whiteface</i>			3rd. Place	Jonathan Turner	OMAR
1st. Place	Jeff Nicola	KAZIM	<i>2 Man Skit</i>		
2nd. Place	Wayne Redigo	KOSAIR	1st. Place	Mose Highsmith	SUDAN
<i>Novice Tramp</i>			2nd. Place	Brian Honeycutt	
1st. Place	Ken Page	SUDAN	2nd. Place	David Cunningham	HEJAZ
2nd. Place	Bruce Richardson	KAZIM	3rd. Place	Jim Bannister	
<i>Novice Hobo</i>			3rd. Place	Brian Honeycutt	SUDAN
1st. Place	Doug Hensley	BENI KEDEM		Buddy Brown	
<i>Open Auguste</i>			<i>Unit Skit</i>		
1st. Place	Brian Honeycutt	SUDAN	1st. Place		ACCA
2nd. Place	Harry Moore	ACCA	2nd. Place		HEJAZ
3rd. Place	Buddy Brown	SUDAN	3rd. Place		BENI KEDEM
<i>Open Whiteface</i>			<i>Childrens Choice</i>		
1st. Place	Kenneth Sharp	RIZPAH	1st. Place	Harry Moore	ACCA
2nd. Place	Ron Lebold	OASIS	<i>Parade</i>		
3rd. Place	Dennis Hardin	KOSAIR	1st. Place		SUDAN
<i>Open Whiteface</i>			2nd. Place		OMAR
1st. Place			3rd. Place		BENI KEDEM

Congratulations to our Winners