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From The President
Ervin “Jake” Hensley BENI KEDEM Shriners



**“Jake” Hensley
PRESIDENT**

Noble clowns and ladies,

Nearly one year ago I took the office of president of SASCA with plans to visit many shrines and to raise membership. I look back with pride and a gang of new friends. Along the way however, it wasn't always easy.

The loss of some of our members, trying to heal old wounds, and the declining numbers of Shriners interested in clowning were just some of the challenges we faced. Needless to say, we did face many challenges, but we didn't fold our tents and go home.

I'm proud of having served as your president. I'm honored to have been elected as an honorary member of Kazim Clowns. I'll treasure it along with the others I have.

Most of you know I'm not a technology person, but with the help of my wife, we've built on the website and have gotten several new mem-

bers who are now able to see what's going on and be apprised of the number of events that are happening as well as able to access our "Clowning Around". With past president Ed Harper in control again, it has definitely become something that we can look forward to reading.

I could not have done so much – and many more things I haven't mentioned without the incredible support of all the officers.

So as we turn to a new year, I offer my sincere congratulations to my friend David Earl Frady. I've had many opportunities to get together with Earl and his sidekicks. I am confident Earl will do a good job.

SASCA has wonderful opportunities ahead of it. September marks closure for my presidency and a new beginning for others. It has been my honor to serve. I thank you so much.

May God Bless you all.
Jake

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



Earl Frady
1st. VP

Nobles and Ladies,
As September rolls around I find that I am ready to be the president of SASCA. I want to first say that Jake did a great job and was ready to help in any way he could. His Lady Diane has been there for all of us with her taking the challenge of the website.

Now for my year and my goals, goals are great for getting you where you want to go. Assuming, that is, that you know where that is. If you don't, then maybe all you need is a direction, and no direction is better than the one your heart tells you to go.

Can't feel what your heart is tell-

ing you? No worries, just take a few steps in any direction you like and then pause to experience what that's like. If it's nice and pleasurable, you're probably moving in a direction that's right for you. If it's unpleasant, simply pick another direction, start moving and then pause to experience again.

That's how I plan to run SASCA this year. All I know is that I want to inspire you, make you laugh out loud, and to have fun doing so. Because, you know, laughter is healthy for you. After all, I am Nuts About Clowning.

Laughing all the way,
D. Earl (Squirrel) Frady

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

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



Bobby Fisher
2nd. VP

Hello Nobles,

What a hot summer we have had. I sure am ready for fall temperatures.

Omar Shrine Centers had a wonderful Ceremonial in May. It was a great success and we had a great time.

We had a Friday afternoon parade that turned out good and the temperatures were very cooperative. Friday night, we had plenty of food and live entertainment.

I am ready to come to Pigeon Forge. Ready to see old friend and hopefully make new ones. The Clown Association is planning a good time. We will have Make up clinics and "Sunshine" will be there with her costumes. She will also have makeup and noses from "Bubba Sikes" as his

wife was in an accident and he will be unable to be with us. He will be greatly missed and our thoughts and prayers will be with them during this difficult time.

Leon McBryde will have his "ProKnows" noses and makeup there for those who want them, also.

Please come to the business meeting Thursday at 7:00 P.M. and help us elect officers for 2011-2012 and bring us some new ideas to help improve our S.A.S. C.A..

The banquet will be Friday night at 7:00 at Five Oaks Lodge Convention Center. Hope to see everyone there.

Yours in Faith,

Bobby J Fisher
2nd Vice Pres

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



Mike Wallace
3rd. VP

Hi all,

Hope everyone is doing fine! As I was thinking about what to write this time this came to mind. As we travel with our jobs and with our friends, we see people in towns and cities that have lost everything. Most people think about them for a short time and then go back to whatever they where doing.

Well we have had some of that happen to us and it does change how we look at this problem for the rest of your lives.

We support the Shriners Hospitals because we have chosen to and we clown to make a small child smile! This is the greatest gift you

can ever receive!

Pigeon Forge is coming up soon so please remember that we are in this together, treat each and every person as you wish to be treated, support each other as the strength we have is in our numbers.

We are at the end of another year, and a good year it has been. Going to Myrtle Beach for Mid-Winter was a big change but I still went to Fun Fest and I will continue to support them!

Thank for giving me the chance to be an officer in SASCA!!

**3rd. Vice President
Mike (Sleepy) Wallace**

*From the 4th. Vice President
Pat Godwin SUDAN Shriners*



Pat Godwin
4th. VP

Noble clowns of
SASCA,

I sit here early in the morn pondering at the blank screen wondering what to say. One thing's for sure is that this year has gone by fast. It seems that it was last week when I was tapping out my last article.

As all of you know we have the fall SASCA ceremony coming up in Pigeon Forge and I for one am looking forward to it. This will be the last time in Pigeon Forge for a while due to Myrtle Beach stepping up to the plate for the next three years. I am also looking forward to the new venue at the Oak Tree Lodge this year. The ladies should really like it due to being right across the road from Tanger outlets. There are several nice restaurants within walking distance as well. Being the director of the Sudan Dunn Clown unit I have been pleased at the number of our own unit members committed to attend even in these tough economic times. This shows interest and enthusiasm for SASCA.

Make it **YOUR** task to encourage more unit members to attend, and encourage them to enter competition. The one thing I learned from the masters of shrine clowning is to go into competition to **LEARN**, and if I were to place that would be nice too but not the real reason I was there. I tend to be the person who looks from the sidelines for a while and learn the ropes, then jump in head first (albeit I'm not a good swimmer).

As 4th Vice President I have been pondering what we could do to make our SASCA ceremonies even better. I've got some ideas and will present them at the officers meeting. If they fly, all well and good, and if they don't I've tried to make an improvement and will continue to do so without getting upset about it. You've got to keep the right frame of mind in anything you do if it's worth doing.

Happy Clownin',
Pat Godwin Jr (SASCA 4th V. Pres.)
Aka "REDD"

From the Kazim Central Virginia Clowns

CLOWNS (KAZIM)

I HAVE BEEN A SHRINER AND A SHRINE CLOWN FOR ABOUT 7 YEARS. I AM SO GLAD TO BE A SHRINE CLOWN, BUT, EVEN MORE IMPORTANT, I AM REALLY FORTUNATE TO BE A MEMBER OF THE CENTRAL VIRGINIA CLOWNS .

WE HANG OUT IN LYNCHBURG, VA BUT HAVE MEMBERS FROM SEVERAL PLACES: LYNCHBURG/FOREST/BEDFORD/KEYSVILLE/HURT TO NAME A FEW. WE ARE A VERY ACTIVE UNIT. WE DO A LOT OF PARADES/ PROMOTIONS/ CELEBRATIONS FESTIVALS/ ETC. BUT, FOR NOW, I WANT TO HIGHLIGHT A SPECIAL EVENT WE JUST HELD THIS WEEKEND.

AUGUST 20 WE HAD OUR THIRD ANNUAL SHRINE CHILDRENS PICNIC. WE INVITE ALL THE FAMILIES OF CHILDREN WE TREAT FROM THIS AREA IN GREENVILLE, OR CINCINNATI AND THEIR FAMILIES. IT IS A SIMPLE EVENT. WE JUST COOK HAMBURGERS AND HOT DOGS.

SOME OF US ARE IN CLOWN COSTUME AND SOME NOT. WE DO A SKIT AND JUST HAVE FUN CLOWNING WITH THE CHIL-

DREN AND THEIR FAMILIES. OUR SHRINERS ARE ALSO THERE AND SOME WITH THEIR CHILDREN AND/OR GRANDCHILDREN.

THE KIDS PLAYED TOUCH FOOTBALL AND OTHER GAMES AND REALLY HAD A GREAT TIME.

IT IS WONDERFUL TO TALK TO THE CHILDREN AND THEIR PARENTS AND FAMILIES. THE PARENTS ARE SO GRATEFUL. IT REALLY CONFIRMED WHY WE CLOWN AND WAS OVERALL A WONDERFUL GATHERING.

WHAT I AM SAYING IS THAT ALL UNITS CAN AND SHOULD DO THE SAME THING. YOUR TEMPLE WILL BE GLAD TO GIVE YOU A LIST OF THE CHILDREN, THEN YOU SEND INVITATIONS TO THE PARENT/ GUARDIAN AND WAIT FOR THE REPLIES

REMEMBER YOU ARE COOKING FOR KIDS SO USE THE KISS METHOD (KEEP IT SIMPLE ----you know).

KEEP CLOWNIN!

“DUSTY RUSTY” DIRECTOR,
CENTRAL VIRGINIA SHRINE
CLOWNS

***From the Sergeant-At-Arms
Robert Wilson KOSAIR Shriners***



Robert Wilson
Sgt. At Arms

Hello Nobles,

I can not believe how fast time has went by, it has been almost a year since I took office as SGT of Arms. I am looking forward to seeing everyone in Pigeon Forge next month. I would like to encourage everyone to come down and socialize , have fun, and attend our annual business meeting which includes electing new officers for 2011 - 2012. We have dinner tickets for \$ 23.00 if you buy them now, otherwise the cost is \$25.00 at the door. Contact one of the officers if you want to get yours early.

The Funsters have been busy as usual clowning at parades and making our routine visits to Kosair Hospital for Children in Louisville, Ky. After months of planning and hard work we can proudly say that the SESA Convention that Kosair Shrine hosted was a great success. The SESA clown competition and banquet which was held in the Louisville Scottish Rite building also turned out GREAT. Everyone loved the Scottish Rite building , it truly is a beautiful structure, if you

are ever in Louisville you should stop by and ask to look around. The ceiling is inlaid and it has the look of a vintage 1930's structure and all the trappings of that period. The Funsters were clapping and smiling from ear to ear when one of their own Darrell Blenniss AKA " OPA" (the clown with the possum on his hat) won the Children's Choice Award .

Next on our agenda is Clowning at the Ky State Fair , it is always a fun time . We really enjoy seeing all the kids and their parents who come out for all the activities and to visit all the exhibits. The Funsters really love visiting all the different food vendors and trying out their products ! YUM ! Fair food is just great! After the fair we will clown on the Belle of Louisville which is an annual event sponsored by Kosair Charities. So we will be busy!

Until next time take care.

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

Greetings from the Beni Kedem

From the chief Clown in charge at Beni Kedem Temple.

I trust that everyone had a great summer season. We have been busy in preparing for our first Trail ride on the world famous Hatfield & McCoy trail system that runs through southern West Virginia. This event was held Sunday July 31, 2011. The day started off by getting everyone registered and checking to make sure they were ready to take on the trails in a safe manner. There were 21 brave soles who were crazy enough to leave the comfort of the air-conditioning (temperatures reaching 98 degrees that day) to come ride the trails and assist in raising needed funds for the Shrine Hospitals. This event is one that we would like to make an annual event, it brought together Masons and non-Masons alike to spark interests in becoming a Mason and may be a Shriner Clown.

Beni Kedem Clown have had a great time this summer and now it is time to recharge our

batteries and getting ready to start what looks to be a busy clowning season with S.A.S.C.A. being held in Pigeon Forge Tennessee September 21-24, 2011 we are looking forward to competing in what I believe to be some of the toughest competition you can find. If you are not coming to Pigeon Forge, I hope our paths meet some where down Life's high way.

Just around the corner is our Shrine Circus to be held the first part of November. We will visit 4 cities and hold 8 shows starting in Bluefield West Virginia, Beckley West Virginia, Huntington West Virginia and ending in Charleston West Virginia. Looking forward into 2012 (yes I know, no one wants to think about that right now) but the New Year will be here before we know it. I look forward to meeting new Clowns and Nobles alike and wish nothing but the best for everyone.

Take care, keep everyone smiling

*Doug "High Pockets" Hensley
President Beni Kedem Clowns 2011*

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FROM OUR WEBMASTER AND FIRST LADY

To all my friends,

How lucky I am to have known so many who have been so helpful in everything Jake has done this year. Life wouldn't be the same without you and all the memories you have given us. I have the outstanding honor of being the wife of a man who stands tall with his convictions. Several people have tried to knock him down or turn him down the wrong path, but with his sense of honor and morality he has persevered.

We went into this year knowing there were challenges ahead, but ready to face them. I hope that I helped him as a good wife should. I am very proud of him and happy to be at his side most of the time. We traveled to many of the shrine centers and spoke with many people. We had wonderful time at the Kazim Circus. The people there welcomed us with open arms and hearts.

We attended Kerbela Klown

picnic and had some great fellowship with the clowns and their ladies. We met Ed and Lou for lunch on our vacation and had a wonderful time. Earl, Pete and Davy came by our Tennessee home and gave me a wonderful gift that I will always treasure. We've eaten many meals with our friends Brady and Linda Woodard and talked about plans for SASCA. We visited with Harry and Virginia Moore and became closer friends. Our own Logan Alley of Beni Kedem Clowns has been there for us, especially Doug and Alice Hensley, Don and Joyce Kinney, Charlie and Carlene Mounts, and Johnny Baisden.

We laughed and cried along the way. One of the hardest things to do is say goodbye, but there are no good-byes, where ever we are, you'll always be in my heart. I hope Earl has as much support as Jake did and I will be there to help him along the way whenever he needs me.

Much love,
Diane, SASCA First Lady

From the KERBELA Clown Korps

Howdy Ya'll

I hope this finds everyone doing well. My family has been running on fumes for several months now, as illness has struck both sides of our families. I want to thank everyone who has been praying for my mother and ask that you continue to pray for her as she is recovering back at home now. She is not 100% yet, but is slowly on her way back. Lady Janie has had an extremely hard 2 months to get through as her grandmother in Ohio became ill. We were running back and forth to spend time with her during her last days when God called her home on June 5th. Only 8 short weeks later her Grandfather, who was not ill or had any history of being ill, passed away. (The only explanation the Doctors had was a broken heart). Besides all the illness, we sure have had a great summer! We hope your summer has been great too!

The Kerbela Clown Korps,

Nobles, and Ladies are looking so forward to seeing everyone in Pigeon Forge again this September for the SASCA Fall Convention. If you haven't made plans yet to attend, we encourage you to make them. You definitely don't want to miss out-it's always a great time! We always look forward to meeting new clown friends. The competition is always a blast to watch! There are so many different personalities and the skits are hilarious. You will definitely be laughing. We not only enjoy getting to see all the clowns compete, but we also enjoy the fellowship with the clowns and their families for the weekend. It will be full of cutting up and laughing until your stomach hurts, we can't wait. Hope the rest of your summer is great and we hope to see everyone in Pigeon Forge in September!

God Bless,
Kaptain Eric "Patches"
McPeake

Greetings From the RIZPAH Loonies

Greetings from the Loonies,

They say there is an old saying, "Time Flies". I for one believe it. As I sit here typing it's already the middle of August, and September is two and half weeks away. Seems like it was Spring just a moment ago. But this is OK. Soon we will be together again with our fellow Clowns at SASA once more. I for one can't wait.

First thing first though. Since last we met the Loonies have been busy doing all kinds of activities around the western Kentucky area. There have been Grand openings at a rural grocery store, balloon tying at other places, birthday parties, Meet and greets at Dairy Queen, some Vacation Bible schools and Family Fun day at the Rizpah Shrine center.

Upcoming events in the next few weeks will be Madisonville Friday night: Balloon tying on the city square. A visit to the Adult Day

Care center in Bowling Green, Ky. A mini Clown school to be held at C. Fred Tates house in Quality, Ky. On August 28th we will be at the Hot Rods ball game tying balloons. Of course let's not forget SASA will be here by the time this issue arrives.

We are looking forward to being at the Oak Tree Lodge for the competition and banquet. I hope all of us who can come will come, "the more, the merrier" to use another old saying. I truly do believe that one. I have always enjoyed the clown competitions even when I'm not competing. It gives me a chance to see what others in our trade are doing or have done, so that I might learn from their examples and become a better clown myself.

I hope to see all my fellow Clowns somewhere down the road, till then Keep on smiling. Until next time, **Randy Moore** aka Topper and all the Loonies



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

From the SUDAN Klowns

News from Sudanland of eastern North Carolina.

We've been off to a great start this year with 11 parades under our belt thus far this year. We've been taking requests for Christmas parades since our first meeting of the year on January 3rd. The unit had a reverse raffle and steak supper earlier this year and although we did not sell all our tickets it turned out to be a great event.

One thing we are proud of is our apprentices. We are now investigating our clown candidates and using a membership committee to sit down with the prospective member and better half along with the children if they choose to go over what is expected, anticipated and to make full disclosure as well as answer questions. This has paid dividends over the past year. We have had more family participation which has been all good. I would encourage any unit to do this for new members. We will

have some of those apprentices (joeys) at SASCA and they are good right out of the box. Put your game face on Sudan is on the way!

While at SASCA I have confirmation from at least two Sudan officers that they and their Ladies will be attending the banquet. I challenge you to do the same, your Divan need to know that we have our own little mini convention within SASA. Watch out, the **Blue jackets** are coming and plan to take Pigeon Forge by storm!

Really guys, all kidding aside the key is to foster harmony, friendly competition, good communication, and have a good time. Remember the three jewels of a Master Mason and really mean it, and all else will fall in place. Shrine clowns RULE!,

Pat Godwin Jr, (director)
Sudan Dunn Clowns



Gift Ideas Contact your President, Secretary or Editor for availability



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



Edward A. Harper
P.P. & Editor
Clowning Around

Well, that time is here again, time for FUNNNNNN at the BIG Fall Ceremony!!! We will be at the Oak Tree Lodge Sevierville half way between Pigeon Forge and Sevierville, next door to the Tanger Mall so your family can enjoy shopping while you're busy with the Clowns, or bring them on in for fun and hospitality while they watch the Seminars or the Judging. We can surely promise a fun time will be had by all.

There are rooms available at the Oak Tree. PLEASE give them a call at 1-800-637-7002 and ask for rooms with the SASCA reservation booking code number 687-991. There are 30 rooms reserved under this number and more can be had. Rental of these rooms cause us to have to pay less for the Oak Tree Convention Center where all of our activities will be held, including the banquet.

Speaking of the banquet, tickets are going fast, so you had better contact an officer and make your request now. I have been told that several Officers have sold out of theirs already and are trying to get more.

Sunshine & Company will have her costumes there and Leon McBride will have his Pro-Knows noses and Makeup there. Demonstrations will be done by

both during the Seminars.

Speaking of Vendors, PLEASE support the Vendors that ADVERTISE with us and help pay for YOUR newsletter. Their Advertising Dollars go a long way toward subsidizing this newsletter. Cost have continued to go up and SOME kind of changes WILL have to be made. Make sure and attend the Thursday Night Business meeting to learn more about this and MAKE YOUR VOICES be heard. Also remember, the Officers you elect at this time WILL be you next leaders. CONSIDER them carefully! Are THEY and THEIR UNIT going to HELP or HINDER this association. We have seen or membership go from in excess of 500 members in 2005 to 250 members in 2010. We are just a little above that in 2011, but not much. Once again, too many say "I'll wait and if I decide to go to the Fall Ceremony and compete, I'll pay my dues in September!" This is something else we need to discuss as we cannot survive as an association if we do NOT have money to operate. Remember going to ISCA or Southeast and having to dig in at the banquet and give more just to pay the bills.

Well, enough is enough, ATTEND and SUPPORT ***YOUR*** Association and Officers, you help is GREATLY appreciated and needed, because without YOU there is no SOUTH ATLANTIC SHRINE CLOWN ASSOCIATION!

Yours in Faith
EddO T. Clown

From the OMAR Imps Shrine Clowns

Greetings”

The Omar Imps are heading to Tennessee for the annual SASA convention. We have had a wonderful year so far with the completion of two great fundraisers. We are looking forward to the fun and relaxing weekend in the mountains.

We also completed a planned workday, which produced great

results. We will be also having our biggest fundraiser in October, which is the Florence Fair. Then before you know it parade season will be here.

Hope to see you all in Pigeon Forge.....

Jonathan Turner “Stinky”
1st Assistant Director
Omar Imps

From the Secretary/Treasurer

PP Robert A. “Robbie” Jones P.P. OMAR



Robbie Jones
Sec/Trees.

Nobel Clowns and Ladies:

I want to thank everyone for their support this year. Jake has done a tremendous job trying to put together your 2011 Fall Ceremony and his wife Diane has been constantly updating your

website.

I would be lax in my duties if I did not remind EVERYONE that your dues for the NEW YEAR are ALWAYS due on January 1st. and PAST DUE on April 1st. (April Fools Day). Your association and your Secretary needs these dues as soon as possible each year to be able to pay what expenses come up during the year, and you are putting the Association at risk if the money is not there, because few of us have the personal money to keep us going.

All of you who have the right address and you or your secretary have paid your dues

have again been receiving your Quarterly Newsletter. We need to decide what we want to do at Pigeon Forge because, right now, 4 editions cost MORE than your dues for the year. Do we want to make it 2 or 3 times a year or do we want to raise dues. We need YOUR input, so PLEASE ATTEND your business meeting at 7:00 PM Thursday Night. If you don't, then PLEASE don't complain about what those that do attend decide to do.

I'm beginning to sound like our Editor, PP Ed Harper and I don't want to do that, so Y'All Come On Down (or Up as the case may be) to Pigeon Forge for a FUN TIME in September.

Remember to think LONG and HARD on whom you vote for for your new Officers. If their wives and Units do not back them, maybe we need someone else, for without that support, you WILL NOT be able to do the job. Yours in the Faith

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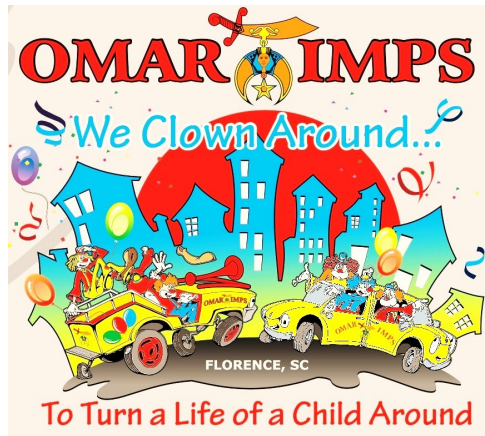
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