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From The President

Ervin “Jake” Hensley BENI KEDEM Shriners



“Jake” Hensley
PRESIDENT

Nobles and Ladies,

The snow is beautiful in West Virginia. At this time of the year when we stay inside more, it gives you more time to think.

What do you think the letters that spell clown stand for? This is what I think:

C is for **color**. Clowns must be colorful to attract attention. The color puts a smile on faces and allows you the opportunity to receive donations needed to help the shrine children

L is for **Love**. Each clown gives from his heart as he ‘clowns out’, creates balloon animals, does magic, or anything as he spreads joy among young and young at heart.

O is for **Others**. Clowns don’t do this for themselves (although we do get a lot of joy out of it). We do it to help the children, so one day every child will be able to walk upright and run like the wind.

W is for **Wig**. What a difference a wig

makes! After the clown gets in his costume, the wig makes all the difference in his look. How many times have you heard; “Is that your REAL hair?”

N is for **Nose**. This is the symbol of the clown. Whether yours is a ‘pro-nose’, a foam nose, a painted-on nose, or any of the others, when you first meet a child the first thing they ask is: “Can I touch your nose?”

This symbol lets them know you are the funny guy that helps them and makes them laugh.

These are just my thoughts. What do you think? As we clown throughout this year, remember the person who brought you to clowning and put his spirit in your heart.

Hopefully, we’ll have big turnout in Myrtle Beach in March at the Sea Mist. This will be a great time to get our plans together, get to talk with each other, and share ideas. Lady Bug Dust and I will be there with bells on. See you then

Jake

From the 1st Lady/Webmaster

A **webmaster** is a person responsible for maintaining one or many websites. The duties of the webmaster may include ensuring that the web servers, hardware and software are operating accurately, designing the website, generating and revising web pages, replying to user comments, and examining traffic through the site.

To be able to do this with any degree of credibility, I need your participation. I need you to send in the dates of your events so I can add them to the calendar. I need your pictures to be added to our photo gallery. I need your suggestions for improvement. I need you to join the website. This is

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



Earl Frady
1st. VP

From the 1st vice president,

Nobles and ladies,

Another holiday season has come and gone. I hope your holidays were as much fun as ours.

With the new year just beginning, there are new opportunities to clown and maybe get someone interested in becoming a clown. Think about the number of times you have put a smile on someone's face when you were clowning and put that interest into another brother.

Do you have a costume that you

don't use anymore? Get it out, dust it off, and offer it to another brother that would make a good clown!! Let's get out and spread the word about all the fun we have as clowns. Reverse the Masonic 2B1ask1. Let our motto be Ask 1 to B 1.

See you in Myrtle Beach at the mid winter in March, in Pigeon Forge at Fun Fest in May and back again in Pigeon Forge at the convention in September.

Remember, I am Nuts about clowning,

Earl Frady
1st Vice President

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the only way I have of knowing if it is beneficial.
I know everyone of you is a very busy person as well as a clown. Could you spare a few minutes to tell me what your unit is doing these days? Could you share a story about what touched you this year? I'm thinking about adding a page for each unit, what do you think? Do you have someone who would contact me with information?

Jake and I had a great holiday with family and friends. By the time you read this, he will have participated in Kazim's circus (of course I'll be there, too) and clowned for a birthday party. This year promises to be another exciting one.
Hope to see you at Myrtle Beach.
Wishing all of you the best year ever,
Diane

This will be your LAST edition of Clowning Around unless your dues have been received by your secretary/treasurer.

The Editor, EddO

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



Bobby Fisher
2nd. VP

Hello Nobles,
Let me first say a
Happy New Year to
each and everyone of
you. 2010 was a good
year for Shrine and
SASCA Clowns.

My grandchildren
had a real good Christ-
mas, getting so much stuff they
"Needed", yea right. But the thing
they seemed to enjoy most was the
snow we got Dec.26 th. That is a rare
occurrence for South Carolina. Oh,
what fun they had.

I will have to say that one of the
great highlights of 2010 for me was
the Omar Christmas Party. The Hero
Kids are an awesome group of chil-
dren. When they saw us clowns, their
eyes lit up like Christmas lights. They
had a good time at the party, but I

believe I got much more from them,
than they got from us.

They are why we do what we do,
and that was a great reminder to us
all. Thank God we are here for
them and their families.

Fellow clowns and friends, please
don't forget March 25 th and 26th.
we will be having our Mid Winter
meeting at the Sea Mist at Myrtle
Beach. S.C. There will be Seminars
and vendors, open to the public, so
bring your families and friends with
you. Hoping for a big day for
SASCA Clowns, so try not to miss
it. Hope to see you there.

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

P.S. It is with sadness that I
state "we have lost 2 past presi-
dents of the Omar Imps this year".

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 mostly from
\$47.00 and a few go to \$68.00 except multi
room apartments for \$83.00 according to room
and location.

We have a tentative agreement with Sunshine
& Co. and Bubba Sikes with Bubba's Clown
Supplies, as well as R.C. Cain P.Pr. I.S.C.A. to
talk on Competition and do the Tramp/Hobo
makeup seminar. 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 Meet-
ing. Bring the family, or if you prefer, several
Clowns from one unit could share an apartment,
the choice is up to YOU! EddO

WORDS OF WISDOM

People are funny, they want the front of the bus, the middle of the road
and the back of the church!

Opportunity may knock once, but temptation bangs on your front door
forever!

Some minds are like concrete,. Thoroughly mixed up and permanently set!

From the 3rd. Vice President
Michael Wallace KAZIM Shriners



Mike Wallace
3rd. VP

Good to send in
another news letter

We just had our circus and it was a great success, with the help from Jake Hensley and Harry Moore and their ladies,

we are proud that a new attendance record was set.

As I walked around the crowd I came upon a young man, he was fourteen years old, and his dad was with him and had lost his sight. They told me they had been coming since the boy was a baby and even now that he can't see, he told me he can see it in his mind and that was enough.

I told his son that I was proud to have met them and not all young

men will do what he is doing, his reply was "My dad would do the same for me".

As we travel down life's road as Mason's, Shriner's and Clowns take time to stop and talk to people and you may learn something from them

We have our midwinter meeting in Myrtle Beach and Fun Fest and SASA coming up in Pigeon Forge please try to attend these.

Remember this as we clown for the kids, "A smile is the best payment you can ever have".

Our brotherhood is like that teenage young man and as he said "He would do it for me".

Mike (Sleepy) Wallace

From the 4th. Vice President Pat Godwin SUDAN Shriners



Pat Godwin
4th. VP

Noble Clowns,

I sit here early this morning working on the article for the SASCA newsletter wondering how fast last year went and what can be done to slow it

down. I have always been told that the older one gets the faster the world passes by, and have come to realize it is true.

Last year, in a meeting, the association decided to try a mid-winter, not to disassociate ourselves with Kerbela Fun-Fest but to slow the weekend down in Pigeon Forge for those attending Fun-Fest. It was a chore to conduct SASCA business and participate as much as one likes to do at Fun-Fest.

Being new to the lineup this was my first visit to Kerbela Fun-Fest of which I had a great time and plan to attend regularly. I would hope that you will support your association by attending both the SASCA Mid-Winter in Myrtle Beach and Kerbela Fun-Fest. Mid-Winter is billed as a “family” event of which we as a whole feel are important to our existence. We do indeed need to involve “family” because without their support, encouragement, and sometimes pushing and prodding we would be at a loss. A little more on family later in this article.

I stated in an earlier news article that the Sudan Dunn Clowns were jelling like we have never done before, or at least the 9 years I’ve been a member. You will always have issues but I have encouraged everyone to look at what is the best interest of the unit as a whole. Even though, being Director of the unit, I can in no uncertain terms take the credit, it was all of us that made a conscience decision to do better,

participate more, and stop the negativity. When members decide to do that, all things are possible.

To give you an idea of what we are undertaking, a “Membership Committee” was formed last year to develop an “application” and “Apprentice guide” for prospective candidates. This part is working well. The candidate must meet with the Membership Committee, preferably with his family. This shows the family what is expected of their loved one, how the family can participate, and how the unit functions. Only then will he turn in an application. We desire it to be a “family” decision so everyone will know that dad and/or spouse is doing the same as if he was golfing, hunting, and such. He is just doing it with clown makeup on and helping us help less fortunate children cope with their situations in life, all while having fun doing it. This has paid dividends thus far.

We now have a “Policies and Procedures Committee”. It seems for now our largest hurdle is ironing out an attendance policy, but I’ll have to say that as passionate as we are about our opinions we have conducted ourselves well in the meetings. I think this is due to the atmosphere in these meetings, showing respect for one another as we should.

I’ll keep you informed how things go because I know a lot of units out there have the same issues. The first start is to have a heart to heart to identify that we all must do our part in making our units and association better.

I hope to see you at Mid-Winter and happy clowning!

Pat Godwin Jr.
SASCA 4th V.Pres
Director Sudan Dunn Clowns

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



Robbie Jones
Sec/Trees.

Nobel Clowns and Ladies: any Unit, Club, Temple or Association meeting.
Sorry but no letter this month.

Just a few reminders from your Editor.

3: E-mail, write or call your Secretary &/or Editor if any changes are made to your information. Refer to #1

1: Check with your Secretary and look at the Master List we sent for your unit.

4: Try to attend your business meetings at the Mid-winter and Fall Association Meetings. This IS your association and unless you attend and voice YOUR opinions, someone else will be deciding what YOUR association will be doing.

VERIFY that ALL information is correct, Full name, MAILING address, YOUR Temple Membership number (this is to help us verify that you are Paid Up in your Temple per Imperial Requirement), your city, state and zip code (plus 4 if you know it), clown name, wife's name, Office held in your unit, Telephone number (in case we need to contact you about something) and e-mail address if you have one. What is on this list is how we mail out your News Letter, and it costs your association \$.44 EACH time we have to mail it. When you add the cost of approximately \$1.10 each for printing, it doesn't leave much margin from your dues for operational expenses.

5: Attend the seminars that are offered you. No matter how many times you attend, I promise, you will always find something new that you did not know.

2: Secretaries, make sure your dues are paid in a timely manner. Although we do not charge late fees until March 31st. We need the dues in as soon as possible so that we can start processing your membership **BEFORE the Mid-winter** meeting. Another reminder from the Imperial, "A current Temple dues card from each member shall be shown at the FIRST meeting in January of each year, **BEFORE** a member shall be admitted to

6: Lastly, vote someone from your unit to be your Information Officer. I repeat, this is YOUR Association and YOUR Newsletter, put your information in it, pictures included. This is one of the better ways to let OTHER units and members know what YOUR unit is doing. Also, don't forget to let your Editor know about any deaths in your unit, not only for the Black Camel column, but also for the Black Camel ceremony at the fall Banquet, of which you should try to attend to honor those who have won in competition, as well as honoring those who have "Passed the Bar".

EddO

REMINDER

2011 DUES are due to your Secretary. \$10.00 thru Mar. 31 or \$11.00 thereafter and are required before attending the Mid-winter Business Meeting at 5:00 pm on the 26th.

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.

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



Robert Wilson
Sgt. At Arms

Hello to my fellow Klowns and Ladies,

Hope everyone had a great Christmas and fantastic New Year. The holiday season is a time when the Kosair Funsters kick into high gear, with the myriad of events they are constantly dashing to and fro. They even met up with Santa

to deliver presents to the hospitalized children at Kosair Children Hospital in Louisville, Ky. They continue to make on going monthly visits throughout the year. The kids really look forward to seeing them and always get excited . Some of the Funsters were present at the Light Up Louisville Celebration which has been said to transform the downtown area into a glittering winter wonderland. The lights were not glowing alone though, when the kids saw the Funsters their faces lit up also! The Glasgow Shrine Club Funsters had fun on their home stomping grounds when they klowned at the Glasgow nighttime Christmas parade which is one of the largest in the area. Some of the Funsters attended Kosair Charities annual Christmas party at the Crown Plaza Hotel to entertain some of the Kosair Kids who gobbled up pizza and received gifts. Some of the kids won bikes which were given as door prizes. The looks on those kids faces were truly heart warming.

In January some of the Funsters were honored to be a part of the Inaugural Parade for our new Mayor , Greg Fisher. They were having so much fun they

didn't know if they were coming or going as they drove their Two-headed car, which is equipped with two frontends connected to each other, down the street!

The Big Top came to town in February and the Funsters were dedicated to help make their annual Kosair Shrine Circus a huge success. They were there shaking hands, having their pictures made with the kids, autographing the program/coloring books, laughing, and doing what they do best Klowning! They were there for all ten performances. February also brings cupid flying around on the 14th, hope all of you guys remembered how much your ladies support us and help us to be great Shriners. I would like to take this opportunity to thank them for all they do, Thank you Ladies so much!

Now that March is close at hand we are planning on parading at the Saint Patrick's Day Parade. Also the SASCA Mid Winter Convention is coming up in Myrtle Beach, S.C. We will have clinics for make-up, paradeability, and tips on competition. The dates are March 25th - 26th. Hope to see you there!

Also in closing I would like to invite all of you to attend the SESA Convention that we at Kosairs are hosting in August 10th -13th this year in Louisville, Ky. For more details visit www.kosair.com .

I would like to leave you with an old Irish farewell : May the road rise to meet you...May the wind be ever at your back.

Robert L. "Lucky" Wilson

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3 on left standing are officials from Norton/Kosair Hospitals. Clowns are Radical, Sparky, Dok, Lucky, Wee Willie, Gabby, Popsy, Opa, and three Kosair Officials.
Kneeling clowns are Shakey-D, Derby, Dan, Put-Put, Festus, and Flap Jack

Greetings from the Logan Clown Alley

Hello friends and brothers of the grease paint, I would like to take this time to wish everyone a happy 2011. May this New Year bring you hope and happiness all year long.

I look back on the last year and ask myself “Did I make a difference in the lives that I came in contact with?” I hope that I did, if only for that short amount of time that we were together.

This New Year gives us the opportunity to make a difference in the lives of even more people that we come into contact with. A smile, hello and how are you are but simple ways to say that we care about our fellow man.

I would encourage you to try new things this year, explore other units, clubs and things with in the temples and lodges, you never know you may make new friends and enjoy new experiences that otherwise you may not have thought you would like to do.

Something that I would like to do more of is to make visits to the nursing homes and local hospitals. Not many of my clown friends know that I was a “Critical Care Paramedic” prior to entering the mining industry work force. That is a job where having someone to talk to about the problems of the day is a must to maintain good mental health. To all the Fire rescue and medical personal, THANK YOU.

As a Mason we were ask to help our fellow brothers, neighbors and be true to the craft, in doing so we

should extend the hand of friendship and comfort the one that is needy of friendship and compassion. Take time to sit and talk with a friend about what is going on in there life’s, listening to them vent frustrations will help to bring there mental and physical health back to normal. This is the best way to help a friend get through a tough time in there life’s.

A great figure in my life, my dad (Franklin D. Hensley), always told me growing up “A true friend asks only for your time, not your money”. It is the small things that we do in life that has the biggest impact on the people around us.

I welcome the opportunity to clown with all the friends that I made last year and look forward to meeting new friends this year.

If you would like to visit the Logan Clown Alley face book site you will find us by looking up logan-clownalley@yahoo.com

If you would like help in an upcoming event or outing, send us an e-mail and you may just see us there.

Until we meet again take care and keep the kids of all ages smiling, it is the best gift of life and it doesn’t cost a thing to give away.

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FROM OUR FIRST LADY

From the First Lady,

Hello to all my friends and future friends, I am fortunate to be able to travel with my husband and best friend Jake as he clowns around. In February we got to go to the Kazim Shrine Circus in Roanoke. What a great time we had. I had lots of fun with one of my besties, Virginia Moore. Then to top off the weekend I met some wonderful shrine clown ladies. They welcomed me with open arms and lots of good food. (I got the recipes sort of) We ate together laughed together and shared a wonderful weekend. I can't tell you how much I enjoyed and needed that time with people who like me are clown wives.

It is with much sadness that we have now lost Trudy Fankhanel. For those of you who don't know her, she is the wife of Jim Fankhanel (Professor Pumphandle). She was a talented seamstress who could make anything you dreamed about. She was very active in her community before she became ill. She traveled with Jim when he

was president of ISCA and still traveled whenever she was able. She was a barrel of laughs. When Jake was a new clown, she was one of the first that helped me to learn to be a clown wife and helped me make a lot of new friends. One thing was for sure she never met a stranger. I know I'm not alone in saying I will miss her and her laughter and friendship.

Now Jake and I are getting ready to go to Mid Winter in Myrtle Beach. I sure hope the weather is in our favor and it's warm and beautiful. I love the snow, but I've had enough this year to last until December. I sure hope all of you can attend. In the meantime, we've been getting information together for the fall convention and trying to tie up the loose ends.

To the officers' wives, don't forget to collect things for our silent auction. We want another successful auction that will put the last one to shame. Hope to see you there.

[Diane Hensley, first lady of SASCA](#)

From the KERBELA Klown Korps

The Kerbela Klown Korp will be hosting Fun Fest Clown competition at Music Road Motel in Pigeon Forge TN. The dates are May 5-8, 2011. We would love to have as much participation as possible.

We would like to pre sell as many tickets as possible for the banquet so we can have an idea on how many to plan for. The banquet will be casual dress with fez. The menu will consist of Barbeque and/or chicken. The cost for the banquet will be \$20 per person. We feel that the lower cost of the Banquet will be beneficial to all involved and we

promise you, YOU WILL enjoy yourselves.

We will be selling PHOTO buttons as a fundraiser for 3 for \$5 Bring your favorite clown picture and we can make it into a button OR if you don't have a picture, we will be taking pictures at Fun Fest. It will be a good time to get one made with your FAVORITE GIRL.

If you have any questions about FunFest or the button fundraiser please call Kaptain Eric McPeake at 865-621-7095

Looking forward to seeing everyone there!

In talking with Kaptain Eric McPeake, he is trying to raise funds to help pay for the trophies with this photo button fundraiser, and, believe me, the buttons are well worth the price. Kaptain Eric is trying to put the Fun back in Fun Fest for us Clowns, without rupturing everyone's pocketbook, so let's get out, get involved and COME TO THE BANQUET and buy those buttons, as I can tell you, he's not making any profit on the banquet.

Your Editor;
EddO

We'll See You At Fun Fest!!!

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!!!

Greetings From EL HASA Clowns

Greetings from the clown unit of El Hasa, step off at 2 p.m.

I hope that the beginning of everyone's year is getting off to a good start and that all is well with you and your units.

This time of year we don't have much taking place other than preparations being made for all of our summer and fall events. They are as follow:

April 2nd Clown President dinner 5p.m. \$10 donation

April 15-16th Hillbilly days at Pikeville,Ky. Line up at 10 a.m. and

May 5th-8th Funfest at Pidgeonforge Tn

May 14th ElkHorn City Apple Blossum Festival. Line up at 3p.m. and step off at 4p.m.

May 15th Lexington Hospital Days (open house/Parade/lunch)

Do something to cause a child to smile and laugh and they'll remember you for the rest of their life.

[Will-Beee the clown](#)

REMEMBER

THIS COULD

HAVE BEEN

YOUR UNIT

NEWS HERE

From the KAZIM Clowns

This is my first attempt at a newsletter for Clowning Around, so overlook my mistakes.

First, the Kazim Klowns had a great time at SASA, came away with a prize or two, but that is secondary to all the fellowship and fun that we had. In The last Clowning Around Newsletter Mike Wallace—3rd VP mentioned that one of our klowns got hurt at SASA, he in fact did, Well, 3rd degree burns didn't keep Reggie (Junebug) Robins down, the accident happen just before the Judge's Stand, but, he finished the parade, then went to the emergency room for care. Junebug is doing great and is still his old self.

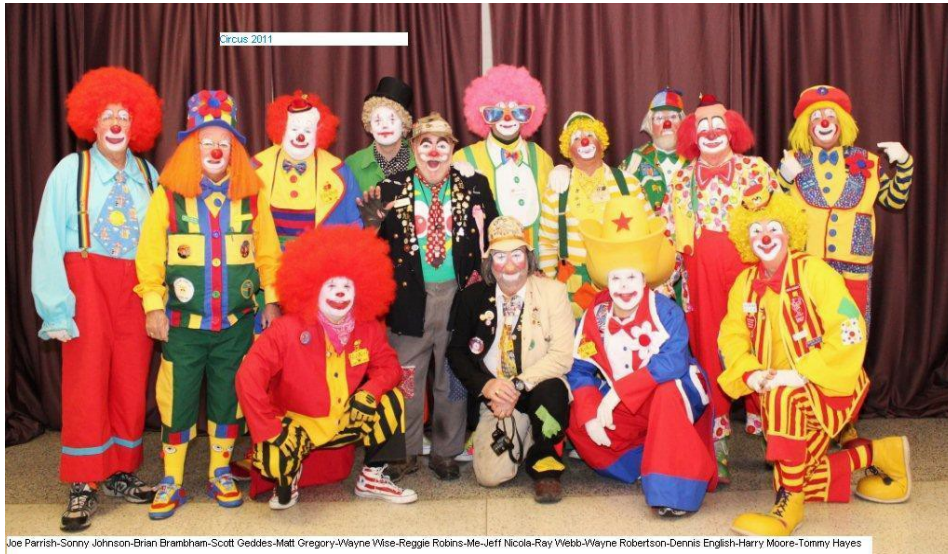
We just finished 4 days (7 performances) of the Kazim Shrine Circus. We had a

record 27,339 attendee, thanks to the good weather. A great big THANK YOU to all the ACCA Clowns that came up and helped with the circus. Everyone had a great time and great fellowship

The Kazim Klowns, personally would like to thank SASCA President Erwin (Jake) Hensley for visiting and dressing out with the Kazim Klowns at the circus. It was great having Jake and his Lady Diane with us.

In closing I ask that we keep this Great Country of ours and all our service personal all over the world in all our prayers.

Hobert (Hobie) Shepherd
Secretary, Kazim KLOWNS



Joe Parrish-Sonny Johnson-Brian Brambham-Scott Geddes-Matt Gregory-Wayne Wise-Reggie Robins-Me-Jeff Nicola-Ray Webb-Wayne Robertson-Dennis English-Harry Moore-Tommy Hayes



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

This quarter I am going to address some things that SHOULD be important to ALL of us. First and foremost, your addresses and phone numbers. Please make sure that your Secretary has YOUR PROPER mailing address and phone number, then make sure that he has sent that information to the S.A.S.C.A. secretary & to yours truly, the Editor. The reasoning behind this, it presently costs .44 for EACH time I have to mail a newsletter. If it is returned by the Post Office, I will TRY to contact you by the phone number I have on file, and if I cannot trace you down, you are not going to get your newsletter until I receive an update. I had 48 newsletters returned this last time for a total \$21.12 from the first mailing and then 6 more to be mailed from the second mailing of what was supposed to be the corrected addresses. DO NOT forget to put "In Care Of" in your address if you are living with someone else and are NOT listed as part of the household by the post office. Zip plus 4 will help a lot. Also, if you include your e-Mail address, I can e-Mail you a copy of the Clowning Around if you ask for it.

Secondly, your officers are trying to give back to you information YOU can use to make you a better clown. To this end, we have our Seminars at the Fall session, as well as the planned Mid-Winter session at the Sea Mist Resort in

Myrtle Beach, SC on March 26th. I must say that I am sorely disappointed in the interest from you, our members, to this! We are having R.C. Cain, PP ISCA and SESCA to talk about Competition Judging and give a seminar on Tramp/Hobo makeup. Bubba Sikes is going to be there to give other makeup seminars as well as seminars on gimmicks and props. Sunshine and Company will be doing Costuming as well as other seminars. You will have a chance to buy whatever you might need in makeup, costumes and props while you are learning to look your best and parade more effectively. Our instructors are offering their time to be here free, with the hope you will buy something from them! The Meeting Rooms are ALL being paid for out of YOUR dues and help from the Sea Mist according to how many rooms are reserved to stay in. Your Officers pay their own way, the same as you do, so it's ALL ABOUT YOU! I have listened to you complaining about "Not Getting anything for your dues", but we have tried before and are trying again to do just that, now IT'S UP TO YOU to go out and use what we are offering you.

Third, this is YOUR organization, and as such, you help guide it's development by YOUR INPUT at our business meetings. If you feel that "a few people" are running the show, that's because YOU DO NOT SHOW UP at our meetings to help "RULE & GOVERN" our organization. Your VOTE is required to make a difference.

Until the next time; *Yours in Faith*
EddO T. Clown

From the OMAR Imps Shrine Clowns

“Greetings”

The Omar Imps hope everyone had a great holiday season, and a great new year. The new year has already brought us promises and hardships. Our Christmas parades left all the crowds like always with laughter and smiles. We have been hard at work laying out an eventful year.

Our upcoming fundraisers include our annual golf tournament, poker run, and shrine circus.

We are all very excited about the upcoming SASCA midwinter event. The Omar Imps are proud

that its being held in Myrtle Beach for the first time this year.

On another note, we are sad to say that we have lost a charter founding member of our unit. Mr. Kenneth “Kenny” Allen who was our oldest living member of the Imps, and a great clown. His wisdom and antics will always be remembered in our memories. We also lost Past President Roger Hutchinson on December 31st.

Again we look forward to seeing everyone at the SASCA midwinter event.

Jonathan Turner
1st Assistant Omar Imps

Last Night I Knelt Where Hiram Knelt

***LAST NIGHT I** Knelt where
Hiram knelt and took an obligation,
Today I'm closer to my God, and
I'm a **Master Mason**.*

*'Tho heretofore my fellow men
seemed each like the other,
Today, I search each one apart; I'm
looking for “my Brother”,
And, as I feel his friendly grip, it
fills my heart with pride;*

*I know that while I'm on the square
that he is on my side.*

*His footsteps on my errand go if I
should such require;*

*His prayers will plead in my behalf
if I should desire.*

*My words are safe within his breast as
though within my own;
His hand forever at my back to help me
safely home.*

*Good counsel whispers in my ear and
warns of any danger;
By Square and Compass, Brother now,
who once would call me stranger.*

*I might have lived a normal life and
risen to distinctions
Without my Brothers helping hand and
fellowship of **Mason's**.*

*But God, who knows how hard it is to
resist life's temptations;*

*Knows why I knelt where Hiram knelt
and took that obligation.*

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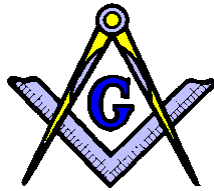
When Allah calls, then our friends obey, and fold their tents and steal away
To the land where the crystal waters flow, where the Beautiful Palms of Allah grow.

The Black Camel Has Visited

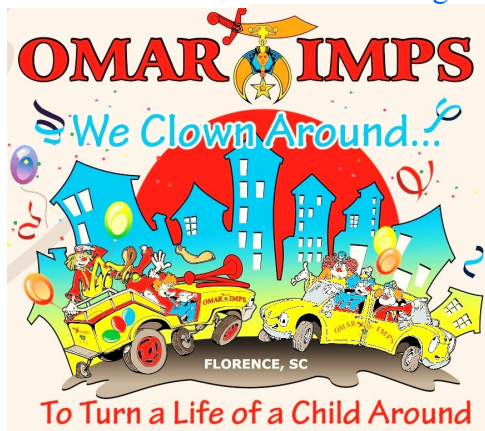
*Roger Hutchinson P.D.
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