

# SHRINERS HAPPENINGS ....

## HIGHLIGHTS OF SHRINE FALL CEREMONIAL

### EL HASA SHRINERS

El Hasa Shriners of Ashland, Kentucky held their Fall Ceremonial of inducting nine new Nobles into Shriners International with El Hasa Shriners. The event was held on



Saturday, October 10, 2020 at the El Hasa Shrine Temple in Ashland. The festivities begin at 10:00 am with the Ceremonial Potentate Patrick Leighty and Illustrious Potentate

James (O.J.) Daniel calling the meeting to order and conducting the festivities of the day. We were honored to induct nine new members into the Shrine. The new members included: A. David Blankenship of Paintsville, Larry F. Norris of Kitts Hill, OH, James D. Akers of Ironton, OH, John W. Marsillett of Prestonsburg, Lee Edward Sparks of Allen, Darren Blake Gamble of Oil Springs, Darrell Nathan Barker of Olive Hill, Justin Arms of Paintsville and Adam Gaskin of South Point, OH. The Ceremonial Class was in honor of James Kipp Barker, Past Potentate of El Hasa Shriners. He served as Potentate in the year 2014.

El Hasa Shrine members assisting with the Ceremonial Induction degree team were Patrick Leighty – Ceremonial Potentate, Patton Hart, PP – Chief Rabban/Orator, Mano Runyon – Assistant Rabban, Chris Griffith – High Priest & Prophet, Eddie Hazelett – Oriental Guide, Jim Williams – First Ceremonial Master, T.J. Toler – Second Ceremonial Master and Vic Hopper, PP - Marshal. The ladies held a Ladies Luncheon in honor of Lisa Waggoner Barker at the Bellefonte Country Club in showing their appreciation for her dedication and contributions made to the Shrine and Masonic family. The ladies returned to the Shrine temple after the Ladies luncheon to honor the newest shrine members with their fez and a flower to give to their lady. The new members of the Shrine were presented their fez in acknowledging them as a Shrine Mason with the Shrine fraternity. Illustrious Potentate James (O.J.) Daniel and First Lady Leslie also

presented a special gift to Illustrious Sir James Kipp Barker and Lady Lisa for being honored on this special day for El Hasa Shrine.

Pictured above are eight of the newest members with the Illustrious Potentate James (O.J.) Daniel and the honoree of the Ceremonial Illustrious Sir James Kipp Barker, Past Potentate for year 2014. A lunch for all in attendance was held for all to enjoy. A second section was conducted by the El Hasa Directors Staff. Special thanks go to all Directors for their assistance and cooperation for making the Ceremonial a worthwhile and productive day. A reception was held in honor of the new members and their ladies immediately following the festivities of the Fall Ceremonial. Pictured below Illustrious Sir James (O.J.) Daniel, Potentate with First Lady Leslie making a special gift presentation to Illustrious Sir James Kipp Barker and Lady Lisa for their presence and participation during Fall Ceremonial 2020.



## SHRINERS LEGACY – BLAKE GAMBLE, SON WITH FATHER DARREN GAMBLE



One notable Shrine Legacy at our recent Fall Ceremonial was Noble Blake Gamble (pictured to the left) who was created a Shriner with his father (pictured on the right) Noble Darren Gamble. It is a special fraternal membership a family tradition - welcoming father



Generation by generation, Shriners International continues to grow. As grandfathers, fathers and uncles put on their fezzes, participate in temple activities and volunteer on behalf of the philanthropy, the young are watching. The Legacy Program is a meaningful way for you to show your pride in passing on such an important tradition. The program is open to all nobles whose family members are also Shriners.

## Research Productivity in a Pandemic

For the last 7 months, hospitals and medical centers across the country faced unprecedented challenges during the COVID-19 pandemic. Shriners Hospital for Children Medical Center-Lexington did not go unaffected. All but essential employees worked from home when possible, and took time off when it wasn't. Non-essential procedures and appointments were rescheduled until they could be safely done. A moratorium was implemented for all research studies that required patient contact until proper safety precautions were put in place.

Researchers at SHCMC-Lexington took advantage of this reduction in clinical workload. As a result of this work, 16 abstracts were recently submitted to the Pediatric Orthopaedic Society of North America. This output was second only to the submissions in 2014 when 18 abstracts were submitted. Below are highlights of 3 of the 16 submissions.

Adolescent idiopathic scoliosis patients undergoing spinal fusion experience significant pain right after surgery which contributes to an increased length of stay and more frequent use of narcotics. Different strategies have been recommended for reducing opioid use, length of stay while accelerating recovery. Retrospective chart review revealed that a multi-modal pain regimen used during spinal fusion by SHCMC-Lexington resulted in not only significantly lower pain, but also reduced the amount of opioid consumption needed to achieve pain relief. Most notably, we found that this pain regimen reduced the length of hospital stay by 53%, something not reported by other studies.

Often, when clinicians try to identify the end point of joint range of motion, accurate measurement of this is made difficult by pain or anxiety, especially in children that have sustained a fracture. A study that aimed to determine the minimum amount of force required to obtain passive end range of motion in children with elbow fractures found that only a small amount of force (about 5 pounds) is required to reach elbow end range of motion. This amount is comparable to the amount of force it takes to push the lever of a water fountain.

The pediatric patient with a painful hip presents a diagnostic challenge. Ultrasound has become a widespread tool in the workup of septic hip arthritis, but it can't differentiate between hip arthritis and transient synovitis. Our study found that ultrasound can be a useful tool in the workup of a patient with concern for septic hip arthritis, but when the risk is low, hip ultrasound leads to unnecessary procedures, risk and cost.

SHCMC-Lexington has historically had a strong representation at the annual meeting of the Pediatric Orthopaedic Society of North America. With a close to record number submissions, the 2021 meeting looks to be no different.

## **A PONDERING THOUGHT**

Something to think about when your day is not going the way you want it to go: each day is a gift and we have but one chance to make it count.

Never regret your day: good days give you **happiness**, bad days give you **experience**, worst days give you **lessons**, and best days give you **memories**.

Each day has something to offer Ask yourself what has your day brought you? Happiness, experience, lessons or memories?

Treasure the days and relish the charms of the present by noticing the good in between the hard moments. No matter how tough the day seems to be, look for the happiness in your day, or the lessons you might have learned that day.

“Begin each day with a grateful heart.” Roy Bennet

Stay positive and be safe.

