

CAMEL TALK

EL HASA SHRINE TEMPLE NEWSLETTER

Dear Nobles, Ladies, Guests, and Friends of El Hasa Shrine,
I extend my deepest gratitude to everyone who contributed to the tremendous success of our 2025 Potentate's Ball, held June 20–21. From the elegance of the decorations to the joyful energy that filled the hall, this weekend was nothings short of extraordinary.

Each of you played a part in making it unforgettable—whether you traveled across the miles, worked tirelessly behind the scenes, or simply brought your warmth and good cheer. The unity and hospitality that define El Hasa shone brightly throughout the celebration, and I am truly honored to have shared it with such devoted Nobles, Ladies, and guests.

Special thanks go to my sister Veronica Mick, the volunteers, the entertainers, and our supportive families whose dedication made every detail sparkle with excellence.

Moments like these remind us why our fraternity is so cherished. I'm proud to stand with such an exceptional temple, and I'm already looking forward to the joy and fellowship that lies ahead.

With sincere appreciation,

James "JL" Mick Jr. Potentate 2025 El Hasa Shriners

The photo beside shows Illustrious Sir JL Mick alongside his daughter Chloe at the Potentate's Ball on Saturday June 21st, 2025.



The Hamilton Children's Heartfelt Donation to the Shriners Hospital

In the fall of 2024, the Hamilton children—19-year-old twins Kolten and Kailey, and their 24-year-old autistic brother Griffin—made a decision that turned their Christmas into a full season of giving. Inspired by their father's role as a Shriner since they were young and shaped deeply by a childhood filled with compassion for Griffin, the siblings chose to donate their entire Christmas fund to the Shriners Hospital for Children in Lexington, Kentucky, last year.

While it's long been a tradition for the Hamilton family to set aside part of their holiday funds for hospital donations, this year's gesture reached an extraordinary level. Kailey, often the spokesperson of the trio, proposed they skip their own gifts entirely. "We already have everything we need," she said. Kolten agreed without hesitation, and Griffin, with a bright smile and excited gestures, made it clear he was fully on board.

The family contacted the hospital to ask what items were most needed. With that list in hand, they purchased hundreds and hundreds of stuffed animals, fidget toys, cozy blankets, and other comforting items. When they arrived at the hospital in December, they were welcomed with a private tour arranged by the hospital's philanthropy coordinator. They met with patients, handed out some gifts, and left the rest for the hospital's donation team to distribute—turning their act of kindness into a memory they will carry for life.

Though they haven't always lived close to a fully involved Shriner community due to their father's demanding travel schedule, the Hamilton children have always understood the mission. They've marched in parades, watched their father bring joy in clown makeup and fez, and grown up believing that compassion is something you live out—not just talk about.

This story doesn't end with one act of generosity. Kolten is currently advancing through his Masonic journey and will receive his Fellowcraft degree at Hepburn Lodge No. 576 this month. He plans to petition for Shrine membership as soon as he's eligible. Meanwhile, Kailey has reached out to the Daughters of the Nile in Lexington, eager to take part in the same mission of service that has shaped her family.

In a world often focused on receiving, these young adults chose to give—and in doing so, proved that the spirit of the Shrine lives strong in the next generation. It only takes one fez to make a difference. And sometimes, just one Christmas to change lives.



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The photo beside depicts the Hamilton children at Lexington Shriner's Hospital in 2018!

Spring Ceremonial Ladies Luncheon at Bellefonte Country Club, May 3rd, 2025



IMPERIAL SESSION 2025: ATLANTA, GEORGIA



Imperial Potentate Brad Koehn
Arab Temple: Topeka, Kansas



GROWING OUR NUMBERS ONE MILE AT A TIME

Below is a photo taken from the traveling degree work administered at Jenkins Masonic Lodge which initiated 9 new nobles for El Hasa Shriners on June 24th, 2025.



UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Carter County Bluegrass Festival (July 17 to 19)**
- **El Hasa Family Picnic (July 20)**
- **Divan Days in Lexington (August 2)**
- **Oriental Band Gun Raffle (August 9)**
- **Bourbon & Bags Party (August 16)**
- **Olieka Temple's Ball (August 22 & 23)**
- **Carter County Paper Sale, Elliott County Parade, and Salyersville Parade (August 30)**
- **Temple Meeting & Catlettsburg Parade (Sept. 1)**
- **Hindman Parade & Carter Co. Fun Horse Show (Sept. 6)**
- **SASA Myrtle Beach, SC (Sept. 18 to 21)**
- **West Liberty Parade (Sept. 27)**
- **Nightmare Promotions Temple Rental (Sept. 27)**