

# Hillbilly Convention 2019

## Wilmington, N.C.

1. Meeting opened by Imperial Keeper of the cob, Don Cox, in the absence of Imperial Raban Harry Steele, who is currently recovering from heart surgery.

Prayer given by C.A Gatlin and the Shrine Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was given. Imperial keeper of the Cob Don Cox asks everyone to please take a moment to offer a prayer for a speedy recovery for Brother Harry and our Canadian Ambassador Jim Rennie who is currently undergoing treatment for cancer.

2. Reading of the minutes: C A Gatlin ask for suspending the reading of the minutes, as they are online and that they be approved as written. Passed!

3. Imperial Guardian of Still Mike Bayse gave his report on the finances for the online store and postage situation.

Mike made a motion for the Imperial Clan to donate the sum of \$2,000.00 to Shriner Children's Hospital's. Seconded by C.A Gatlin. Passed!

He also asks for all Clans to put their clan **Number** on every order and to **make checks out to the Imperial Clan.**

4. Henry Wandrie is giving report for Don Cox –Keeper of the Cob on donations and membership report for 2018.

Donations total **\$12,812,642.00**. We gained **\$801,123.00** to get our total. We had a gain for the year of 230 new members. We had a total of 62 reports turned in out of 82 Clans who are currently operating in compliance with Imperial Clan constitution and bylaws. Henry reminded everyone that their reports are for preceding year, of which they are submitting.

Motion was made to accept the financial report: motion carried.

5. Don Cox thanks to Edwin Ross and Clan 58 for a job well done on the 2019 Convention. He also welcomed all the new hillbilly's that was initiated at the convention.

6. C A Gatlin gave Ambassador report and gave the report on the condition of Ambassador Jim Rennie.

7. **Old Business**: None

8. New Business: Henry ask if your clan has anything to sale as a fundraiser it can be put on the website, you can also advertise if you have hillbilly cars for sale. Remember to check out the Hillbilly calendar to see what's happening.

Don Cox thanked all the Hillybilly Clans for their hard work and dedication in raising donations for Shriner children Hospitals and transportation fund.

It was also pointed out that there isn't any other Shrine sideline degree, that has accomplished what we have in such a short time. (a quote from Dan Allen Imperial Keeper of Cob Emeritus)

It was also discussed how important it is to register early for conventions, helps clans tremendously on lodging and ordering of food so we all a successful convention.

Jerry Blanton gave and update on 2020 convention in Ashland KY. Please register early to celebrate 50 years of the Grand and Glorious Order of the Hillbilly Degree.

Henry gave update on the 2021 convention in Birch Run, MI.

The 2022 Convention in Green Bay Wis. Is still pending.

Henry announced to the clans that a proposed amendment to our bylaws by Clan #55 Michigan Pine ticks regarding new member

convention initiations was received by the Imperial Clan. After reviewing the problem, the Imperial Clan has decided that since it was a condition that only arises at conventions, that a simple rule change regarding new hillbillies initiated at conventions was in order. **(See attachment on new member initiation at conventions)**

It also ruled that a onetime application period from the end of the 2019 convention and the start of the 2020 convention for those hillbillies wanting to be recognized by their Temple hosted clan instead of convention clan, can make application by **following the attached guidelines covering them.**

9. Roll call of the clans by number.

10. Clan #2 was awarded the plaque with the most hillbilly's attending.

Other Awards: Hillbilly's that traveled the longest distance - CLAN #59. Hillbilly of the year – Jim Elliott, Clan #59.

With nothing further to address C.A Gatlin gave the closing prayer: Imperial Keeper of the cob Don Cox adjourned the meeting

Respectfully submitted:

Imperial Keeper of the Cob  
Don Cox

# **The Grand and Glorious order of the Hillbilly Degree**



## **Convention Guidelines for initiating new members, other than Host Clans**

**10/17/2019**

- 1. Host clan must be informed of outside candidate prior to convention**
- 2. Candidate must be a registered convention participant**
- 3. Candidate must be a member in good standing in a Shrine Temple.**
- 4. All monies related to initiation must be paid to Sponsoring Clan prior to convention (whenever possible)**
- 5. Sponsoring Clan must provide, Hillbilly Fez, and membership card**

**Thank you**

**Harry Steele  
Imperial Raban**

**Members initiated at past conventions and received memberships from host clan and wish to be recognized by there Shrine temples sponsored Hillbilly clan as a member.**

**A onetime application period will be in effect from the close of Imperial meeting of the 2019 convention and run to the start of the 2020 convention**

#### Guidelines for joining home clan

1. Must be a member in good standing in his sponsoring home Shrine Temple
2. Must fill out completely the application (provided by the Imperial Clan). and submit it to **HIS Temple sponsored CLAN** .
3. Completed application **must** then be approved by his Temple sponsored clan and forwarded to Imperial Clan for **Final Approval**, he will receive an ASSOCATES CARD from his new clan with the same membership number as he was given at convention – followed by the capital letter T.

**Example: 1234T so as not to conflict with his past clan and new clan membership card numbers.**

**Membership number of members will not change for his past clan on him leaving and new host clan on him joining.**

4. All applications must be submitted to Imperial Clan no later than the close of the 2020 convention for approval

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Harry Steele  
Imperial Raban

Applications may be acquired from the Imperial Raban, at the **request of the Clan sponsored by his temple.**