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Chanters take Top Honors at Imperial Session



First Place for the Murat Chanters Quartet: (L to R) High Priest and Prophet Tim Murphy, Ned Cline, Doug Fegenbush, PGM, and Phil Thrasher, PP

Chanters Men's Chorus takes second place (see page 22)

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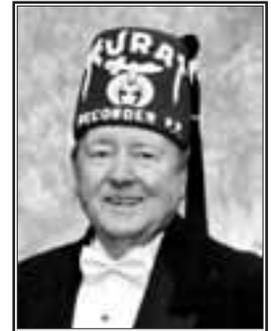
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POTENTATE MESSAGE

Boldly Go

It will not be long until the leaves start to turn and we trust it will get a little cooler. A lot has happened since my last article. The Parrothead Party in June—what a fun evening it was, and thanks to the Austins, the Condres and the Essexes for chairing this event. There were approximately 160 nobles and ladies present from Murat at the Imperial Session in Charlotte. The hotel was great and the hospitality room was perfect. Thanks Mike, Annette and your team for doing a great job.

The Potentate's Golf Outing with 70 golfers was a great day with a great committee bringing it together. The Murat temple picnic, sponsored by the Horse Patrol and chaired by George Clark, was back—many, many thanks. This was a wonderful old-fashioned picnic enjoyed by all who attended. It took a staggering 69 feet for Jacob Williams and Kendra Poteet to win the water balloon toss and a 27-foot, 11-inch grape spit for Ed Christy to be named the best spitter. Gordon Husk was so gentle when he put a chocolate pie in my face. Finally, the Murat Divan, along with many of the other Divans, spent the weekend at our Lexington Hospital. This was a very interesting and informative time to learn what is happening at one of our hospitals.

In August, Faye and I were privileged to attend the Grand Master's reception honoring our own George Ingles. I was able to attend three parades in August: Madison County in Elwood, Bears of Blue River in Shelbyville, and the Logansport Fun Frolic in Logansport. The VCM food booth at the State Fair was open 16 days. If you worked at the VCM food booth, thank you. If not, you should have. We have a good time and it is an opportunity to meet and

get to know other Shriners, their ladies and friends. This is also a great fundraising event for the care of children in our 22 Shriners Hospitals. There were several other activities during this three-month period, but I would need pages to say something about every one of them.

Some would say that the year is starting to wind down, but I would have to disagree.

There are a lot of events yet to come. In this month of September alone, there is the bean supper at Scottish Rite with a Band Night after in our Oasis. There are two Potentate's call parades, the first being on the 9th at the Masonic Home and the second on the 15th during our GLSA gathering at the Great Wolf Lodge in Cincinnati. There will be a One-Day York Rite Class on September 29. October 14 will be another Potentate's call parade at Martinsville.

These are just a few of the upcoming events at Murat. There are many, many more things happening at Murat and with the Clubs and Units. You need to read each article in the magazine to be informed about all of the exciting events.

Murat has brought back the Speakers Bureau. Please read the ad in this magazine to learn more about this fantastic group of nobles and what they have to offer.

Do not forget to Boldly Go! It is the responsibility of each of us to make our fraternity stronger for the future generations.

Fraternally and May God Bless,

Charlie Crabtree
Illustrious Potentate





Summer at Murat

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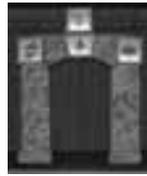
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From the Recorder

Larry D. Jefferson, P.P.

I want to personally thank Illustrious Sir Charles Crabtree for appointing me as Recorder on July 1, 2012, in Charlotte, NC, and the Divan and Past Potentates for their support. It is indeed an honor and pleasure to serve Murat Shriners once again. I thank my wife, Manuella, for her continued support. We will be celebrating our 50th wedding anniversary in mid-November.

Also, I personally want to thank Ed Wolfe, Recorder since October 2008, for his dedicated service to Murat temple and the Lexington Shriners Hospital where he serves as an associate Board member. Ed transformed the Fraternal Office into business class excellence with significant administrative cost re-evaluation. I have some big shoes (size 14) to fill and I will work to serve the nobility to the best of my ability. Please call me if you have fraternal questions.

Nobles, the fall season is here and we ALL need to think membership. Please bring in a new noble for the public ceremonial on December 1 and witness the Arch Degree presentation.



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GORDON J HUSK, FORMER CHAIRMAN, SHRINERS HOSPITALS FOR CHILDREN®-CHICAGO

Now 18 years old, Sara Christenson cannot recall the pain and horror of the serious burns she received at the age of 9 months when she fell onto a hot stove. Her parents, however, do remember the details of the painful injury, the need for immediate medical care, and the great fortune of being referred to Shriners Hospitals for Children®-Cincinnati. They have satisfied Sara's curiosity by answering her frequent questions about the incident.

Little Sara was rushed to an emergency room at a local hospital, where the doctors told the parents the child should immediately go to Shriners Hospital in Cincinnati, where excellent doctors specialize in the treatment of serious burns. Upon arrival at Shriners Hospital, Sara's father presented his medical insurance card, but the hospital at that time did not accept insurance. *(Please see a footnote to this story relative to current conditions regarding health insurance.)*

Sara received full-thickness skin grafts, which healed the burned areas. Additional surgeries were necessary to expand the grafted areas, which do not expand as a child grows. Sara had eight surgical procedures by the time she reached age 18. Sara says, "I became reacquainted with Shriners as a teenager when I had additional surgery. My physician is Dr. David Kagan, the chief of staff of the hospital, and we have become very good friends. In 2008, I became one of the first patient ambassadors for Shriners Hospital in Cincinnati. Through this experience, I was invited to speak all over the country. I was at the Imperial Session in St. Louis in 2008. I have spoken for Shriners at many events, where I was able to say thank you and promote awareness for Shriners Hospitals. It is such a great honor to represent these amazing hospitals. In 2009, I was crowned the National East-West Shrine Game Hero. I've been involved with two burn camps and frequently give tours of Shriners Hospital in Cincinnati."

Sara is modest about many of her accomplishments, but her Facebook page is replete with descriptions of her experiences. During high school, Sara was a cheerleader, played

flute in the marching band, and was on the swim team. At age 16, she decided to go to college early, which allowed her to earn college course credit while she was still in high school.

Because of Sara's outstanding academic achievements, she was selected by the Murat Shriners Business Connection to be a scholarship recipient. The Business Connection's mission is to provide scholarship support to current or former Shriners Hospitals patients who have attained high levels of academic success. Sara worked diligently with underprivileged children on a medical mission trip to Mexico, has worked at Miami University as head tutor for microbiology and zoology, and later as research assistant.

Sara says, "My life would never have been the same if I had not been a patient at Shriners Hospital. I believe the hospi-



tal saved my life. The hospital staff instilled in me that you can overcome anything. You define your own life. I will be having some continued laser surgery over the next three years. The hospital is like a home, and nearly everyone on staff knows me by name. I am incredibly grateful for the care I have been given. It has gone far beyond my family's expectations. Shriners gave me hope for a better, brighter future. Because of my strong admiration for the staff of Shriners Hospital, I wanted to become involved in the medical field. This spring, I was accepted into the Miami University-Ohio Bachelor of Science program as a sophomore. I will be playing my second year of NCAA tennis in the fall. I should receive my BSN degree in 2015. I plan to become a pediatric nurse practitioner and work in hematology."

Footnote: Shriners Hospitals accept insurance if a family has coverage. *If a family has no insurance, our hospitals provide the same high-quality medical care to all patients, regardless of the family's ability to pay.* Maintaining excellence of care is essential to our hospitals. For many years, the Shriners Hospital system received sufficient donations from individual Shriners, the general public and corporate donors to support the hospital endowment fund, and did not charge for medical care. Due to constant increases in the cost of operating hospitals and the market fluctuations that reduced the market value of the endowment fund, it has become necessary to begin billing insurance companies. Payments from insurance companies, recent increases in donations and strategic planning that is producing greater efficiency have combined to strengthen our endowment fund and helped assure our hospital system will have a long future of providing world-class medical care for children. The system's three principal functions of treatment, research and education continue to be met in excellent fashion. We thank everyone for their continued support of our great mission.

Shriners Hospitals for Children is a pediatric healthcare system of 22 hospitals dedicated to improving the lives of children by providing specialty care, innovative research and outstanding teaching programs. Children up to age 18 with orthopaedic conditions, burns, spinal cord injuries, and cleft lip and palate are eligible for care and receive all services in a family-centered environment, without regard to the patients' ability to pay. Shriners Hospitals for Children relies on the generosity of donors to deliver this mission every day.

**MURAT MASONIC
ARCH PRESENTATION**

This coming December 1, Murat is planning to have a very special ceremonial for its newest members.

We firmly believe that to assure the Masonic fraternity lives on for many years to come, we must get our story out to the public. Not the mysteries and rituals of the Blue Lodge, but a celebration of Masonic values as presented by the Masonic Arch Production.

The Masonic Arch Production orchestrates Masonic family and Shrine quality values into a unique educational and entertaining production, allowing the candidate, his lady, family, friends and guests to experience an impressive and everlasting image of Masonry, the Shrine, and Shriners Hospitals for Children.

Nobles, on this special day, we ask you to bring your spouse, family, neighbors and guests. This is a great opportunity to see and hear what Freemasonry and its appendant bodies are all about during this one-hour production.

The Oasis Lounge will open immediately following the presentation.

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**MURAT DECEMBER
2012 CEREMONIAL**

Honoring GARY W. LEWIS – PAST POTENTATE 2000

Saturday, December 1, 2012, will be an open public ceremonial for Murat Shriners. Please plan to include your ladies, your Masonic friends, and your non-Masonic friends and neighbors.

Registration will start at 8 a.m.

Open Ceremonial will begin at 9 a.m.

Ceremonial will be followed by the Arch Presentation at 10 a.m.

The Arch Presentation is a dramatic presentation of how all the Masonic bodies fit together to form one large fraternal family. It is a very moving presentation and helps inform our ladies and non-Masonic friends exactly how we all work together.

Lunch will be at noon with presentations honoring our 50-year nobles and our featured noble, Illustrious Sir Gary Lewis, Past Potentate 2000.

After lunch, we will retire to the Oasis for an afternoon of socializing while being entertained with a piano bar style entertainment.

For more information or to register, contact the Fraternal Office at (317) 635-2433.

Mr. Bill Murrin was our guest speaker. He was an Electrician's Mate in the U.S. Navy from about 1966 to 1970. His function was to repair any electronic problems with the aircraft he was assigned to. However, the only real exciting times he had involved flying on three sorties that went directly into the "eye" of hurricanes.

During the regular meeting, our Parade Schedule was approved (Masonic Home – Franklin, IN; Martinsville, IN – the Veterans Day Parade). Finally, our annual Picnic at Post-Air Airport was finalized.

On May 14, the Flying Fezzes met at the Rolls Royce Heritage Museum located in the UAW/Rolls-Royce Training Center at 2601 W. Raymond Street, Indianapolis, IN.

The purpose was to get a tour of the aviation museum. Rolls-Royce has

received a significant number of Collier Trophies for contributions to aviation, particularly in the field of aviation engine technology.

This goes back from the beginnings of aviation engines to the present world of jet engines and turbine engines. You can view the largest air cooled in the X4320. You can "flip the switch" to start an Allison V-1710 piston cutaway and learn about the famous WWII fighter engine. Or, you can listen to a "running" turbojet and listen to it light the afterburner.

Particularly impressive was the narrator who gave us historic background information on the people and the companies involved. If you are interested in getting a tour for your group or for yourself, e-mail: HeritageIndy@rolls-royce.com.



Travel Club

Charlie Crabtree

There is still time to sign up to sail with Faye and me to the Panama Canal.

We will depart Indianapolis on Nov. 2 and arrive back home in Indianapolis on Nov. 12.

Yes, this takes in the day you would vote, but it is easy to register your vote as an absentee.

Hurry if you would like to join us on this exciting/fun-filled trip; cabin space is going fast and space is limited.

All you need to do is call (317) 218-0802 or (800) 225-9919 and reference Potentate's Trip/Panama Canal.



Boone County Shrine Club

Pat Hornett

Greetings, everyone, from the members of the Boone County Shrine Club. We only have four months to go in 2012 ... my how time flies when you are having fun. Just wanted to give everyone an update on our Unit's activities over this summer.

The Boone County Shrine Club is dark during the months of July and August, but that did not prevent us from enjoying a wonderful summer. I would really like to recognize our treasurer, Denny Cunningham, for all of his hard work over these summer months. He organized a golf get-together, helped mail our monthly Unit newsletters, and actively participated in organizing our two Unit cookouts in July and August. Thanks again, Denny, for your help this summer.

We did enjoy two cookouts that we held on our normal meeting nights this summer. It is something our Unit has been doing for some time now. Our members get together on our normal meeting nights where we do nothing but enjoy some great food and good company. Our ladies are invited to join us and it really is just a relaxing evening of fellowship. Thanks to everyone who came out and enjoyed the cookouts.

Finally, as the year is coming to a close, it also means it's time for the Boone County Shrine Club's fall Fish Fry. Mark your calendars so you can be at the Lebanon, IN, American Legion Post 113 on Saturday, October 6. Serving hours are 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Tickets will be on sale at the door. Come out and enjoy a great meal with the nobles and ladies of the Boone County Shrine Club.

Once again, the Johnson County Fair has drawn to a close, and several of our Mini-Mystics will welcome its conclusion. Working at the Shriner building, cooking fish dinners is quite a lot of work.

Over the years, I have been asked many times, "What do you have to do to be a Shriner?" Well, the answer is to become a Mason at your local Lodge and follow that up with joining the Murat temple to become a Shriner.

However, that's not all you need, or at least that's what I've found out. President Lee Langlotz now needs to know if you can cook, cut and bread fish, serve meals during the fair, wash dishes, run errands, etc. As it turns out, Shriners at Johnson County run a food building every day of the fair. That's right, every day they serve three meals. There's a group that comes in very early to serve breakfast to the many workers



Mini-Mystics – Randy Bell

at the fair. Next, the lunch crowd and finally, the supper crowd. The supper group is responsible for cleanup and making the building ready for the next day's breakfast.

As you can see, as a Shriner you have to be able to wear several hats. There is, however, another job that requires a Shriner. It's parking cars in the Shrine Club parking lot. Just ask Jack Brown about the number of hours

involved with that.

Surprisingly, every year, the volunteers do show up. Each and every year the Club completes a successful fair.

As a Mini-Mystic, I had thought all I was going to do was drive a little car and entertain the people ... NOT. I think any Shriner worth a dime has probably done all of the jobs mentioned earlier, but it doesn't stop there! Somebody has to serve as an officer and manage the Club. In my case, I was elected to write these articles. So as you can see, there's a reason for all those hats in my closet.

Well, I've probably bored you enough for this issue, so here's a little laughter for you. Two Eskimos are sitting in a kayak. They got very chilly, so they lit a fire in the craft. Unsurprisingly, it sank, proving once again you can't have your kayak and heat it too!

See you in the next issue.



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Proud to be an American!

While watching the Olympics, I was filled with pride at seeing the opening ceremonies and our athletes in competition. It made me pause and think of all of the things we are fortunate to have in our country and how proud we should all be. While we have our problems, as well as issues with our government—and let's not forget the financial state we are in—we are still the greatest country in the world. I wouldn't want to live anywhere else. The freedom we have here is unparalleled to any other country in the world. I have heard many people complaining about our country over these last few years. This bothers me a little in that there are so many men and women fighting for us to have what we have and to give that

same right to others in different countries. For without them, past and present, we wouldn't be able to have our voice to complain about these matters—we would be silenced like so many others are. I for one am proud to be an American. I am so very grateful for their sacrifice, and I don't think it can be said often enough or they can be thanked enough for what they do.

With this in mind, I also feel pride belonging to the Murat Shrine. This is a wonderful organization with such potential to do so much good for children who are injured and disabled. We can all do our part to make this world just a little bit better in these uncertain times that we are living in. Nobles, if you have brothers who belong to your Masonic Lodge who are not Shriners, I would ask you to

encourage them to consider being a part of our organization to build a stronger team for our future so we can continue to help.

There will be a Stated Meeting for the Dramatic Cast on September 12, beginning at 7 p.m., at the Murat Shrine.

The Dramatic Cast will be having their annual hog roast on September 15 at the home of Jim Hale's son-in-law, JD, south of Mooresville. The cost is \$5 per person. Lunch will be roughly at noon and a white elephant auction between 1 and 2 p.m. If you have any questions, please contact Noble Mark Bartolovich at (317) 410-4451. They will need some help beginning around 7 a.m. to get things set up; if you can help, please let me know.

Thank you.

500 Club

Rick Solly

Wow, what a 500 Festival—the most organized parade in years. They really were concerned about making the heat bearable for paraders, trying to keep waiting units in shade where possible and not staging them until just before parade time. This year's crowd was very large and they really enjoyed the 500 Festival Parade. I know if everyone waved as much as I did, their arms got a good workout. The parade moved very smoothly.

After the parade, we had our regular chow down thanks to all who brought covered dishes, desserts, and drinks. Thanks for a great job by Tim Plank on our burgers and brats.

A special thanks to Dan Price for getting all the necessary supplies. We had a great turnout of family from Club members, drivers, children, and grandchildren. A great time was had by all.

Want to give a special welcome to our two latest Club members, Tom and T.J. Freije. I know T.J. enjoyed his first drive in the parade. And while we're giving special thanks, we can't forget the generous donation of \$220 to the 500 Club that was made by Bob and Lin Coner and Past Potentate Barry Cook.

Johnson County Shrine Club

Dave Alspaugh

Once again, the Johnson County Shrine Club has completed the county fair and that can only mean one thing ... summer is well on its way to being over. Where in the world does the time go?

Speaking of the Johnson County 4H Fair, let me fill you in on what all goes on with their Shriners. I guess the *Indianapolis Star* best described it ... Tradition. In our case, that tradition abounds at the Shriner building. As always, one of our best traditions may be how the Shriners, as well as the Kiwanis and other non-profit groups, work to raise money for scholarships, medical research, and a host of other charitable causes. The fair brings in tens of thousands of dollars each year for these groups. With the help from our small group, the Shriners and others enlist volunteers to cook, clean, and sell to raise the money.

Our Shrine Club has sold fish and other foods for more than 20 years. These volunteers spend days preparing the food. Fish needs to be cut into filets and then battered in preparation for the weeklong run. This year was no different than in previous years. Our volunteers prepared more than 600 pounds of fish. Our guests can then choose a fish dinner or fish sandwich. The dinner includes side dishes such as baked beans, coleslaw, onion rings, or fries. If fish isn't to your liking, we can offer tenderloins, hot dogs or coney's. Expecting to raise around \$7,500, they will use the money for the Club's administration. Some of the money will then be given to the Murat temple to help send our kids to Shriners Hospitals.

Big thanks go out to all who stepped up to volunteer. This year we had all kinds of help. Wives worked, new Masonic members worked, as did many of us "old-timers." It is hard work, but very profitable to us. I'd love to name and thank everyone individually, but I'm sure I would miss someone. I don't want to hurt anyone's feelings! So it's a big THANK YOU to all ... no matter where you helped.

See you in the next issue.

Welcome back from the hot days of summer. There was no meeting in July due to the Imperial Session. It's now time to get serious about our activities for the rest of the year, but before I list what is to come, let's go over the few summer activities.

PARROTHEAD PARTY – Murat had a “Parrothead Party” this July and several members attended. Each Club or Unit was to decorate their table in whatever theme they chose. The Colonels won first prize. Thanks to all who participated in the decorating.

RED BULL MOTORCYCLE RACE – The Club did pretty well buying and selling raffle tickets for the Red Bull race at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway. This is the fourth year in our effort to make money for the Club. The money goes to allow the Club to donate to several Shrine causes during the year. A special thanks to Wally Renn and Ray Gotshall for selling raffle tickets at the Dellen Harley-Davidson store on 96th Street. Thanks also to Dellen for allowing us to peddle our tickets. The drawing to determine the winner was held on August 1. Since I am writing this article in July, the winner is yet to be determined. The picture above is Wally and Ray hard at work.

PARADE TRAILER – It was brought before the membership that we need something to show off the Kentucky Colonels Club. A thought was to participate in selective



parades during the season and advertise our hospitals. It was noted that very few parade units actually advertised our hospitals in a prominent way. The suggestion is currently being studied and a decision will be made in time for the Imperial Session next July. We need to be represented as Imperial will be held in Indianapolis and John Cinotto will be Imperial Potentate.

CONGRATULATIONS – Colonel Ray Gotshall and Lillian Fox were joined together in marriage on July 15. Our best wishes go out to both for a long life together.

SICK AND DISTRESSED – Please keep past President Larry Hough in your prayers. Larry's cancer has returned. Mike Harrison's mother, Martha, is thought to have a short time to live. Please keep Mike, Mary Anne and the family in your thoughts and prayers.

DECEMBER CEREMONIAL – On December 1, we are having an open ceremonial for the public. It includes a celebration of Masonry as presented through the building of an arch. Seldom do we have the opportunity to witness and learn about the many organizations that make up the Masonic fraternity. Please find a candidate to share with us a special presentation of Masonic values and education. Bring your family and friends to share in this unique experience.



Murat has now revived the Speakers Bureau from years ago. This group of knowledgeable nobles is ready, willing and able to speak at any function where people are willing to listen. Each member of the Bureau will have PowerPoint presentations and will be able to answer questions after the presentation. They are ready to speak on the topics of Shrinedom and Shriners Hospitals for Children.

If you know of any group such as church, Rotary, nursing groups, doctors, or any group including the Blue Lodges in your area, just let us know.

Craig Hinshaw is the coordinator of the Speakers Bureau and all that is needed is to call him at (317) 271-7179 to arrange for a noble to speak.

It is imperative that we spread the word of our fraternity and our hospitals. This is one more way that we can Boldly Go into our communities.



Reverse Raffle
Saturday, September 29 ~ 7 p.m.
Corinthian Room

\$25 per couple
Includes buffet dinner and
“winning” ticket

Hello to all. It has been a long, hot and dry summer for sure. Let's hope for a little damper and cooler fall. At our Reception Unit golf outing, although our numbers were down and the heat was on, we still had a successful event and lots of fun. I would like to thank all who attended, including Bethel King for the golf lessons—sorry they didn't work. I would like to thank our hole sponsors: Mark Concrete, Horizon Freight System, Rasner Enterprises, attorney Greg Miller, and JT's Bar and Grill. Everyone's support is what makes the Reception Unit such a wonderful group to belong to—thank you all.

Hope you were able to make it to

the Imperial in Charlotte, NC. What a beautiful city ... great fun and fellowship. Though the temperature was hot, we had a very good showing by Murat and by the members of Reception Unit. I trust all who were there had as much fun as I did. Hope you took the time to enjoy the fellowship at the Murat Horse Patrol picnic. I saw lots of familiar faces and some not so familiar as well. Even with the hot weather, it was a nice event to get different groups of people together in one gathering. My grandkids enjoyed it as well, and hope they continue this in the future.

We had a successful Reception Unit picnic in honor of our past president and

past Potentate Craig T. Hinshaw. The food was wonderful and everything I tasted was excellent. A special thanks to chef Rick Halcomb who cooked our hamburgers and hot dogs—great job. The auction in memory of Leon Houchin went well. Special thanks go to Sue Houchin and their son-in-law, Mac Dune. Thank you very much for all the donations through the years as well. We all miss Leon.

At the September 11, 2012, Reception Unit meeting, we will be having an election for the vacant treasurer position and voting on two amendments to the Reception Unit bylaws. Please bring your dues card if you will be voting as they will be checked. I hope to see a good attendance as these are changes to our Unit and we all deserve a say in what is done in the Reception Unit.

Transportation

Dennis Scott

Summer is almost over and it's time to prepare for all the fall activities. Transportation is one of the few Clubs that meet every month in order to keep up with transportation of the kids, safety meetings, parades, etc. This summer was no exception. Let me start with some of the summer activities.

LEXINGTON HOSPITAL DAY – Several members attended the annual Lexington Hospital event along with 13 other Shrine Centers that serve the hospital. The large turnout was able to tour the hospital and get firsthand information on how the hospital operates. There was plenty of food, and entertainment included a dramatization of Masonic principles and ideals. Thanks to all who attended.

ONION SALES – Thanks to Mike Metzger, the Club did very well again this year selling onions. We sold 150 bags and the money was put in the treasury so we can contribute to our Shrine causes.

PARADES – The Club was in several parades this summer with at least two more parades scheduled. On tap are the Bears of Blue River Parade, Knightstown, and Logansport Shrine Parade. If you would like to participate in future parades, please call Mike Harrison.

SAFETY MEETING – At our October Stated Meeting, we will again have a required safety meeting. All drivers are required to attend. I don't know what the subject will be, but it will be very informative. Please plan to attend.

PICNIC – Our annual picnic was held in August in Beech Grove. Many members and their ladies attended this annual event. There were gobs of food for all to sample (and we did). Just have food and Shriners will come.

PARADE VAN – The Club is looking into advertising our hospitals using a prominent banner attached to one of our hospital vans. We plan to have it ready for next season and especially the Imperial Parade which will be in Indianapolis next year.

BLACK CAMEL – Carl Schnepf, a longtime member of the Club, passed this summer. Even in his illness, Carl attended our annual picnic to catch up with the members. Carl will be missed. Please keep Laurel and Carl's family in your thoughts and prayers.

Have you attended a meeting lately? September is a good time to start. We are very active and need your input on the direction of the Club. We meet for dinner in the Oasis Lounge around 5:30 p.m. and hold our meeting at 7 p.m. See you there.

September Reception Unit Calendar

Sept. 8 – Texas Hold'em

Sept. 9 – Indiana Masonic Home Parade

Sept. 11 – Reception Unit Meeting

Sept. 13–16 – Great Lakes in Cincinnati, OH

Sept. 17 – Murat Stated Meeting

October Reception Unit Calendar

Oct. 9 – Reception Unit Meeting

Oct. 13 – Texas Hold'em

Oct. 15 – Murat Stated Meeting

Oct. 31 – Boo Halloween

Nobles and ladies, we meet the second Tuesday of each month, except July and August, at 5:30 p.m. in the Tunisian Room for dinner. Men's meeting starts at 7 p.m. in the Mediterranean Room and the ladies meet in the Mecca Room.

Thanks and have a great month.



Greetings to all as we enter into the fall solstice. This has been a hot, dry, brutal summer, but we still managed some outdoor activities with more to come! Hopefully, we will be into cooler weather by the time this is published.

I started my summer by volunteering at CAMP YTLIBA in June. We served the children and counselors an outdoor lunch of hamburgers, hot dogs, French fries and cookies prepared by two nobles from Aladdin Shrine. I then joined the "yellow team" of 15 children ages 7-16 in their activities of hunting "wild" animals, food tasting, pie eating and fishing. I was their "CHEERLEADER" and had an awesome experience (see the attached photo of the children, counselors, Noble Jim, Ill. Sir Charlie, and yours truly).



Camp Ytiliba in June

My next excursion was to Bordeaux, France, and San Sebastian, Spain, to visit our "European" daughter and her husband. We—Jim, our son Josh and I—had a wonderful holiday but were happy to return as "there is no place like home"!

June 21 was our Ladies' Oriental Shrine luncheon/style show "Ooh-La-La"!

Ladies who attended had a great time enjoying French food and the many fashions modeled by our own ladies and daughters of our members. Those who did not attend missed a wonderful afternoon. Many thanks to Rebecca Brazzell and her committee who worked tirelessly to make this a successful event.

A heartfelt welcome to our two new members, Tammy Whitaker and Jackie Sherrill, who joined Tarum Court #14 in June. We welcome all ladies with Masonic ties who are 18 years of age and over. Contact any Ladies' Oriental Shrine member if interested in joining. Our meetings are held the first Tuesday of the month (except July and August) at 7 p.m. in the Corinthian Room at the Murat Shrine Center. If you are one of our members and need a ride to the meetings, please contact Judi Taflinger at (317) 845-9479 and we will arrange a way to get you there. Remember ladies, the only way to achieve enjoyment and satisfaction out of being a member is to attend meetings, join a Unit and participate in our fundraising. Our ultimate goal is to BRIGHTEN A CHILD'S LIFE!

We have scheduled for October 20 pizza making and sales at Speedway Christian Church from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Come join in the fun and order these yummy pizzas to bake at home. We also have our annual Santa's Sweet Shop (home baked cookies and Christmas goodies) scheduled for December 8 at Speedway Masonic Lodge. Save these dates and join us for camaraderie, meeting new people and fundraising.

I hope to see you at a Ladies' Oriental Shrine event soon.

Smyrna Shrine Guild

Melanie T. Close

Welcome to September, ladies. Summer has flown by us and here comes fall. I'm certainly glad we finally broke out of the 100 degree weather; although I like it hot, that was even too much for me.

September will be another busy month for Smyrna Ladies. Our Purse Auction will be held at Guild Night September 5; please bring a beautiful purse and wrap it up as lovely as possible. Can't wait to see them.

Butter Braids is another fundraiser we will be kicking off in September ... delicious Apple Dumplings, Pumpkin Rolls, and Danish. Order forms will be given out at the September meeting.

We are also having a fall flower sale with beautiful Mums & Asters. Let's brighten up our lots with awesome colors for fall, and sell to all.

Convention is right around the corner, and it will be an honor to be there in support of our very own Imperial Maharanee Mary Lou Tabor. Let's all go and have some fun in Cincinnati. I believe all our Units will be performing, and we all know how exciting and fun that is. So make your reservations for a good time and lots of fun and fellowship.

Thank you, Nancy Gilson, for inviting Jeff and me to the Ladies' Oriental Shrine annual picnic, and thank you to all the members and their spouses. It was a wonderful time and the pool was very inviting (except we didn't have our suits). As always, the food was delicious and there was plenty of it. Chuck's grilling was as expected, excellent. Thanks, ladies, for a fun time, which was had by all.

As usual, the State Fair was a lot of fun and, of course, warm. It was good seeing so many Shrine members there, having fun and raising money for the children.

October 27 will be a card party and auction. Linda Abdon will send out the info in the *Chatterbox*.

As a rule of thumb, Guild Night is the first Wednesday of the month and Stated Meeting is the fourth Tuesday of the month.

Believe in all we do, believe so our Shrine children will receive!

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Greetings, Nobles

We have had a huge start to the year. So far we have gained new members and taken several outings. In March, we went to view a private collection of Indiana built Cole automobiles.

In 1909, Cole Carriage Company was reorganized as the Cole Motor Car Company and introduced Cole Model 30, which had two cylinders and produced 14 HP (\$725-\$775).

In 1910, the Series 30 was introduced which was often confused with the Model 30. This was a four-cylinder car with 30 HP; 783 cars were produced this year (\$1,400-\$1,500).

In 1913, Cole had expanded to three different Model Lines: Series 40, Series 50, and Series 60. The Series 60 introduced the six-cylinder to the lineup (\$2,485-\$3,000).

The company was liquidated in mid-1925 due to a recession and lagging sales.

The Veteran Car Club is a family oriented group who forward the ideals and goals of the Murat Shrine. Our ladies are invited to our meetings. Ladies, children and guests are welcome on road trips.



Cole Motor Car Company, 730 E. Washington St., Indianapolis, IN

We will be going on at least one car tour each month of this year. Some of the trips last only one day, and we also plan overnight trips and do activities such as parades, picnics, plays and other social events. Ownership of an old car is not necessary to join our group and attend any of our functions. You would be welcome to ride with any member who has room, or you can drive a newer car on trips.

You are always welcome to visit us at our meetings, which are held the second Monday night of the month at 7 p.m. at the Murat Shrine. We meet in the Oasis Lounge prior to the meeting for dinner and small talk. Visit our ladies and us and decide if this is the group you would like to be a part of.

Mobil Nobles

Craig Stevenson

It is now September 2012 and everyone is returning from vacations with their family and friends, with Clubs and Units coming back after being "dark." I hope all Clubs and Units were able to find some volunteers in their ranks for the Shrine food tent at the Indiana State Fair this year, as the attendance was up last year and the list of volunteers was short and thin. However, I know we will pull together and get the job done; we always do.

It's been amazingly hot this summer with very little rain. I, for one, am looking forward to fall and some cooler weather. Rain would be all right, too. Even though I gave up on the grass in my yard months ago, I would be okay with cutting it again before winter.

One place that has air conditioning and is always a comfortable spot to come to is the Murat Shrine, especially if there is food and Zem-Zem involved! So come on down to the Shrine on November 3 between 4 and 8 p.m. in the Tunisian Room for the Mobil Nobles Spaghetti Supper. Spaghetti, garlic bread and salad, good friends, good company, great surroundings—what more could you ask for? Low prices you say? Okay, then how about \$9 for adults and only \$5 for kids. Now that's a great deal. Food will be prepared in house by the Millers, so you know it will be wonderful. This event is open to all nobles, their ladies, and families, but bring your prospects and friends as well. It's a great way to introduce them to the fraternity and Shrinedom in a casual setting.

The Mobil Nobles Spaghetti Supper was instituted as an annual tradition by our founding father, Bob Sculthorp, who is still home recovering from a fall suffered last December. Please keep him and Nancy in your thoughts and prayers.

Remember, the Mobil Nobles meet the second Friday of the month with social hour starting around 6 p.m. and the meeting at 7:30 p.m. We look forward to seeing you and your ladies there.

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Remembering the first time I walked through the front door with a set of bagpipes under my arm, I received this somewhat strange look from my wife. She said nothing; however, the look said a thousand words. She asked, "Can you play that thing?" I replied, "No, but I can learn" as I headed to the basement anxiously wanting to get started piping. I grabbed the pipes and began to blow into the pipes. Something was definitely wrong. I inspected the pipes and all appeared to be okay. We began again; this time I noticed the basement door had been closed. As the pipes began to squeak and squawk, again they did not sound as I had anticipatively remembered bagpipes sounding. The basement door is now open. She asked what's wrong with them; "I would return them for a different set," she stated. Looking somewhat dejected and a little embarrassed, I picked up the instruction manual and went to page one. The picture on page one did not look anything like a set of bagpipes. There was this thing called a practice chanter. I must admit it was easily played compared to the pipes. Okay, with only nine notes on the chanter and the pipes, I will have this down in no time. Now we go to page two, finger placement. As I began to blow again, the squeak and squawk returned and the basement door was closed again. As I thumbed through the instruction manual, I realized this was going to take some time to master. My finger placement and the manual placement were entirely different. The squeaking and squawking would not stop and again the basement door opened and a voice said, "I'm going shopping." I slowly turned back to page one and began all over again. As I slowly began to learn proper finger position and placement, behold, a little correct sound began to appear. Continuing to learn the nine notes and the squeaking had stopped, I felt I was ready for the pipes. Wrong, bad decision. Back to the practice chanter and now turning to page three. My wife returned some three hours later and I heard her say, "You're improving." However, the basement door was closed again.

I have received similar stories not only from learning pipers but also drummers in their learning stages. So ladies, I can only say thank you, grab the credit card, go shopping and we will try to make this learning stage the least painful experience possible to your ears as we can.

After realizing these pipes were going to take some time to master, I started practicing when my wife was at work and never on the weekend. It was unbelievable how much my monthly credit card bill was reduced. I'm not sure I will ever master the pipes; however, the brotherhood and camaraderie within the Highlanders is second to none. The band and love of the pipes makes the learning experience only a piper and drummer can love.

Oh yes, there was one other instance where I got the same look as

before. She asked, "Do you have to wear a skirt?" I replied, "Yes, however, we refer to them as kilts." I knew the next question was coming. "What do you wear under them?" she asked. Well not really ready to march and play yet, I really could not answer her question. I had done a little research on pipes and kilts and it was documented that the true 16th century Scotsman wore nothing under his kilt. I spoke to my wife about this research and again I got that look as before. She stated, "You may have to have a longer kilt." As my first parade came about, I always lay out my clothes the night before. I had noticed there was a pair of under shorts put inside my kilt. So ladies, again thank you for standing by us in our learning stage. We love you and we will make you proud as we go marching by and all for the love of the pipes.

Until next time.

Police Club

Randall West

Fall is in the air and football season is here. The summer "darkness" is over and Murat temple and all of its Clubs and Units are up and operating—that includes the Police Club. Our meeting is September 3 at 7 p.m. Make sure you come early for dinner and all those summer stories yet to be told. Some of those stories may actually be true.

Thanks to all those who made our August 11 picnic a success.

Our Drill Team had a busy summer. After winning first place at Pigeon Forge, they had parades at Carmel, Fishers, Franklin, Elwood and Logansport, to name a few. September parades include the Miracle Mile, Labor Day, and the Great Lakes Shrine Association the 13th thru the 15th. Check the Club Hotline, (317) 252-9027, for additional info.

Our Reverse Raffle will be held in the Corinthian Room Sept. 29 at 7 p.m. Cost is only \$25 a couple which includes a buffet dinner and hopefully a winning ticket. Look out for the mystery MC. We need everyone's help, and that includes your neighbors, to make this a success. Bring them all with you, even the ones you'd rather not and that son-in-law you're not sure about! Tickets will be available at our September meeting or contact Committee Chairman Ron Brown. Ron has done a super job coordinating this event; make sure you thank him when you get your tickets.

Let's not forget why we are Shriners. We need to take care of our children and keep our hospitals up and running. That takes members—we need them and hopefully you have worked on that over the summer. Let's get those petitions turned in!

Check your e-mail for upcoming Shrine events and special thanks to Julie Grammer for keeping us informed.

Take time to read the Murat Magazine cover to cover and if I don't see you before, I'll see you on the first Tuesday.

RV CLUB

Mike Pfeiffer

Fall is finally here. Cooler nights make evening campfires more enjoyable. The RV Club has had a great year so far, with three campouts left for the season. Our last campout was in Cincinnati and while there we toured the Cincinnati Shriners Hospital.

September 14-16 we will be traveling to Tomorrow's Stars RV Resort in Springfield, OH. Some of us will tour the Wright-Patterson Aircraft Museum on Saturday.

September 22 we are invited to Duncan's Lake for the annual fish fry—great food and our annual fishing contest.

Our optional campout is September 28-30 at the Zorah Hilltoppers during the Cory Apple Fest. The final campout of the season will be at Heartland Resort Campground in Greenfield October 5-7. This campout coincides with the Riley Festival in Greenfield.

We are excited that we have several new members this year and are always looking for more. For information on joining our Club, please contact Dan Ouimette at (317) 308-0244.



Hancock County Shrine Club



Greenfield Conservation Club member Deborah Winter is handing Shrine member Lloyd E. Young a check for \$500 to be used by Hancock County Shrine Club for their Paper Crusade.

GOLF CALENDAR 2012

Nobles, the golf season is just about over for 2012 and we have only two tournaments left to play in, or three if you are going to Cincinnati at the Great Lakes Shrine Association.

SEPTEMBER 6 (THURSDAY)

Johnson County Shrine Club will sponsor a golf outing at Hickory Stick Golf Course and the price is \$65 per player which includes a Prime Rib Dinner at the Johnson County Shrine Club following golf. It is a FLORIDA SCRAMBLE, with a 12 Noon Shotgun Start. If you have not already signed up, please call: Steve Childers and get your foursome signed up today as time is running out. You may reach Steve at (317) 695-0475. See you there.

SEPTEMBER 8 (SATURDAY)

is the Indiana Masonic Home Tournament at Hillview Country Club located in Franklin, IN. The cost is \$100 per player, Florida Scramble, Shotgun Start at 1 p.m. There will be a Masonic Lodge Team Trophy awarded to the winning Lodge with the lowest score. Hope to see you there. To sign up your team, contact Brian Lane at (317) 736-6141, Ext. 402.

SEPTEMBER 12 (WEDNESDAY)

in Cincinnati – Great Lakes Shrine Association Golf Outing. If interested in playing in this outing, please pick up a flier at the Fraternal Office.

This is my final article as the Golf Chairman, and I want to thank all of the nobility for your support and assistance these past few years. I have enjoyed meeting nobles from all around the area and have enjoyed playing in the various tournaments. Although the formats may change from tournament to tournament, there are still many hours of volunteerism associated with each tournament. Your efforts are to be commended as you raise funds for your Units, Clubs, and Murat programs.

Thank you, once again, for your support and assistance, and I look forward to continuing my support of your various functions in the future.

Fraternally,

Tim Whitaker, 2012 Golf Chairman

We would like to thank the following persons for supporting the recent Potentate's Golf Outing, held July 19, 2012:

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SHC Patient Arykka Baxter tells her story

SUBMITTED BY WHITE COUNTY SHRINE CLUB

Hello, I hope you are all doing well today. My name is Arykka Baxter. I am 16 years old. I was invited to this lovely boat cruise here on Madam Carroll today to tell you my story.

I became a Shrine kid about nine years ago. I was born with a hereditary hand deformity called camptodactyly, meaning “bent fingers” in Latin. In other words, the joints in my fingers are formed differently, meeting at a different spot than normal people. They look kind of like spider fingers in a way. After having two unsuccessful surgeries by another children’s hospital on two of my fingers on my left hand, I was taken to Shriners Hospitals for Children in Chicago. It was an experience like no other. I was taken care of very well and given the utmost treatment by the best doctors in the world. One thing made itself clear. The doctors will collaborate and be open to teaching others about unusual conditions. Since my condition is very rare, my doctor would ask to bring in his colleagues and interns to look at my hands, as they may never see it again in the medical field. Luckily, I was the only one born with this condition.

After having gone several years without needing to go back to Shriners, I signed up to play basketball in the 5th grade. In 6th grade, I played blue chip basketball. That was when things went downhill. I began having trouble running and keeping up with the other kids on the team. My leg would hurt so much that it would leave me in tears. I was taken back to Shriners, where I learned I had a stress fracture. I was put on crutches the whole summer and into 7th grade. Once I was healed, I quit sports. All that I was doing was gym class for 45 minutes a day. In just a couple of months, I experienced pain again. I had another stress fracture in my opposite leg. Again, back on crutches to finish my 7th grade year. Throughout it all, Shriners did a great job to heal it and to find out why I was fracturing my bones so easily.

My Shriners experience doesn’t end there. I am currently being treated again. About a year and a half ago, I felt debilitating pain throughout my body, especially my legs and back. I worried it was another stress fracture and I didn’t want to go back on crutches, so I hid it from everyone. Then the day



came around that I couldn’t hide it anymore. We found out after some X-rays that I have a hip deformity, leaving me with a one-inch disparity on the left side, and I am very knock-kneed. I wear a shoe lift to make up for that difference and to take some of the stress off my joints. I continue to remain a mystery at this point because I have so many different things going on that doctors are currently trying to piece together. Not once have any of the Shriners doctors ever given up on me. In fact, they have always tried to encourage me and lift my spirits.

As I continue my trips back and forth to the Shriners, I can’t help but notice all the small things the doctors and staff do to make you feel happy. The hospital is so colorful and cheerful. As I sit and wait for my appointment, I would watch kids who go in before me in wheelchairs or other aids for mobilization come out walking. It always gives me hope for my own condition and it shows that the doctors are very skilled in the daily miracles they perform. They will not give up no matter what and will make every effort to cure you. Everyone involved is focused on seeing you get better and providing support for your family.

I don’t want to forget to mention and thank the Shrine drivers. They are very diligent in what they do and care very much about the children they sponsor or transport. My sponsor, Dick, refers to me as his grandchild. He knows when all my appointments are and makes doubly sure we have a good

trip. My Shrine drivers make what would take us four hours to get to Chicago, take two hours flat. They stop when you need to and make sure you get to your appointment safely and comfortably, as well as on time. My Shrine driver actually buys us lunch at the hospital too! They are very serious when it comes to taking care of the kids they transport. They jump through hoops to make sure everyone gets to their appointments on time, even if that means rearranging their lives to help the children. They remember every kid they drive as well. They never forget about you and care very much about your well-being. They are all angels for giving their time and dedication to helping children ... I can't believe how many trips they make. Can you imagine the effort it takes to drive us there, wait for us to get done with our appointment, and drive us back? My Shrine drivers have made more than 200 trips and counting. Every single day there are Shrine drivers helping to make miracles happen by taking children to their appointments so they may be cured.

When at the hospital, there is always a Shrine driver to

talk to. It's always interesting to listen to their stories and to learn why they do what they do. They are always cheerful and ready to lend a helping hand whenever you need it. As my family puts it, "They are angels in disguise who never ask for a single thing in return." I can't express to you how loving, caring and supportive they are.

What sets Shriners apart and makes them unique are the numerous activities that the hospital provides for children to do. There is air hockey, piano, a playground, (my favorite) an indoor basketball court, and so much more. All the children's hospitals I've been to are very good in what they do, but Shriners Hospital makes you feel happy and is a unique experience no matter what condition you may have.

Shriners Hospitals for Children is amazing. Every aspect of what they do is spot on. They heal the worst of conditions and take care of you no matter what. No other children's hospital compares to what Shriners can do.

I am personally proud to be a Shrine kid because as they say, "Once a Shrine kid, always a Shrine kid." Thank you.



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SHRINERS HOSPITALS FOR CHILDREN

NexGen had a great summer and the Unit is eagerly awaiting the autumn and cooler temperatures. We were fortunate this year; while much of the summer was subjected to broiling heat, we had much milder weather for our annual outing to Victory Field this year.

This year's pilgrimage to Victory Field was our fifth annual trip and was by far our best attended. We do this every year as a joint event with Calvin W. Prather Lodge and it's easily one of the most popular events for both groups. We'd like to thank everyone who came to join us. Special thanks to our traditional grill master, Past Master Mark Bailey. His on-site grilling this year made the event that much more of a hit. Special thanks also go out to Tony Widgery, Senior Warden of Calvin W. Prather, for his contributions to our tailgate. Finally, we'd like to thank our Potentate, Charlie Crabtree, for allowing us to borrow some coolers from the temple. Otherwise, I'm afraid we never could have gotten all the food (and beverages, especially beverages) to the party and still had everything cold. As always, food, beverage, and fellowship were amply available and were openly shared.

If you weren't able to join us for the Indians, watch your e-mail for announcements of our next NexGen outings. The Unit is gearing up for two fall events following the Indiana State Fair and VCM.

First, we will be invading Irish Fest, an event full of free music and tasty food held every September in Military Park. Just remember to buy plenty of food tickets ... you can exchange them for ZEM-ZEM. It always makes for a great weekend.

Secondly, we're preparing for the return of the NexGen Bonfire. This event is being scheduled for late October or early November. What better late fall tradition

can there be than camaraderie around a bonfire. There will be food and fellowship available to anyone willing to join in the fun.

Finally, we'll again be wrapping up our year just before Christmas with a visit from those lovely ladies from Ohio, the Miami Misfitz. They've come to join us for

three years running, and we start scheduling with them for the next year as soon as they finish their last set of the night. They find a visit to our temple a wonderful way to kick off their winter break. We find it a great way to kick off the Christmas season.

You never know what you're going to miss when you miss a NexGen event.

Chanters

Phil Thrasher

Wow, what an Imperial Convention! This was the first time in several years that the Chanters have gone as a full Unit and the first time we have competed with the other top Chanter Units across Shrinedom for the coveted First Place Trophy. We had a great time and finished in the top four Units. The Barbershop Quartet did even better, finishing in First Place for the first time in three tries. All in all, we had a great time singing, dining, and sightseeing. Wish you could have been there, if you weren't. Next year the Imperial is in Indy and we will all need to lend a hand to make it a memorable experience for everyone. After all, Imp. Sir John Cinotto will be elected Imperial Potentate at that convention, so let's all show up and be proud of our own "Caesar." The Chanters will be performing for the Imperial Sir's pageant on Wednesday morning, may be performing at the Imperial Church Service on Sunday afternoon, will definitely be in the Imperial Parade on Monday, and will be hosting the Chanter Competition on Tuesday, extending into a "Chanter Cabaret" lasting into the wee hours on Tuesday evening.

The Chanters Men's Show is almost upon us, being Friday, October 19, 2012. We will be honoring our Deputy Imperial Potentate, John A. Cinotto, and our Chief Rabban, James Priest. We know that is a tough assignment, but Eddie Adams has put together an explosive script that is a "MUST SEE," so order your tickets early. Call Dick Abdon at 257-2724 or look for our ad in this issue. Seating is limited in the Arabian Room and good food will be provided, as usual. Note that it is on a Friday, rather than a Saturday, which may make it easier for some to attend. Hope to see you there. We have a lot of new material to present to you, so we are looking forward to bringing it to the public for the first time.

We had an outdoor Master Mason degree in Whitestown, the Chanter Picnic at Ted Crosley's, and the Chanter Golf Outing, all in August. In September, we have a performance at the Masonic Home Festival on September 9 in the Administration Building at about 1 p.m.; and, the Great Lakes Shrine Association convention at Kings Island Sept. 12-16. In October, we have booked a performance at the Madison County Shrine Club on Friday, Oct. 12. You can enjoy the Madison County cookin' while you let us entertain you.

But, back to Imperial in Charlotte for a final comment. Your Murat Chanters were the hit of the competition, introducing choreography and props to the competition for the first time. It was so good, in fact, the Charlotte newspaper chose to print our Bass Section on the front page of the entertainment section the next day. Needless to say, Ray Hunt, Doug Fegenbush, and Dick Abdon were pleased to see that their efforts were finally receiving the proper amount of recognition. The rest of us were happy, too, of course. If further explanation of the cover of this magazine is required, please consult one of them for details. Yes, they did have fun!!

If you would like in on some of that fun, please join us on Monday evenings in the Corinthian Room, lower level of the Shrine Club, 520 N. New Jersey St., Indianapolis, or call me at 686-4773. You'll be glad you did.



Hello Nobles,

It has been a couple of months since the last Murat Magazine, and the Madison County Shrine Club has accomplished a great deal at the Club with nobles trimming the trees, weed eating and power washing the Bedford stone and the cement block walls—it looks like new.

Thanks to Nobles Will Hart, Terry Dickey, Steve Wilson, Larry Dodd, John Newby, Nick Gray, and P.P. Dick Dawson for doing this, and also to Noble Bob Craig for all of the painting he has done to the Club.

Thanks to President Vickie Hart and the Ladies' Club for getting the bushes and flowers planted around the area of the flagpole.

Our Mother's Day Buffet, along with the golf outing, was a huge success.

The Memorial Service for the nobles we lost this past year was well attended, and a big thank-you to our chaplain, Don White, for putting this together.

July 14, the Shriners Hospitals for Children Charity Ride was held from the



Madison County Shrine Club parking lot. All of the proceeds went to Shriners Hospitals. I want to thank Timothy Jordan, service agent for Allstate Insurance Company, for doing this.

In July, we held our Polynesian Party on the patio and, WOW, what a success it was. I want to thank Rich Christenson and his committee of 20 members for a fantastic job.

August 18 was Shrine Day. The parade was in Elwood at their Elwood Glass Festival, with awards and refreshments afterward at the Shrine Club

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500 words! That is all the space I am allotted to create in you a lasting impression and the value of being associated with MSBC. So, I thought I could write about the times we share, the places we go, or even the personal benefits of the MSBC. I also thought about listing a "Who's Who" of our membership from Clowns to Past Potentates to a current member of the Divan. But, all of that would be lost on what we do, who we are, and whom we serve.

So, let me just share the following.

During this year's Imperial Dinner, our MSBC president, Noble Don Richards, had the opportunity of presenting two (2) scholarship awards to deserving young students: Sara Christenson and Tyler McAchren. Tyler is a student at Huntington University, Huntington, IN. His major is recreation and sports ministry.

As many of you were close friends with George and continue that relationship with Debbie Proctor, you know of their commitment to Murat and all within. They were and are committed members of Murat and we certainly know of their commitment to others. However, did you know that even after his service to Murat, George is still giving his support? Before his passing and through the efforts of his wife, Debbie, they created "The George E. Proctor Family Memorial Scholarship"

through our own MSBC. This year the recipient was Sara Christenson.

Sara received "The George E. Proctor Family Memorial Scholarship" since she ranked first out of all the applicants applying to MSBC for a scholarship. As a child, Sara's hands were severely burned when she was very little. She was treated at the Cincinnati Shriners Hospital for many years and has served as a volunteer Patient Ambassador since 2008. Her hands are now totally healed. In fact, with the care she received at our hospital, you can't really tell she ever had a problem, except she has no fingerprints. Sara is currently a sophomore at Miami University, Miami, OH, where she is a nursing/pre-med student with a minor in communications.

Now think about how MSBC nobles add value to the lives of the many young adults we have supported like Sara. Think about the scholastic gifts we are giving and the commitment of those like George and Debbie Proctor.

Wouldn't you like to be a noble within MSBC? Wouldn't you like to help the future of qualified young students? Come join us the fourth Tuesday of each month or plan on attending our annual dinner, auction and entertainment with one of the children's choirs we have each fall.

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6:30 P.M.CANDIDATES AND SPOUSES RECEPTION
 7:15 P.M.ORIENTATION AND INFORMATION
 8:00 P.M.4° – JERRY B. MAPLE, D.M., PRESIDING

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 27

7:30 A.M. ANNUAL PRAYER BREAKFAST
 9:00 A.M. 14° – CURTIS E. SHIRLEY, T.P.M.,
 PRESIDING
 10:30 A.M. 15° – MICHAEL J. SMITH, S.P.,
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 11:30 A.M.LUNCH AND 16° – AMZIE L.
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 1:00 P.M. 18° – RANDOLPH L. SEIPEL,
 MSA, M.W.M., PRESIDING
 20° – RICHARD D. STEVENS, CHANCELLOR, PRESIDING
 31° – JON M.B. PORTER, 1ST LT. CMDR., PRESIDING
 32° – PAUL C. ST. PIERRE, C IN C, PRESIDING
 5:30 P.M.AWARDS BANQUET
 FOR MEMBERS AND SPOUSES

Greetings Nobles and Friends,

Well, we hope everyone had a great and enjoyable summer. We thought last year's summer was HOT. This year we sure smoked last year's by a long shot. I have not heard from a lot of people this summer so I do not have a lot to pass along.

Be thinking about the Summer Staff picnic. By the time you receive this article, we will have planned our Summer Staff picnic. You should have received a letter with all the information. Please plan on attending and having a great day with friends and nobles. We are always looking forward to seeing everyone at all our events and functions.

Meeting attendance is also very important so you can stay abreast of what's going on throughout the year.

I would like to remind everyone that I am looking for a couple of field reporters to keep me informed as to what you hear and see going on in the Directors Staff. Please contact me at (317) 881-5966. Your help is needed!

We are all looking forward to seeing everyone at this month's meeting.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Stated Meeting is Sept. 17, 2012, at 7 p.m. at Murat Shrine.

Directors Staff meeting is Sept. 24,

2012, at 7 p.m.

Recruiting is ongoing. Our goal is 10 good Nubians for 2012. We still have four months to reach our goal.

We are always looking for good men to develop an even better Directors Staff. Have a safe and enjoyable summer. "Shriners ... Having Fun and Helping Kids."

Legion of Honor

Bob Watson

Greetings from the Legion of Honor.

Man, where did summer go? As a matter of fact, where did the last eight months go? Seems like we were just talking about the Potentate's Ball and now we're talking about football season again. Well, it's September, so that's means it's time to roll up our collective sleeves and get back to work.

The Legion of Honor was scheduled to visit the Grand Casino in Shelbyville in June, but due to vacations, etc., our trip was cancelled.

July 28 found some of our membership and their ladies in Anderson, IN (Anderson Speedway), for our annual 50/50 fundraiser. As of this writing, I don't know how much money we raised, but I'm sure we did a great job, as usual.

Last month, August 23–26, some of our guys, along with their ladies, traveled to Springfield, IL, for the 37th annual Great Lakes Shrine Association convention. Our own Larry Hearn was installed as Commander for 2012–2013. Congratulations go out to Larry and his staff.

If you're a golfer, I'm sure you have already heard, but just in case you've been out of the country or just out of touch for the last several months, the BMW golf tournament is coming to Crooked Stick Golf Course September 3–9. Helping out with parking for the event, as a fundraiser for our Units, will be the Legion of Honor, the Transportation Club, and the Madison County Shrine Club. Some of the biggest names on the PGA tour will be there. So if you are interested in seeing the best at their profession, come on out and watch these guys—it should be fun.

The 22nd of this month our Color Guard will get busy again, starting with a request from the University of Indianapolis to present colors at that home game.

On December 1, Murat Shrine will hold its second full scale "Hot Sands" for 2012 at the temple. Let's get out and work on those brother Masons and let them know, as Shriners, just how much fun we have and, of course, how satisfying it is to help "our kids."

Also, don't forget the Legion of Honor Challenge Coins. If you haven't got your hands on one yet, you better hurry—just \$10 each for what I'm sure is to become a collectible piece of Murat history.

Okay, time for me to shut up now ... so until next month, remember, "It's an honor to belong to the Legion of Honor."

Tarum

Jeff Dickey

Well, the heat is still on. Guess someone forgot to turn down the thermostat when they left for the summer. It has been HOT. Of course, this has been great for the pool at the Club. Randy and all those who have helped to keep the pool so clean and fresh are to be thanked. Well done, people.

There have been pool rentals nearly every week and weekend this summer, so once again the pool has paid for itself. Chad Greulich is the one to see if you wish to rent the pool for your party or if you wish to rent the Club. Having been in charge of the outside parties for several years before Chad took over, I can tell you how hard he works. Next time you see Chad, give him the nod and tell him great job. These rentals help to bring in much needed income to Tarum. We pay the bills and help the kids.

Now that summer is over, it is time to gear up for fall. The Tarum ladies have their annual Salad Bar Bingo coming up. The ladies do a fantastic job with their major fundraiser. See Barb or any of the ladies to find out how you can help. The ladies use the monies raised here to send kids to Camp Ability. Let's help to make this year another success.

Remember to attend dinner on Friday nights. The food is good, the people are friendly, and one never knows what could happen ... President Robert always has something cooking or up his sleeve. Come find out what it is.

See you at the Club.

Contributions

Photos by Bob Wilson & Dave McKinney

(May/June/July 2012)



Potentate Charlie Crabtree accepts a \$50 donation to the Transportation Fund from Police Drill Team Commander Bill Pike and members Grant Mumford, Fred Goltgart, Paul Daugherty, Ron Brown, Tom Bond and Charlie Merlau.



Boone County Shrine Club representatives Gordon Husk, Dave McKinney and Michael Harder present Potentate Charlie Crabtree with a \$607 donation for Camp Ytiliba.



Duane Burgess, president of the Johnson Co. Shrine Club, is joined by Club members Chip Sturgeon, Phil Christy and Charles Howard in making a \$965 donation for Camp Ytiliba to Potentate Charlie Crabtree.



Potentate Charlie Crabtree accepts a \$350 check from Reception Unit President Jeff Close and Unit members Mike Harder, Mike Waldrip, Joe Stoutner, Willie Pryor, Tony Stout, Joe Essex, Larry Sutherlin, Earl Moore, and Ray Gotshall for Camp Ytiliba.



Murat Clown President Terry Boyer along with Phil Christy, Fred Schowengerdt and Ron Popp present Potentate Charlie Crabtree with a \$50 check for the Transportation Fund in memory of Donna Waters



Representing the King Solomon Past Masters Association Larry Sutherlin, Randy McMains and Larry Davis give a \$250 check to Potentate Charlie Crabtree for the Murat Transportation Fund.



Potentate Charlie Crabtree accepts a \$300 check from Murat Police Club members Grant Mumford, President Bill Pike Randy McMains and Charlie Merlau for the Shriners Hospital. The check was presented in honor of Scott Boyce, S.A. Boyce Corp.



Shelby County Shrine Club President Carl Crisman presents a check for \$456 to Potentate Charlie Crabtree from the Paper Crusade efforts. Accompanying President Crisman for the presentation are Club members Bill Johnson, Assistant Rabban Bill Rasner, Chief Aide Emeritus Earl Moore, and Randy McMains.



Representing the Transportation Club in the presentation of a \$367.63 check to Shriners Hospitals to Potentate Charlie Crabtree are Club President Frank Tharp and Club members Richard Kirkman, Dennis Scott, Terry Boyer, Mike Harder and Bob Wilson.

Presentations



Potentate Charlie Crabtree accepts a \$5,000 check for the Murat Transportation Fund from Tri-County Shrine Club which was presented by Club members Dave Disponett and James Disponett.



Murat Business Connection President Don Richards, with the assistance of Potentate Charlie Crabtree, was joined by MSBC members Wally Renn, Mitch Sever and Jason Crace in the presentation of \$1,000 scholarship checks to Neal Werle and Kristina Dunn. Kristina was accompanied by her mother, Sharon Bryan.



Nobles Lloyd Young, Paul Daughtery, Dennis Scott and Charlie Merlau from the Hancock County Shrine Club hand over a Paper Crusade check for \$1,413.67 to Potentate Charlie Crabtree.



Murat Business Connection President Don Richards is joined by Potentate Charlie Crabtree and MSBC members Mitch Sever and Mel Anspach in the presentation of 1,000 scholarship checks to Evan Jewell and Michelle Grossman.



Evan was accompanied by his mother, Kathryn, and close friend, Phillip. Michelle had her mother and father, Donna and Roger, and her sister, Emily, with her.

Miscellaneous



Illustrious Potentate Charlie Crabtree congratulates the members of the Murat Chanters on their trophy winning performance at this year's Imperial Session. The Chanters present were: Ray Hunt, Mark Genung, Mitch Crask, Dave Fox, Dick Abdon, Rush Daugette, Ned Cline, Ted Crosley, Tom Price, Doug Fegenbush, Tim Murphy, Director Phil Thrasher, PP, and Ed Adams.



The members of the Murat Chanters quartet, High Priest & Prophet Tim Murphy, Ned Cline, Past Grand Master Doug Fegenbush and Past Potentate Phil Thrasher pose with the First Place trophy that they won at the 2012 Imperial Session.



Congratulations to MWB George A. Ingles, Jr., Grand Master of Masons for the state of Indiana for 2012-2013. Potentate Charlie Crabtree presented the Grand Master's Fez to Noble Ingles.



Imperial Deputy Potentate John A. Cinotto, along with Potentate Charlie Crabtree, welcomes new Shriners Brian Sharp, Christopher Waters, David Bean, John Payne and Larry Mull at the July Stated Meeting.

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Everyone has many September projects to complete before the fall/winter seasons arrive. Families participate in unlimited events throughout our state, such as marshmallow, apple, or wine festivals and “wiener” roasts. We can also enjoy hayrides and visits to cornfield mazes and pumpkin patches. Finally, we are bombarded with “pesky” squirrels that climb trees, skip and run playfully across the ground, and dig holes in your gardens, flowers and yards. They “rearrange” our earth to store nuts, acorns, fruits, berries, corn and insects as their food supply for the cold months. Their daily routines can be a nuisance or joy to watch.

At our June Supreme Session in Portland, OR, Koran Temple No. 30 had the following attendees: Queen Cindy Keeler, Past Queens Ossie Pryor, Cathy Rose, Carol Rose, Frances Marshall, Diane Blasingame and Princess Tirezah Edwynna Nolan plus Jim Keeler and Willie Pryor. We received five Supreme Appointments for the coming year: Past Queens Cathy Rose, member of Supreme Temple Jurisprudence

Committee; Ossie Pryor and Vera Williams, Supreme Ambassadors to the North East Area; Carol Rose, Supreme Escort to the Canadian Flag; and Dorothy Abel, Supreme Escort to the Supreme Temple Banner. Those receiving awards were honored at a luncheon on July 14 in the Tunisian Room.

Cathy, Carol and Diane, representing Pharaoh’s Dancers, performed a dance at Supreme Session. They were honored to have two Past Supreme Queens, Eleanor Green and Alyce Thomas, plus other Nile Temple members join in their dance presentation. Everyone knows you are required to have a current dues card to be admitted to most Supreme Session functions. Ossie, why did you leave your dues card at home and had to be given a duplicate to attend meetings? This was a “fun” thing that happened to our most loyal member who always tells everyone, “Don’t forget your dues card.” Ha! Ha!

At the September 5 Stated Meeting, the elected and appointed officers will be responsible for the social hour. On October 3, our Ambassadors will have

that duty. The hostesses for our Wednesday sewings will be Doris Daniels and Frances Marshall on September 19 and Katherine Witcher and Dorothy Abel on October 17. Come to these Stated Meetings and sewing sessions and enjoy the fun and fellowship with our dedicated members. Our sewing group is working very hard to meet the 1,000 children’s pillow quota set by Pam Herther and Marcia Moses. We are more than halfway toward this anticipated goal.

Saturday, October 20, will be our Ways and Means “Fall Festival” fundraiser for Koran Temple in the Tunisian Room from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. It will include Bingo, Trash to Treasures, Bake Sale, and door prizes given away every half hour to some lucky person. Bring your family and friends to this event. More information will be forthcoming from our Queen.

Final Thought: Middle age is when broadness of the mind and narrowness of the waist change places.

Band

Leonard Hull

It’s July and I’m writing September’s magazine article. What’s so strange about that? The article for August was written in June, and I know you’ve all been waiting with bated breath for the results from the Imperial Session in Charlotte, NC.

We did it. Imperial 2012 is in the record books and we were there. We participated in two mass band rehearsals with Shrine temple bandsmen from across the USA making many new friends. We were in the Shrine parade, played for our Murat party, were in the SBANA Band contest and received a Superior Rating plaque—just a few of the many activities. Oh yes, we also received a plaque from the Oasis Temple Band for all of our support with the mass band (by the way, we also received shirts). It may sound like we are

bragging a little, which we are. We are proud of our band. Ray Hauser, you are doing an awesome job as our president and director.

August was a busy month with the Murat Shrine President’s Party on August 12, a parade in Anderson on August 18, Old-Timers Night on August 22 with a group picture taken and regular rehearsals.

Murat Band has spawned 10 Illustrious Potentates. The Murat Band, chartered 115 years ago, has spawned 10 great Directors since established, with Director Hauser as one of the most creative and organized.



Forty-year clarinet contributor, Jim Cox, displaying trophy received at Pigeon Forge.

The Murat Band rehearses almost every Wednesday in the Corinthian Room at 7 p.m. We rehearse for one and a half hours. Guests are always welcome. If you have ever played a band instrument, oil up the valves, grease up the slides and as they say on *The Price is Right*, “Come on down.”

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Matt Roush

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Oasis Lounge

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Musical/Variety Show with the Chanters, Barbershop Quartet, Soloists and Novelty Acts.

Caesar's Palace

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Calendars!

October 19, 2012 • 5:30 PM
In the Arabian Room

1. "Murat's Got Talent" auditions from 5:30–6:30. All are welcome to participate.
2. Silent Auction for Great Stuff, 5:30–7. Christmas is coming soon.
3. Raffle Tickets at the door. 50/50 Payout.
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\$39.50 per Person
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Contact Richard Abdon (317) 257-2724
or Julie Grammer in the Murat Office,
(317) 635-2433, for Tickets.



“If I had a million dollars and I could go anywhere, I’d come here.” – Jill Dender

“We always knew we would adopt a child,” said Jill Dender. So, after her their last biological child was born, Jill and her husband John began looking at adoption agencies. After a year and a half, their search ended and they adopted a little girl with special needs from China.

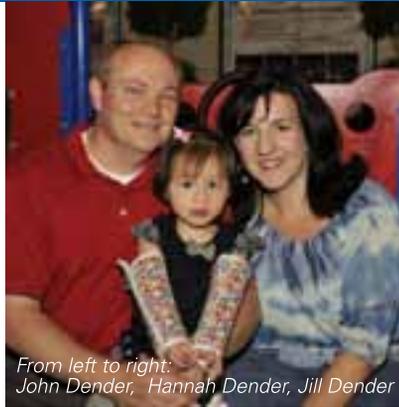
Hannah, with a severe cleft lip and palate, was given up for adoption when she was just five months old. The Denders did not know how extensive Hannah’s problems were until they met her at the orphanage. “Her palate is very wide and open to her nasal cavity,” said Jill, “often times causing food put in her mouth to come out her nose. We were shocked at the extent of malformation as most children do not survive a cleft this severe. Constantly, her cleft makes it difficult to eat, drink, breathe and speak properly.”

After returning to the United States, they were shocked and devastated to learn that insurance coverage was being denied, basically due to Hannah’s disability and the fact that she was adopted. “We knew she needed surgery immediately,” said Jill, but they had no idea how they could pay for the surgery without going into extreme and long-term debt.

A friend mentioned Shriners Hospitals for Children® – Cincinnati, known for their expert pediatric specialty care, so Jill picked up the phone and placed the call. She will never forget the words she heard next, “We can help you.” After speaking with Mike White, the RN care coordinator at the Cincinnati hospital, Jill knew she had reached the right place and Hannah’s condition would be treated. “Relief flooded my body” said Jill.

Almost a year ago, Shriners Hospitals for Children – Cincinnati received national distinction when approved as a Cleft Lip and Palate Team. This designation placed the doctors at the Cincinnati hospital among select groups with comprehensive services that meet the Standards for Cleft Palate and Craniofacial Teams.

“We are so impressed with Dr. Gordon and all of the physicians at the Cincinnati hospital. The nurses are incredible and you can see that everyone is happy to be here. God told us to adopt Hannah and God has used the Shriners to take care of us. We are so thankful to everyone at the Cincinnati hospital” she said.



From left to right:
John Dender, Hannah Dender, Jill Dender

Conditions Treated at the Cincinnati Hospital

BURN CARE

- Burn injuries
- Inhalation injuries
- Burn reconstruction & rehabilitation

PLASTICS & RECONSTRUCTIVE CONDITIONS

- Congenital ear deformities
- Congenital hairy nevus (large birthmarks)
- Cleft lip and palate
- Brachial plexus injuries (nerve damage affecting upper extremities)
- Congenital hand malformations
- Gynecomastia (abnormal breast development in teenage boys)
- Congenital breast deformities
- Hidradenitis (chronic sweat gland disorder)
- Post trauma deformities (treadmill injuries, dog bites, lawnmower accidents)

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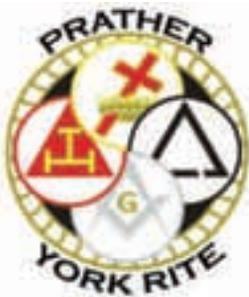
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Welcome Nobles,

What a year of weather once again! Last year, it was rainy and then HOT all summer long. This year it seems as if it has been HOT and DRY forever. But the kids are back in school and the football season is in full swing.

Do you have your Football Books from the Firemen's Club for the Colts season? If not, see any member so you can participate while you support the Colts and the Murat Firemen's Club. It is our only fundraising event.

Summer was a busy time, especially for those of us who went to Charlotte to the Imperial Session. Yes, it was hot there as well—triple digits on many days. But, it was a good trip to help us plan for the Imperial Session in Indianapolis in

2013. July 2013 is when Honorary Club Member John Cinotto, P.P., will become the Imperial Potentate. There is a lot of work to do between now and then. It will take many, many volunteers to make this one of the best Imperial Sessions ever. So plan now to help out; it will take all of us.

One of the goals for next year's Imperial Parade in downtown Indy is to have as many of our Units in the parade as possible. Oasis Temple did an outstanding job in Charlotte and our committee wants to match or better their participation.

Murat Firemen's Club members are selling our Club Pin. Monies raised will help us refurbish our "Big Red Fire Engine." We only have 500 pins and they cost just \$5, so please help us raise money

to make our engine shine for the Imperial Session.

The golf season has been a busy one, but it is just about over. Our small Club has tried to support as many outings as possible. With only two outings left, we look forward to supporting them both. They are Johnson County Shrine Club on September 6 and the Indiana Masonic Golf Outing on September 8. We hope to see you at both. If you are traveling to the Great Lakes Shrine Association, they have a golf outing there as well; you can contact the Fraternal Office for more details.

Well, that's about it for this month. Please stay safe!

Montgomery County Shrine Club

Bob Vanderkolk

VIDALIA ONION SALES – We purchased 12,000 pounds and had about 3,500 left when we ceased selling, as several people were coming back relating several onions had turned "bad." Many accepted being given another bag.

The remaining onions were distributed "NO CHARGE" to restaurants, fire stations, Moose, Elks, Eagles, and more than 1,700 lbs. to Food Finders of Lafayette. Sales grossed more than \$7,200 with Stan, the Onion Man, selling about half of those. Sales were discontinued because we didn't want Shriners to "get a bad name" for selling "bad merchandise." You can bet we will have good onions to sell next year and, hopefully, people will again buy them from us. We have high hopes.

Masonic Lodge #50 had a benefit Fish Fry recently and asked the Montgomery County Shrine Club to do the cooking. They cleared about \$3,000 we are told. They were most appreciative for the Shriners doing the frying. They donated 20 gallons of cooking oil to the Shriners for use in our own annual Fish Fry later this fall.

On Tuesday, June 26, we hosted

our annual dinner with the Knights of Columbus. We were fortunate to have as our guest speaker our own Sondi Eden, veteran open wheel sprint car driver. She shared several of her varied race car experiences with the more than 50 guests, Shriners, and ladies on hand. Thanks to Sondi for her most encompassing and interesting presentation on what racing is all about.

On June 22 and 23, the annual Paper Crusade was held and with Dale Harmon again in charge, we had another good year.

On June 23, the annual Car Show was held at the former Stetler car lot (now American Rentals). It was a warm day, but 35 cars were there as were a large number of viewers. Thanks to "Sizzlin' Sounds" for providing the music.

The annual Golf Outing was held Friday, July 17, at Rocky Ridge Golf Course. It continued to be hot, but some 50 golfers were there. The Zem-Zem, prizes, and food really hit the spot. All went well except for the noble in charge. Greg Miller found the only wet and slick spot on the whole course and

really sprained a knee. His putter served as his temporary cane.

Our annual Fish Fry is coming up on October 13 at the M-o-o-ose with Mark Hampton in charge. Prices will be \$9 per adult and \$4.50 for children.

Two secretive Shrine projects were brought up for consideration for next year which sound promising.

"SHRINERS ... Having Fun and Helping Kids."

Caravan Club

Joe Smith

Grand Master George A. Ingles, Jr. will be the guest speaker at the September Caravan Club meeting September 6, 2012, at 12 noon. Everyone is welcome to come and join us for lunch and hear our Grand Master speak.

Masonic Home Festival

Sunday, Sept 9th at 11 am -4 pm




Food Everywhere • Children's Activities
• Music & Entertainment
US Army Helicopter • Craft Fair
• Flag Ceremony

Food & Fun begins at 11 am
Grand Parade at 3 pm
Free Parking • Public Welcome

Living the Dream

Shriners Hospitals Contest

Each month we will run a photo of hospitals and the contest is to use the elevation to correctly identify the location. A form is included to submit the location along with the noble's name, address and Shrine number. Drawing of all correct entries to be held at each Stated Meeting for a \$25 gift certificate for the Oasis Lounge. You do not have to be present to win.

Elevation above sea level
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September Hospital Location _____

NOBLE NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

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(The current Murat calendars for 2012 are available at <http://calendar.yahoo.com/muratsbrine>)

SEPTEMBER

- MON. 3 DEADLINE FOR OCTOBER MAGAZINE
- THU. 6 Caravan Club - Grand Master George A. Ingles, Jr.
- FRI. 7 Annual Bean Supper - Indianapolis Valley AASR
- SAT. 8 Texas Hold'em
- SUN. 9 Indiana Masonic Home Festival
- THU. 13- SAT. 15 Great Lakes Shrine Association
- MON. 17 Divan Meeting, Board Meeting Stated Meeting 7 p.m.
- SAT. 22 Ladies Luncheon
- SAT. 29 Murat Shrine & Prather York Rite Potentate's York Rite Class

OCTOBER

- MON. 1 DEADLINE FOR NOVEMBER MAGAZINE
- SAT. 13 Texas Hold'em
- MON. 15 Divan Meeting, Board Meeting Stated Meeting 7 p.m.
- FRI. 19 Chanters Mens' Show
- FRI. 26- SAT. 27 Scottish Rite Valley of Indianapolis Fall Convocation

NOVEMBER

- THU. 1 DEADLINE FOR DECEMBER MAGAZINE
- FRI. 2- SUN. 11 Potentate's Panama Canal Trip
- SAT. 10 Texas Hold'em
- MON. 19 Divan Meeting, Board Meeting Stated Meeting 7 p.m.

DECEMBER

- SAT. 1 Murat Shrine Ceremonial
- MON. 3 DEADLINE FOR JANUARY MAGAZINE
- SAT. 8 Texas Hold'em
- SUN. 9 Murat Children's Christmas Party
- MON. 17 Divan Meeting, Board Meeting Stated Meeting 7 p.m.
- TUE. 25 Merry Christmas!

JANUARY 2013

- TUE. 1 Happy New Year!
- WED. 2 DEADLINE FOR FEBRUARY MAGAZINE
- SAT. 12 Texas Hold'em
- MON. 21 Divan Meeting, Board Meeting Stated Meeting 7 p.m.



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