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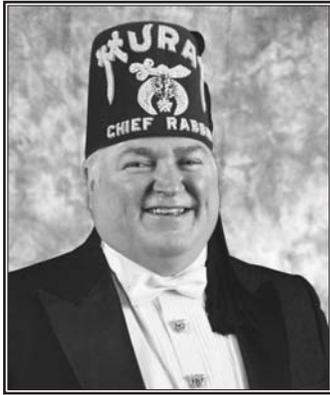
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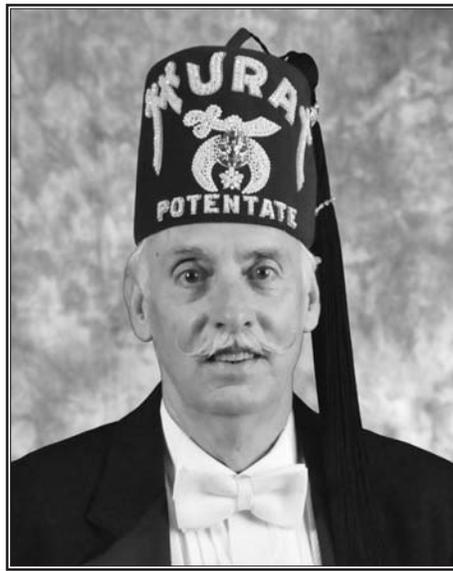
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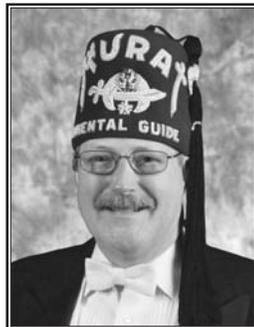
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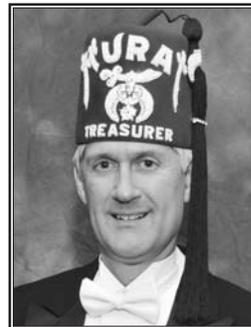
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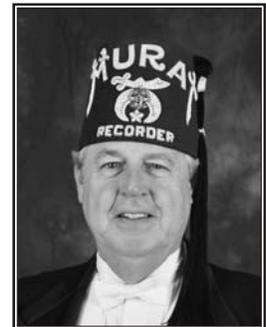
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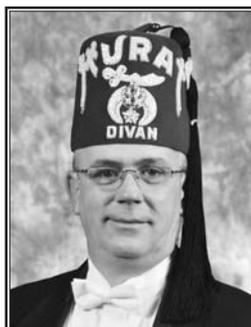
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POTENTATE MESSAGE

Boldly Go ...

January may have been cold, but it is always heartwarming to be with other Shrine Masons. The month of January was a really busy time for all of us; there were many holiday parties and installations attended. The events were great and the fellowship even better.

There will be an informational meeting about the upcoming Potentate trips on February 23 in the Tunisian Room. March 1-4 is the Greatest Show on Earth, the Murat Shrine Circus. If you have volunteered before, you know the great rewards that you have on a personal level. If you have not, please consider donating a few hours of your time to Murat's largest fundraiser, the Murat Shrine Circus.

I would like to thank all of the nobles and their ladies who attended the Leadership Seminar. The ladies sure seemed to enjoy "What's He Gotten Me Into?" hosted by the Divan ladies.

It was nice to visit some of the Snowbirds in Florida during the last week of January. I am jealous of those who can spend the winter months in the sunshine state, but I would miss the beauty of our Indiana snows.

Six years ago, Potentate Bill Wimmenauer published a pictorial yearbook. We will be doing the same this year. The first session of photo opportunities will be at the Murat temple on February 6-10; times will be 12:30 - 7. On February 11, times will be 10 - 7 and again on February 13-17, times will be 12:30 - 7; and February 18, times will be 10 - 5. There will also be dates and times at some of the outlying Clubs. The book will be published late in the year so there will be time to gather as many pictures of the year as possible.

Faye and I hope you will join us for "Oh What a Night" (Potentate's Ball on March 24); just call the Fraternal Office to secure your tickets.

There are so many things happening at Murat that all cannot be listed in this message. Therefore, I encourage you to read each page of the Murat Magazine in order to keep abreast of the activities at your temple.

I wish to thank each of you again for your vote of confidence in electing me your Potentate for 2012, and for the generous donation you have made to the Potentate's pin program. As you know, all of the net proceeds will be donated to the Shriners Hospitals for Children-Cincinnati.

Membership must always be in the front of our minds—without membership, Murat and Shriners Hospitals cannot exist. There will be two ceremonials this year (the 140th year of Shrinedom): one on May 5 and the other on December 1. Wouldn't it be great if we could work together and have 140 or more candidates at each? That would be something to celebrate and commemorate the 140th year of Shrinedom.

BOLDLY GO ...

May God Bless,

Charlie Crabtree
Illustrious Potentate



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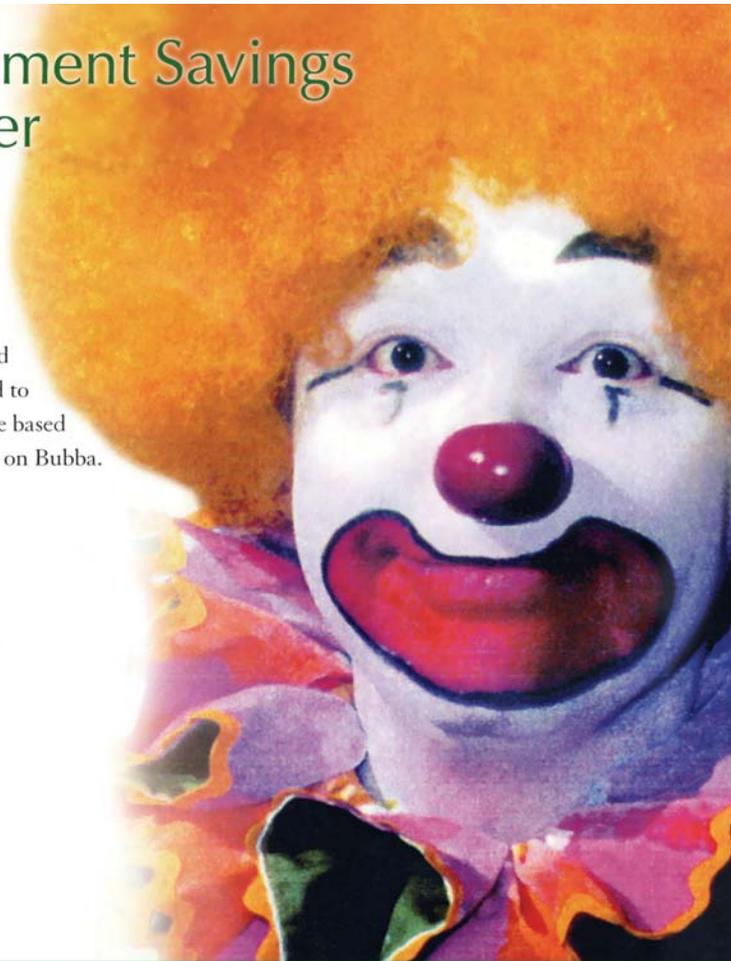
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Ladies Corner

Faye Crabtree

Did you know that February is National Heart Month? What a great time to wear our Murat Shrine ladies' pins. I hope you enjoy wearing yours as much as I do. Wear them proudly! If you have not yet received one, just ask me or any other Divan lady. We love sharing them with you.

The first Ladies Leadership Seminar, "What's He Gotten Me Into?" was a roaring success. Thanks to all the ladies who took the time to share the day with us. I hope you enjoyed it as much as I did. A special thank-you to Debbie Burton, Cheryl Greulich, Carol McLaughlin, Cathy Rose, and Malinda Waters for sharing their special talents.

February 17 is National Random Act of Kindness Day. "Kind" describes our newest Divan lady, Pam Shull. I hope you plan to join us that evening to meet and welcome her. We are having dinner in the Tunisian Room (next to the Oasis Lounge) preceding Band Night while the nobles are holding the annual Little Pig event. Call the Fraternal Office to make your reservation, and pay at the door. Tickets are \$25.

The Clubs & Units have made us feel welcome as we've shared in your holiday parties and installations. Thank you all for that wonderful Hoosier hospitality.

Please make plans to join us in the Tunisian Room on February 23 to learn about the upcoming trips to Holiday World and the Panama Canal. A very special guest will be with us to share information about these two outstanding trips. Charlie and I have enjoyed getting acquainted with her and I am sure you will too.

Smyrna Shrine Guild

Melanie Close

Happy Valentine's Day ladies!!! It was great seeing so many of you at the January Stated Meeting; thank you all for coming out. Once again, welcome to all the new officers and members.

This is the second month without a Guild Night due to the Super Bowl parking situation. I really miss getting together with everyone and look forward to seeing all of you soon. I hope to see a lot of you beautiful ladies on February 28 for Stated Meeting which just happens to be Cold Sands. Please remember in March we will begin taking flower orders for Mothers Day.

BELIEVE IN ALL WE DO, BELIEVE SO THAT THE CHILDREN WILL RECEIVE ...

February Calendar

Tuesday, Feb. 28 – Board Meeting: 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Feb. 28 – Stated Meeting: 7 p.m. (Cold Sands)

March Calendar

Wednesday, March 7 – Guild Night: 5:30 p.m.

Tuesday, March 27 – Board Meeting: 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, March 27 – Stated Meeting: 7 p.m.

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Life was good in Rushville, IN. Donald and Sharon Taylor saw their daughter Annie growing into a beautiful and cheerful young lady. Along with their good times, the family did experience an occasional misfortune. Sarah says, “My husband’s foot had been in a cast for several months, and he had missed several weeks of work.” That was a hurdle they could endure and did not seem greater than the problems many families have.

A much larger problem was soon to arise. Sarah says, “Annie’s journey began quickly and completely ‘out of the blue.’ In August of last year, she saw our family doctor for a routine physical examination and was found to be in great shape, able to play any sport she chose. From July to November, however, she had a significant growth spurt, growing three or four inches in height in those few months. Our family doctor feels that this rapid growth triggered an already present problem.”

In October, Annie frequently complained of back pain and often asked Sarah to give her a back rub. One evening, Sarah noticed the right shoulder jutted out and that her entire back seemed misshapen. Sarah showed this to Donald, who thought Annie may have slept in a different position to cause the distortion. Annie didn’t complain of back pain for a few more weeks. By mid-November, the back pain was frequent. The distortion was more visible and constant. A nurse practitioner examined Annie and confirmed what Sarah had been thinking; Annie had scoliosis. X-rays were ordered to determine the extent of curvature, and the results showed curvature of nearly 70 degrees. Annie was referred to an orthopaedic surgeon and an appointment was scheduled.



Sarah says, “I was employed at the *Rushville Republican* newspaper at the time of Annie’s diagnosis and I was discussing my concern for her with coworkers. Kevin Green, editor of the newspaper and himself a Shriner, overheard the conversation. He said, ‘Why don’t you contact the Shriners? This is exactly the kind of case in which they specialize.’ We were facing about \$60,000 in medical expenses once our insurance paid its part, so I thought we should check into the services of Shriners Hospitals. We learned services of Shriners Hospitals are not income-based, and we set an appointment for January at the Shriners Hospital in Lexington, KY.”

Sarah continues, “Dr. Vishwas Talwalker examined X-rays and told us the bad news. He said the curvature was too far progressed for braces and surgery would definitely be necessary. He also told us the good news; Shriners could help us and we wouldn’t need to pay a cent. Annie, of course, was devastated. Not only was she facing a major operation, but a year-long rehabilitation would prevent her from participating in sports and dancing that she loved. We decided to wait until

school was out to have the surgery. We canceled the appointment with the other hospital and surgery was scheduled for July, which gave Annie plenty of time to think (and worry) about it.”

“When we arrived in July,” says Sarah, “everything was done to assure Annie’s comfort. We were shown to a parents’ room that was as nice as any hotel room. We were able to stay there the night before her testing, as well as the night before her operation, because we lived so far away.”

“Everything was explained in detail. The entire staff was so nice and accommodating! She received state-of-the-art care in a comfortable, family-friendly atmosphere. Both Donald and I were allowed to stay with Annie, and the hospital provided meals for us, which was really going above and beyond.”

Annie underwent a long surgery that involved straightening her spine and fusing several vertebrae. The procedure was a success. Annie says, “They were really nice and friendly and knew how to take care of me. The doctors did a great job and I didn’t have any complications. The care coordinators were a big help because they made sure we understood what was going to happen. The nurses were always there to encourage me to walk and give me pain medicine. The food was good, too.”

Sarah says, “Annie has only good memories of our stay there. She especially loved one nurse, Katie, who became almost a personal friend. Every time she goes to Lexington for an appointment, she runs over to ‘the floor’ to see if Katie is on duty. We just can’t thank Shriners enough for what they did for Annie. Her back is almost straight. I believe she has about a 5° curvature, which is a very good outcome. She looks better, feels better, and can’t wait until the year is up so she can resume some of the activities she loves. We thank every Shriner for being part of the wonderful hospital system.”

Our sincere thanks to Kevin Green, Editor of *Rushville Republican* (and a Shriner), who gave us permission to utilize a part of his article from his newspaper. Noble Green was directly instrumental in Annie’s referral to Shriners Hospital® –Lexington.

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Johnson County Mini-Mystics

Dave Alspaugh

Here we are in February already, and how many of the Mini-Mystics are ready to hit the parade trail? Asking around, I only hear the usual ..."Uh, yes, I think so." Sad to tell you, but the parades start in just 30 days. The Shrine Circus opens the first week of March. From then on, the parades come along every month until November.

Being one of the current team, I have to admit to getting my car out and doing some work on it. From the looks of things, I should be more than ready.



Dave Alspaugh at the Speedway Parade

The past couple of years, our Mini-Mystics have not been parading as much as in the past. Just a few years ago, we opened our parade season in Ft. Wayne, FL, at the Edison Electric Light Parade. Many would like to see us return to that parade in particular. This year our big trip will probably be to Charlotte, NC, for the National Convention. It would be nice to see a good group of our cars represent the Mini-Mystics Club. Come out and join us.

As we drive off into the sunset, let us wish all our Sweethearts a very Happy Valentine's Day.

See you next issue.



Bob Torrance

Speaking about the parade team, anyone who would be interested in parading the little white Corvettes can come to any Mini-Mystic meeting. We meet at 7 p.m. on the fourth Wednesday of each month at the Shrine Club in Franklin. We currently have some of the cars available to own, along with a trailer or two. Just a note, you don't have to be a great mechanic to own one of these cars. Just ask my wife. In fact, several people are willing to step up and lend a hand. A great example, at Speedway's parade last year, Bob Torrance helped Mike Percy get going, along with Randy Bell and myself. Then when the parade started, his car failed to go. Bob waived us on, made a quick repair, and was in position when we entered the parade. Many times, Bob has rescued us when unseen problems occur.



President Lee Langlotz



Flying Fezzes

Patrick DeCallier

Well, it was an interesting Christmas dinner for the Flying Fezzes. First of all, Deo Carter was back, recuperating from his recent illness. Dave Beaman and Michael Pfeiffer received special plaques for their services during the past year.

Then the "gavel" was passed from John Ellis to John Blaydoe who is the incoming president for 2012. Chief Rabban Charlie Crabtree administered the oath of office to the incoming officers, after which he spoke about some of the upcoming activities at Murat Shrine. On a special note, the Chief Rabban is now a new member of the Flying Fezzes.

The members then had their gift exchange and the party was concluded for the evening.

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Legion of Honor

Bob Watson

Congratulations to the new officer lineup for 2012. Commander Tom Morgan, Executive Vice Commander Tony Stout, Chief of Staff Bob Sexton, and the rest of the staff are off to a running start for the new year.

Well, coming next month we have several planned events that will keep us quite busy. First is the circus, scheduled for Thursday, March 1, through Sunday the 4th. The Legion of Honor Color Guard will help out by presenting colors at Thursday and Friday evening's performances and two performances on Saturday. The circus is our temple's biggest fundraiser for the year, so let's all get behind the effort and raise lots of money for "our kids."

Next on the agenda will be the Potentate's Ball set for Saturday, March 24, when we will honor our new Potentate, the Illustrious Sir Charles

Crabtree. This is always a big event, so guys, dust off the ole tux, get out and buy your lady a new dress—you know you'll have to—and come join us for a fun-filled evening. As usual, the Legion of Honor Color Guard will be there to present colors, with a twist this year.

At this point in time, Executive Vice Commander Tony Stout is still working on setting a date and time for our Unit to visit the Shriners Hospital in Lexington. I will have more details on that when they become available.

Speaking of Tony, he tells me that the new Legion of Honor "Challenge Coin" should be rolling out of the mint anytime now. I will keep you posted.

Back on December 20, we held our last meeting of 2011 at the VA Hospital and then proceeded to visit with some of the patients, passing out socks and quarters. We had a great

turnout for this, our last official event for the year. There were 14 of our guys in attendance, and some of the guys brought their ladies as well. Since we initiated this event several years ago, this was the best turnout to date.

Also in December, at the Shrine Stated Meeting, the Legion of Honor was pleased to make a \$100 donation to the Shriners Hospitals for Children.

As I sit here writing this, I can't help but reflect on what a good year 2011 was and the many things we accomplished. At the same time, I eagerly look to the future and the great things we have planned for 2012. For all of our new officers, we wish you the best of luck for all your endeavors in 2012.

Well, I think it's time for Color Guard practice, so I better run for now, but remember, "It's an honor to belong to the Legion of Honor."



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Johnson County Shrine Club

Dave Alspaugh

Usually, the month of February in Indiana is a cold, drab old time. This year, however, promises to be quite a bit different. Yes, the NFL Super Bowl is coming to Lucas Oil Stadium here in Indianapolis. This should be a great opportunity for Shriners to welcome the many guests.

Johnson County Shriners, for instance, are throwing a Super Bowl Party on February 5 at the Club in Franklin. It will be a pitch-in, with the Club supplying the chili. Duane Burgess, the Club president, is looking for a big turnout.

As Duane starts out on his quest as president of the Club for 2012, he is already setting up quite a schedule of events. To give you an idea as well as a list of events to put on your calendars, here's a first look: February 5 – Super Bowl Party, February 18 – Fish Fry, March 1, 2, 3, and 4 – Shrine Circus, March 25 – Casino trip, April 21 – Fish



President Duane Burgess of the Johnson County Shrine Club

Fry, July 14 through July 21 – County Fair, October 6 – Fall Festival, October 21 – Halloween Party, November 10 – Reverse Raffle, November 18 – Churchill Downs trip, and December 8 – Christmas Party.

As I noted before, that's quite a list, and the reactions around the Club are very good. You better make plans early because there may not be room later.

Congratulations are in order for Shriner Tim Whitaker. Tim was recently chosen Johnson County Shriner of the



Tim Whitaker, JC Shriner of the Year, and Barry Cook

Year by Barry Cook at the 2011 Christmas party. He claims to be a fairly new member at the Club, but if that's the case, we would love to see a few more like him join us. This note is from the entire Club, Tim. Keep up the good job.

This being February, don't forget your Sweetheart this Valentine's Day on the 14th. From all the Johnson County Shriners, we wish you a Happy Valentine's Day.

See you in the next issue.

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Police Club and Drill Team

Don L. Weilhammer, Jr.

This article was supposed to be in the December issue of the magazine, but due to technical problems did not get published. So here it is with some updated information added.

Hi, I hope this article finds you in fine health and in a good mood! First off, let me start out by saying THANK YOU to everyone who helped out at our Fun Night back on October 8. The list is a long one, and it was a successful night because of all of you pitching in. Next year we will do it again; what we do not know at this time is whether we will have it at the Marine Corps League again or at the Murat Shrine. That will be up to next year's officers and the Club to vote on.

Let me also say thanks to the Drill Team for representing the Murat Shrine and the Police Club escorting the 9/11 beams. The "Beam Team" did an excellent job! The pictures taken by Lady Gretchen Pike and the PowerPoint presentation by Fred Goltart at the November meeting were awesome; if you were there, you know what I mean.

Elections were held at the December 6 meeting. Your officers for 2012 are: Secretary-Treasurer, Randy West (more from him later); Second Vice President, Fred Goltart; First Vice President, William (Bill) Pike; and

President, Don Weilhammer. Thank you for placing your faith in us for this year, but keep in mind we cannot do it alone. Thanks go out to Chief Rabban Jim Priest for swearing us in that night as well. Also, let me express my thanks to our president for last year, Ron Brown. Ron did a great job in leading our Club throughout the year ... thanks again, Ron!

My fellow Police Club nobles: our first vice president has allowed me a few paragraphs to update you on our dues invoices. But first, let me thank Don Weilhammer for his great efforts in composing the Murat Magazine article every month. Don has done this for a few years now and believe me, it's not an easy task. Great job, Don! I wrote the article for many years back in the early and middle '80s—that was before the advent of e-mail. You had to type and then hand deliver the article to the Shrine office. This brings me to the recollection of the Police Club membership being nearly 600 strong in the '80s. Our meetings drew about a hundred Police Club nobles. In fact, the meetings could get a little rowdy and I, as president, had to close the refreshment bar during the meeting. We were one of the largest (if not the largest) Clubs in the Murat Shrine. However, over the years mem-

bership has become an issue. The Police Club is not by itself—even the Hell's Angels can't attract or sustain members. But let's try to do more. If you know a noble who was a Police Club member, let's reach out and draw him back into the fraternity of the Murat Police Club. We can always entice them with a ride in a side car driven "slowly" by Bill Pike!

As of this writing, it's the end of October and I will pick up the dues invoices on the 27th. We have changed printing companies in an effort to conserve resources but you probably will not notice any difference. I will request that when received, everyone return the invoice as soon as possible and thank you to all the wives who will have already written those checks. Also, if you are reading this article and have let your Police Club membership lapse, contact me and we can get you reinstated. In addition, please ensure that we have your e-mail address. Send them to myself at Kirby1@sbcglobal.net and Bill Pike at billpike@att.net. Thanks again and a special thanks to Don Weilhammer!

Your secretary-treasurer, Randy West.

Thanks Randy! Get your dues in if you have not already and I hope to see you at the February 7 meeting at 7 p.m.

RV Club

Mike Pfeiffer

The RV Club had their annual Christmas party and installation of officers on December 20, 2011. We had a wonderful evening that was shared with visiting Illustrious Potentate Kevin Rhodes and Lady Debra, Chief Rabban Charles Crabtree and Lady Faye, and Captain of the Guard Carl Culmann and Lady La Donna. We had great entertainment by Dave and Linda Maudlin's grandchildren with a special appearance of Santa Claus.

Illustrious Potentate Kevin Rhodes installed the 2012 officers. We also presented the Potentate with a check for \$500 for the Transportation Fund.



The RV Club is dark in the months of January and February but we are looking forward to a new camping season. Our next planned event is attending the Potentate's Ball together March 24, 2012.

The RV Club is open to all nobles and their ladies. Whether you travel with



a tent or a million dollar coach, please call Dan Ouimette at (317) 308-0244; we would love to have you join us.

Now performing in the center ring is the Murat Shrine Circus.

I would like to start off by thanking all of those who are serving on our Circus Committee this year. Your support is what makes this grand show such a great success. Not only is this our main fundraiser for Murat, but the thought of how much joy we have put in the lives of so many young children is such a good feeling. It really goes along with our philanthropy of supporting children and their families. I feel so fortunate to be a Shriner. Now for the main event ... our circus is March 1-4 and we still can use as much support as we can get. So if you are interested in helping us make this circus a great success, please sign up to volunteer. Your help is still needed and your lady is welcome to work as well. Please contact Julie Grammer in the Fraternal Office at (317) 635-2433. We need help in all areas, so any posi-

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tion you would like to work is available. Anyone who works four shows or more will be our guest at our Ringmaster's Banquet which will be held on April 13, 2012.

Without your help, many children will not get the benefit of seeing a show that will create memories for a long time to come. Also, there is still time to help

promote our circus. As our Marketing Committee is setting up a media blitz, you can help us spread the word to your neighbors, family, friends and work associates.

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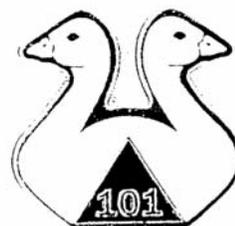
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From Past Queens Manuella Jefferson and Ossie Pryor, a huge thank-you to everyone who helped with our "Pacific Isles" luncheon and style show in January. It was well attended by many ladies, and the booths and activities pre-

sented before the style show were enjoyed by everyone. At least we now know what type of fashions will be present in the spring—thanks to Ginger 'N Spice, her helpers, and our models. Again, thanks to everyone involved in this Ways and Means project for Koran Temple.

Our "White Rose Ceremonial" and Stated Meeting will be held on Saturday, February 11, in the Corinthian Room. The meeting will begin at 10 a.m. followed by the luncheon at noon. After a short break, the "White Rose Ceremonial" will start at 1:30 p.m. Be sure you make a note of the various times for Saturday's function. The luncheon cost is \$18. Make reservations with our recorder, Past Queen Cathy Rose, at (317) 774-8554 (home) or (317) 695-2912 (cell). Contact Queen Sandra Kessler if you have any further ques-

tions.

Refreshments for our Wednesday Stated Meeting in the Corinthian Room on February 1 will be hosted by the Past Queens; on March 7, Queen Sandra Kessler will be in charge.

Past Queen Dorothy Abel, sewing chairman, would like to see many ladies come to our last sewing on Wednesday, March 21. She reports we have made many items to send to the Shriners Hospitals and appreciates all the efforts and help everyone has given this year. Sewing starts at 10 a.m. and is over by 2 p.m. Queen Sandra Kessler will be in charge of the luncheon. If you can help or have any questions, please call Dorothy Abel at (317) 784-2944.

Closing Thought: Liquidity is when you look at your retirement fund and wet your pants.

Dramatic Cast

Mark Bartolovich

The Dramatic Cast elected its new officers for 2012 with Bill Munson as President, Mark Bartolovich as First Vice President, Randy Seipel as Second Vice President, Frank Tharp as Secretary, and Ed Board as Treasurer. Congratulations to these nobles on their newly elected positions.

The Dramatic Cast Sweetheart Dinner will be on February 8 at Milano Inn beginning at 6 p.m., with dinner served at 6:30 p.m. The cost will be \$25 per person, with tax and tip included. There will also be a cash bar. The menu will be served family style which will include three pasta dishes with spaghetti and meatballs, lasagna, and stuffed ravioli. Reservations will need to be made no later than February 1. Please send your reservations to Second Vice

President Randy Seipel.

The Brass Hat Night party for the Dramatic Cast will be held on the evening of March 14, with social hour beginning at 5:30 p.m. and dinner at 6:30 p.m. in the Corinthian Room. All Shriners are welcome because we will be honoring the Illustrious Sir Charles Crabtree, newly elected Potentate. That evening he will be receiving his brass nuts. The dress for the evening will be a coat, tie and fez. The cost for the evening is \$35 which will include an open bar and dinner. Again, please contact Second Vice President Randy Seipel for your reservations. We ask that you RSVP no later than March 1.

Also, June 16 will be the Annual Dramatic Cast Golf Outing at Clover Meadows Golf Course in Cloverdale.

There will be more information as we get closer to the event.

If you have recently purchased salsa or jelly from Ruthanne Keppler, she asks that you please recycle the jars and return them to her so that she may reuse them. As a reminder nobles, all of the money she raises for these goods goes toward the Transportation Fund. Thank you in advance for your consideration in this matter.

I would also like to congratulate the Dramatic Cast on putting on the new ceremonial back in December. They did an excellent job for the first time in doing this event. If you would like to join the Dramatic Cast, they meet the second Wednesday of every month with dinner at 5:30 p.m. and a meeting following at 7 p.m.

Clowns

Allan Hall

Well, it is official—we elected a clown (Flatfoot) to be Potentate for 2012. Congratulations Charlie! His first act was to name a new person into the Divan line who was another clown (Zero). Congratulations Chuck. I have a Zero joke but that will come later.

The clowns are gearing up for a very busy 2012. We are starting to practice for the circus and have two good skits, one of which I have never seen, and I have been in the Clown Unit since 1995. So you all need to come to the circus to see this seldom seen skit. A little hint: I think I may be getting married (hope I am the man). We have a new circus director of production and if you do not like the skits, call me and I will give you his phone number. If anyone wants the clowns to visit someplace between the shows on Thursday and Friday, March 1–2, please call me at (317) 716-0676. If I do not answer, leave a message. After the circus, we will start to get ready for the Potentate's Ball on March 24. We have a special skit prepared for Charlie—he will be so pleased with us.

If anyone wants to be a clown and learn all the secrets of clowning, we meet on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month. Let me leave you with this Zero story:

Zero and his grandson are at the shopping mall. The grandson wanders off and gets lost. He approaches a uniformed security guard and says, "I lost my grandpa."

"What is his name?" asked the security guard. "Zero" replies the child. Smiling, the security guard asked the boy, "Okay, what's he like?" Thinking a moment, the child responds, "Umm ... Crown Royal and large breasted women."

500 Club

Rick Solly

On December 7, 2011, new officers for 2012 were elected at the last Stated Meeting of the 500 Club. They are as follows: President – Gary Lucas, First Vice – Darrell Brumbarger, Second Vice – Bill Davis, Three-Year Board – Bruce Raymond, Two-Year Board – Tim Plank, One-Year Board: Mike Wagner, Larry DeVoss, and Bud Whitis, and Secretary-Treasurer – Rick Solly.

The 500 Club yearly awards banquet was held on Saturday, December 10, at Squeelers Barbecue and everyone had a good time. Everybody ate like pigs. Ha. Ha. During the banquet, Jim Price received a President's Award plaque for his service as president for 2011. Bill Davis was awarded the Mr. 500 plaque for his everlasting presence and support at all our parades. Congratulations to all for a successful year. We are looking forward to a great 2012.



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Madison County Shrine Club

Gary Dalzell

Mobil Nobles

Craig Stevenson

Hello Nobles,

It is February, and December and January have gone by. During December, we held our annual Children's Christmas Party. This year there was no snow like last year. The dining room was completely full—what a crowd!

Thanks to the Blue Coats for their help in getting the room set up and serving the hamburgers and hot dogs to the families; also to Chairperson Lady Vickie Hart and her committee; to the Ladies Club president, Lady Brenda Dalzell, and the Ladies Club for their help. It was a big success as usual.

The entertainment was the Circle City Stompers, Murat Clowns, and our own Jay McLaughlin with his magical show. On hand were Chief Rabban Charlie Crabtree and Lady Faye, Assistant Rabban James Priest and Lady Tammy, Past Potentate Ron Elliott and Lady Sally Jo. We want to thank them for their support.

On Saturday evening, December 31, we ushered in the New Year with a New Year's Eve party and presented the new men's president and the new ladies' president.

Father Time was not present this time and the past ladies' president, Brenda Dalzell, and the new ladies' president, Vickie Hart, walked with the new men's president, Gary Dalzell, down the steps where P.P. Jim Swain presented them to the people.

Again, I am looking forward to serving the Madison County Shrine Club as their president and working with Lady Vickie Hart and the Ladies Club.

In February, we will be having a Valentine's Party on the 11th.

I hope everyone has a great new year and everyone is welcome to the Madison County Shrine Club.

Remember to THINK POSITIVE.

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New men's president Gary Dalzell with the new ladies' president, Vickie Hart. Also pictured is outgoing ladies' president Brenda Dalzell.



Children's Christmas Party



Chairperson Vickie Hart at the Children's Christmas Party



Blue Coats at the Children's Christmas Party

Greetings Nobles and Ladies!

Welcome to February, the shortest and coldest month of the year, except for those of us in the food and beverage, convention or hospitality services industry. The Super Bowl being held here in Indianapolis at Lucas Oil Stadium is a great thing for our city and all those involved in making the experience go smoothly. We are very busy right now doing that, I assure you. It will take paid professionals and an army of volunteers to make it come together, run smoothly and be profitable, much like our Murat Shrine Circus which runs March 1-4. The Mobil Nobles are proud to announce that we will be serving great homemade food and desserts, across from the main entrance of the Coliseum in Edy's Grand Hall, at very reasonable prices. So please come see us before, during or after the show!



The Mobil Nobles installation on the 13th of January went smoothly with Past Potentate John Friend graciously serving as installing officer. Pictured are (L) Craig Stevenson, first vice president; (M) Dan Stewart, president; and (R) Mike Stevens, second vice president. The event was well attended by nobles and their ladies and families, loved ones, parents, and even my best friend from high school. I can't thank them enough for making the evening memorable, especially my Lady Lynn for making sure I remembered to wear my dress shoes! (Ask her about Christmas Eve.) Please come join us the second Friday of each month at 6 p.m. for social hour and meeting at 7:30. SEE YOU AT THE CIRCUS!!

Firemen's Club

Tim Whitaker

Welcome Nobles!

As I am writing this article, the weather is mild and expected to reach a balmy 45 degrees—not bad for Christmas Day in Indiana! Yes, it's been pretty mild to date, but we all know the line "If you don't like the weather here in Indiana, stick around—it will change" and we know it may. But, we are thankful for the mild weather as it gives us time to catch up on late year and early year projects we didn't get completed.

One project that was completed on time was the Potentate's Reception honoring our new Potentate Charles L. Crabtree and his Lady Faye. I know President Tracy Badgley was glad to welcome Charlie into the ranks of our Club as an Honorary Fire Chief and an Honorary Life Member. Charlie has worked hard for the Shrine and will make a good Potentate. We congratulate him on these prestigious honors.

Installed on that same night were Harry Morris as First Vice President; Bill Joyner, Second Vice President; Joe Krebsbach, Treasurer; and Joe Olofson,

Secretary. Congratulations to each person. Tracy wanted to thank all of them for making the evening a SUCCESS.

CIRCUS – CIRCUS – CIRCUS! This is the call of our 2012 Circus Director Jim Priest. He needs us to sell tickets, ads and get sponsors for our number one fundraising event. Are you ready? It's only a month away (March 1–4) and Jim has promised us our best circus performances yet! Because you volunteered last year, our circus was a financial and a volunteer success. It's a new circus year with some new ideas and the show is supposed to be a great one. But we still need people, volunteering in stands, selling rides, books, or helping to find lost people or assisting with other emergencies.

So make plans now to help out at our "FIRST AID/LOST CHILDREN" Room by contacting Joe Krebsbach or President Tracy Badgley. We will once again have a PUBLIC SAFETY NIGHT AT THE 7 P.M. PERFORMANCE, FRIDAY, MARCH 2, with special pricing. If you are going to use your circus

coupons, or want to purchase tickets, please contact Julie in the Fraternal Office. Due to your generosity last year, we were able to take 20,000 school children to the circus free of charge

POTENTATE'S BALL – The Potentate's Ball will be March 24 at \$100 per couple, including dinner. If you want to sit with other members of the Club, please get your name on the list soon so tickets can be ordered. Don't delay; contact President Tracy to get your name on the list for that "Oh What a Night" experience and a night to remember.

Welcome to the newest member of the Murat Divan Line, Outer Guard Charles G. Shull.

FEBRUARY

1 – Firemen's Club Monthly Meeting: 7 p.m.

17 – "LITTLE PIG" Honoring Charles G. Shull

20 – MURAT STATED MEETING: 7 p.m.

Yacht Club

Bernard Wurger

The Commodore's Reception and Valentine's Party is scheduled for Saturday, February 18, at the White River Yacht Club (6 p.m. Zem-Zem and dinner at 7). The cost is a mere \$20 per person for a delicious prime rib dinner (or roasted chicken if you prefer). There will be terrific entertainment and music and a complimentary cocktail thrown in for this great price. Please contact John Hess at (317) 844-1377 if you have not already sent in your remittance and want to attend. We need your remittance by February 11 as the formal dining room at this venue can only accommodate 100 people. Coat and tie for gentlemen is required (no fez). Every Yacht Club party is a recruiting event, so feel free to invite your friends who are prospective Shriners or Masons. However, time is short and the deadline is nearing. Call

today!

We had a wonderful fall party at the lovely lake home of Joann Perkins and hope that we can offer this venue to our members again in the fall. Joann is the ultimate party gal and really knows how to throw a party. Our members are waiting in great anticipation for a repeat. If you like Jimmy Buffett, you will love this party. Stay tuned!

Dues are now due and overdue. If you have not sent in your dues to our hard working secretary-treasurer, Ted Stewart, please do so right away as we cannot keep you on our books as we have done in past years without your \$15 annual dues. The Murat Yacht Club is really the best deal in Shrinedom! Where else can you belong to a bona fide yacht club with reciprocal privileges in more than 2,000 yacht clubs in the

U.S. and the Islands for this price? We have large parties that are really great, and the Knights of the Sea induction is an event you simply will not want to miss. So if you are looking for a good time, you need to consider the Yacht Club as the best of the best in Shrinedom. Just ask around! Check out at our Web site at MuratShrine.org for an application or order a shirt, cap, sailing jacket or sweatshirt if you wish to purchase Yacht Club merchandise. We have an informal luncheon at the Kennington American Legion Post, 6440 Westfield Blvd., in Broad Ripple each Friday at noon. Please feel free to drop in and get acquainted and the entire Yacht Club program will be explained to you in detail.

Until next month, we wish you fair winds and following seas.



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This past summer, Joshua was just 22 months old when he reached for his families' water distiller and pulled it down on himself. Joshua sustained burns to more than 30 percent of his body. He was quickly transferred from Kansas to the Cincinnati hospital for expert pediatric burn care.

Fortunately, Joshua was soon on his way to a full recovery, but the story does not end here.

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Once Joshua's great aunt learned about the Cincinnati hospital and the care provided, she did not hesitate to make one of her gifts to Shriners Hospitals for Children. "The hospital took such great care of Joshua and



by giving my time, I was able to help out," said Mavis Anderson, Joshua's great aunt and a Fairmount Minerals employee based in Wisconsin.



Efforts like this help us continue our mission of providing a wide range of specialty services for children like Joshua.

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If you sponsor and Top-Line Sign three petitions this year, your dues for 2012 will be free. Better yet ... be the Top-Line Signer on 15 new petitions and your dues are free for the rest of your life!!!

So get out there and ask your buddies to join you in supporting our Shriners Hospitals and our fraternity. Let them know how much fun you have at Murat Shrine!!!

Veteran Car Club

Christopher A. Fields

Greetings from the Murat Veteran Car Club.

The Murat Veteran Car Club is a Unit that consists of antique and special interest vehicles. We meet the second Monday of each month at 7 p.m. in the basement of the Murat temple. A person does not need to own an antique or special interest vehicle to become a member of the Veteran Car Club. We will start planning for parades and tours for the new year in the coming months. If you enjoy meeting people, toying with antique and special interest vehicles, come join us at any meeting on the second Monday of each month.

Our Club president, Darrel Wilkinson, invited the Car Club members and their ladies to the courthouse in Rushville, IN. There we enjoyed a madrigal Christmas dinner and were entertained by the Rushville High School choir. If you have not seen this event, we highly recommend it. On December 13, we had the installation of our 2012 officers by High Priest & Prophet William B. Rasner accompanied by his lady friend, Vicki.

This year's officers for the Murat Veteran Car Club are as follows: President, Chris Fields; Vice President, Chris Bottonoff; Secretary, Darrel Wilkinson; and Treasurer, Fred Johnson.

Remember, it is always about helping the Shrine children while having fun.

NexGen

Joseph Stoutner

The year is off to a great start. NexGen has already been out and about with two great events in January. This includes our first ever road trip to Pokagon. Sure, January is a little cold for a trip to a state park, but when else can you get a refrigerated toboggan run and excellent sledding conditions? It was a great trip enjoyed by several nobles with family and friends. Those who missed it, well ... they may have been warmer but I doubt they had as much fun.

Now we're geared up for another Ultimate Band Night scheduled to follow 'Little Pig' on Friday (February 17). Our Ultimate Band Night will kick off immediately following the Little Pig in the Murat Oasis. It makes a great post party and is open to nobles, ladies, family, and friends.

Other events we have this month will be our Stated Meeting on the 14th (always the second Tuesday), and NexGen always has a strong showing at the Scottish Rite Family Game Night. Family Game Night this month falls on the 24th. It's always a great time and you can't find a better deal than \$5 for food, fun, games, and fellowship. After an hour of board games, please join us at the Oasis to wet your whistle and enjoy a bit more fellowship at the NexGen post game night cocktail hour.

Next month starts off with a bang with the Murat Shrine Circus. NexGen will again be manning our novelty booth. Watch for us to set another sales record. We all agree: no child (of any age) should leave the circus without something that blinks, flashes, and makes tons of noise. You've got to have something to play with in the backseat on the way home; otherwise, that hyperactivity and sugar high might just wear off. We can't have that, now can we?

Other major events to watch for this year include the fifth annual NexGen/Calvin Prather Indians game on June 22 and our first annual NexGen canoe outing. The Indians game event gets larger every year, thanks in large part to the grill skills of our own Mark Bailey, firing up the grill and providing us with a wonderful meal at the tailgate. With the discussions already happening around the canoe trip, we may have a strong start to another great tradition.

Watch here, in your e-mail, and on Facebook for more details on upcoming events (many open to the whole family). Come out and join us—you know you want to. We always have fun and ... you never know what you're going to miss when you miss a NexGen event.

Tarum

Jeff Dickey

Happy Valentine's Day. I hope everyone had a good New Year and is geared up for 2012. I know Tarum is. Installation was held on January 20 and all who attended had a fine time. Thank you to all of the Divan who were able to come and, of course, Ill. Sir Charlie Crabtree, Potentate of Murat for 2012. The 2011 award winners will be announced in a later magazine.

Christmas in the Depot was a success once again. There were more than 10,000 people who attended. Roger Richert once again donated the pictures with Santa profits to the Shriners burn hospital. Thank you to Roger and to all the Tarum nobles and ladies who helped. As always, there is room for more of you to help with this event and with any other function at the Club. Contact your president, Robert Whalen, or Ladies President Barbara Moistner to see how you can help Tarum help the kids.

Remember to come to dinner on Friday nights. Also remember to go to breakfast at the Lodge the first Saturday of the month. We all need you.

See you at the Club.

Reception Unit

Jeffrey A. Close

I would like to thank all who attended our Reception Unit Organizational Meeting as the food was grand and the fellowship was enjoyable. We are now into February 2012, the holiday season is over, and we are slowly working our way toward spring.

February is somewhat quiet for the Reception Unit with Texas Hold'em on the 11th, Reception Meeting on the 14th, and Stated Meeting, the 20th. For those able to attend to honor our new Outer Guard, Little Pig will be February 17.

I would like to honor all those recently departed members of the Reception Unit with a special recognition to the 2011 F. Gene Thornburgh Award winner "Leon Houchin," who passed away December 5, 2011.

March is a much busier month for the Reception Unit. For the Shrine Circus March 1-4, we will need all available workers for this event; please contact Circus Chairman Greg Miller at (765) 366-4689 to schedule the days you and

your lady can work. The Past President Night-White Elephant Auction will be March 13. This is a fun time for all and a fundraiser for Lil' Istiks, our ladies' club. The Stated Meeting is March 19 and we will need Unit members to man the doors. The Potentate's Ball will be held March 24. Similar to last year, you can attend the dinner in the Arabian Room and the ball in the Egyptian Room for a cost of \$100 or ball only in the Egyptian Room for \$50. Dress is formal and fez. The Reception Unit will have tables of eight available. Please call Kent Smith, Sr. for your reservations at (317) 846-1650 and make your reservation before March 1.

February Calendar

Saturday, Feb. 11 – Texas Hold'em

Tuesday, Feb. 14 – Reception Unit Meeting: 7 p.m. in Murat Corinthian Room

Monday, Feb. 20 – Murat Stated Meeting

March Calendar

Thursday, March 1-4 – Murat Shrine Circus

Saturday, March 10 – Texas Hold'em

Tuesday, March 13 – Reception Meeting: "The Past President Night-White Elephant Auction"

Monday, March 19 – Murat Stated Meeting

Saturday, March 24 – Potentate's Ball

Saturday, March 31 – Reception Unit Spring Presidents Party

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. Our meeting starts at 7 p.m. in the Mediterranean Room, and the ladies meet in the Mecca Room.

Thanks and have a great month.

Highlanders

Jerry Lance

New officers are now in place. The Highlander 2012 officers are: John Brown, President; Chris Pederson, Vice President; Andy Hamaker, Secretary-Treasurer; and Rick Moffatt, Pipe Major.

We begin the year with our St. Pat's Day celebration. Many requests are already coming in for the Highlanders to play on March 17. Pipe Major Rick Moffatt is working on a plan to also play the day before the St. Pat's Day gig in order to fill all the requests coming in. St. Pat's Day is a long, long day for the Highlanders. However, at the end of the day (around 11 p.m.), many establishments give the band a standing ovation as we exit and that makes the long day very satisfying. Throughout the year, there are many private requests for pipers to play at weddings, funerals and memorial type functions. If you have a request or know of a party who would like a piper, please contact Rick Moffatt, our pipe major, and he will do his best to fill your request.

HISTORY TIME – There has been

much discussion as to when the bagpipe was invented. Bagpipes have been documented to around 1000 BC. This was a single drone pipe. Around 1450 to 1500 BC, the second and third drones were added. Through the years as the pipes developed, the "Scots from Scotland" developed the pipes as we know them today. There are many manufactured pipes made around the world with many of them coming from Pakistan, known as "Packie Pipes." However, the true quality pipes are made in Scotland, England, Canada, and the United States.

A good set of pipes runs about \$1,200 to \$1,800; however, some fully engraved pipes can run as high as \$6,000 to \$8,000. The pipes are like old pipers—the older they are the better they sound.

PIPER COST \$\$\$\$ – To outfit a piper and drummer today, it will run about \$4,500 each. This is the modern day price taken from current manufacturers and catalogs. If you would like to join the Highlanders Unit, you do not

have to invest \$4,500. The Unit has piping and drumming equipment on hand to use. Our quartermaster/VP, Chris Pederson, can outfit you to be parade ready.

ABOUT US – Within the Highlanders Unit, we have a wide variety of people: doctors, lawyers, policemen, plumbers, insurance people, retired military, air traffic controllers, teachers, CPAs, and myself, retired fire marshal. We do a lot of kidding and teasing at our practices and get-togethers but with great camaraderie and brotherhood.

UNIT MEETINGS – Our business meetings are the first Monday of the month at 7 p.m. at the temple. We have practice nights on the second and fourth Mondays at 6:30 p.m. for instruction and practice at 7 p.m.

Our dues are only \$10 per year. Come join us. We have great fun and fellowship with second to none instruction from our instructors.

Until next time.

A group of about 70 nobles of Montgomery County Shrine Club and their ladies were treated to quite a special evening recently. It started at the door, with Treasurer Greg Miller demanding \$20 apiece from each of the nobles, but “no charge” for the ladies (traditionally Ladies Night, I guess). Greg then collected for 2012 dues and handed the ladies a ticket for the drawing for very special table centerpieces. After that Greg presented Kevin D. Rhodes “decks of playing cards” and passed along that Zem-Zem of choice which was made available until dining time.

In calling the meeting to order, President Dale Harmon struck the gavel (once he got people's attention) one last time and led all to the Pledge of Allegiance. Irving Bressie (of one-car funeral leader fame) gave the prayer.

Next was an extra special huge prime rib au jus dinner served to order by Crawfordsville Elks Exalted Ruler Deb Merryman with great twice-baked potatoes and a pretzel dessert included.

After that President Harmon introduced Illustrious Sir Kevin D. Rhodes and called for the 2012 electees to come forth and be sworn in. Their ladies, some borrowed, were also traditionally sworn in. A cell phone call was taken from Edd Consoer (double D by some, triple D by others) from Florida to wish all, especially our new leaders, the best in 2012. Edd was the one who again organized the roster of members for election.

It was finally time for Dale to give up the gavel to incoming President Steve



The 2012 electees of Montgomery County Shrine Club



Dale Harmon, outgoing president; Steve Lewis, incoming president; and Potentate Kevin Rhodes.

Lewis and wish the 2012 inductees the best. Throughout the evening, those in attendance became family oriented in giving one another a rough time and enjoying themselves.

Then came the entertainment—Desperate Measures—who gave their rendition of tunes like “Folsom Prison Blues” and others we don’t hear very often. Some danced, some just listened, but all enjoyed it.

“Big Al” Harris let it be known that he and Marilyn will not be the chairpersons for the Christmas parade entry next year. Thanks for volunteering for 2011 “Big Al.”

New member Eric Oliver gave credit and a thank-you for his becoming a Shriner to those who helped him get there.

It was good to have Secretary Mike Hargrove there after his bout with foot surgery.

Incoming President Steve Lewis has had surgery since the swear-in. He had problems with two ruptured discs and they operated on one of them. He says all went well, but he won't be back to work for a couple of months of so, but will be with us at meetings.

President Lewis gave a special appreciation to Dale Harmon for his leadership in 2011.

Several of our nobles attended the December Stated Meeting at Murat. The tabs collected during the year were presented to Murat, the nominations for the 2012 Murat Divan were voted on, and a very special award was presented to one of our nobles. The Kowad 'Al Sabikin Man of the Year award was announced. The recipient cannot have ever been president of any Shrine Club or Unit, but has stood out as a Mason and Shriner. Russell Fruits was selected the man who has stood out for his achievements as Past Master of Alamo F&AM 144 and held all the other chairs as well. He is currently treasurer and has contributed financially to the Lodge. He has been an active member of the Shrine, assisting in several projects through the years. Congratulations, Russ, for this very fine award!

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Ladies Oriental Shrine

Barbara Smith

Oh what a busy month we are coming into and a busy beginning to 2012. We have seen winter raise its head with cold temperatures and some snow, so some have gone into hibernation while others travel south for warmer temperatures. We will welcome them back come spring when daffodils and tulips awaken.

Ladies, we have had our last pizza sale for my court year but look for another

one during the next court year, the year of the Egyptian Lady. We will be having our election of officers, recognition of our 25- and 50-year members, and a ceremonial on Saturday, February 18, 2012. Please come for these activities as we would love to see many of you on this special day.

The Shrine Circus is fast approaching so mark your calendars now for March 1–4 as we help the nobles in their endeavor of

having fun with the Shrine children as well as children of all ages. This is a fun time but also a time of working together. Remember we are here for the children.

Ladies, please come and support Tarum Court #14 in the upcoming year where the sassy seahorses will be departing and the Egyptian ladies will be emerging with the arrival of spring.

New Year's Eve and you know what the final score is? The positives: 100 percent; the negatives: 110 percent. Sure, problems develop but Ol' Pappy Time heals all wounds—the Band is no exception. Our retiring officers gave all and the new leaders still in swaddling clothes “with zippers” promise something new and different. Nothing remains the same. Change is good and as we reflect on past changes, we roll to stay abreast of the future. 2011 has given us several new members, a home for the homeless Band parade float, a bass drum (5' prototype of Purdue's “Big Bertha” and largest in Shrinedom), the Byrne calliope with generator and accessories, and rehearsal attendance on the rise.

The Children's Christmas Party was the last performance in 2011. Several bandsmen played for the future Shriners of tomorrow. We'll be ready as soon as they are.

The annual end of the year dinner was on Wednesday, December 14. The election was held and the results are as follows: Ray Hauser, President; Gary Selig, First Vice President; Brian Sherrill, Second Vice President; Sam Hiatt, Treasurer; Jim Cox, Secretary; Ray Hauser, Musical Director; and Board Members: Tom Price, Mike McLaughlin, and Bob Murray.

Per President Ray Hauser: “As president, I welcome the challenge and will continue to build on what we have accomplished in previous years.”



From fez to fez: Mike McLaughlin, Sam Hiatt, Tom Price, Gary Selig, Bob Murray, Jim Cox, Brian Sherrill, and Ray Hauser.

We rehearse nearly every Wednesday at 7 p.m. in the Corinthian Room. Come on down, look us over, and join this family fun group. We'll make you glad you did.

In memory of past Band President John Schaefer: John, 56-year Band member mounted that Black Camel on his journey to that House not made with hands eternal in the heavens. You are missed, John.

Patrol

Dan Ryan

February is here and by now the Super Bowl is over. I hope your team won and the party you had went well. The city should be empty of all those fans by now and hopefully the cleanup won't be too difficult.

Congratulations to our newly elected Divan. Let's all wish them and Murat a prosperous year.

The Patrol has elected its 2012 officers and they were duly installed by Chief Rabban Jim Priest before any of them could back out: John Montgomery, President; Mike Whitaker, Vice President; Richard Black, Treasurer; and Dan Ryan, Secretary.

The circus is coming to town and is still in need of volunteers! The dates are Thursday, March 1, through Sunday, March 4. If you attend and work only four performances, you will be invited to the Ringmaster's Banquet which will be held on Friday, April 13.

If you haven't taken your children or grandchildren out for a special occasion lately, it's about time. Here is the perfect opportunity to get some quality time with your loved ones. It truly is magic when you see their faces light up with the excitement you can only find at the circus.

The Potentate's Ball is Saturday, March 24. It's not too late to get your tickets. We already have several Patrollers going because of their terrific Reverse Raffle ticket sales. Why not join them. I'm sure the Patrol will have a table reserved.

The Patrol welcomes its newest member, Daniel Smith. He was recruited by Dave Everman. Welcome aboard Dan.

If you would like to become a life member, the cost is only \$200. Several Patrollers have already taken advantage of this new program.

We are planning another Reverse Raffle for April 7 in the Arabian Room this time. Due to the overwhelming response to our having it at the temple last time, we ran out of room. Lesson learned. The tickets will be \$25 per couple and will be available soon. Details will be discussed at the next meeting.

Speaking of the next meeting, it will be Tuesday, February 21, at 7 p.m. Bring a new member or even a potential new member. Just make sure he's breathing.

Please remember to keep our service men and women in your prayers. See you at the next meeting.

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Make Plans to Attend the 2012 Imperial Session in Charlotte



Shriners International

Mark your calendars now for the 2012 Imperial Session, scheduled for July 1-5, 2012, in Charlotte, N.C. This gorgeous city has become one of America's most important financial centers, second only to New York City.

Charlotte offers plenty of popular tourist attractions. The Bank of America Corporate Center – one of Charlotte's tallest skyscrapers – offers spectacular views of the cityscape; Charlotte's Carolina Raptor Center has 25 different species of raptors; and for those in the mood for fast rides and sideshows, there is Paramount's Carowinds theme park.

Some of Charlotte's main museums and art galleries include the Charlotte Museum of History; Discovery Place, which

includes an Omnimax Theater, planetarium and aquarium; Charlotte Nature Museum – an exciting nature center with Native American relics; North Carolina Transportation Museum – with information and exhibits about various forms of historic transport and the Mint Museum of Art – North Carolina's oldest art museum. The city also offers countless gardens to enjoy, including McGill Rose Garden, Daniel Stowe Botanical Gardens and the UNC Charlotte Botanical Gardens. Another popular attraction is Reed Goldmine State Historic Park, where America's first documented gold rush took place.

Charlotte also has numerous options for those who love cars and racing. The Backing Up Classic Auto Museum and the North Carolina Auto Racing Hall

of Fame both offer a large collection of classic cars and car racing memorabilia. There is also Charlotte Motor Speedway, a major racing track, as well as the Richard Petty Driving Experience – where racing fans can experience professional race car driving first-hand.

The Oasis Shriners and Deputy Imperial Potentate Al Madsen look forward to hosting the 2012 Imperial Session in their home city. Please make your plans soon, and be a part of the fraternity's most significant week of the year.

2016 Session Location Announced

The latest city to be added to the Imperial Session list is Tampa, Fla., scheduled for 2016. Tampa is a vibrant city that is also the home of Shriners International Headquarters and Shriners Hospitals for Children — Tampa. In addition to the fantastic weather and the area's beaches, the city also offers a wide range of interesting spots to visit, including Busch Gardens and the Tampa Museum of Art. For fans of plays, orchestras and grand operas, there is the David A. Straz, Jr. Center for the Performing Arts. There are also plenty of shopping options to choose from and also the possibility of catching a Rays game for all the baseball enthusiasts. Checkout www.imperial2012.com for more information.

Please also note that the Imperial Session will be held in Indianapolis, Minneapolis and Houston in the intervening years.

Future Imperial Sessions

July 1-5, 2012 – Charlotte, N.C.
June 30-July 4, 2013 – Indianapolis
July 6-10, 2014 – Minneapolis
July 5-9, 2015 – Houston
July 3-7, 2016 – Tampa



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OSAUG11MPTA

The Murat Chanters are back at work and bigger than ever. After our extended holiday, we have some new faces and a lot of new music to learn. Our first major engagement is the Murat Circus, at which we will perform a minimum of four times. This year, in addition to performing the national anthem with the Murat Band, we also will be performing a special arrangement of "Marches of the Armed Forces" with the Band. It should be quite a show.

Then, on March 24, 2012, we will again have the honor of performing some special music for our new Potentate, Charlie Crabtree, and his lovely lady, Faye. It is all a big secret, so you will need to buy a ticket to see this rare form of entertainment. It WILL be "unforgettable." It appears that the ticket prices are quite reasonable, too. We will be there in force and hope to see each of you.

Other special Murat events on our

calendar include the Murat Memorial Service on May 24 at 11 a.m. (all Shriners and widows are invited) and our Spring Ceremonial. Then comes the big one: Imperial Session in Charlotte, where we intend to attend in force and compete for the grand prize of best Chanter chorus in all of Shrinedom. Wish us luck!! With Doug Fegenbush, P.G.M., as the new Second Vice President of the Shrine Chanters Association International, how

can we lose?

If your Club, Unit, Lodge, York Rite, Kiwanis, Sertoma, American Legion, or other gathering of like-minded men and/or ladies is looking for entertainment, please give me a call at the number below for available dates. Likewise, we are available for "commercial" events with donations from the sponsor to cover our expenses and, if appropriate, to the Murat Transportation Fund. And, now that the Super Bowl is back on track, if you have a contact to a local or visiting group who could use an hour of music-filled entertainment, please give me a call.

Our rehearsals are at 7 on Monday nights, with many Chanters gathering in the Oasis Lounge in advance for food and libation. We are also forming a second quartet, so if that appeals to you, don't hesitate. Please call Phil Thrasher at 407-3650 for information. Thanks.



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GOLF CALENDAR 2012

Golfers,

It looks to be another busy season. If your Club or Unit is not listed below, then neither Potentate Charlie nor I has been contacted for approval for 2012. All golf chairmen for 2011 have been contacted for information. If you have changed contact persons, please send the information to me at ctwhitaker@embarqmail.com so we can get your information in the next issue of the Murat Magazine. The success of your event is our goal. Once approved, all outings will be posted on the Golf Calendar and run until your event occurs. It is a nice way to let the nobility know of your event, helps in planning, and lessens the chance of conflicts.

If you have decided to host a golf outing, a simple reminder that your stag event is open to Shriners or non-Shriners must be approved by the Potentate before it can be entered onto the Golf Calendar in the Murat Magazine.

Please send your request to: Charles L. Crabtree @ potentate@murat-shrine.org or to: Tim Whitaker, golf chairman, at ctwhitaker@embarqmail.com.

You may also want to send in a quarter page ad to the managing editor, Cliff Lewis, with additional information about your event.

2012 GOLF DATES ARE

APRIL 19 (THURSDAY)

Johnson County Mini-Mystics, Hickory Stick Golf Club. \$65 per player, 12 Noon Shotgun Start, Scramble. Includes: Green Fees, 1/2 Cart, Beverages on Course, Dinner at Johnson County Shrine Club. **Contact:** Duane Burgess, (317) 339-8225, e-mail: chiefburgess@comcast.net.

MAY 10TH (THURSDAY)

Shelby County Shrine Club, Bear Chase Golf Club, Shelbyville, IN. Includes: TBA. **Contact:** Bill Rasner.

MAY 31 (THURSDAY)

Madison County Shrine Club, Meadowbrook Golf Course. \$55 per player, 11 a.m. Shotgun Start.

Includes: Green Fees, 1/2 Cart, Zem-Zem on Course, Prizes and Dinner.

Contacts: Dick Dawson, (765) 378-5285; Terry Dickey (765) 378-3211; Curly McNally, (765) 378-0031; or Tim Limbrock, (765) 378-1698. Make checks payable to Madison County Shrine Club.

JUNE 7 (THURSDAY)

Reception Unit Golf Outing, Valle Vista Golf & Conference Center. 11 a.m. Shotgun Start. Includes: TBA.

Contacts: Joe Stoutner, Mike Metzger, or Jeff Close, (317) 919-4426.

JUNE 16 (SATURDAY)

Dramatic Cast, Clover Meadows Golf Course, Cloverdale, IN. \$65 per player, Tee Times begin 11 a.m., then every eight minutes. Banker's Handicap. Includes: Green Fees, 1/2 Cart, Beverages on Course and Dinner. Form your own foursome or we will assign you to a group. **Contact:** (and make checks payable to) Larry Sutherlin, 1718 Esther Ct., Plainfield, IN 46168.

Directions to golf course: Go West on I-70 to Cloverdale exit, US 231. Turn south and go through Cloverdale to SR42. Turn right (west) on SR42 and go approximately one mile to where SR42 curves left. Don't turn, but instead go straight ahead for about one mile and the golf course will be on your right.

JULY 13TH (FRIDAY)

Montgomery County Shrine Club, Rocky Ridge Golf Club. 10 a.m. Shotgun Start. Includes: TBA.

Contact: Greg Miller, (765) 366-4689.

JULY 19 (THURSDAY)

POTENTATE'S GOLF OUTING

Honoring Illustrious Potentate Charlie L. Crabtree, Winding Ridge Golf Course (Indianapolis). Scramble. Includes: Fees, Food, Prizes, Drinks & other TBA. Masonic Team Traveling Trophy Competition. **Contact:** Tim Whitaker, (317) 933-3734 or cell (317) 372-2375, e-mail: ctwhitaker@embarqmail.com.

AUGUST 9 (THURSDAY)

White County Shrine Golf Outing, Tippecanoe Golf Club. Cost: TBA. 12:30 p.m. Shotgun Start. Includes: Green Fees, 1/2 Cart, Zem-Zem on Course, Light Lunch 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. & Dinner at 5:30 p.m. **Contact:** Dick Harner, e-mail: rlharner@comcast.net.

SEPTEMBER 6 (THURSDAY)

Johnson County Shrine Club, Hickory Stick Golf Club. Scramble. Includes: TBA. **Contact:** Steve Childers.

As you can see, nobles, the list is getting longer. Don't be left out — get your information in as soon as you have it available.

Thank You,
Tim Whitaker, Golf Chairman



Welcome New Nobles



Name	Top-Line Signer	Unit/Club
Timothy Decker	Ray Hauser, Jr.	Band
Eric Oliver	Ed Consoer	Montgomery County Shrine Club
Daniel Veguilla-Nunez	Bill Pike	None Listed
James Callon	Harry Bond	Brown County Shrine Club
Michael Frost	Harry Bond	Brown County Shrine Club
Joseph Herner	Harry Bond	Brown County Shrine Club
Michael McDonald	Dawson Back	Brown County Shrine Club
Edmond Morning, Jr.	Harry Bond	Brown County Shrine Club
Charles J. Robbins	Charles W. Robbins	Brown County Shrine Club
Danny Shafer	Harry Bond	Brown County Shrine Club
Robert Souders	Harry Bond	Brown County Shrine Club
Jeremy Knoblauch	Joe Stoutner, Jr.	NexGen
Richard Carson	Charles Carson	Boone County Shrine Club
D. Lee Sheets, Jr.	Charles Carson	Boone County Shrine Club
Timothy Brinkmeyer	Grant Mumford	Kentucky Colonels
Major Bailey	Doug Godme	RV Club
Gregory Oldham	Jeff Humble	Madison County Shrine Club
Ken Parks	Jeff Humble	Madison County Shrine Club
Ronald Brandes	Rodney Brandes	Southeastern Shrine Club
Mathew Bryant	Forney Daugeette III	None Listed
Jason Bundy	Tracy Badgley	None Listed
James Cameron	Tracy Badgley	None Listed
Theodore Capshew	Danny Hicks	Stone Belt Shrine Club
Benjamin Coy	Earl Neville	Bartholomew County Shrine Club
James Essex	Joe Essex	None Listed
Michael Harder	Jerry Breedlove	Boone County Shrine Club
Richard Howard	Morris Dickey	None Listed
William Mabrey	Carl Rochelle	Morgan County Shrine Club
Scott Myslinski	Carl Culmann	None Listed
Robert Nice	Carl Culmann	Kokomo Shrine Club
Matthew Phelps	Ed Adams	None Listed
Arthur Roberts	Roger Newman	None Listed
Robert Slisz	Danny Hicks	Stone Belt Shrine Club
F. Wesley Wingate	Mike Smith	None Listed
Dennis Young	Redford Young	Johnson County Shrine Club
John Graves	Louis Wood	None Listed

Contributions

Photos by Dave McKinney

(December 2011)



Patrol President Phil Goodwin presents a \$200 check to Past Potentate Kevin Rhodes to be used by Murat where best needed. With President Phil for this presentation were Patrol members Ed Adams, Ron Brown, Michael Whitaker and Ron Fannin.



Montgomery County Shrine Club President Dale Harmon, along with fellow members Steve Lewis, Steve Wicks, Jim West, Jimmy Stevenson, Steve Middleton, Greg Miller, Bob Vandervolk, Wayne Smith, Jim Fruits, Russ Fruits, and Irving Bressie, donates 450 pounds of aluminum tabs to Shriners Hospitals. Accepting the donation is Past Potentate Kevin Rhodes.



Past Potentate Kevin Rhodes accepts a \$258 check on behalf of the Tri-County Shrine Club from Club President Jim Disponett and Club members Ralph Harvey, Dan Hines and Dave Disponett.



A \$710 contribution to the Murat Transportation Fund was made by Past Potentate Bill Wimmenaur on behalf of Noble Bob McGee to Past Potentate Kevin Rhodes.



A large contingent of members from the Murat Reception Unit turned out to assist President Jeff Close in making multiple donations to Past Potentate Kevin Rhodes. These nobles were ably assisted by Past Potentates Larry Jefferson and Craig Hinshaw and Past Potentate and Imperial Sir John Cinotto.



Past Potentate Kevin Rhodes receives a \$100 check for the Shriners Hospitals from Legion of Honor President Ron Bolyard and fellow Legion members Bob Watson, Larry Hearn, Lloyd Hearn, Tony Stout, John Cheeley, Tom Morgan, Larry Sexton, Wendell Hilligoss, Steve Wilson, LeRoy Callahan, and Bob Rash.



Representing Stone Belt Shrine Club, President David Shafer and Club members Tom Parker and Turner Nolan give three checks to Past Potentate Kevin Rhodes. They were as follows: \$500 to the Cincinnati Hospital Book of Gold, \$100 to the Million Dollar Club, and \$100 to the Chicago Hospital.

The donations made included \$100 to the Transportation Fund in memory of their fellow Club members who have passed away in 2011; \$1,000 to the Chicago Shriners Hospital in honor of Past Potentate Craig Hinshaw who is a Board Member; and \$900 from the Reception Unit, itself, for the Murat Transportation Fund.



Johnson County Shrine Club representatives Duane Burgess and Tim Whitaker hand over a \$500 donation to the Lexington Hospital to Past Potentate Kevin Rhodes.



Past Potentate Kevin Rhodes displays a \$5,000 check given on behalf of the VCM by Club members Sam Thompson, Charlie Merlau and Past Potentates Craig Hinshaw and Ron Elliott.



President Glen Pearson of the Logansport Shrine Club, along with Bill Michael and Ralph Colter, Jr., presents Past Potentate Kevin Rhodes with three checks totaling \$5,150. The donation is divided as follows: \$150 for the Circus Bicycle/Bond Program, \$2,500 for the Cincinnati Hospital, and \$2,500 for the Murat Transportation Fund.



Nobles of the Hendricks County Shrine Club present Past Potentate Kevin Rhodes with his "likeness" which is annually prepared by Club member John Essex, II.



Past Potentate Kevin Rhodes presents representatives of the Murat Motorcycle Drill Team with the Unit of the Year award for 2011. The Gatling Gun Club are co-winners of this award but are not pictured.



Southeastern Shrine Club members John Race, Allen Goddman, and Dick Jung are joined by Recorder Ed Wolfe in the presentation of three donations which were for \$1,129.13 to the Cincinnati Hospital; \$1,129.12 to the Lexington Hospital; and \$14,375 from the Club's Paper Crusade.



Noble Russell Fruits receives Kowad 'Al Sabikin's Man of the Year award from Club President Don Olvey who is joined in the presentation by Past Potentate Kevin Rhodes and Club members Mike Smith and Wayne Smith.



Members of the Murat Clowns gathered at the December Stated Meeting to accept the Unit of the Year for 2011 from Past Potentate Kevin Rhodes.



On behalf of the Logansport Shrine Club, President Glenn Pearson, Secretary Bill Michael and Board Member Ralph Colter, Jr. presented "NERN Shirts" to Murat Divan members Chief Rabban Jim Priest, Assistant Rabban Bill Rasner, High Priest & Prophet Tim Murphy, Treasurer Scott Chuster, Oriental Guide Carl Culmann, Captain of the Guard Art Borton and Past Potentate Ron Elliott.



Potentate Charlie Crabtree and his new Chief Aide, Joe Stoutner, with his Fez.



Noble Grant Mumford, on behalf of the Murpah County Shrine Club, accepts the 2011 Outlying Club of the Year award from Past Potentate Kevin Rhodes.



Potentate Charlie Crabtree reveals to the nobility his 2012 appointment as Outer Guard, Chuck Shull.



Correction from the January issue. President Ralph Kauffman, along with Noble Dick Harner, hands over an \$8,000 check for the Murat Transportation Fund to Past Potentate Kevin Rhodes on behalf of the White County Shrine Club.



Noble Larry Sutherlin gives a \$200 check to Past Potentate Kevin Rhodes for the Transportation Fund. The donation was on behalf of Noble J.D. Moore.

NOT PICTURED: Noble Richard Kirkman was named Shriner of the Year for 2011 by Past Potentate Kevin Rhodes.

Charlotte

138TH IMPERIAL SESSION
CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA
JULY 1-5, 2012

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PARADE – WEDNESDAY, JULY 4, 2012, 5 P.M.



The Hilton Garden Inn is our hotel in gorgeous Charlotte, NC. A first night room deposit of \$168.67, including tax and room binder, is due by May 1, 2012. A four-night stay is required. Please contact the Fraternal Office for reservations.

TRAVEL CLUB

The Travel Club has two very exciting and fun trips planned during 2012.

The first is June 9. This will be for children of all ages and will be a one-day bus trip to Holiday World.

The second trip will be a 10-day cruise to the Panama Canal. This trip will be one to remember, traveling on Princess Cruise lines. The cruise departs Indianapolis on November 2 and returns home on November 11.

Please join us for an informational meeting and trip presentation in the Murat Tunisian Room on February 23 at 7 p.m. for all of the details. If you cannot make it to the meeting, the information can be found on the Murat Web site.

Please join Faye and me on both of these fun-filled trips.

Fraternally,

Charles Crabtree
Potentate



2012 Potentate's Shirt

Men's Long or Short Sleeve	\$34
Men's or Ladies Camp Shirt	\$40
Ladies 3/4 sleeve	\$30

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Prices include:
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To order, please contact the Fraternal Office.



AN EXCERPT FROM GENERAL ORDER NO. 1: FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES

It is natural to associate the fez with Shriners Hospitals for Children. Because of this, meticulous attention must be given to all fundraising activities, including circuses, to make certain that such activities comply with the law of the land and that a contributor is not led to believe that his money will be used for the Hospitals when all or a portion thereof will be used otherwise. The integrity of our charity and of our fraternity must remain above reproach.

Your specific attention is called to the following fraternal and charitable bylaws:

§335.3 USE OF NAME "SHRINERS HOSPITALS FOR CHILDREN." The use of the name "Shriners Hospitals for Children" or reference to the Hospitals in connection with any fundraising activity by a temple or Noble without the written consent of the Imperial Potentate and the Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Hospitals is prohibited.

§503.10 The use of the name "Shriners Hospitals for Children" or reference to the Hospitals in connection with any commercial product or business enterprise is prohibited unless the written consent of the Board of Directors and Trustees has been first obtained.

Now, therefore, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

1. Fundraising for Fraternal Purposes:

- (a) No Noble (in his capacity as a Shriner), club, unit, organization of Nobles or affiliated or appendant corporations shall engage in any fundraising activity without the express written consent of the potentate of the temple having jurisdiction thereof.
 - (b) There can be no representation, express or implied, that the proceeds will be for the benefit of Shriners Hospitals for Children.
 - (c) The temple potentate shall carefully examine all phases of the advertising, promotion and solicitation to determine that it complies with §335.3 and §503.11 of the fraternal and charitable bylaws.
 - (d) The temple potentate must approve the terms and provisions of any contract for a fundraising activity after receiving the advice of the temple attorney, and additionally, as may be required by the temple bylaws.
 - (e) A copy of the temple potentate's written consent shall be mailed to the Executive Vice President, Imperial Council. Further, such written material pertaining to the fundraising activity, as requested by the Executive Vice President, Imperial Council shall be promptly mailed to him.
2. Fundraising for Charitable Purposes:

- (a) No Noble (in his capacity as a Shriner), club, unit, organization of Nobles or affiliated or appendant corporations shall engage in any charitable fundraising activity other than for Shriners Hospitals for Children, and said activity shall not be in the jurisdiction of any other temple. Permission therefore must be first obtained in writing from the temple potentate. The temple potentate must then obtain written permission from the Chairmen of the Boards of Directors and Trustees. This request for written permission shall be sent to the Executive Vice President, Imperial Council, P.O. Box 31356, Tampa, FL 33631-3356.

However, a joint charitable fundraising activity with another §501(c)(3) charity may be authorized provided that a minimum of 50% of the net proceeds are for the benefit of Shriners Hospitals for Children, and the Chairmen of the Boards of Directors and Trustees determine, on a case by case basis, that it is in the best interest of Shriners Hospitals for Children and they grant their written permission for the activity.

- (b) 100% of net proceeds (as defined in the Charitable Fund Raising-Approval And Reporting provisions of any existing General Order) from charitable fundraising must be given to Shriners Hospitals for Children except for such portion thereof as may be permitted to be retained for the temple Shrine Hospital Patient

Transportation Fund, pursuant to the Special Purpose Funds provisions of any existing General Order. Provided, however, if the Chairmen of the Boards of Directors and Trustees determine for good cause shown, that the law of the land requires that a portion of the net proceeds must be distributed locally, then they may, if they determine it to be in the best interest of Shriners Hospitals for Children, grant their written permission for such distribution.

- (c) The temple shall report the result of each charitable fundraising activity within sixty days of the activity, pursuant to the Charitable Fund Raising-Approval And Reporting provision of any existing General Order.
- (d) This section shall not apply to activities exempt under §335.4(b) of the bylaws of The Imperial Council.
- (e) Each independent corporation or entity that receives the permission of the Chairmen of the Boards of Directors and Trustees to raise money for Shriners Hospitals for Children, and which does not have its financial statements reviewed pursuant to §334.6 & §337.8 of the bylaws of The Imperial Council, shall have its financial statements audited by a certified, chartered or licensed public accountant and shall submit such audit report to The Imperial Council within 120 days of the activity.

3. Statement of Purpose and Disclosure:

- (a) Every fundraising activity must contain factual information on its solicitation material, tickets, programs and documents, including all electronically transmitted materials, regarding the use of the proceeds.

Examples:

"Proceeds are for the benefit of (_____ Shriners) (_____ Shrine Club) activities."

"Proceeds are for the benefit of Shriners Hospitals for Children."

- (b) Every fundraising activity which is not entirely for the benefit of Shriners Hospitals for Children shall prominently state on the solicitation material, tickets and documents that "payments are not deductible as charitable contributions."
 - (c) There must be compliance with the Revenue Act of 1987 provision of any existing general order by U.S. temples.
4. Compliance with Applicable Laws:
- It is the responsibility of the temple potentate, after receiving the advice of the temple attorney, to determine that there is compliance with all applicable laws in its jurisdiction for the temple's fundraising activities.

5. Financial Records:

- (a) The temple shall maintain detailed financial records pertaining to all fundraising activities involving Nobles, clubs, units, organizations of Nobles and affiliated and appendant corporations. Details of all revenues and expenditures shall be maintained in such financial records.
- (b) The temple must retain such detailed financial records for a period of seven (7) years.
- (c) There must be compliance with *Financial Reporting on Charitable Funds and Activities* provision of any existing general order.

6. Notification to Nobility:

A copy of the *Fundraising Activities* provisions of any existing general order shall be printed in the temple publication at least once every calendar year. If there is no temple publication, then a copy shall be mailed to each Noble in the temple not later than the last day in March of each calendar year.

7. Discipline:

Any officer, Noble or temple which violates a provision of *Fundraising Activities* is subject to discipline pursuant to the bylaws of The Imperial Council.

Shrine Yearbook



Nobles and Ladies: Have you ever seen someone at a Shrine event and not known their name? We want to help by creating a yearbook with all of the members of our Shrine. The yearbook will also include pictures of leadership, units, and various events. Summerfield Studios will be photographing our Nobles and Ladies and they will publish our yearbook. Call Summerfield Studios at 1-877-764-4535 ext. 210 to schedule your appointment. Please plan to participate. We want the yearbook to be as complete as possible.

COMING EVENTS

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

FEBRUARY

- WED. 1 DEADLINE FOR MARCH MAGAZINE
 MON. 6- Murat Yearbook Photo Session
 MON. 13
 SAT. 11 Texas Hold'em
 FRI. 17 Little Pig Initiation
 MON. 20 Divan Meeting, Board Meeting
 Stated Meeting 7 p.m.
 THU. 23 Murat Travel Club 7 p.m.

MARCH

- THU. 1 DEADLINE FOR APRIL MAGAZINE
 THU. 1- Murat Shrine Circus
 SUN. 4
 SAT. 10 Texas Hold'em
 MON. 19 Divan Meeting, Board Meeting
 Stated Meeting 7 p.m.
 SAT. 24 Potentate's Ball

APRIL

- MON. 2 DEADLINE FOR MAY MAGAZINE
 WED. 11 Ladies Card Party
 FRI. 13 Ringmaster's Banquet
 Band Night
 SAT. 14 Grand Master's One-Day Class
 Texas Hold'em
 MON. 16 Divan Meeting, Board Meeting
 Stated Meeting 7 p.m.

MAY

- TUE. 1 DEADLINE FOR JUNE MAGAZINE
 SAT. 5 Murat Shrine Ceremonial
 THU. 10- Smoky Mountain Fun Fest
 SAT. 12
 SAT. 12 Texas Hold'em
 MON. 21 Divan Meeting, Board Meeting
 Stated Meeting 7 p.m.
 THU. 24 Murat Shrine Memorial Service
 FRI. 25 Band Night
 SAT. 26- 500 Race Activities
 SUN. 27

JUNE

- SAT. 9 Potentate's Holiday World Trip
 Texas Hold'em
 MON. 18 Divan Meeting, Board Meeting
 Stated Meeting 7 p.m.
 SAT. 23 Parrot Head Party
 SAT. 30- Imperial Session
 THU. 5

JULY

- MON. 16 Divan Meeting, Board Meeting
 Stated Meeting 7 p.m.
 THU. 19 Potentate's Golf Outing
 SUN. 22 Murat Shrine Picnic

Shriners Hospital 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.

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