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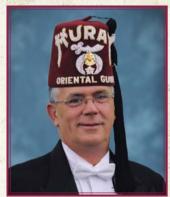
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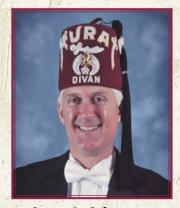
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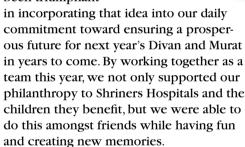
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As I write this final message, I am overcome with bittersweet memories of the time I have spent not only as Potentate of Murat Shrine, but as a fellow Shriner of this great fraternity. Even before I was appointed to Outer Guard by my Fraternal Father Ron Elliott, P.P., in 2008, I've been privileged to work with an amazing group of nobles and ladies. It has also been an honor to have

such an amazing team as the Divan to support Murat, as well as Vicki and me, this year.

My theme for 2014 has been "Working Today for a Better Tomorrow" and I feel we have been triumphant



I thank our wonderful team of nobles and their ladies. It is because of their valiant efforts that the many events and fundraisers Murat organizes throughout the year are successful. We were able to induct 66 new members into the Shrine at the ceremonial last month thanks to their hard work and dedication.

I recognize the great teamwork put forth by our many Clubs and Units this year. Their members dedicate countless hours promoting fun and fellowship within our fraternity, all while raising money and awareness to better the future of our network of Shriners

Hospitals for Children. I encourage all our nobles and ladies to step up and be part of the team by joining one of our many Clubs

I give special thanks to our Divan and Divan ladies. They have been a vital key in assisting me this year in many of our major events, and it is their unity and dedication that have helped make these events success-

> ful as well as memorable. I have the utmost faith that their commitment will deliver Murat many successful years and I encourage all members to work together toward the goal to go above and beyond in the future.

And to my Lady Vicki—a beautiful young

lady with a heart of gold. You have stood beside me during the good and the bad, never wavering and staying strong. Thank you for supporting me in my commitment to this great fraternity and philanthropy over the years and for your dedication in making Murat successful. Your dedication to life in general is an inspiration to those around you. That is why I'm taking this opportunity to thank you for the past 18 years of life we have spent together and I am eagerly looking forward to the next 18 years.

Lady Vicki and I wish everyone a wonderful holiday season filled with joy, laughter, family and friends. Again, we are heartened at the amount of support we have received this year from all of our Divan, nobles, and their ladies. We hope you will continue working EVERY DAY for a better tomorrow.

Best wishes for 2015!

William B. Rasner Illustrious Potentate 2014

# Why I Am a Shrine-Mason

### JOHN CINOTTO, JUNIOR PAST IMPERIAL POTENTATE

nitially, I became a Mason, and then a Shriner, to meet people and increase my business contacts. In today's terminology, it was a networking opportunity. I was working hard to build my company; many of my customers, as well as contractors I worked with, were Shrine-Masons, and joining seemed a good business decision.

After becoming a member of Murat Shriners in 1981, it wasn't long before I experienced the famous Shriners brand of fellowship. Eventually, participation and camaraderie with fellow nobles led to lasting friendships. As we all work to strengthen membership, it would be good to promote the fun, fellowship, friendships, and even the connections that come with being a Shriner, more strongly.

I also enjoyed assisting with the temple's circuses, and managed them for 11 years, as well as leading the circus association for a time.

#### **Experiencing the Philanthropy**

It was not until I was a member of the temple Divan and attended the Divan Day events at our Cincinnati hospital that I really began to understand the other side of the fraternity's work. Eventually, I was fortunate to have the opportunity to visit several Shriners Hospitals, including the Chicago and Lexington locations. Every fraternity member should certainly be proud of our health care system and everything our staff is able to accomplish to improve the lives of children and families. It is also critically important that everyone involved realize the importance of the fraternity—and the nobles—to the health care system. I believe the two are inseparable, and that the philosophy and character of the Shriners play a huge part in the hospitals' reputations for providing deeply compassionate care in a family-oriented, friendly atmosphere. Our hospitals would become very different places without the presence of the red fez.

One of my most rewarding experiences at the Imperial level has been working with Raymond Novak, Ph.D., corporate director of research. It has been wonderful to see the changes our research efforts have brought to treatment protocols, and by extension, to our patients' lives. It was also very satisfying to work with the office of membership development and help implement programs to



assist nobles in becoming more effective in sharing their stories and increasing our numbers.

Being Imperial Potentate was not something I ever dreamed of accomplishing. I was humbled and honored to serve the fraternity in that capacity. As Imperial Potentate, I was pleased to be able to travel to Europe and the Philippines and see the strength of our new nobles there, and see how committed they are to meeting the needs of both the members and the community.

#### A Commitment to Ideals and Actions

I have served on countless temple committees, on the Murat Divan for 10 years and at the Imperial level for 12 years, as well as being actively involved in affiliated organizations, including the Order of Q. What began as a choice to belong to an organization for the networking benefits it could provide me, became and remains a deep commitment to Shriners International based on a love for our hospitals and all they accomplish, a firm belief in the teachings of Masonry, and the true friendships that have developed over the years.

Shriners International and Shriners Hospitals for Children are both unique, valuable organizations that enhance and improve lives, and make this world a better place. As nobles, it is our responsibility and honor to actively participate and to do all we can to strengthen, preserve and protect them for the sake of future generations.

Next to marrying Margaret, and my family, being a Shriner is the best thing that ever happened to me.



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Well, it is hard to believe 2014 is almost over—a true example of how time flies when you are having fun, and oh have we had fun, all while helping our Shrine children.

For me, one of the highlights of the year was the Potentate's trip to Michigan. It was wonderful to share my love for Petoskey, MI, and surrounding areas with so many. It was also the first time my mother, Lou Ann Franklin, her sister, Fay Lorio, and their brother, Noble Jack Pope, had been together at our family cottage since they were MUCH younger. It was extra special because my daughter, Jennessa, was there as well.

Other highlights include all the Clubs, Units and Shrine-wide events we attended. It is great to visit old friends and make new ones. It is also exciting to see Clubs and Units grow with enthusiasm to promote Shrine and the unity it brings to the Fraternal Family, including the ladies.

Imperial in Minneapolis was also a favorite. Not only was it in honor of our own Imperial Sir John Cinotto and Lady Margaret, but Murat's hospitality room was indeed hospitable. Everyone felt welcome and we hosted a lot

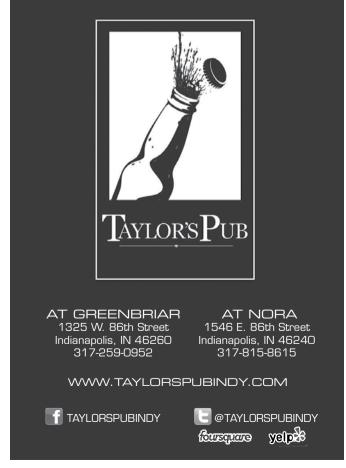
of nobility from other temples. Special thanks to Joe and Becky Essex, with the help of Whit and Helen Smith, for going above and beyond. Your efforts throughout this year have been very much appreciated. Great Job!!!

Other special thanks go to Tim and Colleen Whitaker. The job of Chief Aide is not an easy one and is often very much underappreciated; the ladies roll even more so. Tim and Colleen did an exceptional job dedicating many hours to help ensure the best for all nobility and their ladies. Thank you for being by our side every step of this journey.

Thank you to all the nobility and their ladies who supported Bill as Potentate and me, his lady; the Divan; and all of Murat in the 2014 activities and adventures. For Bill, the Shrine is not just a "hobby" but a passion, and I am proud of his accomplishments. Your continued support of Murat and Shriners Hospitals for Children truly means the world to us.

It really is a WONDERFUL WORLD because of SHRINERS.





# Circus Update

### JEFF KOLESZAR, CIRCUS DIRECTOR

in the planning and evolution process of the Murat Shrine Circus. As had been mentioned at the Ringmaster's Banquet in May, now that the 2014 circus was behind us, we were already working on the 2015 circus. Items that were on our "critical" list included meeting with Hamid Circus, our promoter, to discuss the quality of the acts we have had recently; discussing 2015 availability; and also a few minor items. I have also had discussions with our contacts at the Indiana State Fairgrounds about availability of the Coliseum, Blue Ribbon Pavilion and Champions Pavilion.

One of the issues we have encountered is that the Coliseum is booked for a large part of the year because of the new hockey team playing there. The hockey team has contractual priority booking for all of their dates; in other words, all other groups are secondary to that new major tenant. All other requests (non-hockey) are filled last. Another hurdle to overcome is that the hockey team's schedule does not get released until May of each year for the following season, which runs from October until June. This made it increasingly difficult to find dates in 2015 for which we could utilize the Coliseum.

Murat is not the only outside organization that routinely utilized the Coliseum for larger events. Now, due to the Coliseum's lack of availability, the outside groups have been booking at the Champions Pavilion and the Blue Ribbon Pavilion, as we did the past two years. Even if we were satisfied with the limited acts we could squeeze into the other building, the lack of ceiling height simply makes a first-class circus impossible. Additionally, the limited 2015 available dates of these facilities did not match up with Hamid's dates (or the dates of other potential providers).

Now that the Coliseum renovation is complete, the Fair

Board has, not surprisingly, also increased the daily rental fees, which naturally impacts our finances directly and dramatically. Additionally, there is a new requirement that we pay for their ushers, ticket takers, parking attendants, booth sales staff, and other roles normally filled by Murat's volunteers. This, of course, will limit our visibility during the event, while dramatically increasing our expenses. This increase in expense would wipe out any income over expense the circus could post to Murat's bottom line.

Anticipating these challenges, some of Murat's leaders began discussions with other potential venues to house our circus, including Hinkle Fieldhouse on the campus of Butler University. These discussions have revealed that they are not available for any outside groups until sometime in 2016, as their renovation project on that building is behind schedule. Remember, too, that if we are able to secure Hinkle for the circus, the ability of doing it at our traditional time frame (March-April) is negated due to Butler University basketball. Other locations being investigated include the Marion County Fairgrounds and Bankers Life Fieldhouse.

Because of these factors, it has been decided to focus our efforts this year on finding a location for the circus in 2016 and securing performances, dates and venues on a longer-term contractual basis. It was never our plan not to have a circus, but we simply are not able to secure a facility for 2015 that meets our needs of putting on the best show that we can, at the proper time of the year, and at a cost that will enable the Shrine to not lose a significant amount of money. Every effort is being made to get us locked in now for 2016 so we can make the 70th Murat Shrine Circus the very best it can be.

As always, your Circus Committee will keep you updated on new developments as they happen.

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Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! It's hard to believe that the holidays are here. It seems like yesterday it was Halloween. Then right after we gave out treats so as not to get tricked, it was Thanksgiving, and now it is almost Christmas and then the end of 2014.

Wow, where has the year gone? Tarum will need help in the Depot Old-Fashioned Christmas again this year. We take the pictures with Santa at Richert's Furniture Gallery each Tuesday evening during the Christmas season. Then after the end of the festival, Roger Richert donates the profits from the pictures to the Shriners Hospital specializing in burn care. The Club has donated

many enjoyable hours taking pictures of children with Santa. Roger has donated thousands of dollars to the hospital. This is our own type of "It's a Wonderful Life." We learn to be more charitable and to treat our fellow people with warmth and good cheer while gathering contributions to help heal our children. So check with President Mark or any of the officers to see when and where you can help.

We hope all of you and your families, your friends, and all you meet have a very Merry Christmas. Remember to check your Club calendar for the menu for Friday night dinners and for all events at Tarum. Most of all, please take time to think about what Christmas means to you in your

life and in the lives you touch this Christmas season.

Finally, please join me in congratulating President Mark Greulich and his officers for a job well done. Thank you brothers; Tarum could not function without their leaders and the Club would not be able to exist without all of its members. Let's have a great 2015.

See you at the Club.



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# Johnson County Mini-Mystics

**Duane Burgess** 

Ho, Ho, Ho, here come the Johnson County Mini-Mystics! We are out spreading Cheer and Joy to all Shriners in Indiana! Wow, what a year it was with President Michael Pearcy in the driver's seat. We had a great time and enjoyed every parade we attended. The little Hot Rods are put up and awaiting the 2015 season. I even heard from Santa that President Pearcy was staying on for another year with Vice President Lee Langlotz. All I can say is congratulations boys!

Now let's talk about our members who kicked it up this year to make the kids smile as we performed our maneuvers: Ray "The Electrical Slide" Miller, Don "The Duck" Borski, Randy "I still have this Necklace" Bell, Scott "Port-A-Potty" Earl, Bob "I am Cooling things down" Torrance, Lee "the Damn thing will not start" Langlotz, Potentate Bill "It's a new track record" Rasner, Jeff "I'll be there in a minute" Fisher and President Mike "Tampon" Pearcy—these guys are awesome. We get together and get things done and have fun doing it.

We all want to wish each of you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

God Bless.

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### December 2014

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Christmas Party

Mon. 8 Shrine Night with the

Indiana Pacers

Mon. 15 Annual Meeting

January 2015

Sat. 24 Leadership Seminar

## **Yacht Club**

Kevin J. Scott

The Murat Yacht Club officers wish all of the Murat Yacht Club members a happy and safe Christmas and a Happy New Year!

We had a great turnout for the November 1, 2014, Grand Master's and Murat Shrine One-Day Class. Eight guys, some new Shriners, as well as current Shriners, provided us with their contact information to receive a Yacht Club membership petition for 2015. Obtaining eight new members is a great way to start off the new year and they will be officially indoctrinated into the Unit during the "Knights of the Sea" in 2015. We have in the works not only one but two "Knights of the Sea" for 2015—one in the spring and one in the fall.

I really enjoyed being your 2015 Yacht Club commodore. I have learned a lot over the years being a Yacht Club officer that I can apply to my daily life. 2015 was a great year for fun and fellowship with all of the Yacht Club members. We had some great times at George's Bar & Grill, the Jimmy Buffet tailgate, the Margaritaville Lake House party, Rick's Boatyard dinner, and our informal Friday lunches.

Thank you to our secretary-treasurer of many years, Ted Stewart, assisted by his wife, Joanne Stewart. He will be retiring from that position this year. Both have worked countless hours to make the Yacht Club run smoothly and efficiently over the years. Captain Jack Morehead has volunteered and will be taking over the "wheel" of secretary-treasurer in 2015. Thank you for volunteering, Jack.

Many of you wish to purchase Yacht Club gear and to do so is very easy. Simply go to www.muratshrine.org and click on "Clubs and Units" and then click on "Yacht Club." There is an order blank you can use to order hats, shirts, jackets, and other items from our official storekeeper, Joyce Puterbaugh. Her e-mail address is jspembroidery@sbcglobal.net and she would be more than happy to assist you with your request.

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

## **Patrol**

Kevin J. Scott

The Murat Patrol Unit officers wish all of the Murat Patrol Unit members a happy and safe Christmas and a Happy New Year!

The Patrol Unit officers say a big THANK-YOU to everyone who helped and supported the October 24 Reverse Raffle. This is a huge fundraising event for the Unit, and it takes a lot of people and a lot of effort to complete it successfully with cooking, decorating, setup, selling tickets before and during, and cleanup.

The new officers are in the process of planning the events for 2015, and we look forward to seeing all of you at them and continuing our fun and fellowship.

In addition, check out the updated Murat Patrol Unit internet page that has our 2014 officers' contact information and all of the other important Unit information. Our focus is fellowship and fun. So please check it out at http://www.muratshrine.org/units\_clubs/muratpatrol.php.We have been lucky to have some good food to go with our refreshments in our Patrol Unit room before and after the meeting. Our Stated Meetings are the third Tuesday of each month in the Patrol Room in the basement of the Murat Shrine at 7 p.m.All members are welcome to come and enjoy fellowship and fun with your current friends and meet some new ones.Also, if you know of anyone who would like to or should be a Patrol member, bring them to the meetings so they can meet us and we can meet them and get them signed up.

How time has flown by! I cannot believe this is my last article. I guess that is what happens when you get involved and active.

Golf: 19 hackers, I mean players, took to the Cloverdale Meadows course on a cold and blustery day. Chairman Larry Sutherlin did an excellent job of planning the Cast golf outing. The hospitality cart was well stocked with a variety of beverages, snacks and treats. Everyone received a goody bag and a prize and in my case, no matter how many strokes I took. Larry's wife prepared a lovely and warm home-cooked meal with some sweet potatoes that were yum yum good. Thank you Larry and Sally for a great golf outing.

On Saturday, November 1, the Murat Dramatic Cast, under the direction of Terry Sanders and Fred Buckingham, presented a full ceremonial for 64 candidates. I thank all those who gave up a Wednesday evening for rehearsal and their Saturday afternoon to put on the First Section of the ceremonial. A job well done by all those involved. Special thanks to Larry Davis who stood guard over our personal property. I was honored that my son Patrick was the Blackstone candidate and thank all who gave him, shall we say, encouragement throughout the day.

In November, the Cast had its annual election. The officers and committee chairmen are as follows: President, Jonathan A. Holden II; First Vice President, Mike Smith; Second Vice President, Randy Seipel; Secretary, Frank Tharp; and Treasurer, Ed Board; Board of Directors: David Pencak, Jerry Sheeks, Larry Davis and

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Steven Marsh; Committee Chairmen: Brass Hat, Robert Stubbs; Chaplain, Fred Buckingham; Circus, Larry Davis; Dramatic Directors, Terry Sanders & Fred Buckingham; Golf Outing, Larry Sutherlin; Good Cheer, Bobby Caudell & William Spyr; Picnic, James Hale; Quartermaster, Jonathan A. Holden II; Sergeant at Arms, Mark Bartolovich; and Slave Master, Larry Davis.

On Wednesday, December 10, the Dramatic Cast will have its Christmas dinner and officers' installation. Again, we will return to Bynum's Steakhouse, 3850 S. Meridian St., Indianapolis, IN. Please contact Mike Smith at (317) 697-5320, e-mail: mesmith 958@gmail.com, if you would like to attend and have not made reservations.

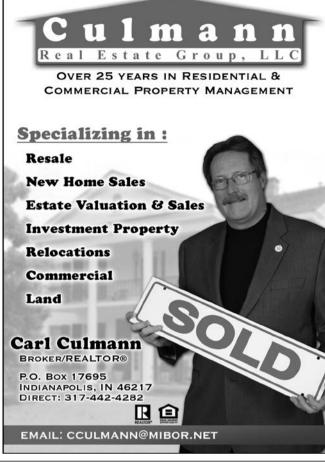
Shrine events coming up: Sunday, December 7—Children's Christmas Party; Monday, December 8—Shrine Night with the Pacers; Saturday, December 13—Texas Hold'em; Monday, December 15—Stated Meeting; Friday, December 19—Band Night at the Oasis.

I have written about New Year's resolutions, joining a Unit, what it means to be a Shriner and what people see in the Fez. I'm excited to be president next year. I'm going to be different and try something unique in hopes of energizing our Unit and gaining young new members to carry on our traditions as well as make some new traditions.

Be part of the solution—get involved, get excited, join a Unit; don't be part of the problem. Everyone, have a Merry Christmas, Happy New Year, and the best to you and yours for the holidays.









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Merry Christmas! 2014 has been a busy year for the Southeastern Indiana Shrine Club members. Our officers have kept us busy and thanks to everyone working together, our projects have been successful.

We will gather with our ladies for our annual Christmas dinner and party, hosted by Club President Noel Houze and Lady Susan, at the Club on Saturday, December 3. Our regular monthly meeting on December 8 will wrap up the 2014 year.

Recapping some recent activities, on October 11, Southeastern hosted a ceremonial with nine new members being welcomed as Shriners. Thanks to the Divan for giving us the opportunity and special thanks to the Murat Cast for performing the ceremony. With seven of the nine new Shriners being from the Southeastern Indiana Shrine Club area, we are looking forward to seeing them at our monthly meetings and welcome their help on our projects.

The last Paper Crusade for this year was held in November and our last steak dinner was November 21. Watch for information in the April Murat Magazine as our steak dinners will be back!

Ed Wolfe and the nominating committee worked hard preparing a slate of officers for us to vote on for 2015. Our newly elected officers will be installed in January and with their leadership and guidance, we know 2015 will be another good year for the Club and its members.

The members of Southeastern Indiana Shrine Club wish all of you a MERRY CHRISTMAS and a HAPPY NEW YEAR. We look forward to 2015 and more opportunities to share with all the children and their families cared for in our hospitals.

## **Band**

Richard Blocker

Holiday Greetings fellow Bandsmen and friends! The end of the year has arrived and a new group of officers are coming to the fore. As I have said, it has been an honor to serve as president for this year and now we all move on. Our Band membership is indeed shrinking, but this organization is far from gone. We certainly need new members, but I have been remiss in asking our Shrine brothers if not only they would like to join us but if they might know any other good men who would like to become Shrine Band members. Our recruitment is difficult due to the fact that we ask a newbie to come to us pretty well trained and horn in hand. Surely we have members who can help people improve their musical skills, but we don't teach the basics as in school. Many of our members had not picked up a horn since they were in high school or college. In fact, it was 29 years I had not played until I came to the Shrine. We can use players of all skill levels because you can't improve unless you play. Shriners, if you know someone who plays a horn or drums, please let one of our officers know or bring them down to a rehearsal to meet us. Even if he is not yet a Shriner, he may find in us a good reason to become one. Shrine music has a long and rich history. Let's not see it sink any lower than it has.

As I said, my term as president is over but my support for the Band will never be. Come help us do great things for our Band, our Shrine Center and Shrinedom in general. Thank you all for your support.

And the Band WILL play on.

## Ladies' Oriental Shrine

Rebecca Brazzell

To say the last few months have been a whirlwind of activities for the Tarum Ct. 14 Ladies' Oriental Shrine of Indianapolis would be without exaggeration.

Taking a moment to finally enjoy some downtime, it is necessary to fill you in on this. Let's start with August which is normally "dark" for our court. However, our Grand High Priestess, Bea Hillman, chose that month to visit our court and spend a couple of days with us. Dinners and a Stated Meeting were all held on schedule. Thanks to all the ladies who helped pull together the special dinner before the Stated Meeting.

This year, Tarum Ct. 14 sponsored the regional LOS Great Lakes Unit Meet (GLUM) here in Indianapolis September 25–27. With that, meetings to discuss all the year's planning, as it was quickly arriving, was top on our minds. It took a village of hardworking LOS members to pull this event off with only a year of planning. While LOS ladies from a large regional area participated in unit performances, spouses were treated to a day of touring the Dallara IndyCar Factory followed by a ride in an IndyCar through the streets of Speedway, Indiana! Special thanks to Richard A. Condre and Richard "Gunner" Condre for spearheading the Dallara IndyCar event. A world of thanks to the GLUM president and Past High Priestess Sue Calvin for spearheading it all. Thanks to Lady Faye Crabtree for making amazing chocolate race car treats, providing MC responsibility at Fun Night, and directing the gigantic race car in-house event. Others supplying work and support are Leslie Condre, Audrey Apple, T. J. Condre, Marilyn Blair, Diane Rogers, Roberta Griffith, Bart Tafflinger, Judi Tafflinger, Andrea Lawson, Angela Holton, Ruby Warmouth, Diana Sparks, Barb Smith, Vanessa McGuire, Cathi Bondy and a host of others, too many to name.

Life at Tarum Ct. 14 was still full speed ahead as we immediately began preparations for our annual sale of homemade pizzas on October 18—another project completed successfully within record speed!

Tarum Ct. 14 LOS Stated Meeting is held the first Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. Give me a call if you wish to discuss the possibility of joining our court, or receive information. I can be reached at (317) 847-7791 or BrubecSpeaks@aol.com. God Bless and we hope to see you soon.

Ho, Ho, Ho and Merry Christmas. Yes, nobles, believe it or not, it's December and time for all those Christmas parties. Bring on the mistletoe!

Speaking of Christmas parties, by now all should have received and RSVP'd to their Police Club Christmas party invitation. If you did not receive an invitation, call me ASAP at (317) 441-5695. Remember, it's Friday, December 12, at the Maple Creek Country Club. Make sure you bring your gifts for the Dirty Santa exchange. If you don't belong to the Police Club but would like to attend the Christmas party, call me—you are invited.

Don't forget the Murat Shrine Children's Christmas Party on Saturday, December 7.

December, as the last month of the year, is a good time to reflect on our accomplishments of 2014 and resolve to improve those things where we may have been able to be better. This reflection, of course, includes our Police Club. Did we meet our goals as a club, increase participation and membership? What ideas do we have for the Police Club for 2015? Let's make next year a banner year for our Club. Plus, those of you harboring a secret desire to ride a Harley with the Drill Team—make it happen next year. Our Drill Team is one of the best in Shrinedom and your participation will only make it better.

Tom Bond does have his bike for sale (the Harley not the Huffy); give him a call. A word of caution, Jack (the self-proclaimed greatest Police Club president ever) will want to ride in your side-car.

Please check with your wife to see if she mailed your 2015 dues. Thanks.

President Golgart thanks all of you who assisted in providing the after meeting repast at the November Stated Meeting. The PC looks forward to assisting again next year.

## **Reception Unit**

John Wilson

The year is rapidly coming to an end. And what a year it has been. The Reception Unit was called on many times throughout 2014 and always put forth 100 percent.

I thank the Unit officers and members for assisting me in making this a very successful year and one we can all be proud of.

At our Stated Meeting in November, we held our election of officers for 2015: Joe Essex, President; Gary Dalzell, Vice President; Brett Lennon, Secretary; and Mike Waldrip, Treasurer. They will be installed at our Reception Unit Christmas party on December 9. Congratulations to all of you.

I wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a healthy and wonderful New Year. And as Tiny Tim said, "God Bless us, everyone!"

With Loyalty and Integrity ...

Speaking of Fred, make sure you thank him for his leadership in 2014 and his continued dedication to the Police Club

Hopefully, Old Man Winter won't treat us as harshly this winter as last and we can have our first meeting of 2015 in January instead of March.

Don't forget to sign up for the Potentate's Florida visitation and to you Snowbirds, safe travels, and I'll see you down there.

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

#### **NOTICE OF ELECTION**

#### **December 15, 2014**

THE ANNUAL MEETINGS OF MURAT SHRINERS AND MURAT TEMPLE ASSOCIATION WILL BE HELD AT 7 P.M., MONDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2014,AT MURAT SHRINE CENTER, 510 N. NEW JERSEY ST., INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA.

THE ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND REPRESENTATIVES FOR 2015 WILL BE HELD.

ARTICLE 25, Section 325.11 Election Regulations.

- (a) Electioneering: A candidate for an elected office in a Shrine temple may print, publish and circulate during the year he is seeking the elected office, a resume consisting of his educational background, his vocational history, and his Masonic and Shrine Record. Except as provided in the prior sentence, the printing, publication, circulating or distribution of resolutions, letters, telegrams, tickets, e-mail or other devices, by a Unit, Club, noble, or group of nobles, suggesting, recommending, opposing or containing the names of proposed candidates for office in the temple is prohibited.
- (b) Expenditures Prohibited: The expenditure of money, gifts, favors, or entertainment on behalf of a candidate for elected office is prohibited.
- (c) Violation: For any violation of (a) or (b), the Imperial Potentate may suspend any offending noble, and he may declare the election of the officers void and order a new election.
- (d) Notice: At least one week prior to the annual meeting or any election, the Temple Recorder shall mail to each member a notice thereof containing this section.

ARTICLE 32, Section 332.2 requires payment of dues in advance before January 1 by all members. A 2014 DUES CARD IS REQUIRED TO ATTEND THIS MEETING.

William B. Rasner, Illustrious Potentate and Larry D. Jefferson, P.P., Recorder

ADDITIONAL NOTICE: Appointments by a Potentate are for one year only. It is customary and expected that each committee chairman or noble holding an appointed position will tender his resignation to the Potentate at the end of the calendar year.



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# Welcome New Nobles

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Name	Creation	Top-Line Signer	Unit Credited	Name	Creation	Top-Line Signer
Nicholas Richardson	04/06/14	Ralph Colter	Logansport SC	Patrick O'Hara	09/05/14	Tom Beattie
Jerry Bush	04/14/14	Larry Leap	Boone Co SC	Charles Purl	09/05/14	
Caleb Marley	04/14/14	Wallace Renn	Kokomo SC	Jeremy Jones	09/15/14	Ward Frazier
Joseph Osborn	04/22/14	Jack Richter	Tipton Co SC	Kyle Fisher	09/15/14	William Pike
Frederick Ackiss	04/28/14	Larry Jefferson	Tri-County SC	Eric Anderson	09/15/14	Daniel Edsall
Walter Heatherly	05/03/14	Bryan Winters	Murpah SC	Stanley Skelton	09/16/14	Jerry Bush
Tracy Fruitt	05/03/14	Jerry Hawk	Murpah SC	Mitchell Morrow	09/16/14	Barry Fussell
Robert Daugherty	05/03/14	Greg Stinefield	Murpah SC	Forest Bush	09/16/14	Jerry Bush
Daniel Edsall	05/03/14	Bryan Winters	Murpah SC	Brian Greer	10/07/14	Donald Greer
Kevin Hood	05/03/14	Bryan Winters	Murpah SC	Jeffery Peelman	10/11/14	Robert Peelman
Patrick Curtis	05/03/14	Dennis Curtis	Murpah SC	Shawn Dixon	10/11/14	William Lusk
Thomas Tighe	05/03/14	Greg Stinefield	Murpah SC	Richard Lock	10/11/14	Robert Peelman
Roy Davis	05/03/14	Jerry Hawk	Murpah SC	Alan Cochran	10/11/14	William Ray
William Bowling	05/03/14	Jerry Hawk	Murpah SC	Mark Hughes	10/11/14	William Ray
John Scott	05/03/14	Greg Stinefield	Murpah SC	Andrew Disney	10/11/14	Brad Lusk
Bermon Pritt	05/19/14	Jeffrey Humble	Madison Co SC	Jeffrey Eller	10/11/14	John Race
Timothy Clapp	06/07/14	Steve Bond	Brown Co SC	Allen Scarber	10/11/14	Allen Goodman
Timothy True	06/07/14	Steve Bond	Brown Co SC	James Scott	10/11/14	John Race
David Dore	06/09/14	Larry Jefferson		William Biggs	10/16/14	Larry Sutherlin
Brian Swinford	06/13/14	Ron Elliott		Gregory Gerline	11/01/14	Timothy Higgins, II
Christopher Homko	06/16/14	Jackie Keller	MSBC	Charles Greenwood	11/01/14	Timothy Higgins, II
John Herder	06/16/14	Kevin Scott	Yacht Club	Harry Hall	11/01/14	Timothy Higgins, II
John McVey	06/18/14	Harry Morris	Johnson Co SC	Randall Hollis	11/01/14	Bill Rasner
James Boyer	07/19/14	Ralph Kauffman	White Co SC	Tyson Conrady	11/01/14	Timothy Higgins, II
William Baxter	07/19/14	Ralph Kauffman	White Co SC	Ralph Hill	11/01/14	Timothy Higgins, II
Julio Sainz	08/01/14	Steve Bond	Brown Co SC	James McNeely	11/01/14	Timothy Higgins, II
Al Stark	08/09/14	Tim Hammond		James Pleak	11/01/14	Bill Johnson
Joseph Tunny	09/05/14	Jim Ross		Robert Fike	11/01/14	Bill Rasner



Name	Creation	Top-Line Signer	Unit Credited
John Shockley	11/01/14	Jim Lutton	Murpah SC
Dusty Miller	11/01/14	Calvin Miller	
Adam Mastrucci	11/01/14	Randy Nail	
Todd Thibeault	11/01/14	Jim Lutton	Murpah SC
Justin Hunter	11/01/14	Sam Allard	
Phillip Williams	11/01/14	Bill Rasner	
Charles Egger	11/01/14	Ronald Estell	
Greg Houk	11/01/14	Bill Rasner	
John Shepard	11/01/14	Ronald Estell	
Allen Moore, II	11/01/14	Mickey Frost	Brown Co SC
Rex Sohn	11/01/14	Bruce Smith	
Tom Davis	11/01/14	Curtis Zook	Morgan Co SC
Roger Brewer	11/01/14	Mickey Frost	Brown Co SC
Vance Brewer	11/01/14	Mickey Frost	Brown Co SC
Kevin Snyder	11/01/14	Mickey Frost	Brown Co SC
Steven Summers	11/01/14	Curtis Zook	Morgan Co SC
Christopher Lee	11/01/14	Randy Darling	Shelby Co SC
Scotty Jett	11/01/14	Randy Darling	Shelby Co SC
Ellis Turner	11/01/14	Randy Darling	Shelby Co SC
Bradley Martin	11/01/14	Randy Ellington	Shelby Co SC
Kennith Eldridge	11/01/14	Don Heiber	
Paul Snider	11/01/14	Michael Harrison	
Michael Miller	11/01/14	Bill Rasner	Shelby Co SC
Edgar Cooksey, III	11/01/14	Tomas Sanchez	NexGen
Matthew Sampson	11/01/14	Arthur Borton	
Randolph Snyder	11/01/14	Bill Rasner	
C. David London	11/01/14	Clyde Martin	Bartholomew Co SC
Fred Johnson	11/01/14	Clyde Martin	Bartholomew Co SC
Joseph Griffee	11/01/14	Larry Jefferson	
Robert Kuehner	11/01/14	Terry Kimble	

Name	Creation	Top-Line Signer	Unit Credited
Jonathan Tekulve	11/01/14	Dirk Rader	Bartholomew Co SC
Robert Taylor	11/01/14	Wallace Renn	
James Keating	11/01/14	Carl Culmann	
Joseph Doescher, Jr.	11/01/14	David Johnson	
Jack Kellett	11/01/14	Edwin Arnold	Scott Co SC
Brian Dobbert	11/01/14	Mark Genung	
Richard Stoops	11/01/14	Bill Rasner	
Matthew Rutledge	11/01/14	Rick Chambers	Directors Staff
Joshua Carson	11/01/14	Nick Robbearts	Directors Staff
Zachery Eads	11/01/14	Nick Robbearts	Directors Staff
Scott Timmons	11/01/14	Bill Rasner	
Gregory Chambers	11/01/14	Bill Rasner	
Jesse Gonzales	11/01/14	Bill Rasner	
Jeffrey Wendel	11/01/14	Jeffrey Zaring	
Michael Morrison	11/01/14	Irving Bressie	Montgomery Co SC
David Holden	11/01/14	Jonathan Holden, II	Dramatic Cast
Ronald G. Estell	11/01/14	Ronald S. Estell	RV Club
Vernon Brummet	11/01/14	Gary Dalzell	Madison Co SC
Mark Boggs	11/01/14	John Race	Southeastern SC
Daniel Reese, II	11/01/14	Chris Woods	LA-OR-MA SC
Jacob Shull	11/01/14	Chuck Shull	Clowns
Shawn Lucas	11/01/14	Gabriel Fox	Clowns
Dalton Grigsby	11/01/14	Gabriel Fox	Clowns
Andrew Hotseller	11/01/14	Gabriel Fox	Clowns
Ryan Ainsworth	11/01/14	Chuck Shull	Clowns
Kalob Williams	11/01/14	Chuck Shull	Clowns

Here we are at the end of 2014. Yes, it is December and, of course, everyone seems ready to enjoy the holiday season. No matter your faith or beliefs, it is a time when families draw together, remember the past, enjoy the present and celebrate the future. As Charles Dickens stated, "It is a fair, even-handed, noble adjustment of things, that while there is infection in disease and sorrow, there is nothing in the world so irresistibly contagious as laughter and good humor." —Charles Dickens, "A Christmas Carol"

So, with that little bit of thought from Mr. Dickens (1812-1870), let's see what led to laughter and good humor within MCC during the year 2014. First, in support of Club growth and new members, we have always stated you don't have to own a Corvette to be a member of MCC; welcome Noble Dave Dore, one of our newest members, and wife Peggy. Through our numerous parade events in support of Murat and our many social activities, we can safely say, MCC is the "fastest" growing Club in Murat Shrine. Would you believe we are 54 strong and still growing!

MCC is also pleased to announce



we have provided guidance in the development of a new Corvette Club within Antioch Shrine, Dayton, OH. Because of our efforts at the Great Lakes Shrine Association (GLSA) over the last couple of years, MCC was asked for suggestions as Antioch Corvette Club began their initiative, and so the fraternity grows.

Our year's activities began in Brown County and really got going for all of us with our participation in the 2014 500 Festival Parade! When you couple 15 other parades and assisting with two auto shows to raise monies for the Shriners Hospital in Cincinnati, you might wonder how we could possibly have time for other social activities. But, we did. Casual weekend luncheons/dinners, a trip to Putnam Park Raceway, a trip to the Smokey Mountain Fun Fest in Pigeon Forge, TN, our fabulous "Mystery Tour," this year throughout southern Indiana, participation in both the November "One-Day Class" and the Indianapolis Veterans Day Parade made October and November very special. Our final two events consist of our annual December holiday party and for the second year in a row, joining a group of more than 100 Masons and Shriners for a performance of the Indianapolis Symphony's Yuletide Joy Celebration. Wow, what a year!

Did you ever consider where the gesture of tipping one's hat to someone came from? While the custom was more often shown in the early 1900s, it is no less inappropriate today. So, as a sign of respect, the members of MCC would like to tip their hats (Fezzes) to our 2014 president, Dave Heacox, for his outstanding leadership, and to the officers for their guidance and the members for their support.

MCC meets the third Tuesday of each month in the Oasis at 7 p.m. Check out our calendar of events on our Web page: www.muratcorvette-club.com, visit us on Facebook or give us a tweet on Twitter.

# **Johnson County Shrine Club**

**Duane Burgess** 

Merry CHRISTmas to all Shriners across the United States! 'Tis the season to celebrate and spend time with friends and family. Everyone is invited to the Johnson County Shrine Club on December 6, 2014, at 6:30 p.m. for our annual CHRISTmas party with the Johnson County Mini-Mystics. This year we are changing it up a little; we are having the party catered so there is a little fee involved. It will be \$15 a person or \$30 a couple. We need to know who will be attending so we have accurate numbers for the catering folks. So RSVP at (317) 736-5850 and send your money to the Johnson County Shrine Club at 751 West King St., Franklin, IN 46131.

Now a little time to praise our

2014 president, Randy Bell. Folks, Randy's year started out as a challenge because we struggled to fill the officers' seats at the Club. The following people came forward: First Vice President Gregg Cantwell, Treasurer Randy Kellams, Secretary Duane Burgess, and board members Jack Brown, Ron Bailey, Jim Carter, Don Borski and Mike Meldrum. Guys, thank you. It wouldn't have been possible without you! There are many more folks whom we need to thank who showed up throughout the year to make things happen—too many to mention, but as a group of officers and board members, thank you.

President Bell had many events on the calendar for 2014 and all of them were very successful. From the Fish Fries to the Johnson County Fair, we fared quite well. Being a Club that gives back to the community, we had several charitable events opening our doors to the Jerry Markovich Motorcycle Ride, Cancer Sucks, and to the young lady in Franklin who recovers from a near death experience in Edinburgh, Prays for Sarah/When Sarah Smiles Motorcycle Ride.

It is important to get out and support your Shrine Clubs and Units; they do so much for the community and for the Shriners Hospitals. They need you and the people who utilize our facilities need you.

God Bless, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!



wonderful year!

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# Pop Tabs for Children

This is an opportunity to help our hospital system by collecting the "tabs" from aluminum cans

Many nobles, their ladies, friends and local businesses have been supporting Shriners Hospitals for Children for many years through the collection of tabs.

We are asking everyone to place pop tabs in a container provided outside the Fraternal Office.

Additional containers are available from the Fraternal Office to provide for businesses to collect tabs.

Thank you for your support of our hospitals.

Bill Rasner Potentate

# **Shrine License Plates Available**

Show your pride in our fraternity by purchasing a Shrine license plate for all of your vehicles and motorcycles.

- To qualify for the plates, go to the Murat Web site at www.muratshrine. org.
- Click on the license plate heading and fill out the form. Printed forms are also available from the Fraternal Office.
- Send the completed form along with \$10 to the Fraternal Office.
   The \$10 goes to the Linn Van Fund to purchase the Transportation vans.
- A stamped, approved original will be returned to you.
- Take that to any BMV office to get your license plates. BMV will charge a \$15 service fee for the plate.

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We have had a wonderful year and are very blessed to have Bill as Shelby County's first Potentate! We have been able to be a part of and host several events this year that we might not have had the opportunity to, if it hadn't been for our Illustrious Sir.We were honored to have an open reception for Ill. Sir Bill and Lady Vicki and also serve as escorts at the Potentate's Ball. As a corporate sponsor of the Potentate's Golf Outing, we also helped out with several other activities as it was held locally in Shelbyville. We were most honored to have Divan Chaplain Bill Johnson and Deputy Chief Aide Jim Ross, also from Shelby County. The Club held several events in Shelby County to benefit our community and the Shrine. We sponsored both a local Little League Baseball team, who came in second in their championship game, and a co-ed youth soccer team; participated in the White Castle Paper Crusade and also held another Paper Crusade in November. We were a Corporate Sponsor and also escorted or assisted with more than 250 of our county fourth-grade students going to the Murat Shrine Circus; this has been a longtime tradi-

tion since our county Club's inception. We held several fundraisers this year with a golf outing and potato trailer concession at the Shelby County Fair and the Bears of Blue River Festival where we also held an Afterglow for all Shrine parade participants. We were busy with parading not only in our local parade but several other parades in surrounding communities and the IMH Festival. At our annual joint meetings with the Clubs from Hancock County and HSUR Club in Rush County, we had an average attendance of 75 nobles and ladies. Since we have ladies attend our monthly meetings, we have a lot of support and help from them throughout the year. In October, Noble John Gunderman and his Lady Terri assisted Anna Harrington during her Anna's Walk from Indianapolis through part of Shelby County as she stayed in Morristown and then on to Rush County. We thank Noble John and Lady Terri for their dedication to a great cause! In January, our Illustrious Sir created five new nobles from Shelby County. So in February, I set a membership goal of 20 new members for the year; it looks like we have possibly exceeded my

goal by creating approximately 40 new nobles from Shelby County in 2015. Several of these new nobles were also new Master Masons who were raised and created at the Grand Master's and Potentate's One-Day Class in November. In 2009, Noble Jim had a dream:When I was president in 2009, Noble Jim Ross had a vision to deliver a truckload of pop tabs for Shriners Hospitals to Murat at the end of our Potentate's term. With the help of several dedicated collecting nobles and ladies, we achieved his goal and delivered a truckload to our Ill. Sir on November 25.

We have been very blessed to have Bill as the Potentate of Murat Shrine and with the help and participation of all the nobles of Shelby County, we worked really hard this year to support our Illustrious Sir.

Thank you Illustrious Sir Bill and Lady Vicki for a wonderful year!

Upcoming Events: Christmas party and installation of officers at Indiana Grand Racing and Casino on December 16 with a social hour at 6 p.m. and dinner at 7 p.m. followed by the installation of our 2015 officers and entertainment.

## **Clowns**

The clowns have been busy the past couple months with parades, street fairs and hospital visits.

In October, the clowns celebrated their 40th anniversary of being a chartered Unit of Murat Shrine. The clowns were initially started in October of 1971 as a group in the Directors Staff. Some of these gentlemen were Ben Roberts, Bob Stewart, Sam Huffman and Charlie Wilkerson.

The first public appearance for the clowns was the circus parade from the temple to the fairgrounds promoting the Shrine Circus in April 1972. They then went on to do 21 more appearances in 1972. Over the next couple of years, participation continued to grow and in 1974, permission was granted



to elect officers and wear "Clowns" on their Fezzes.

In 1975, newly installed Potentate Illustrious Sir Joe Wood granted the clowns a charter making them an official Unit of Murat temple. Wilfred (Bob) "BeeZee" Zander was elected the first president of the new Unit and was re-elected again in 1976. Bob went on to serve as president again in 2000.

Since that time, the Murat Shrine Circus Clowns have had three members serve as Potentate of Murat Shrine:

## Kevin "Sneakers" Upshaw

Illustrious Gary "Bubba" Lewis in 2000, Illustrious Bill "Odie" Wimmenauer in 2006 and Illustrious Charles "Flatfoot" Crabtree in 2012. Currently, Chuck "Zero" Shull is serving as Oriental Guide for 2014.

The Murat Shrine Circus Clowns and their families wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

As if you couldn't tell, the Murat Shrine Clown Unit always has fun no matter the event they are involved in. If you ever wanted to learn the hidden mysteries of being a clown or just to be a clown's assistant, stop by the Oasis Lounge on the second or fourth Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m. and see what we are all about.

Keep smiling!

# **Transportation Club**

**Dennis Scott** 

THANKS NOBLE PRESIDENT - As 2014 comes to an end, on behalf of all Club members, I thank our 2014 president, Frank Tharp, for a job well done. During the past year, the Club has transported many patients to our hospitals, attended several parades, and recognized our ladies with dinners and a picnic. The Club is doing well retaining members which says a lot for what we do as a mission and our social endeavors. Thanks also to the officers who do so much to keep the Club headed in the right direction.

DRIVERS' MEETINGS - Thanks to our drivers who attended our hospital drivers' meetings this year. We now transport some patients to St. Louis in addition to the Lexington, Cincinnati and Chicago hospitals. Thanks also to our coordinator, Don Schildgen, for working so hard to see that our patients and drivers have uneventful trips. As usual, we thank all our drivers for the safe travels provided for our patients and families.

PARADES - The Club participated in several parades this year. Our new

look is using a wheel- chair on top of the van for better recognition. Suggestions of special lighted signs have been discussed to draw more attention to our parade van. More on the signs in the coming months.

KIDS' CHRISTMAS PARTY – Sunday, December 7, is the date for the annual Children's Christmas Party. Committee chairman Bucky Everhart has a great party lined up this year. Through the donations of toys and funds by several Shrine Clubs and Units, we will be able to make lots of children happy. Thanks to all on the committee who worked the last few months to make this party memorable and to all the volunteers it takes to put on a great show. Please try to park in the north parking lot for this event.

CEREMONIAL - The final ceremonial was on November 1 and it was reported that 64 new nobles went through the One-Day Class. Let's all welcome our new brother nobles and get them involved. Thanks to Don Schildgen and any others who manned the Club and Unit Transportation table.

INSTALLATION/CHRISTMAS
PARTY/DINNER – Our annual Christmas dinner and installation of our 2015 officers will be held on Wednesday,
December 17, at the University of Indianapolis. Social gathering will begin at 5:30 p.m. and dinner will be served at 6 p.m. Let's get together to honor our outgoing president, Frank Tharp, and welcome our 2015 president, Mike Harrison, P.P., and his officers. Please have your reservations in by December 5.

NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION - As the new year approaches, let's all resolve to make 2015 our best year ever. Bring in new members, participate in our activities, and support our new Potentate. We meet on the third Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m. in the Mediterranean Room. Dinner is around 5:30 p.m. in the Oasis Lounge.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

# **Kentucky Colonels**

**Dennis Scott** 

THANKS COLONEL PRESIDENT – On behalf of the entire Club, I thank our 2014 president, Colonel Mike Harrison, again for a job well done. Mike was also our president in 2011. Thanks also to the officers and members of the board, and especially the members who supported the Club by working at our Red Bull raffle and other activities. As the year ends, we look forward to another successful year in 2015.

PARADETRAILER - The Club members had a great parade season for the second year as Kentucky Colonels and advertising our hospitals. Many thanks to Ernie Condra for providing the trailer and driving our good-looking float. The Club plans to participate in several parades next year to help advertise our hospitals. We hope through our efforts we can better get the message out and find new needy children. We also need to be thinking about the parades we want to participate in next year, which will definitely include the great parade at Martinsville.

DINNER OUTING - In October, we dined out with our ladies at Hollyhock Hill restaurant. Thirty-six Colonels and their ladies had a good meal and fellowship.

INITIATION/CHRISTMAS PARTY – Wednesday, December 3, is the date for our annual party. It will be held at George's Neighborhood Grill located at 71st and Binford Boulevard. You should have already sent in your reservations. Social hour will be at 6 p.m. and dinner at 7 p.m. Please be there to welcome our new officers and board and enjoy a great meal.

KIDS' CHRISTMAS PARTY – Sunday, December 7, is the date for the kids' Christmas party. Our hospital patients and children of the nobility will get to see Santa and take home a nice gift. Entertainment will be provided by the Murat Band, Clowns, and magician Jay McLaughlin. Check the magazine for details.

WHITE SUITS - If you would like a white suit, the Club is checking on places to purchase them at a very reasonable price. More information will follow. By the way, those white suits really look good in parades.

SICK AND DISTRESSED - Ernie Condra is battling cancer, being treated, and waiting for his results. Please keep Ernie in your thoughts and pray that he is cured and returns to us healthy.

NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION – Please make one of your resolutions to attend as many meetings in 2015 as possible. The Club needs your input. Our new president, Mike Metzger, has several things he wants to accomplish next year. We meet on the first Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m. See you there. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

## Flying Fezzes

**Rodney Davis** 

Hello and Merry Christmas from the Flying Fezzes! We hope you had a great Thanksgiving! For some, the general aviation flying season is over, but not for all! If you are flying in this cooler and cold weather, the air is typically smoother and better for airspeed compared to hot summer air. As always, watch for carb icing and make sure your heat/defrost systems are working properly. For some of you, a change to a different grade of oil may be necessary.

We are having our Club Christmas party on December 6 at Mike Pfeiffer's house immediately following our participation in Greenfield Festival of Lights. We are also having a Christmas party at Lutherwood Children's Home to benefit the children there.

Cedric Martin was our September "Aircraft of the Month" winner by properly identifying the SBD Dauntless dive bomber. He wins a small gift and a dinner and drink at the Oasis Lounge on one of our meeting nights! We meet the second Monday of each month at 7 p.m., so please attend. We need all of you to make this Club happen! On a final note, we will announce our new Flying Fezz 2015 officers in the January article.



Flying Fez December Aircraft of the Month:

This month we just wanted to present our "aircraft" of the month for December; submitting a guess will most likely not be necessary. We will have a new aircraft to identify next month! Merry Christmas!

# **Smyrna Shrine Guild**

Karen Waldrip

#### **MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL!**

As I write my last "Maharanee Message," I can't help thinking how fast time has gone by! A big thank-you to all my Smyrna officers for what you do and did this year. My officers and committee members have worked very hard to make 2014 a very profitable and successful year.

I also thank all the nobles, ladies, friends and my family for their support and understanding during my year as Maharanee, but especially my husband, Noble Mike Waldrip, for always being there for me.

We have had a lot of fun this past year and worked hard to raise money for the Educational Fund for our Shriners Hospitals.

I am honored to have been your Maharanee in 2014, but now it is time to look ahead to 2015. Maharanee-elect Lynn Moeller is planning a public installation on Saturday, December 13, from 2 to 4 p.m. in the Corinthian Room downstairs at Murat. My wish for Lynn is that her installation and year as Maharanee will be as enjoyable as mine has been. With the support of our fun, dedicated and caring members, I am sure 2015 will be a great year for Lynn and Smyrna!

Welcome and congratulations to all our new Smyrna members this year. Enjoy and have fun along with great fellowship each and every month.

There is a little more fun to be had before my year ends. Ways & Means Chairman Melanie and Candy Close will have a Bake Sale Auction on Wednesday, December 3, Guild Night. So bring all those yummy items to be auctioned off.

Please remember that our December Stated Meeting is being held on Tuesday, December 9, (Board Meeting at 6:30 p.m. & Stated Meeting at 7 p.m.) due to Maharanee-elect Lynn Moeller's installation on December 13.

My year has been exciting, fulfilling and busy! I have learned so much and thank you all for supporting me as your Smyrna Shrine Guild Maharanee.

Love and hugs to you all and Happy Holidays!

#### **DATES TO REMEMBER:**

Wednesday, December 3 - Bake Sale Auction at 5:30 p.m.

Tuesday, December 9 - Stated Meeting at 7 p.m.; Board Meeting at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, December 13 - Maharanee-elect Lynn Moeller/Installation of Officers for 2015 (2 p.m. - 4 p.m., Corinthian Room, Murat)

## Daughters of the Nile

Edwynna Nolan

I hope everybody enjoyed Thanksgiving and gave thanks for all we have in this great country of ours. Not only did we have the Thanksgiving holiday, but we also observed Veterans Day. Our country is so fortunate to have such patriotic and dedicated young men and women who are willing to take on the burden of doing whatever is required to defeat any foe and keep our country free.

A special thank-you to Kay Hinshaw for presenting a very impressive Daughters of the Nile Founders Day program.

In the month of December, it is our custom to carry out the practice of the three wise men who gave gifts in celebration of Christ's birthday.

Many of you and your friends will be baking for the holiday, so don't forget to purchase your pecans from any member of Daughters of the Nile. You may also call Audrey Apple at (317) 786-3016, chairperson of this Ways and Means project. Pecans are \$10 per pound.

Let us start out the new year by attending our Stated Session on January 7, 2015. Another Ways and Means project is our Style Show scheduled for January 10, 2015. For more details, you may call Manuella Jefferson at (317) 844-6222. Our White Rose Ceremonial will be held on February 21, 2015.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

# Murat RV and Camping Club

Norm Glaser

The Murat RV and Camping Club enjoyed a delightful weekend at Duncan's Lake in Avon, courtesy of Ken and Pat Duncan. We had five rigs in attendance but on Saturday the attendance swelled to 39 hungry members and friends of the Club.

Election of officers will be at the November meeting.

The December meeting will be our annual Christmas party held off-campus this year. Notice the change in our Club name. We are now an RV and camping club which means any form of sleeping arrangement is welcome and membership is not limited to RV owners.

We had a great year and welcome new members who like to camp with us in the great outdoors.

# Bartholomew County Shrine Club

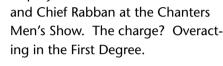
Johnathan C. Spurgeon



Bartholomew County Shrine Club participated in the Columbus Expo Parade on October 11 in Columbus, IN. In attendance were John Redman, Buddy Antle, Chad Anteau, Rick Hand, Jim Vanest and Johnathan Spurgeon. You can see the big smiles of the young children in our cars.

## **Chanters**

The Murat Chanters, the male chorus of Murat Shriners, continues to stay very busy with weekly rehearsals on Monday evenings at 7 and performances at such places as the circus, every Stated Meeting, every ceremonial, the Murat Memorial Service, one or two conventions each year, the Indiana Masonic Home Festival, and several other jobs along the way. We are available for Shrine Clubs and Units, Masonic Lodges, Eastern Star, York Rite, churches, retirement homes, and anyplace the audience wants to be entertained with lively music and comedy.



Deputy Merlau arrests the Potentate

Phil Thrasher, P.P.

We are pleased to continue to have several notable members of the Chanters remaining active, including two Past Grand Masters, the Chief Rabban, the Outer Guard and, of course, one old Past Potentate. Many of our members are Armed Forces veterans and Past Masters who have chosen to spend the majority of their Shrine time with us, singing, enjoying each other's company, and seeking to entertain those who enjoy our form of music. This was demonstrated by our recently completed Men's Show on October 25 in the Arabian Room at Murat, which was very well attended. Everyone had a good time and the food was excellent.

On November 3, 2014, we elected a new slate of officers for 2015, including Rush Daugette as President, Tim Jennings as First Vice President, Mark Genung, PGM, as Second Vice President, Dick Abdon as Secretary-Treasurer, and Wesley Wingate as Assistant Secretary-Treasurer. Our board of directors will also include Phil Thrasher representing the First Tenors, Cliff Lewis representing the Second Tenors, Ed Adams representing the Baritones, and Ray Hunt representing the Basses. On December 11, we are going to visit Beef & Boards as a group and will wrap up the year with our annual Chanter Christmas party on Sunday, December 21, at the Abdon's.

As with any fraternal organization, we have a constant need for new members to help us grow and to fill the shoes of retiring members. Our door is always open at such time as you, or someone you know, would like to present yourself. Voice tryouts are available on each Monday night at rehearsal.

We are also in the market for a new director as Phil Thrasher is anxious to return to singing and allowing the next generation to mold the Chanters. If you have any suggestions, please send them to Phil Thrasher at the address below.

Between the social events and the entertaining, you will find the Chanters a rewarding experience. If you or someone you would recommend is interested, please call Phil Thrasher at 407-3650 or e-mail to pthrasher@indy.rr.com for information, or just drop in and get acquainted. Everyone will be glad you did.

# **Contributions for Shriners Hospitals for Children & Murat Transportation Fund**

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Anna's Walking Across America for Shriners Hospitals for Children...One Step at a Time!

Murat welcomed Ms. Anna Harrington who is walking across America. Anna is from Boise, Idaho, and is walking to raise awareness for Shriners Hospitals for Children. Anna started her journey on March 1, 2014, in Astoria, Oregon, and has walked approximately 2,900 miles. This journey is a "coast to coast" walk.

She arrived in Indiana on Wednesday, October 8. During her journey, Shriners are assisting with accommodations. While in Indianapolis, Illustrious Sir Bill Rasner and the nobles pictured below presented Anna with her sixth pair of shoes. Anna will be visiting nine of the 22 Shriners Hospitals for Children within the network. She recently visited our Chicago, Cincinnati and Lexington Hospitals en route to her final destination of the Boston Hospital in early December.

When asked why she was walking, she responded, "I wanted to bring attention to the treatment of my nephew at Shriners Hospitals for Children in Sacramento, California." Her nephew has scoliosis. She also commented, "People are still unaware of the services that Shriners provide."

Anna would like to thank all who supported her through individual donations.

You can visit her Web site at www.annaswalk.com for donations to Shriners Hospitals for Children and follow Anna by "Liking" her on Facebook for support.



# I'm a Walker, Not a Talker

GORDON J HUSK, FORMER CHAIRMAN, BOARD OF GOVERNORS, SHRINERS HOSPITAL®-CHICAGO

s mentioned in Illustrious Potentate Rasner's full-page ad in this issue, Anna Harrington is walking across America to help raise awareness and money for Shriners Hospitals for Children®. In 2005, her nephew was successfully treated for scoliosis in our Sacramento hospital. This treatment caused Anna to recall a dream she had some years ago, of walking across America to help others. As preparations were underway for the 2009 Imperial Council Session in San Antonio, news media reported the possibility of closing some Shriners Hospitals. When she heard this, Anna told herself she needed to get serious about the walk. She raised money locally to help with her expenses and trained rigorously. Anna later heard that the representatives at the 2009 Session voted that none of the hospitals would be closed, and authorized the hospitals to begin filing claims on insurance if available, but insisted the same expert care will be given to every patient, regardless of the family's ability to pay. Thankfully, no hospitals were closed, the endowment fund market value has improved greatly, and our hospitals have achieved greater efficiency. Anna remains steadfast in her dedication to the walk. She hopes to encourage donors to continue their strong support for our hospital system's mission and to make the public more aware of the world-class care provided every day. There is an ongoing need for donations, and this effort will be of great help.

Before the walk began, she asked her son, Christian, if he agreed with her project. He asked, "Mom, are you sure you can do it?" After she expressed her determination to begin the walk, he fully supported it. Christian is now 21 and in the U.S. Navy. Anna says, "There was never a question about whether I would do it, but I encountered many challenges." The walk began March 1, 2014, in Astoria, OR, and is to end in Boston, MA. Anna plans to visit nine Shriners Hospitals on the route.

During the interview for this article, I commented, "I would like to hear how you prepared for the walk, what emotions you have experienced and what keeps you going." Her reply was a classic, "Could you narrow that to one question? I'm a walker, not a talker." She described the feeling of leaving her employment as an esthetician and a phlebotomist. (Remember, this comment is from a











"walker, not a talker.") The phlebotomist position was to prepare her for nursing school, which she decided not to pursue so she could begin the walk. She says she has experienced the full range of emotions, has walked in all kinds of weather, reached an altitude of 11,000 feet, was not totally prepared for some unexpected encounters, she camped along the road for the first four nights, and then local Shriners began to hear about her walk and gave unbelievably compassionate support. At a Shriners evening function in Missouri, an undersheriff (called chief deputy in Indiana) gave her his business card and told her if anyone questioned her project, they could call him. The next day, a deputy stopped to ask what she was doing and

she described her project. After several other questions, he said, "How about it if I run your ID?" As Anna presented her photo identification, she also gave him the undersheriff's card. He studied the card and asked, "Do you need anything? Do you need water?"

Anna neared the St. Louis area when the Great Lakes Shrine Association was being hosted by Ainad Shriners of East St. Louis, IL. She was welcomed, chatted with attendees and posed for photos with many people, including the Grand Master of Masons in Illinois and Past Imperial Potentate John Cinotto. Word traveled, and Anna later visited our Chicago hospital. She stayed overnight in the home of an associate member of the hospital's board of governors.

As Anna entered Indiana, she was greeted by members of Orak Shriners, who hosted her and assisted her walk through their jurisdiction. As she entered Murat territory, Tippecanoe Shrine Club members very capably supported her walk, provided housing and welcomed her to an evening meeting, where they passed the fez to give financial support.

As requested by Potentate Bill Rasner and Recorder Larry Jefferson, I met Tippecanoe Shrine Club members at the Boone County line and followed that Club's effective methods of tracking Anna's walk. Anna began walking and after some time, I drove past her to park off-road. Each time she appeared, she waved and continued walking if she didn't need anything. The walk continued in that fashion through Boone County, punctuated by visits from the press and the Boone County Sheriff's deputies who had been dispatched by Sheriff Michael Nielsen to assure the safety of Anna and motorists. Her photo and a description of her walk appeared in the Lebanon Reporter. We painted a Shrine emblem on the pavement at the end of each day where Anna would resume her walk the next morning. Boone County Sheriff Reserve Commander Robert Craig walked eight miles with her. Anna is a vegetarian, averages

20 miles per day and does not stop for lunch. She carries nutrition bars and a small bottle of water.

My wife and I enjoyed visiting with Anna while she stayed one night with us, and we transported her to an Indianapolis hotel. There she was hosted by Potentate William Rasner and some of his Divan members as the Illustrious Sir presented Anna with a new pair of walking shoes, dinner, entertainment and a media event. Singer Rene Marie heard about Anna, invited her to a performance, introduced her on stage and praised her dedication to children's needs.

After her brief stay in Indianapolis, Anna left for Cincinnati. She was hosted and accompanied by members of Shelby County Shrine Club, then by members of HSUR Rush County Shrine Club, before she entered Ohio to visit the Cincinnati hospital.

Anna has inspired many people. We wish her safe travels as she leaves the Lexington hospital and continues toward Boston. She will no doubt meet and inspire many more people along the way. More details of her travels may be found at the Web site www.annaswalk.com and "Anna Harrington" on Facebook. She has been called ESP (extra special person). Every Shriner might consider telling friends about the Web site and Facebook page, where donations may be made in the name of this strong voice for Shriners Hospitals. This is a great opportunity to increase the public relations and fundraising possibilities for our hospitals. It has been said, "Actions speak louder than words," and we are fortunate to have our hospitals represented by this "walker, not a talker."

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OCTOBER STATED MEETING



Murat Legion of Honor members Lloyd Hearn, Bob Watson, Larry Hearn, Ron Bolyard, Tom Morgan, Sam Allard and Bill Moore give Potentate Bill Rasner a donation of \$100 for the Children's Christmas Party.



A donation of \$150 and \$100, respectively, is made to Potentate Bill Rasner for the Children's Christmas Party Toy Fund by Nobles Clyde Martin, Bucky Everhart and Dirk Rader on behalf of the Bartholomew County Shrine Club and the Veteran Car Club.

# Presentation



Imperial Sir John Cinotto and Illustrious Sir Bill Rasner are joined by members of Murat who received their 50-year Certificate and Lapel Pin following the ceremonial on November 1.



President John Wilson, accompanied by a large contingent of fellow Reception Unit members, presents Potentate Bill Rasner with a \$2,000 check for the Murat Transportation Fund.

# Congratulations to our 50-Year Members

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# Plan Now to Attend the 2015 Imperial Session in Houston

The 2015 Shriners International Imperial Session is scheduled for July 5 - 9 in Houston. When the business portion of Session takes a break, please take the opportunity to explore the city and all it has to offer. Nicknamed "The City with No Limits," Houston is a vibrant cosmopolitan destination with plenty of activities for all ages. Come visit the country's fourth-largest city and find out firsthand why Houston grabbed the Number 1 spot on *Forbes'* list of America's Coolest Cities to Live.

#### **Houston - The City with No Limits**

An internationally-renowned, multicultural hotspot, Houston can be found on many "best of" city lists, and for good reason. *Travel + Leisure* ranked Houston as one of America's Favorite Cities, and Hotwire.com named it one of the most affordable U.S. vacation destinations. This is one city you have to experience to truly understand its international appeal and unique Southern charm. Whether you're spending time in any of the metropolitan's outdoor hubs, sampling the cutting-edge cuisine that can be found throughout the city, discovering the lively art and cultural scene or visiting any of the world-famous attractions, you'll quickly see why Houston is one of America's favorite cities.

Thanks to its year-round mild temperatures, much of life in Houston happens outdoors. In the heart of Houston are 1,500 acres of green space and their own version of Central Park, Memorial Park, which offers a public golf-course, swimming pool, tennis courts, trails and more. In fact, there are more than 650 urban green spaces throughout the city. Downtown you'll find Discovery Green, which features a farmers market, dog runs, yoga and fine dining, all complete with Wi-Fi. While you're there, don't forget to explore the eclectic historic neighborhoods located throughout the city.

If food is your thing, then Houston is your place; there's a reason residents of Houston eat out more than those in any other city. The exceptional cuisine and internationally renowned chefs have attracted the attention of *Bon Appetit, Food & Wine*, and *Saveur*. Send your taste buds on a journey through the best the city has to offer by joining one of the famous Houston Culinary Tours. These chef-led tours will whisk you through everything from taco buses to ethnic markets, one intimate, 16-person, guided tour at a time.

While downtown, you can also experience a thriving, vibrant art district that is home to professional resident companies in ballet, opera, symphony and theater, something only four other U.S. cities can claim. The nearby museum district, the country's fourth largest of its kind, is home to 18 museums, all within walking distance from one another, including the family-friendly Houston Children's Museum. Whether you wish to see a live theatrical production or stroll through a gallery filled with eye-catching artwork, you can't beat the mix of world-class art found in the area.

Houston also offers a range of additional premium attractions to explore and discover. Experience the history of space exploration up close and prepare to be amazed while visiting Space Center Houston and the Johnson Space Center, home of NASA. And don't forget the Houston Zoo, the Downtown Aquarium, the Kemah Boardwalk and Entertainment Complex, and for those who prefer to be surrounded by blue seas, Galveston Island is only a few miles south of the city. Or if you're a sports fan, check out any of the four professional sports teams that call Houston home.

To learn more about everything this multicultural destination has to offer, please visit **visithoustontexas.com**.

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# **COMING EVENTS**

# **December 2014**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Deadline for January Magazine	2	3	4	5	6
7 Murat Shrine Children's Christmas Party	Murat Shrine Night with the Indiana Pacers Lexington Hospital Board Meeting	9	10	11	12	Texas Hold'em AASR Children's Christmas Party
14	Divan Meeting Board Meeting Stated Meeting 7 p.m. Annual Meeting/Election of Officers	16 Chicago Hospital Board Meeting	17 Cincinnati Hospital Board Meeting	18	Band Night at the Oasis	20
21	22	23	24	Merry Christmas! Fraternal Ofice Closed	26	27
28	29	30	31			

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Γhu. 1	Happy New Year! Fraternal Office Closed	Mon. 2	Deadline for March Magazine	Wed. 1	Deadline for May Magazine	
Fri. 2	Deadline for	Sat. 14	Texas Hold'em	Sat. 11	Texas Hold'em	
	<b>February Magazine</b>	Mon. 16	5	Fri. 17 –	Grand Master's Class and	
Sat. 10	Texas Hold'em		Board Meeting	Sat. 18	AASR Degrees	
Sat. 17	East – West Shrine Bowl Game	Stated Meeting 7 p.m  March 2015		Mon. 20	Divan Meeting Board Meeting <b>Stated Meeting 7 p.m</b>	
Mon. 19	Divan Meeting Board Meeting <b>Stated Meeting 7 p.m</b>	Mon. 2	Deadline for April Magazine	Sat. 25	Dyslexia Center Tea, Fashion and More	
	23rd Annual Murat Leadership Seminar	Sat. 14	Texas Hold'em			
Sat. 24		Mon. 16	Divan Meeting Board Meeting			
Sat. 31	AASR Degree Day		Stated Meeting 7 p.m			

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