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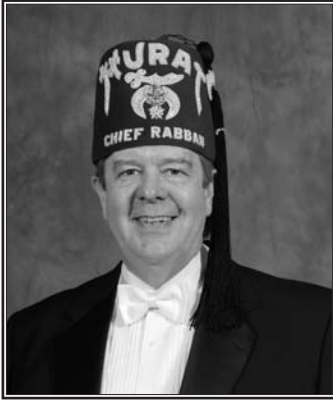


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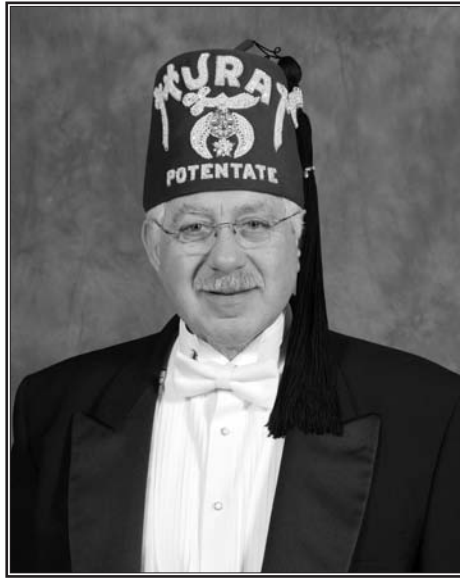
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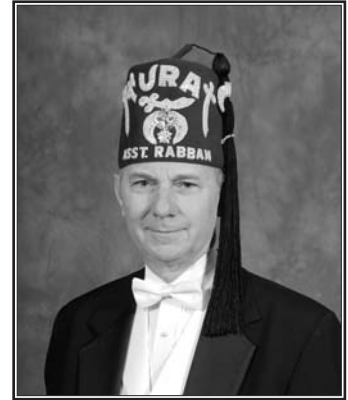
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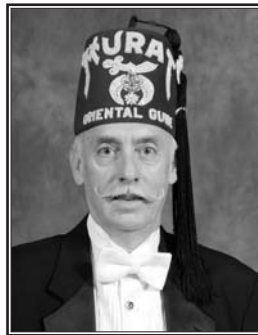
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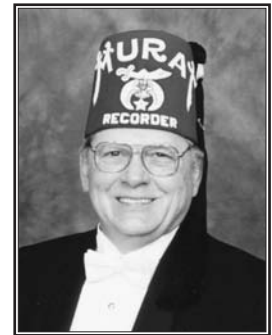
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## POTENTATE MESSAGE

# From the Potentate

Thank you Nobles for electing me as your 97th Potentate for the year 2008. I want to thank my fraternal father, John A. Friend, P.P., for having the confidence in me to appoint me to the Divan line. Each year in the Divan line has been rewarding and enriching. I am very proud to be the first Potentate from the Firemen's Club. I look forward to working with the Nobles and their ladies and hope that together we can make this a great 2008.

This year, as in the past, membership is, and probably always will be, a top priority for Murat Shrine. We have a great Membership Committee that will be visiting you, asking for your assistance. "Hopefully," we can take some new members on a hospital visit so they can see what Shrine is all about. Remember, Nobles ... Create in '08.

We have several activities planned for this year, starting with the Seminar of Instruction on January 19. Florida Visitation will be January 29 - February 2 with a luncheon at Araba Shrine on January 30 and Sahib Shrine on February 1. The trip will also include lots of golf, great dinners, and maybe some fishing too.

On February 9, bring your Sweetheart

and join Sally Jo and me for our "Hearts on Fire" Potentate's Ball. We are looking forward to a wonderful evening of fun and fellowship.

Friday, February 15, will be the annual Mobil Nobles Little Pig Initiation and dinner. Following dinner, join us in the Oasis Lounge for Band Night. The end of February will be busy with the Shrine Circus, the largest single fundraiser of the year.

I am honored to have the privilege of appointing William "Bill" Rasner to the position of Outer Guard. Bill will be an asset to the Divan line and his lady, Vicki, will add a lot to our Fraternal Family. Congratulations to both of them.

Again, thank you for giving me this opportunity. 2008 promises to be an exciting year and I hope we can enjoy it together. Nobles, we have a great Shrine, a great Divan, and a great board of directors. Please give us your support. Remember, Nobles ... Create in '08.

Yours in the Faith,

Ronald M. Elliott  
 Potentate 2008



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# A Letter From Megan

GORDON J HUSK



I spoke in Hawaii at the new hospital's Capital Campaign project.

Hi,

It's me, Megan, that pesky Shriners Kid who LOVES you all! Remember me? I played the piano at the Imperial Council Session in Tampa, and I was invited back to Imperial in Anaheim. I spoke at the ladies' luncheon and the clown competition. Just wanted to say "hi" and see how your year has been. I hope it has been a great one! I have been to many different Shrine events this past year and it has been a great year. I go all over the United States and Canada, telling everyone just what you Shriners mean to us kids. I love going to the Fezzings so I can tell the new members what being a Shriner is REALLY all about! I go to at least one to four states a month. It keeps me busy, but I LOVE it!

I am home right now recovering from my 24th surgery, so I truly understand what you and your hospitals are really about. I think I have about three more surgeries before I am finished. To be honest, I will miss the hospital. It has become my second home. BUT ... I am going to be a nurse or child life specialist and intend to work at the Shriners Hospital in Portland. That is my goal and I work really hard at reaching my goals.

I want to thank you and your ladies from the bottom of my heart for all the hard work and sacrifices you make so we kids can have the surgeries we need to "fix" us. THANK YOU ... THANK YOU ... THANK YOU!

I am a huge Oriental Band and Clown fan. When I go places, I am often asked to play with the Oriental Band. That just makes my day! I also love those clowns; in fact, I have written a children's book and am now finishing the illustrations. It is about my first trip to the Shriners Hospital and how a Shriner Clown helped me. It is called Clowns Make a Difference! Please tell all your clowns there ... they DO MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

Please tell everyone there "hi" for me and that I LOVE them. You all are my HEROES!

Your #1 Fan,

Shriners Kid  
Megan Johnson  
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Happy NewYear! I hope that everyone had a joyous Holiday Season. I can't believe 2008 is here; my how time flies. Dates are set, the planning is done, so it's time to get ready and have a year full of fun.

Congratulations to all of the 2008 Murat Shrine Unit officers and ladies, as well as the officers and their ladies of our outlying Shrine Clubs. Best wishes to everyone for a memorable year. I would also like to congratulate Murat's new Outer Guard, Bill Rasner, and his lady, Vicki Franklin. We are very pleased to have them as part of the 2008 Divan. We wish them well in the years

to come.

This column was started in 2005 to keep the ladies informed of the activities throughout the year. This is my goal – to keep you aware of our 2008 events. They will be advertised in the magazine and should also be listed in the calendar on the back page. It is my hope that many of you, especially those of you new to the Shrine, will participate in some of the ladies' activities. It is an opportunity to see friends and hopefully meet some new ones.

A few of the upcoming events include the AFC & NFC Championship Football Party on Sunday, January 20. I

hope our Colts will be playing, so wear your blue and come down and cheer them on! Friday night "Band Nights" will be monthly and those dates are listed on the back of the magazine. It's very casual, so come, eat dinner, listen to the band and enjoy the fellowship of Nobles and their ladies.

Please mark Saturday, February 9, on your calendars (almost Valentine's Day). That is the date of our "Hearts on Fire" Potentate's Ball. Ron and I hope you will be with us for our special evening. Tickets are available in the Fraternal Office.

The Mobil Nobles have their Little Pig Initiation on Friday, February 15, and while the men are attending that dinner, we will have our "Ladies Night Out" dinner. For a couple of fun-filled hours we can chat with friends, have dinner and relax. We may even have some door prizes. Then we will join our men in the Oasis Lounge for Band Night.

As February ends, the circus will be coming to town. It can't be a success without volunteers and we are always in need of your help. If you are interested in volunteering, please call Sherri (635-2433) in the Shrine Office.

The Divan ladies will be involved with all of this year's activities, including the "Ladies Night Out" dinner, our Ladies Card Party in April, and our Ladies Luncheon in the fall. If you have any questions and/or ideas, please feel free to contact any of us.

That should do it for the first couple of months. I hope you feel informed and will join us for some fun and fellowship in 2008. There is nothing more meaningful than helping a child heal. Let's have some fun and help our children!!

## From the Recorder

Gordon J Husk

Circus Director Larry Selig passed from earthly life while on vacation in the Czech Republic with his wife, Adrian. Murat lost a great friend, circus director and Noble.

When Past Potentate John Cinotto began his campaign for Imperial Outer Guard, travel made it necessary for him to relinquish the position of circus director. Imperial Sir John heartily endorsed Larry Selig to assume the position, and Larry did an outstanding job.

Noble Selig gave his full energy and dedication to every project. The circus was in his mind all year, as he planned to make the next circus even more successful than the previous one. His enthusiasm was contagious. Shriners were eager to volunteer for all sorts of circus duties, in great measure because of Larry's demeanor. He thanked and complimented volunteers for a job well done. Although he often said he was not a public speaker, he did an outstanding job of instilling his enthusiasm in others when he addressed a group.

Larry was Past Camaxtli of Teocalli 500, Order of Quetzalcoatl and a very active member of that order. He used his business acumen to help the "Q" in planning, organizing and managing fundraising efforts. The "Q" is a generous and frequent contributor to the Murat Transportation Fund.

Noble Larry loved his family, his country, Murat and good jokes. He possessed a good sense of humor and realized a light-hearted comment often relieves the tension of the moment. Seldom did anyone see Larry without a smile, and we all returned smiles to him. He was a good businessman and applied his business experience to Murat's benefit. He always sought the best arrangements for circus purchases and was dedicated to improving the business operations of the circus.

Noble Larry, we salute you. May your successes and tireless efforts be remembered by Murat Nobles and their ladies long into the future. You helped brighten the days of many children.





Illustrious Potentate Ron Elliott



# Ron Elliott Elected as the 97<sup>th</sup> Potentate

Ronald M. Elliott was elected our 97th Potentate of Murat Shrine at the annual meeting held on Monday, December 17, 2007. He was appointed to the Divan of Murat Temple by Potentate John A. Friend, Sr. Ron has served as committee chairman for Budget, Safety & Security, 500 Festival and House & Grounds. He has also served as an Imperial representative and has been an executive aide, Potentate's aide, and hospitality chairman for many past Potentates. He is currently an Imperial Marshal's aide and serves on the board of governors at the Shriners Hospital for Children in Cincinnati.

Ron was born in Indianapolis on April 1, 1943, the oldest of three children. He attended Indianapolis Public Schools and graduated from Warren Central High School. Professionally, Ron was a firefighter with the Indianapolis Fire Department. Before joining the fire department, he worked as a carpet installer for Penney's, Block's and Sears, as well as many interior decorators. After becoming a fireman, Ron opened his own carpet business, where he worked when he wasn't on duty at the firehouse. He would take his vacation days during the month of May and would be on the Fire Crew at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway. He held several positions while on the fire department, which included public relations officer, chauffeur to three district chiefs, and retired in 1994 with the rank of lieutenant. Ron went on to work for the Marion County Sheriff's Department in the Civil Office for two years.

Ron has always been very active in the community. He has served on the board of directors for the Muscular Dystrophy Foundation, United Christmas Service Organization, IFD Clothe A Child Committee, and was on the 500 Festival Committee as a parade marshal for many years. He belongs to the Indianapolis Retired Firefighters Club, Tau Kappa Epsilon, and is a Kentucky Colonel.

In June of 1973 Ron was initiated into Brookside Lodge #720. He joined the Scottish Rite Valley of Indianapolis in November 1973 and in December of that same year he became a Noble of Murat Shrine. He is also a member of Prather York Rite.

Ron is an active member of the Murat Firemen's Club and served as president in 1983 and 1995. He is a past president of Kowad 'Al Sabikin and a past parade marshal in the 500 Shrine Club, where he drove a parade car for many years.

Other memberships include Murat Police Club, Gun Club, Motor Corps, VCM, Mobil Nobles, Order of the Q, El' Ameen Nabeel, Hillbilly Clan #14, and Knights of Venus. He is a past director of the Royal Order of Jesters and is an honorary member of the Reception Unit, Corvette Club, Chanters, Band and was named an Old Fart Emeritus by the NexGen Unit. Ron belongs to Boone County, Madison County, Shelby County and Stone Belt Shrine Clubs.

Ron resides on the north side of Indianapolis with his wife Sally Jo. He has two older children: daughter Dawn and son Jeff (married to Barb) and a 16-year-old granddaughter, Kristen.

Ron and Sally Jo are the parents of two sons: Scott, 23, and Ryan, 20. The family enjoys NASCAR and Indy car racing, attending Colts games, and traveling in their motor home to various race tracks.

Ron hopes to make 2008 an exciting year and is grateful for the opportunity and privilege to serve as Murat's 97th Potentate.



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Welcome to 2008 and Happy New Year! January marks the time where we reflect on our prior achievements and plan that fresh start for the coming year. Before we can begin a new year, the members of the Kentucky Colonels wish to express our thanks and appreciation to Past President Kent Smith for leading our Club during a productive 2007.

OFFICER INSTALLATION PARTY – The Tunisian Room was the location for our installation of officers. Following a

great meal, the program began with Colonel Wally Renn presiding as master of ceremonies. Colonel Craig Hinshaw, Assistant Rabban-elect, conducted the swearing in of the 2008 officers and board members. Our officers for 2008 are as follows: Colonel Garvie Piercy, President; Colonel Paul Schneck, First Vice; Colonel Ray Hunt, Second Vice; Colonel Terry Boyer, Secretary; and Colonel Dennis Scott, Treasurer. Board members include Colonel Jim Taflinger,

Colonel Ray Gotshall, P.P., Colonel Jim Huffman, and Colonel Kent Smith as ex-officio. As an added bonus, the ladies of the officers and board members were “installed” by Colonel Gordon Husk, recorder. The duties of chaplain will be shared by Colonels Bucky Everhart and Jim Taflinger. Entertainment was provided by Butch Everhart.

WINTER CEREMONIAL – The Club was well represented and manned a table during the final ceremonial of 2007. This was a great opportunity to inform the candidates about the Kentucky Colonels Club.

NEW MEMBER – The Club would like to welcome our newest member, Charles Sebastin. We invite Charles and all Club members to get involved.

CIRCUS – The Club will again be passing out papers about our hospitals to the public during the Murat Shrine Circus to be held February 28 through March 2. This is always a great opportunity to inform the public about our philanthropy. Worker sign-up sheets should be available in January and February.

CONGRATULATIONS – Let’s all support our new Potentate, Ron Elliott, during his year as leader of Murat. Ron has the will and enthusiasm to keep Murat as the number one temple in Shrinedom.

PLAQUE PROGRAM – January will be the kickoff of the plaque program, and every member of the Kentucky Colonels Club needs to get involved. This new mission for the Club will help support our hospitals and Murat in its effort to provide excellent and continuing care for our kids.

NEW YEAR’S RESOLUTION – Make it part of your resolutions to attend as many Club functions as you can in 2008 and support President Garvie. We meet the first Wednesday of the month in the Mecca Room around 5:30 for dinner and fellowship and at 7 p.m. for our Stated Meeting. Again, have a Happy New Year!

## Circus Activity Book Ad Sales

Preparations are now being made for the 63<sup>rd</sup> year of the Murat Shrine Circus. The advertising sales booklets have been distributed to your Unit/Club. Contact your Unit/Club to get your sales listings from last year. If you need additional contracts, they are available in the Murat Office. Please deliver all ads with payment to Sherri in the Shrine office. The deadline for all ads is January 15, 2008. If you need additional information, call Sherri in the Shrine office at (317) 635-2433.

## Murat Mobil Noble Little Pig Initiation

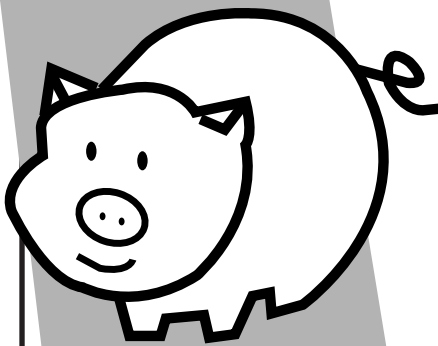
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The members of the Murat Reception Unit met for our Christmas and Installation Dinner on December 11. The 2008 officers of the Unit are: Greg Miller, President; Joe Stoutner, Vice President; Kent Smith, Sr., Treasurer; Larry Sutherlin, Secretary; and Carson Smith, Recording Secretary.

The officers and committee heads of the Reception Unit will meet on Sunday, January 6, 2008, at 12:30 p.m. in the Tunisian Room at Murat Shrine Center for

an organizational meeting. A buffet-style meal will be available.

Our first monthly meeting of the New Year will be held on Tuesday, January 8, at 7 p.m. with dinner prior to the meeting in the Tunisian Room starting at 5:30 p.m.

If you are a Reception Unit member and would like to attend the Potentate's Ball on Saturday, February 9, please contact one of our officers for ticket information.

Finally, please make plans to assist

the Reception Unit with ushering at the Murat Shrine Circus, February 28 - March 2, 2008.

This year the Reception Unit is celebrating the gift of service to our Potentate, Ron Elliott, to the Divan, to Murat, and to all our fellow Nobles.

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## Transportation Club

Dennis Scott

Happy New Year to everyone! It seems like yesterday that President Mike Harrison took the oath of office and promised to lead this great Club down the path of prosperity and further greatness ... blah blah blah. Now it's time for a new leader. But first, the Club would like to thank the officers of 2007 for all their efforts and leadership this past year. We attended several parades, worked the Shrine Circus, sponsored the Children's Christmas Party, had some social gatherings, and made money for the Club by working the air show while having fun.

**DRIVERS** – At the November meeting, several hospital van drivers were given recognition for their efforts in transporting children to and from our hospitals. Charles Stevens received a bolo for 25 trips; Paul Dougherty and Bill Reisa received a cap for driving their 10th trip. In addition, Don Schildgen, Jerry Martin, and Bill Browne received a mileage award from our Lexington Hospital for driving 20,000, 16,000 and 15,000 miles, respectively. At the October Murat Stated Meeting, the Club presented a check for the Transportation Fund in the amount of \$1,000 to help keep our drivers on the road.

**OFFICER INSTALLATION/PAST PRESIDENTS PARTY** – As we gathered for this final party of the year at the University of Indianapolis, it was time to reflect on the many achievements we made along with good food and fellowship. Oh yes, we installed our new officers and recognized the ladies for all their help and support.

**CONGRATULATIONS** – As we begin 2008, we find ourselves in good hands with our new President, Ron Bolyard; First Vice, Terry Boyer; Second Vice, Jim Huffman; and continuing as Secretary, Don Schildgen; and Treasurer, Brian Brent. Our 2008 board members are: Dave Frazier, Paul Schneck, P.P., Dan Schaffer, Paul Herzog, Mike Metzger, and Jerry Martin.

**CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY** – Congratulations to Chairman Bucky Everhart who did a great job organizing this party for the hospital children and children of the Nobility. Thanks also to the members who were on the committee and those who made sure the party was a success.

**CIRCUS** – Don't forget those ads for the Circus Activity Book which is one of the best ways to make money for the Club. You can turn the ads in to the Fraternal Office, but be sure to give the credit to the Transportation Club. The circus will be held on February 28 through March 2. Circus worker sign-up sheets should be available at our January meeting.

Let's make this one of the best years for our Club by supporting our new president, Ron Bolyard, in all his endeavors by attending as many meetings and functions as you can.

Put it on top of your 2008 resolutions. We meet on the third Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m. in the Mediterranean Room. If you would like to eat with us, we will be at our reserved tables in the Oasis Lounge around 5:30 for food and fellowship.

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## Arab Patrol

Jim Monroe

The Patrol reverse raffle turned out to be a great success in the end, but getting to that point was another story. After getting the UAW union hall booked for the raffle, the unforeseen happened – the union hall was no longer available due to Navistar going on strike and needing it for their own union members. Then came the 'fortitude' the Patrol has always shown in the past ... we went to plan "B." Phil Goodwin negotiated with Sam Thompson, and we were able to move the raffle to the Gun Club. It was a great night for everyone who attended. We had great food, thanks to the cooking skills of Mike Long, Dick Monroe and Larry Trent. Also, thanks to Phil and Sam for getting a place to have the event on somewhat short notice. And congratulations to the two winners who split the grand prize: Delbert Drummond and Helen Brown.

At our November meeting, we had three new members join the Patrol: Ben Monts, Mike Pfeiffer and Anthony Eder – welcome to the Patrol guys. Our meeting was also attended by one of our members who has had some health issues in the past; it was very good to see "Uncle Al" back out and about.

There were a lot of the Divan members in attendance, and Ron Elliott asked the Unit to get out and sell the Murat Circus ads, as this is the big money event for the Shrine. We should also try to sell as many of the 2008 Murat Calendars as possible. Anyone who would like to join the Arab Patrol, we meet the first Friday of the month at 7:30 p.m.

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## El' Ameen Nabeel

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Dave Heckman

El' Ameen Nabeel, or "Ever Faithful Noble," is an organization within Murat Shriners that recognizes those active members of the Units and Clubs who have been members of that Unit for at least 20 years and also have attended five Imperial Sessions with that Unit. To be eligible for membership prior to this past year, those Clubs must have had a recognized parade group and participated in the parades at the Imperial Session. Now members of outlying Clubs, or Clubs and Units that do not parade, such as Trap and Skeet, the Music Men, or Logansport Shrine Club, are also eligible – if they meet the other requirements of membership and participation. This change was made to hopefully inspire more members to apply to XX-V.

Originated by Nobles of Murat, the organization has been adopted in a couple of other Shrine Centers, but has never "taken up steam" across the world of Shrinedom. There are no dues to pay, only a one-time fee to join for which a member receives a medallion to wear as recognition, and only two meetings a year, in April and October, at which dinner is served, new members are admitted, and sometimes a program speaker makes a presentation.

One of the MOST "Ever Faithful Nobles," Leonard Hull, has written the articles for this magazine each month for many years. Leonard asked me recently to fill in for a couple of months as he recuperates at home from back problems that have kept him down for a while, and will for a while longer. Let us all keep Leonard in our prayers.

Our next dinner meeting is scheduled for April 16, 2008, at the Gatling Gun Club about 6 p.m. Their doors open at 3 p.m. so the fellows who work downtown may just stop by early and enjoy each other's company before the meeting. Check with your Club secretary to see if you are eligible and, if so, apply today! Contact Earl Moore for more information and an application at (317) 899-2751 or (317) 946-9786.

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## Gun Club

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Herb Arthur

Since it is early November when I write this article, not a lot has happened in regard to the sale of the Gatling Gun Club or the purchase of the new property we were looking at in nearby Beech Grove. Money is the present holdup, since we have not received any earnest money to close the deal on the Gun Club building; therefore, we have not been able to purchase the new property, although there is earnest money involved to secure the purchase of the proposed site. The holdup depends on the buyers of the Gun Club property getting a tax abatement from the city of Indianapolis. If and when that happens, the wheels are in motion to pursue our purchase. We have asked for an extension of our closing until after they appear before the court, and we have been assured that they will go along with this extension.

Election of officers for the Murat Gun Club was Friday, December 7, with all members in good standing eligible to vote and hold office.

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## Dramatic Cast

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Don Olvey

Greetings once more from your Dramatic Cast.

I hope your holidays were enjoyable and Santa was good to you and yours.

The members of the Cast get very busy this time of year. In addition to the December Hot Sands Ceremonial, we have also had our election of officers for 2008 as well as our annual Christmas party. This year President Tim has made arrangements for our party, and a short business meeting, to be held at Squealers Barbecue in Mooresville.

Since none of these things have happened as of this writing, you can look forward to a full report on the ceremonial and our election in the February issue of the Murat Magazine.

Speaking of the February issue, Carl Culmann, the Cast's first vice president, will be taking over the reporting duties. I fought long and hard to keep on doing this, but Carl claims that writing for the magazine is one of his life's goals and who am I to stand in his way? In all seriousness, I have enjoyed reporting for the Cast, but it will be nice to read articles instead of writing them for awhile.

Please remember to keep our fellow Nobles and their families in your thoughts and prayers as well as our service men and women.

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# Southeastern Indiana Shrine Club

Ed Johnson

Happy New Year to all Nobles! Now that 2007 and all of its festivities are behind us, we start to look forward to the upcoming year. The first ceremony we will have is our installation of officers which will be held January 12. All of our Nobles are invited to attend, but an RSVP is necessary to ensure we have enough food. Noble Frank Fletcher will be installed as president. Frank is our parade chairman and works at our paper drives and steak dinners. He is very proud to be a Shriner, and I am sure he will do an excellent job leading the Club in 2008.

Stated Meetings are held on the second Monday of each month at 8 p.m. Prior to the meeting, the directors meet at 7:30 and after the meeting, a meal is served. There are usually enough members available after the meeting ends to get a game of cards started as well. So come out to a Stated Meeting; it's more than just business!

In addition to writing the articles for this magazine, I am the writer for our monthly Club newsletter as well. Each month I have several emails returned to me due to changes of email addresses or full mailboxes. If you are not receiving a newsletter each month, please contact me with your updated information so you can stay up to date on the Club events.



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Happy New Year Nobles & Welcome to 2008!

Congratulations to Ron Elliott on being elected as our new Potentate. Illustrious Sir Ron served as president of our Club in 1983 and again in 1995. We look forward to a very exciting year as we work closely with Ron and Lady Sally Jo. Both have been very active in the Shrine and Masonic bodies for many years.

The officers for the coming year for the Murat Firemen's Club are: Floyd Sendmeyer, President; Tim Whitaker, First Vice President; George E. Massey, Second Vice President; F. Edward Pierce, Treasurer; and Harold Pierce, Secretary. If you would like to join our Firemen's Club or want more information about the Club, please contact any of the officers or any of our Club members.

Reminder: Shrine Calendars are NOW ON SALE. Help our great Murat Shrine fraternity by selling and buying calendars. You might even be a lucky winner of a small or large prize. It's a great chance to "win"!

Are you going to Florida for the Visitation? Remember the dates are January 29 - February 2, 2008. See you there!

Now that you are rested and enjoyed that Florida sunshine, don't forget to attend the Potentate's Ball "Hearts on Fire" February 9 in the Murat Egyptian Room, featuring The Festival Band. This is a good time to dust off that tux and Fez while your lady gets all gussied up for an evening of enjoyment with your friends and Shrine neighbors. The Potentate's Ball Committee hopes to make this an exciting event, with a few surprises for Illustrious Sir Ron and Lady Sally Jo. For a really fun night, we'll see you at the Shrine Circus. It's that time of the year to make plans again, by selling ads and volunteering for our annual Murat Shrine Circus. This great event will be held February 28 to March 2, 2008. Director Ted Crosley has worked very hard this year under extreme conditions. Ted stepped up to the plate to help with the circus when we lost our previous director, Larry Selig, who passed away

last year. One of our director's goals this coming year is to have each position filled with a backup person. Our co-chair this year will be Jerry Sparks. Jerry is a retired member of IFD and is a hard worker. I look forward to working very closely with Jerry in our planning process. Helping Ted make this fundraising event a SUCCESS will take all of us working together to Git R' Done! But, we are Shriners and that's what we do ... we pull together when we lose a close friend. Once again, the Firemen's Club will be staffing the First Aid/Lost Children Room and will need

all of our members to help out. So please mark your calendars now so that you might set aside some time to help out. Watch your emails for more information this month.

We have a very busy schedule ahead of us and look forward to seeing a lot of old friends as we travel to the various events both locally and nationally. In closing, I would like to remind our members that we will be honoring our new Potentate and his lady on March 5 at the Shrine. More information will be announced at our January meeting. See you there.

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# Madison County Shrine Club

Curly McNally

We at Madison County want to wish everyone a Happy New Year. Hope you all have had a happy, enjoyable, and safe Christmas and Holiday Season.

December's festivities started with our Shrine Kids Christmas Party on December 8. Shriner children and parents were visited by none other than "Santa Claus." Toting his bag full of presents, Santa handed out gifts to cheering and smiling youngsters. With their little stomachs full of hot dogs and hamburgers, each and every one left with a heart full of Shrinedom. Thanks to all who participated in such a gifted event.

December 15 was our annual Christmas Dinner and Dance, hosted by Bruce Skinner and Lady Debbie. The prime rib was delicious and filling, and entertainment was provided by the "Cuz Band." Atta-Boys go to their committee for decorations and Christmas cheer.

As this issue reaches your mailbox,

our New Year's party will have just happened. Info will be forthcoming.

With the close of 2007, we at Madison County want to express our sincere thanks to outgoing President Chris Robbins and Lady Tonya. Their leadership has contributed a great deal to the organization this past year. Congratulations!

Well, it's that time of year for me, as this article writer, to pass the pencil to our next first vice president, Mark Nugent. His penmanship will provide for many exciting and enjoyable articles.

Madison County has a couple of upcoming events to mark on your calendar. January 12 will be our Installation of Officers and February 16 is our Potentate's Party. Call for more information and reservations, (765) 643-2730.

Visit our website [www.madison-countyshrineclub.com](http://www.madison-countyshrineclub.com) for additional information and pictures.

# Scott County Shrine Club



Past Potentate Jerry Markovich and members of Scott County at the Annual Children's Party. (Photos by Dianah Louks)



Ladies of Scott County with Past Potentate Jerry Markovich at the Annual Children's Christmas Party.

## 2008 Murat Shrine Golf Schedules

*(Note: Murat Golf Outings are Stag)*

### APRIL 26

Brownsburg Blue Lodge (Jeff Zaring) Outing

### MAY 29

Madison County Shrine Club, Meadowbrook Golf Course, Anderson, IN; \$65. Includes: Green Fees and 1/2 Cart, Zem-Zem on Course, Prizes and Dinner at Madison County Shrine Club at 5 p.m.

Contacts: Curly McNally, Dick Dawson, Tim Limbrock, Don Melvin, Bruce Skinner and Scott Schuster.

### JULY 16

Murat Potentate's Golf, Winding Ridge Golf Course, East 56th Street, Indianapolis, IN; 12 Noon Shotgun Start. Includes: Green Fees, 1/2 Cart, Zem-Zem on Course, Prizes and Dinner at Winding Ridge after Golf, with Special Prize by Lockhart Cadillac for first Hole-in-One on designated Par 3, and many other surprises.

PLUS: Blue Lodge Trophy Contest, 4-man team. Contact: Murat Shrine Golf, 510 N. New Jersey St., Indianapolis, IN 46204, Attn: Don Melvin, Golf Meister.

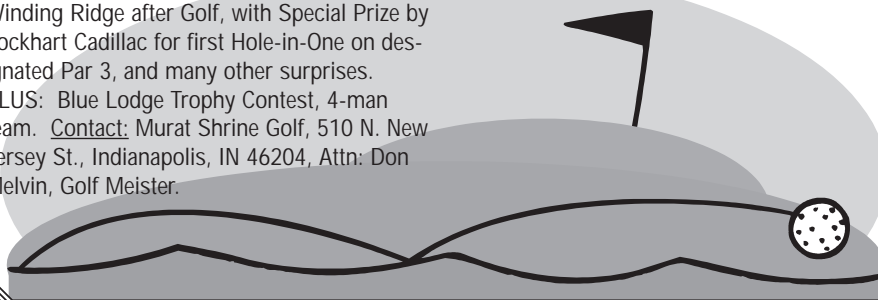
### AUGUST 2

Indiana Masonic Home, Timbergate Golf Course. Includes: Golf, 1/2 Cart, Prizes and Buffet Dinner after Golf.

### AUGUST 14

White County Shrine Club, Tippecanoe Golf Course, Monticello, IN; Includes: Golf, Cart and Prizes with Dinner afterwards. Contact: P.P. Bob Hancock for Tee Times, (317) 501-1969 or (317) 844-2616.

**Notice: To have your Golf Outing in the Murat Magazine, send to Murat Shrine, Attn: Don Melvin, 510 N. New Jersey St., Indianapolis, IN 46204.**



## Correction

In the December issue we omitted credit for the cover photography. All of the photos on the cover were taken by Imperial Photographer Bob Wilson.

Also, the class picture on page 27 was taken by Joe Bula. We apologize to Bob and Joe and again thank them for their continuing contributions to our magazine.

—Clifford C. Lewis, Managing Editor



# Railroad Club

Raymond E. Gotshall

Hope you all had a very happy, merry and enjoyable Christmas and/or Holiday Season, gathering with your family and friends. Good times come and go so quickly. It is nice to see the little ones gather round the Christmas tree to enjoy many of the holiday traditions. Hopefully, some of your kids, grandkids, or even great, grandkids received some toy trains.



Our last meeting was November 27, which was our election of officers. The following officers were unanimously elected: David S. Kaufman, President and Chief Engineer; Donald B. Gordon, First Vice President; Nicholas W. Noe, Second Vice President; Norman Ettinger, Secretary; William David Beck, Treasurer; and Albert S. Lowe, Sergeant at Arms. J. Garland Moore, Eddie M. Ellis, Ed Andrews, Raymond E. Gotshall and James H. Comer were all elected to the board of directors. Bob Crawford, immediate past president, is our ex-officio.

The Railroad Club layout room was open for both the

2008 Murat Railroad Club Officers: 1st Row (L-R) Ray Gotshall, Eddie Ellis, Dave Beck, Ed Andrews. 2nd Row: Don Gordon, President David Kaufman, retiring president Bob Crawford, and Jim Comer.

December 8 Ceremonial and the Children's Christmas Party on December 16. The Children's Christmas Party has to be one of the top events of the year. A great time was had by all. We have as much fun putting it on as the kids do visiting our room.

The Club meets at 7 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of most months in the Railroad Club rooms which are located on the fourth floor of the Murat Center. If you haven't been up to see our exhibits, come to one of our meetings. We also have a work night or work day, at the call of our president.

The Railroad Club is looking for some members who are interested in model railroading, Big Boy railroads, trips to railroad related facilities, etc. If this interests you, come up to one of our meetings. Look in the Oasis Lounge for a Noble with railroad type clothing, and he will either direct you or show you the way to the Railroad Club rooms. We are unique. Come join us in fun and fellowship

## Kerbela Fun Fest

PIGEON FORGE, TN

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May 1 - 4, 2008

*Deadline for Reservations is March 25, 2008*

Deposit is \$74 for first night room plus \$10 per person hospitality charge plus \$10 per Noble for Fun Fest registration. Limited suites are available for \$134 first night deposit plus \$10 per person hospitality charge plus \$10 per Noble for Fun Fest registration. Reservations can be made through the Fraternal Office.

*The Reception Unit has tickets for the Vandells Concert. Contact the Reception Unit for these tickets.*



**16TH ANNUAL**

## Murat Leadership Seminar

Saturday, January 19, 2008

9 AM - 1 PM

Arabian Room, Murat Temple

# Contributions

Photos by Dennis Wood, Murat Camera Club

(November 2007)



Past Potentate Jerry Markovich accepts a \$500 donation to the Murat Transportation Fund from High Priestess Carol Staab of Tarum Court #14, Ladies Oriental Shrine. With the High Priestess for this presentation were: Faye Crabtree, Ruth Ann Kelly, Betty Rathbun, Peggy Hoose, Peg Strawser, Sharon Ross, Nancy Gillie, Betty King, Kathy Rose, Audrey Apple, Barb Smith, Fran Thompson, Dianah Louks and Karen Waldrip.



Lil' Istiks President Vicki Franklin, along with Karen Waldrip, Sharon Ross, Sharon Stoutner, Kay Hinshaw, Barb Smith, Francis Sparks, Dorothy Abel, Peg Strawser, Peggy Hoose, Shanon Johnson, Terri Harris, Betty King, Mary Ann Harrison and Kathy Franzman, presents Past Potentate Jerry Markovich with a check for the Transportation Fund in the amount of \$750.



Queen Kathy Rose of Koran Temple #30, Daughters of the Nile, gave her report to Past Potentate Jerry Markovich on their temple's charitable activity in 2007 which included: \$8,000 to the Convalescent & Endowment Fund, \$2,000 to the Lexington Hospital, \$25 for Stepping Stone and a \$25 gas card for the Transportation Fund. Assisting Queen Kathy this evening were: Dianah Louks, Sally Jo Elliott, Betty Rathbun, Tammy Priest, Audrey Apple, Dorothy Abel, Peggy Hoose, Sharon Baugh, Ruth Ann Kelly, Fran Thompson, Betty King, Barb Smith, Faye Crabtree, Kay Hinshaw, and Sue Cheeley.



On behalf of the 2007 "Think Pink Committee," Dianah Louks, along with Sally Jo Elliott, Tammy Priest, Faye Crabtree, Kay Hinshaw, Chairperson Stacy Jacobs, Linda Abdon and Betty King, hands over a \$1,721.18 check to Past Potentate Jerry Markovich for the Transportation Fund.



Imperial Maharanee Elaine Thrasher of the Imperial Shrine Guilds of North America, with the assistance of Smyrna Shrine Guild members Fran Thompson, Sharon Baugh, Susie Brown, Linda Abdon, Sharon Ross, Virginia Inkoff, Gloria Schubert, Karen Waldrip, Faye Crabtree, Betty King, Tammy Priest, Sally Jo Elliott, Stacy Jacobs, Kay Hinshaw, Linda Lewis, Betty Rathbun, and Carol Staub, gives a check for \$500 to Past Potentate Jerry Markovich for the Transportation Fund.



Betty Rathbun and Audrey Apple make a \$100 donation for the Murat Transportation Fund to Past Potentate Jerry Markovich on behalf of the Shrine Honored Ladies.



The Murat Mini-Cycles donated toys for our Cincinnati Hospital. Making the presentation for the Mini-Cycles to Potentate Ron Elliott and Past Potentate Jerry Markovich is Noble Russell Butters.



Past Potentate Jerry Markovich accepts a \$1,000 check for the Transportation Fund on behalf of the Murat Highlanders from Noble Joe Ketterman and Past Potentate Jeff Zaring.



Murat's award winning Legion of Honor presents checks for \$1,000 and \$450 for the 2008 Shrine Circus to Past Potentate Jerry Markovich. George Choung, Leroy Callahan, Bob Watson, Ron Bolyard, Phil Greenwood, Bruce Hall, John Cheeley and Lloyd Hearn assisted in the presentation.



Past Potentate Jerry Markovich receives two checks for the Transportation Fund from a delegation from the Murat Flying Fezzes: Deo Carter, John Blaydoe, Bill Reisa, Benton Pittman, Dick Lucas, Joe Stoutner and led by their 2007 president, Robert Davis. The first check was in the amount of \$1,040. The second was a \$50 check in honor of Paul Beard. The Flying Fezzes also brought with them a donation of seven buckets of pull tabs for the Shrine Hospitals.



Montgomery County Shrine Club members Oriental Guide Kevin Rhodes, Greg Miller, Bob Chezem, Jimmy Stevenson, Jerry Stevenson, Edd Consoer, Dale Harmon, Mike Hargrove, Russ Switzer, Terry Switzer, Wayne Smith, Donnie Jesse, Jim Byers, Don Melvin, and Charlie Homsher accompany Club President Mike Utterback in the presentation of three different donations to Past Potentate Jerry Markovich. They are: 300 pounds of pull tabs and two red wagons for the Shrine Hospitals; \$1,945.69 from the Paper Drive, and \$5,000 for the Murat Transportation Fund.



## Mini-Cycles

Russ Butters

At our November 4 meeting, election of officers for 2008 was held. They are as follows: Russell Butters, President; Ron Hood, First Vice President; Bob Price, Second Vice President; Dale Dougherty, Secretary; Tony Phelps, Treasurer; and Bill Wilson, Quartermaster.

On November 17, we held our annual Christmas party and installation of new officers for 2008 at Steak & Ale. We were given the oath of office by Divan member, Oriental Guide Kevin D. Rhodes. At the party everyone brought toys for the kids in the Cincinnati Burns Hospital.

At the Murat Stated Meeting on November 19, the toys were given to Potentate Ronald M. Elliott to take to the hospital.

By the time of this writing, three of our Snowbirds will have left for Florida. On our sick list are Larry Taylor, Bertha Hood and Roberta Butters. Our next meeting will be February 5, 2008, at 7 p.m. at the Murat Center.

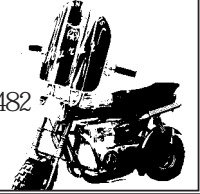
Enjoy your Shrine by joining a Unit or Club at Murat.

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**MURAT MINI-CYCLE CLUB**  
We are a "family-oriented" motorized parade unit.

**The Fun Club**

Phone 831-4683 or 882-0482

for information  
Russ Butters • Dale Dougherty



## Chanters

Chanters Sing and also Celebrate the Birthday of our Director, Gayle Byers



Gayle's Lady Jane organized a surprise party for Noble Gayle at the Oasis Lounge on Monday, December 3.



This gift was intended to help our director "point" out our mistakes.

*If you like to sing come join the fun on Mondays at 7 p.m.!*



Many friends and his Chanter Family were there to join in the celebration.

Happy New Year to one and all from Tarum.

It is hard to believe another year has come and gone. Yet here it is 2008 and Tarum is ready for another exciting year. We have our new officers elected and ready to hit the ground running. The new officers are a mixture of old and new. Our new president is Mark Greulich; this will be the second time in Tarum's history that a member will be president for a second term. Mark was president in 2001 and is looking forward to another good year at the helm. Jeff Dickey, who was our first two-term president, will be filling the office of first vice president. Chad Greulich, who is Mark's son, will be beginning his officer tour of duty as our second vice president. Jack Dickey, who was president in 2001 and is Jeff's father, will be our treasurer. Our officers are a family affair this year. However, we still need a secretary; if you can devote a few hours per month to your Club and fill this vital position, please contact any of the new officers.

The Tarum ladies have also selected their slate of officers for 2008. The president is Cheryel Greulich. Cheryel is a three-term president and, once again, the men's and ladies presidents are a husband and wife team. Norma Russell

will be vice president, Shirley Pippin will be repeating as treasurer, and Marie Bunch will continue as secretary. We wish all of our Club's new officers a good year and congratulations go out to all. The ladies had a great year with several wedding receptions, style shows, and a very successful Salad Bar Bingo. The ladies have replaced all of the flatware at the Club and are planning to replace all of the dishes. President Sharon McDowell and her officers did a great job in 2007 and Tarum is proud of them.

2007 was a busy year and President Larry Pippin kept everyone on their toes. You never knew what to expect during Friday night dinners. He played TV games, Bingo, funny auctions, and scavenger type hunts throughout the Club. He gave out many prizes; most were good but some were booby prizes. We never knew what Larry would do next. Above all, Larry had fun all year and he deserves a round of applause. Well done, President Pippin.

December was a busy month at Tarum. There were three Holiday Party rentals, the Children's Christmas Party, entertainment for Friday night, December 7, provided by the singing group "Something Good" with music

from the '40s and '50s. There was a Christmas pitch-in dinner on Friday the 21st with the meat provided by the Club. Then we capped the year off with what has become an annual New Year's Eve party. All in all, it was a great Holiday Season at Tarum.

Richmond's Masonic Family will be continuing to hold their first Saturday of the month breakfasts. Please mark your calendars for these breakfasts. The food is great and the friends and fellowship are wonderful, plus there is a very dedicated group of Masonic Family members who work extremely hard to bring these meals to us. Thanks to all Eastern Star members, Webb Lodge, Richmond 196, Scottish Rite, York Rite and Shrine Nobles who have worked so hard to make this happen. There is one person who has been very instrumental in bringing these breakfasts to us, and we wish to recognize Eastern Star Past Worthy Matron Luanne Emerson-Smith. She has been there cooking, cleaning, and making sure all are taken care of from the start. Her Saturday starts at about 4 a.m. and finishes about 11 a.m. Then she goes to work. Well done and congratulations Luanne!

See you at Tarum.

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## Kowad 'Al Sabikin

Charlie Crabtree

This group is established as a social organization and to give credit to all living former heads of Units of Murat Temple: to promote fellowship and friendship among its members; and particularly to honor the men of Murat who have so generously given of their time and efforts throughout the years to make the organized Units of Murat Temple outstanding in Shrinedom.

This group of men meets five times a year for a reasonably priced meal and fellowship. A short business meeting is held at each dinner. Meetings are held on the third Thursday of January (to swear in officers and honor

the Murat Divan), February and April (to induct new members), September (Mystery Dinner), and November (to elect officers and select the Man of the Year).

If you are a past head of a Unit or Club of Murat and would like to join, please contact David Dale at (317) 862-3253 or email kowad@sbcglobal.net. The cost of becoming a member is \$10 initiation plus \$5 dues = \$15 for the first year with dues of \$5 for each year thereafter.

Now, I owe some of our members an apology. A few of the mailing addresses have been lost. If you are a

member and have not been receiving the fliers sent out before each meeting, please email your home address to Charlie Crabtree at clcrabtree2002@yahoo.com or mail to Charles Crabtree, 7533 Deerfield Dr., Greenfield, IN 46140. We need both email and home addresses so you can receive the fliers and any important information by email between fliers.

Prospective members: please contact David as February and April will be here before you know it. Hope to see all members in January.

Happy New Year to all! Since the last magazine article, we have had some changes in Smyrna. Due to health reasons, Susie Lawson will not be Maharanee this year; however, she has retained her position as Rahnee and plans to move up in 2009. Please keep her in your thoughts and prayers as she is recovering from her health issues. We would also like to thank and applaud Susie Brown for stepping in at the last minute to the position of Maharanee for 2008. Her theme will be "Heart Smart." Let us all show her patience, support and assistance.

We would like to remind everyone to support Potentate Ron Elliott's Murat Shrine Calendar sales this year. They will be available through Smyrna. They are \$25 each. Each calendar has 365 chances to win throughout 2008: \$25 each Monday through Saturday, \$100 each Sunday and five lucky winners for \$1,000 on New Year's Day, April 15, Independence Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas.

## Note from Maharanee Susie Brown

"The installation of the 2008 officers was a great day for me as I hope it was for all who participated and attended. Many thanks to all who took quick action to make it work. It was a lovely ceremony and we appreciate all the hard work. The holidays are over and unfortunately, we have to settle down to the real world. We are looking for someone to chair the ways and means committee. It is a very important position and we would appreciate it if someone could step in and take over. If anyone is interested, please let me know. I am looking forward to working with everyone to make it another fun year for Smyrna and a successful year for our fundraising for the children's hospitals. Thank you again for appointing me your Maharanee for 2008. I will have more information coming up later in the year."

Your 2008 Smyrna Shrine Guild officers are Maharanee - Susie Brown; Rahnee - Susie Lawson; Marshal - Vicki Wilson; Sergeant at Arms - Tammy Priest; Treasurer - Sharon Ross; Secretary - Kitty Walden. Other 2008 Guild positions include Scribe - Betty Huckeba; Parliamentarian - Lou Benell; Auditor - Elaine Thrasher; Chaplain - Linda Lewis; Guild Night Chairman - Melanie Close; Education Fund Chair - Connie Cantrell; Finance Officers - Elaine Thrasher and Betty Allen; Ceremonial Directress - Linda Abdon; Historian - Betty King; Inner-Guard - Phyllis Boyd; Outer-Guard - Barb Wilkins; Bylaws & Rules - Nancy Gilson; Ways & Means - (TBA/this could be you); Publicity - Barb Wimmenauer; Card Party - Susie Lawson; Inventory - Linda Abdon; Photographer - Bette Kennard; Convention Ads - Starr Comer; Chatterbox - Becky Essex; Roster - Rita Schowengerdt; Cheer - Dianna Craft; Telephone Chairman - Miriam Nolton.

## JANUARY CALENDAR

Reminder - No Guild Night in January.

Tuesday, January 22 - Stated Meeting: 7:30 p.m., Murat. Hope to see you there to kick off the New Year!

## FEBRUARY CALENDAR

Wednesday, February 6 - Guild Night: 5:30 p.m., Gatling Gun Club. Reservations appreciated by contacting Melanie Close at

(317) 859-9617. We will kick off the New Year with a pitch-in dinner.

Tuesday, February 26 - Stated Meeting: 7:30 p.m., Murat.

## MARCH CALENDAR

Wednesday, March 5 - Guild Night: 5:30 p.m., Gatling Gun Club - MEMBERSHIP NIGHT. Please bring prospective members. Contact Starr Comer or Becky Essex for more information.

Tuesday, March 25 - Stated Meeting: 7:30 p.m., Murat.

A quick rule of thumb - Guild Nights are held the first Wednesday of each month beginning at 5:30 p.m. at the Gun Club, and Stated Meetings are held the fourth Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at Murat. Make your reservation by contacting Guild Night Chairman Melanie Close at 859-9617 and leave a message.

Reminder: Dianna Craft is our cheer chairman. Please contact her with news regarding our Smyrna membership and their families so we can communicate the news in a timely fashion. Her number is (317) 882-8587. If no answer, please leave a message.

**THE DIVAN LADIES  
ARE HOSTING**

*Ladies  
Night  
Out*

**FRIDAY  
FEBRUARY 15  
5:30 P.M.  
MURAT CORINTHIAN  
ROOM**

*Tickets available in the Murat Office  
Contact Sherri - 635-2433*

*Join us for food, fun and fellowship  
Followed by Band Night in the Oasis Lounge*

Hey! President Mike Utterback? Your year is up: Ya did a pretty good job maintaining law and order at the meetings, and the Nobles and project leaders got quite a few missions accomplished.

Mike Cloncs again led 160 or so Montgomery County fourth graders to and from the super Shrine Circus and saw that they got fed too ... and Fred Baker led the way in contacting sponsors again with Jerry, Jimmie and Edd helping out; Charlie Homsher again brought an Indy 500 dignitary to entertain us. Joey Chitwood, president of the Indianapolis Motor Speedway, was our guest and he was really one to listen to. Several K of Cs were here too (but were second out of two in numbers and paid up for the bet).

Big Al, Jerry Stevenson, and Jim Fruits kept those Vidalia Onions comin' and "Stan the Onion Man" Harris sold 2,250 lbs. of those juicy morsels. John Servies used to sell us out in the past, I remember, and Bill Servies had one of his trucks to pick the onions up and transport them to us. Dale Harmon headed up the Paper Drive again and we seem to get more donations each year.-

A couple of years ago, then "President in Waiting" Russ Switzer said, "Let's try a Countdown," and Bob Chezem was our "point man" this year and once again our performance was super ... thanks go to Jim McCaskill for cooking the pork. Once more, Steve Dawson headed up the Montgomery County Shrine Golf Outing ... good food, good prizes, good Zem-Zem, good time, and we appreciate the many golfers from our Club and other locales. They make it a real fun time each year. Was Donovan there?

Then there was the annual Fish Fry with Mark Hampton "running the bases" on this project again. Bill Woodall and crew cooked those fish to perfection and the Nobles did the rest ... keeps our customers coming back each year even when we have to change locations. At the 2007 Potentate's Golf Outing, Al Harris got "longest drive," Kevin Rhodes got "closest to the pin," and "Low Net Team" winners were our distinguished members Bob Chezem, Jim Fruits, Russ Fruits, and Jim Byers. Would anybody, any day, anywhere accuse them of being a "stacked

team"? Was Donovan there?

"Big Al" Harris was chairman of our Christmas Parade entry and rumor had it that he was considering golf carts, mini bikes, scooters, and just about anything mobile. Lastly comes the Installation Night banquet. We were pleased to see so many Nobles and their ladies who went out of their way to be there with us. The "special guests" from the Murat Divan, with their ladies, were there to make this a most festive evening and impress upon the newly installed team some of their "words of wisdom"! A check for the Shrine Children's Hospitals is usually made at this time. Tune in next month for the results.

Yeah! Guess the Nobles and you did get quite a few things accomplished this year ... congratulations Mike Utterback!

And oh yes, Donovan ... we're ba-a-ck!

GOD BLESS AMERICA!!

GOD BLESS SHRINEDOM!!

A CHILD'S SMILE MAKES IT ALL WORTHWHILE!!

## Report of Recent Events

It has been a while since we have had an article in the magazine; I want to apologize to everyone including Nobles of the MCSC. I will try to catch you all up on what the MCSC has been up to.

Back in October, Mark Hampton again organized a very successful fish fry. We changed venues for one year and held it at the Moose in Crawfordsville. The Moose welcomed us with genuine hospitality. Next year we will be back at the American Legion central headquarters of the MCSC.

During October's initiation, we welcomed some new Nobles: Larry Joe Cooper and Ronnie Lee Breaks under their first-signer Jerry Stevenson, and Terry Lee Switzer under his first-signer James West. Great job Nobles; we are looking forward to some good times.

In November, we also voted on our board of directors for 2008: President Bob Chezem, First Vice Jimmie Stevenson, Second Vice Dale Harmon, Treasurer Greg Miller, Secretary Mike Hargrove; One-Year Directors Donnie Jessie and

Todd Stevenson; Two-Year Directors Jim Fruits and Leo Calef; Three-Year Directors Tom DeBusk and Leo Calef; and Past President Mike Utterback.

Back in November, President Michael Utterback, Secretary Mike Hargrove, Dale Harmon, Jerry & Jerry Stevenson, Treasurer Greg Miller, Rus & Terry Switzer, Vice President Bob Chezem, Oriental Guide Kevin Rhodes, Jim Byers, Don Melvin, Charlie Homsher, Wayne Smith and Donnie Jessie followed "Double DD" Consoer up to the Murat in his little red wagon carrying about 300 pounds of pull tabs. Let's hear it for all of the time and hard work the Shriners of Montgomery County put into emptying all of those cans for the pull-tabs. Montgomery County was well represented that night at the Stated Meeting.

We also gave \$5,000 to Murat Transportation Fund and donated \$2,000 that we had raised during the Paper Crusade headed by Dale Harmon back in July. I know you all are thinking that was a good night of giving? Not bad. Previously in May, we also gave \$5,000 to the Murat Transportation Fund. MCSC takes great pride in being part of the Shriners of North America and we will continue to only do better. Thank you Illustrious Sir and Divan for having us!

That Crawfordsville Christmas parade turned out pretty good on December 1. The MCSC was well represented.

We held our initiation of officers on December 15 at the Elks again this year. It was a great time. We want to thank the members of the Divan and ladies for honoring us with their company. The initiation is also our ladies' night - we know without them a lot of these accomplishments would not happen. Thank you very much ladies! The food was great. The entertainment was entertaining.

"Big Al" and his three-ring joke rant went on for hours, with some new ones too. He is still telling them right now. Without his and our enthusiasm and initiative, the Club would not have as much fun and success as we do.

Good luck with all of your adventures. Nobles of Indiana, we will see you soon.

# 63rd Annual Shrine Circus

In less than three months, the 63rd edition of the Murat Shrine Circus will once again appear at the Indiana State Fairgrounds. To the delight of children from 6 to 60, the annual Shrine Circus will lead everyone across the borders of reality into a tinsel and spun-candy world of make believe.

The circus cannot become a success unless you become a part of this world of make believe. Run away with us to the circus, at least for a couple of hours. Your support is needed to volunteer your time, attend the performances, and/or sponsor a child to attend.

Nine performances are scheduled from February 28 through March 2. On Thursday, February 28, the performances are at 10 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Friday, February 29, at 10 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Saturday, March 1, at 10 a.m., 2 p.m., and 7 p.m.; and on Sunday, March 2, at 11:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m.

The Thursday and Friday morning shows, which are provided at no charge to school-age children and special needs people of all ages, are sold out. Orders are now being accepted; please use the order form in the magazine or you may call the office at (317) 635-2433 and charge your ticket order.

This year's circus will include favorites such as the Jacob Barreda Elephants, Adam Burke cat act, and the Flying Pages aerial act, Klose's Performing K-9's and the Rolling Diamonds, skating on a 10-foot high platform.

Help your Unit and Club by selling Activity Book ads and Corporate Sponsorships. Twenty-five percent of all circus ad revenue and Corporate Sponsor revenue is returned to the Unit/Club of the seller. There's not an easier way to build the treasury of your Unit/Club than to sell these ads. Most Units/Clubs have already received their packets for distribution to previous ad sellers.

Now is the time to start getting your ads for your Unit/Club. If you don't have the "ad forms" or the "corporate sponsor forms," you may pick them up from the Shrine Office. The deadline for the Activity Book ads is January 15, 2008. The sooner the ads are received, the better.

If you haven't signed up to volunteer, your help is still needed. Contact Sherri in the Murat Shrine Office and she will be happy to match you up with areas where we need help. Even if you can help with only one performance, please give us a call.

Because of work schedules and other commitments, many Shriners are unable to volunteer. If that is your situation, your support buying circus coupons will greatly benefit the thousands of children who attend as a result of our generosity.

The American circus is a great American family tradition – be a part of it!

	# Of Tickets	Seat Price	Total Amount
Thursday, February 28 10:00 am		<b>SOLD OUT</b>	
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Saturday, March 1 2:00 pm			
Saturday, March 1 7:00 pm			
Sunday, March 2 11:30 am			
Sunday, March 2 3:30 pm			
<b>SERVICE CHARGE</b>			<b>\$3.00</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$</b>
<b>Less Coupons (must be enclosed)</b>			
<b>AMOUNT DUE</b>			<b>\$</b>
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**Murat Shrine Circus**  
**Indiana State Fairgrounds Pepsi Coliseum**  
**February 28-March 2, 2008**

**Open Night— February 28 at 7 p.m.**  
**General Admission \$10**

**School Days—February 28 & 29 at 10 a.m.**  
**No Charge (Abbreviated Show)**

**All Other Shows — Reserved Seats**  
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 Indianapolis, IN 46204

**Murat Shrine Circus is a fraternal fundraiser and is not tax deductible as a charitable contribution.**

January ... 2008. The jolly old elf dressed in red that we call Santa has parked his sleigh and joined Mrs. Claus for a much needed rest, while the elves are taking a work break and the reindeer, along with Rudolph, have gone to pasture. The magic that we know as Christmas has once again come and gone. With all these changes, the Mini-Mystics have gathered to make plans for the New Year.

As president of the Mini-Mystics for 2008, my officers and I, along with all our members, want to wish everyone a very Happy and Prosperous New Year. Let's all work to make this year of "Shriners having fun and helping kids" the best ever.

At this year's Christmas Party, held at the Johnson County Shrine Club, over 80 people gathered to celebrate the past year and the Holiday Season. After Zem-Zem, the members and their guests were treated to a prime rib dinner prepared by Jim Carter. Then it was time for President Mike Percy to have his last time as master of ceremonies for the Club. Mike introduced and recognized several guests before filling everyone in on the events of the past summer. During this time, Lee Langlotz was noted for having the "breakdown necklace." He got this for failing to complete the Persimmon Festival Parade at Mitchell.



Officers with Captain of the Guard Jim Priest.

He then brought down the house presenting "yours truly" with the "Screw Up" award. Ironically, this was also earned at Mitchell. Once in front of everyone, he presented me with the famous "pink panties." The crowd couldn't wait to see them modeled. A good laugh was enjoyed by all.

Finally the officers for 2008 were introduced: Dave Alspaugh, President; Bill Sparks, Vice President; and Duane Burgess, Secretary/Treasurer. Jimmy Priest, Outer Guard of the Divan, was asked to come forward. He then swore in the officers so they could officially take over their duties.

Before closing his program, Mike presented the Mini-Mystic Shiner of the Year award to Dan Gillahan. This award was for Dan's outstanding year of parading, missing only one parade all year. He also hauled the wrecker to and from all the parades. Congratulations Dan! It was then time to move to the dance floor, where the Commander's Trio entertained. What a wonderful way to finish the evening.

At the dinner earlier, Bob Rash was recognized for an accomplishment very few people can even think about. Bob has been a Mason for 50 years. He has also belonged to the Scottish Rite for 50 years. Oh yes, he's been a member of the York Rite for 50 years. Bob topped all those with 50 years as a Shiner. What makes him so special to the Mini-Mystics is that he was a member of the first Mini-Mystics team. In 1961, he and the rest of the Mini-Mystics performed at the Great Lakes competition in Toledo, OH. Quoting Bob, "We took home all the awards!" All these years later, he still attends all the meetings and



Dan Gillahan, Mini-Mystic Shiner of the Year.



Bob Rash

once in awhile drives our wrecker in parades. That's quite a record for anyone ... Bob, we're proud to be your friend and brother.

Looking to the New Year, the Mini-Mystics are already setting up a parade schedule with the goal of again being "the most active parade unit" in the Murat Temple. We'll open the season February 16 in Ft. Myers, FL, parading for the Edison Electric Light Parade. We'll close the season in November at the Veteran's Day Parade in downtown Indianapolis. That's 10 months of parading, appearing in five different states, and doesn't leave too much time to goof-off.

Before closing this article, please remember to order your circus tickets. Our circus will run from February 28 through March 2. Also remember you can help make this circus a success by volunteering. Our temple can use all of us to help. Buying your tickets also gets you a credit towards your room at the Imperial Session in St. Louis.

Hope to see you at one of our parades in the near future. Until then ... look for us in the next issue.

## Kokomo Shrine Club



Presentation of the new hospital van to the Kokomo Shrine Club by Past Potentate Jerry Markovich on Monday, December 3.



# DeMolay

Mike McLaughlin

On November 10, the Murat Shrine held their 31st annual youth dance at the temple, hosted by the DeMolay Unit. Over 100 young people from Indiana DeMolay, Job's Daughters, and Rainbow for Girls and their advisors attended. Special recognition was given to those who worked at the Shrine Circus. Everyone enjoyed great snacks from John and Patti Stowers, and Mobil Lighting & Sound provided music and a light show.

We need a "Few Good Men" age 12 through 21, and 21+. If you have a son or grandson, call Jeff Kolszar at (317) 536-8093 for the nearest DeMolay chapter. Indiana DeMolay is in its eighth year of positive growth. Many of our Murat members were first introduced to the fraternity through DeMolay and the youth dance. We now have an opportunity to give back to these young people what we learned in DeMolay. Our next Unit meeting will be at the temple on January 14 at 7:30 p.m.

If you have a daughter or grand-



(L-R) Mike McLaughlin, Cassie Chestnut, Grand Worthy Advisor, International Order of the Rainbow for Girls in Indiana; Jamie Hadley, Grand Bethel Honored Queen, Indiana Job's Daughters; Logan Abell, State Scribe Treasurer of Indiana DeMolay; and Randal Ellington.

daughter, Jeff can also give you a contact name and phone for the nearest Job's Daughters or Rainbows for Girls.

Another opportunity to "Have Fun and Help Kids."

## GOOSE N' TATER

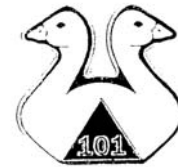
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At the Oasis Lounge for the

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Sunday, January 20, 2008

Lounge opens at Noon

Free Food, Fun and Games



Hello Nobles and Happy New Year to all!

## 2008 Highlander Officers

The membership has elected the following officers to lead the Highlanders this year: President – Richard Moffatt, Pipe Major – Joseph Brink, Vice President – Christian Pedersen, and Secretary/Treasurer – David Dale. Congratulations to these new leaders!

## Annual Party

The Highlanders' Annual Party is scheduled for January 18 at 7 p.m. in the Tunisian Room at the Temple. Contact Richard Moffatt for further information.

## Atholl Brose

Highlander on assignment "Wee Willie" Stanton was kind enough to forward me his recipe for Atholl Brose. He notes that this is the favored beverage for first footers at Hogmanay. Hogmanay is a Scottish word for the last day of the year, or what we celebrate as New Year's Eve. First footing is the old practice of being the first visitor to cross a friend or neighbor's threshold after midnight of Hogmanay. First footers bear symbolic gifts to bring luck to the householder.

There are a number of variations in making this drink, which have been handed down over many generations. The brew is first recorded in 1475 when the Earl of Atholl was attempting to capture Iain MacDonald, Lord of the Isles who was leading a rebellion against the king. Hearing that MacDonald drank from a small well, the Earl ordered it to be filled with honey, whisky and oatmeal. MacDonald stayed, sampling the concoction, and was captured!

Here is "Wee Willie's" Atholl Brose recipe:

### Ingredients:

- 3 rounded tablespoons of Irish or Scottish Medium oatmeal
- 2 tablespoons heather honey

Single Malt Scotch whisky

### Method:

The oatmeal is prepared by putting it into a basin and mixing with cold water until the consistency is that of a thick paste. Leave for half an hour and then put through a fine strainer, pressing with a wooden spoon to extract as much liquid as possible. Throw away the oatmeal and use the creamy liquor from the oatmeal for the brose.

Mix four dessert spoonfuls of pure honey and four sherry glassfuls of the prepared oatmeal and stir well using a silver spoon. Put into a quart bottle and fill with malt whisky; shake before serving. Enjoy!

## Becoming a Highlander

The band is always looking for new members. Musical experience is very helpful. We supply instruction for piping and drumming. If you are interested, please visit one of our meetings or practices. Our business meetings are the first Monday of each month at 7 p.m. in the Nile Room, which is in the lower level of the Shrine Club. Practices are the second and fourth Mondays at the Gatling Gun Club. Rookie practice and instruction begins at 6:30 p.m. and the entire band rehearsal begins at 7 p.m. For additional information, contact Joe "Wee Piper" Ketterman at (317) 849-1807 or [jmsetterman@aol.com](mailto:jmsetterman@aol.com).

## Sports

Wes Kidwell

Our Shrine Bowling League is back in action after a Thanksgiving vacation and after 11 weeks of competition, find the following standings: in first place, the Wahabi team, consisting of Secretary Jason Kreie, Hansford Bengé, Bill Blakey, Doug Blakey, Windsor Waits and Clark Hoage, with a 53-33 record; in second place was Herb Arthur, last year's winner, the Palominos; in third place with a 51-37 record was the Scimitars with a strong lineup of Chuck Sampson, Ed Barnard, Harold Pierce, Ray Muir and John Ervin, Sr.; seventh was held by the Murat Cast team at 34-54. Last place was held by the Zor team with a 24-64 record.

Team achievements – high series actual: Scimitars, 2819; high game handicap: Zor, 1178; high series handicap: Gatling Gun, 3331. Individual achievements – high game scratch: Mike Percy, 279 and also high average scratch, 215 and high series scratch, 740; high game handicap: Herb Arthur, 288; most improved: Ralph Parsley, 24.53 pins. The teams are having a lot of fun in friendly competition.

In other sports, the Indianapolis Colts have continued their winning ways with some close victories but should do better the rest of the season. The Indianapolis Pacers basketball team should be a sure bet for the playoffs later in December. The Indianapolis Ice are also doing better as they now lead the Eastern Division of the USHL with a 14-4 record.



**MSBC Texas Holdem Tournament**

**Date:** 29 March 2008 (Saturday)  
**Time:** 6:00 pm till ? (Doors Open at 5)  
**Location:** Murat Shrine

- Grand Prize Payout (as well as number) determined by number of entries
- Must purchase tickets in advance
- Limited Seating
- \$50.00 Buy-in includes tournament, beer or wine, and snacks
- See any MSBC Officer for Tickets

**Annual Charity Poker Event**

Contact: Don Richards or any MSBC Officer  
Phone: (317) 576-9100  
E-mail: [msbc\\_holdem@muratshrine.org](mailto:msbc_holdem@muratshrine.org)

Hello Nobles and ladies! Here's hoping that everyone had a great Holiday Season!

Let's reflect back on 2007 for a moment. It was a great year with new members, countless awards, and several trophies to our credit. This Unit has enjoyed great representation in the past and we are looking forward to 2008 being bigger and better.

The Corvette Club Christmas party began with cocktails at the McArthur's house, then moved to Dawson's in Speedway for dinner and fellowship. A great time was had by all!

Our 2007 officers are to be complimented for the wonderful job of adding so many new members to our Club – our count is just over 40. Thank you to everyone who served this past year as an officer ... we appreciate the time, dedication and commitment.

In December, the Club officers for 2008 were installed by Charlie Crabtree

and are as follows: President Ken Herald, Vice President Rod Kyle, Second Vice President/Parade Chairman Powers (Pip) Hapgood, and Secretary/Treasurer Mike McLaughlin.

Although most of us have our Corvettes tucked away for the winter months, it does not dampen our spirits and thoughts toward those upcoming parades, car shows, fun and fellowship that make this Club one of the best. We encourage new members, as well as interested Nobles, to show up and see what this Club has to offer. We are open to anyone who enjoys having fun with a great group of Nobles and their ladies. The great advantage to our Club is no Corvette is required before or after membership. There are currently several members who don't own Corvettes and, without too much "harassment or grief," attend meetings, have fun at the outings and even ride in our Corvettes with us in the parades.

Our first meeting is January 10 at 7:30 p.m. Some folks enjoy dinner and fellowship beginning at 6 p.m. in the Oasis Lounge before the meeting. If you cannot attend the January meeting, we meet the second Thursday of every month, so please come and join us.

Please address any questions to any of the Corvette Club members or call the president, Ken Herald, at (317) 422-9107 or Vice President Rod Kyle at (317) 745-1467.

## Corvette Trivia:

The original emblem on the first Corvette, in 1953, featured the crossed American and checkered flags.

It was discovered that using an American flag as part of a product trademark was against the law and had to be changed before the car was introduced to the public at the New York Auto Show.

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# Brown County Shrine Club

Gail Raeh

The Brown County Shrine Club is meeting on the second Tuesday of each month at the Brown County Inn. We begin gathering in the lounge at 6 p.m. where anyone can grab a bite and then move into a private room for our meetings. At our November meeting, election of officers was held for 2008. Noble Harry Bond was elected President, Noble Gail Raehn was elected Vice President, and our staple and great Secretary/Treasurer, Noble Buddy Antle, agreed to continue in that capacity for 2008.

The Brown County Shrine Club has as its major goal for 2008, in a word: GROWTH. We invite all Shriners to join us and especially those from beautiful Brown County. In the period prior to and immediately following Christmas and New Year, we have been busy calling Shriners living in Brown County to extend our hand in special invitation to join us each month on the second Tuesday at 6 p.m. at the Brown County Inn, gathering in the lounge and moving into our meeting room at 7 p.m. If you can't find us at the Inn, just ask at the front desk.

We all met at the Bond house for our Christmas party where we all had an excellent time, had the opportunity to get to know each other and our ladies, and greet some new members. Admittedly, the Brown County Shrine Club has been a bit short of members but was kept alive by many great Nobles from Bartholomew County who did an excellent job. Hopefully, these Nobles will continue with us in the future as we continue to build the Club from Brown County residents.

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# The Directors

Willis A. Roose

Describing a ceremonial a week before it happens presents somewhat of a challenge. However, with the leadership we have, it's liking "Shooting Fish in a Barrel." To use a phrase of past Director Ben Roberts, it was "the best ceremonial we ever had!" As long as Mike is surrounded by Norm, Rex and Kelly, his obligation appears quite routine.

Our Unit is spreading its wings a bit by operating a booth between the first and second sections. This program is being organized and presented by a capable secretary, Ron Williams. His idea will enable us to "blow our own horn."

Circus sales are now our battle cry and will continue for several weeks. Let's meet the obligation with fervor. There is no better way to help ourselves, our Unit, our Temple, and above all, the Kids. They are the real winners when this program produces abundant enthusiasm and financial support.

Our new Potentate has taken his honored position, with many worthwhile endeavors ready to be activated. He knows one place to go for complete cooperation and support. We're never too busy!

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# Murat Shriners Business Connection

Christopher Planeaux

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Our mantra remains simple and straightforward: all things equal, Nobles do business with Nobles. If you need a service, a product, information, a referral or recommendation, a job – any opportunity whatsoever – your first call (or email) should go to a member of the Murat's business networking Unit.

The Murat Shriners Business Connection bids farewell to 2007 and welcomes 2008. We salute all of the officers and committee chairmen who helped make 2007 a successful year. Our outgoing president, Art Borton, real estate agent for FC Tucker, successfully navigated the Unit to one of growth, celebrated fundraising, and newly forged fellowships and opportunities.

We bid Art farewell, and our much deserved thanks, but never good-bye, and welcome our new president for 2008: Christopher Planeaux, owner and CEO of D3 Data Solutions, Inc. Christopher plans to build on the Unit's recent successes to make 2008 a year of even more growth and opportunity. With Vice Presidents Chris Schaler and Joel Hall at his side, 2008 promises to become one for the record books (unless I just jinxed that here).

The Nobility can see the trend in this year's officer line: the average age of

our leadership drops significantly. Would we insult by proclaiming that young minds bring fresh ideas? 2008 should showcase (or disprove) this conventional wisdom.

The MSBC Unit holds three primary fundraisers a year: our Poker Tournament, Golf Outing, and Scholarship Auction (the latter helmed by Christy's of Indiana). These events fund our philanthropic endeavor of college scholarships for current and past patients to a Shriners Hospital (sponsored by any Noble from the Murat Shrine).

The officers and Unit would especially like to thank our Illustrious Sir and all members of the Divan who attended and supported the November auction.

Our Unit's accomplishments, however, do not stem simply from our fundraising. That would not do us justice. Our fundraising achievements remain the by-product of our business opportunities. Every Stated Meeting, every social event, every fundraiser – every visit to the Oasis Lounge – becomes a networking opportunity to conduct business. Each member of our Unit genuinely wants all of us to grow and prosper.

We can measure this prosperity

several ways: a direct referral, closed business deal, a sale, a completed negotiation – but such criterion does not reflect the true depth of the opportunity afforded our members.

The wealth of talent, the breadth of professionals, and the wide range of expertise in our Unit provides an unequal opportunity for each of us, meeting on the level, to help a brother in need (or maybe seeking advice). The amount of money saved, the expert advice available, one simply cannot quantify that with a naked dollar sign.

Nevertheless, we would not overstate to claim that hundreds of thousands – if not millions – of dollars pass hands throughout the year, either directly or indirectly, from business negotiated through our Unit.

MSBC meets in the Oasis Lounge the fourth Tuesday of every month (except November). Social hour begins at 6 p.m., our Stated Meeting at 7 p.m. We keep Unit business to a minimum and use the bulk of our time to talk about ourselves and our businesses. Please visit our website (<http://msbc.murtashrine.org>) for more information and also visit our one-page ad in this magazine.

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# Veteran Car Club

Bill Arterberry

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Our cars are safely tucked away for another season and the past parades are just a memory. Our circus director, Larry Selig, will be missed when we gear up (pun) to work at the Shrine Circus selling tokens for the rides. If you would like to volunteer to help us with this very enjoyable endeavor, you may contact me at (317) 823-8995.

At our November meeting, we elected new officers. Danny Thomas, Shelbyville, IN, was elected President; James Lasley, Richmond, IN, Vice President; Bud Forth, Indianapolis,

Secretary; and Fred Johnson, Indianapolis, Treasurer. We also re-elected two board members: Phil Free, Fortville, and Hershel Murphy, Indianapolis. Outgoing 2007 president, Dave Heckman, is a member of the board for one year. If you see any of these men, you might want to congratulate them.

We will have a Winter Holiday Party at the Rathskeller Restaurant and go to the American Cabaret Theater to see the A.C.T. presentation, "I'll Be Home for Christmas."

The VCC meets on the second Monday night of the month at 7:30 p.m. Some meet in the Lounge for dinner prior to the meeting. We welcome guests and their ladies and look forward to gaining new members in this special group. An old car is not necessary to join, but if you'd like, one of our members would be happy to advise you. Please come join us for dinner!

The holidays have come and gone and now the Stone Belt Shrine Club is preparing for another very busy year. As we reflect on the activities of the past six months, we realize how busy we really were. A lot of fun, a lot of effort, and a lot of satisfaction in helping others.

Summer was heralded in by the president's trip to the glittering city of Las Vegas, where the Excalibur hosted over 50 of our hearty members. As far as coming away big winners at the gaming tables, we'll just say no one was bragging about their big take. We did save enough to make it back home with the clothes on our backs.

The Mini-Cycles and Hillbilly OH participated in 17 parades in what seemed like one right after another all summer long. The culmination came on October 19 with the Indiana University Homecoming parade. After the parade, the Stone Belt Shrine Club hosted a very successful chili supper for the many participating Shrine Units at its clubhouse. Special thanks to all those who labored in the preparation of the great meal that was served. Special thanks to Tom Staley (PP) (Mini-Cycles) and Mike Bastin (Hillbillies), and the many members of these groups, for their excellent representation of Shriners and the Stone Belt Shrine Club.

You may notice a new addition to the Stone Belt parking lot. Through the generosity of Terry and Christine Chandler, the Mini-Cycle Unit now has a 40-passenger bus. When Christine bought a newer bus for her school route, her current bus was donated to Stone Belt Shrine Club Mini-Cycles. Dave Myers has removed the various school bus lights and stop signs from the bus and it will be repainted in the near future. The Mini-Cycle Unit will use it to transport riders and haul cycles to various parades and events. Thanks to the Chandlers.

Roger McNeal (PP) and his fine kitchen staff served up an all-you-can-eat fish fry on August 11. The Club was packed and if anyone went away without being stuffed, it was their fault.

August 12 saw us hosting the special members of our community, and their caregivers, at our annual Differing

Abilities Picnic. Eighty young people enjoyed a fine lunch of hamburgers and hot dogs. Activities after the meal included a ringing Karaoke songfest and a bingo game. Needless to say, all present were winners at this activity. Mike Porter (PP) brought his special hot rod out for viewing, and the Bloomington Township Fire Department brought out one of their trucks for the enjoyment of the attendees.

The evening of October 20, 115 members, family, and guests enjoyed the first annual Paul Crawford Steak and Shrimp Memorial Dinner at the Club. Paul Crawford (PP) was instrumental in bringing the kitchen and dining facilities of our Club up to the point we enjoy today. Paul is sorely missed and will be remembered each year at the dinner. Thanks again to Roger McNeal (PP) and his family for their work and sponsorship of this event. In the kitchen, Jimmy Misenheimer, Terry Chandler, our president's lady, Jane Kelly, and many others, along with a bevy of servers, did a splendid job of making the entire event memorable and one to look forward to next year.

November 10 saw our annual pilgrimage to Churchill Downs to watch the thoroughbreds run and perhaps to place a small wager on the races. Last year I'm sure we earned several of the horses an extra measure of oats with the money we left there. An absolutely great time was had by all. Thanks to Steve Fiscus (PP) and his team for sponsoring a great event. This year 50 members and guests made the trip. We enjoyed a relaxing bus ride from the motel to the track and a great meal in the Millionaires dining room with a special race viewing area for those who wanted to go outside and watch.

The Stone Belt Shrine Club is on the verge of a truly outstanding year with a full slate of special events to go with our routine weekly activities. Our Monday recreation nights have been bringing in many participants, our Wednesday night charity bingo games continue to generate a lot of interest, and our Friday night family dinners are a huge success. The dinners always consist of a special entree, steaks cooked to perfection on our out-

door grill, or breaded shrimp along with a full salad bar, drinks and dessert – all at a very reasonable cost. Starting in November, members were given a free Friday meal during the month of their birthday. Come on out and take advantage of this offer.

Bring the family for fun and fellowship at your Club, come and visit us and enjoy yourself. Also take advantage of the opportunity to help in the charity efforts of your Club by giving a couple of hours of effort in support of one or more of the activities mentioned here. Many hands make for light work.

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## Hancock County Shrine Club

Brian Miller

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Happy New Year from Hancock County Shrine Club.

2007 was a good year for the Club: our tent rentals were a hit and we had one of our best Paper Crusades in recent years. The Flivvers didn't have the chance to parade as much as we would have liked, but we had fun attending the parades we were able to make. We are planning to add a little flair to the Flivvers, so look for us in the 2008 parade season.

We held our 2008 election of officers and they are: President Robert Wortman, First Vice President Lloyd Young, and Second Vice-President Irv Lewis. Our board of directors consists of Paul Daugherty, Earl Hartman, John Rasor and Brian Miller.

It has been a pleasure to serve as 2007 president for Hancock County Shrine Club. I am proud to be a member of this Club and honored to have been an officer. I am proud of the donations we have been able to make. I am proud of our Flivvers and proud to be a part of the camaraderie that we have in Hancock County.

Thank you to everyone who has supported our Shrine Club in 2007. It has been a wonderful year.

I wish Bob a wonderful 2008.

This article will be about one of the most valuable members the Murat Shrine Band has had the privilege of knowing in the history of the Band, the oldest unit in Murat, which began in 1897. A Band article appeared in the Murat Magazine in 1999 written by Don Bottles. It tells the story of Noble Leonard Hull far better than I could.

"In the military, as one performs life threatening actions above and beyond the line of duty, he may be awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor. As an individual acts in the service of world mankind, he might be awarded the Nobel Peace Prize. As a brother Mason acts and serves the fraternity, he is recognized by earning the highest award as he dons the white and gold "bellhop" gear of the 33rd Degree Mason. All are honorable and above and beyond the call of duty.

In the oldest unit in the world's largest Shrine, the Murat Concert Band, an award of no less significance is the "Murat Band Nobility Award." As installation party chairman for many years, he nearly completed the impossible promotions, themes, decorations, entertainment, MC, location, menus, etc.

He built a 16 ft. gondola; a Ford Tri Motor model airplane with an 18 ft. wingspan; a one-third scale medicine wagon; three full size 18 wheeler tractor-trailer models (front, rear and 40 ft. profile); a 16 ft. alligator, two full size Civil War cannons, just to name a few. Always to reflect on the theme of the Band president-elect.

He totally refurbished the air calliope, built a carriage for its transportation, designed the fan and a remote control for the new generator. He was co-chairman for 13 Mystery Dinner trips. He designed the Band's 40 ft. parade trailer and pulled it to parades throughout the U.S. and Canada (estimated 30,000 miles).

He has been Scribe for at least 26 years (eight years added to original figure), writing the very first "Band Notes" monthly member publication (and the last one in November 2007), written, copied and folded for mailing by this



devoted brother. He also writes articles for the Shrine magazine and Shrine Bandmasters Association of North America's quarterly publication. I asked him if he would serve as the Band chaplain at dinners, funerals and special functions. His response, as usual, 'I Would be honored.' Any idea created by this brother was always for the enhancement of the Band and carried through to completion in a big way.

This very eager to serve Band member served on the board of directors as often and as many times as the bylaws allowed. He has served as secretary three times; treasurer and second vice president twice; first vice president twice; and served as Band president in 1982 and 1994.

When I asked his formula for success, he says:

1. I'm a dedicated husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, a patriot and Shriner.

2. You're honoring me for the people I love and things I love to do.

3. It is not me you should be honoring but the dedicated supporting cast who would not let me fail.

As you walk these hallowed halls of Murat Temple and you haven't met this devoted brother, you'll know him when he passes. He's the one behind that big smile.

I know I speak for all Bandsmen when I say, 'I am really happy and very proud I played in the Murat Band with our great brother, Leonard Hull.' "

Thank you, Don, for such a wonderful tribute to Leonard. Now let's hear from Leonard in his own words as he

reminisces about earlier Past Presidents parties.

"As Band Party chairman, I requested all Past Presidents to reflect not only on their year but what the Murat Band has meant to them throughout the year.

I personally have had so many great and positive things happen since I joined in 1973. It's difficult to elaborate, so just itemizing, I'll start when Dave Thrasher invited me to try my luck after a 30-year layoff (on trumpet that is).

My first Imperial Session was Toronto 1975; Joe Woodfill, Potentate, and Doc Ping, president. Don Sherry and I were the only rookies. I cleaned out 33 floors of ice machines for the Band hospitality room and the Band furnished ice for all the Murat Units. The greatest parade I've ever been in. People lined the streets 6 to 10 deep on both sides of the street for five miles. We played 'O Canada' at 11 a.m. in front of the reviewing stand, and I instructed Ken Shepherd on the use of the bidet."

The next few paragraphs have been covered in the above article by Don Bottles so with Leonard's approval they will be omitted.

"During Frank Worden's term as president, the board of directors decided to put the Band on wheels. As noted in Ivan Frakes' article, the average age in the Band was about 40 years. In 1986, the average age was 67. In 1994, the average age, even with new, younger members, was 69. A dream Morris Stealcup never got to realize. A total Band effort to design and build to our specs, with in-house talent. (See more details under President Barton 1990.)"

The trailer, which Leonard named "Worden's Wagon," has been given a new and fitting label by yours truly, "The Worden-Hull Wagon." More miles were added on the beautiful edifice to the Hull legacy. Today, December 1, the Murat Shrine Band performed in a Christmas parade in Wanamaker, IN, wearing long johns, stocking caps, winter coats and gloves. Now back to Leonard:

"We refurbished the air calliope,

built a remote control for a new generator, carriage, fan, etc. for circus promotion.

Train, water tower, railroad hats at Roland's first trip in the barrel over the falls in 1989.

Because of dedicated people, the quotation on every penny I pinch exemplified the Murat Band: 'E Pluribus Unum' (motto of the United States) – 'One Out of Many.'

It has been my privilege to serve the Murat Band and as I tenured my office in the Centennial Year of this grand Unit in the largest Shrine in the world, I would just like to say thanks for letting me be the nut that held the wheels on the band wagon in 1994. To me, a WW II veteran, the melody of 'Taps' is second only to the Lord's Prayer.

If any member of this great organization hasn't benefited by the positive, he has lost more than his ears. It's what's between them that counts.

'So mote it be.' "

Leonard E. Hull



***For the information of our readers, Leonard has had numerous health problems and bounced back. He is currently scheduled for heart catheterization. If the results are as we hope and pray they will be, Leonard will be judged able to undergo pain relieving back surgery. If this blessed event can be successfully completed, who knows, we may again under the heading of Band see the name of Scribe, Leonard Hull.***

## Daughters of the Nile

Ruth Ann Kelly

Welcome 2008 and wishing a Happy New Year to everyone. While gazing through the window, one can see bare trees, fallen leaves, squirrels busily "packing away" their winter food supply, birds and wildlife trying to find food and shelter, empty flower pots, bare patios with covered outdoor grills and closed, winterized swimming pools. Yes, "Old Man Winter" has finally descended upon us and is making his presence known with cold, frigid temperatures, strong winds, dreaded sleet and ice, and snowstorms.

At our Supreme Visitation, Koran Temple was happy to greet Queen Cathy's seven new Ladies of the Household. Congratulations to Sue Cheeley, Mary Ellen Cotton, Sally Jo Elliott, Carole Hosford, Cynthia Keeler, Dianah Louks, and Tiffany Smith on becoming members of Daughters of the Nile. We were also honored by having in attendance three Supreme Officers: Sue Layman, Supreme Princess Badoura, Isis Temple No. 41, Evansville, IN; Margery Zurcho, Supreme Princess Nydia, Pyremus Temple No. 82, Bridgeport, CT; and Carol Rose, Supreme Princess Zuliema, Koran Temple No. 30, Indianapolis, IN.

In addition, there were seven Reigning Queens, 18 Supreme Appointees, and many visiting ladies from surrounding areas and states. Everyone who attended this "special" day at Koran Temple No. 30 enjoyed a memorable time.

Don't forget the Daughters of the Nile "Winter Roundup" Style Show on January 12 in the Arabian Room. Arrive early at 10:30 a.m. so you can get a first-hand look and participate in the ever-popular silent auction of many valuable items. The price for the noon buffet will be \$20. Please call Betty J. Rathbun at (317) 846-2800 and make your reservation by the January 8 deadline. Be sure to bring many of your family and friends. Ginger and Spice will present many style show fashions. There could be several items you might desire to add to your present wardrobe. Door prizes will be awarded throughout the entire day.

How would you like to have a one carat diamond tennis bracelet to wear around your wrist? Opportunities to own this dazzling bracelet will be available at the style show. Who will be the new owner of this glistening piece of jewelry?

The "White Rose Ceremonial" will be on Saturday, February 16, at the Murat Centre. An \$18 luncheon buffet will be served at 12 p.m. in the Tunisian Room followed by a 2 p.m. ceremonial in the Corinthian Room. Pick up that phone and call Betty J. Rathbun (317) 846-2800 by Tuesday, February 12, to secure your reservation for this event. Be sure to obtain a Petition for Membership for the "White Rose Ceremonial" from Manuella Jefferson (317) 844-6222, Faye Crabtree (317) 894-6583, or any member of Daughters of the Nile. Hopefully, we will initiate several new ladies into our beautiful organization.

Old cell phones and computers are due the first week of January. Fill those "piggy banks" – then turn them into our recorder, Betty J. Rathbun, by the February meeting. Jane Ann Buchanan is still accepting all the aluminum tabs and cans you can obtain. Thanks to these special ladies for helping with the Ways and Means projects this year!!

Be sure to pencil into your new 2008 calendars the remaining stated session meetings held on the first Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. in the Trowel Trades Building. These remaining dates are January 2, February 6 and March 5. The following persons will be in charge of the social hour after these Stated Meetings: January 2 - Appointed Officers; February 7 – Past Queens; and March 5 – Queen Cathy Rose. Come and enjoy in this fellowship with your many Nile friends.

Finally, a thought for your New Year's resolutions: People will follow your footsteps more easily than they will follow your advice.

# 2008 MURAT CALENDAR RAFFLE

**WIN CASH!**



**\$1,000 5 times a year**

*(JANUARY 1, APRIL 15, JULY 4, NOVEMBER 23 and DECEMBER 25)*

**\$100 Every Sunday**

*(EXCEPT SPECIAL DAYS)*

**\$25 Daily**

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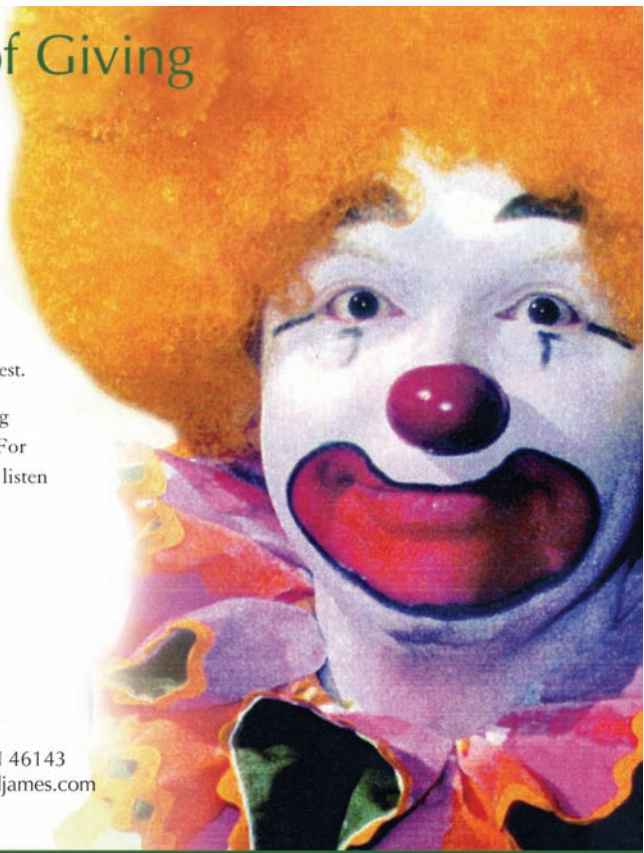
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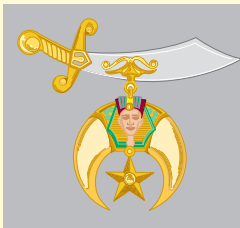


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Did anyone notice the large amount of lump coal that was seen at the Club shortly after Christmas? It sounds like there must have been some naughty Shriners at the Club. Santa only leaves coal for the bad boys. All joking aside, Santa has returned to the North Pole, leaving everyone to enjoy their gifts of the holidays. With his departure, he could have taken the cold weather back with him, but alas, we seem to be stuck with it.

So, with it being January, that can only mean we have reached the close of 2007 and have entered into the New Year 2008. Everyone at our Johnson County Shrine Club would like to wish all our friends ... Happy New Year – may it be a prosperous one.

Entering into this New Year, John Miller completes his tenure as president of the Club. As John steps down, Ray



Bob Rash

Miller steps up. Ray Miller, President; Mike Percy, First Vice President; Randy Bell, Second Vice President; Carl Howard, III, Treasurer; and Jeff Kondy, Secretary, enter 2008 as the new officers. Ray wants everyone to know how much he appreciated the work and effort that John and Lady Barbara did during their year. It takes an awful lot of hard work to manage the Club and all that goes on daily. There's BINGO twice a week, open kitchen on Fridays, as well as a couple of fish fries, and the County Fair building serving three meals a day for the entire run of the fair. From Ray, his officers, and the members ... good job, John.

As Ray steps up to take over the reigns, he is already pushing for some changes. He is asking for more volunteers. So far, the Saturday BINGO has had a better turnout of helpers. This just makes BINGO more profitable. He also says that he'll be announcing a couple SUPER BINGOS. Watch this column for dates. He's already working on the County Fair plans. More volunteers, better service, more profit. You'll notice, "We need volunteers" is a plea that you're going to hear all the time. That's the only way we can survive.

The kitchen will continue to be open to the public on Fridays. The menu varies each week. One week could be pork chops on the buffet, while the next could be prime rib. A telephone call to the Club can get you the menu each week. Venture down to Franklin and give the kitchen a try. Ray and Lady Jessica will be there to greet



Ray and Jessica

you and make you feel comfortable. Not only are the food and desserts excellent, the fellowship is better. We'll be expecting you.

During the month of December, Bob Rash, Shrine Club member, reached quite a milestone. He has been a Shriner for 50 years. He has also completed 50 years as a York Rite member, Scottish Rite member, as well as his Masonic Lodge. Not too many people can say they have been able to accomplish a record of that magnitude. From all your friends at the Johnson County Shrine Club ... congratulations and here's hoping you add many more years to that.

During December, the Club also hosted a riverboat trip to the Argosy Casino. Two buses were chartered – one for smokers and one for non-smokers. For a report on the gambling, you might check with our new president, Ray Miller. Hey, Ray! Why the long face?

The Club also hosted the Mini-Mystic Christmas Party in December. Chef Jim Carter did his usual fabulous job on the prime rib, serving about 90 guests. After an evening consisting of cocktails and dinner, the Club was then opened for dancing. Once again, a job well done.

Since this is a Holiday Season, I've decided to pass along a safety tip for any cooks who will be preparing food for the holidays. If you have a tendency to be clumsy, avoid cutting yourself while slicing the vegetables – get someone else to hold them while you chop away. Have a great New Year and we'll see you next issue.

## Flying Fezzes

Patrick DeCallier

Richard K. Curtis was the featured speaker at the November meeting. Mr. Curtis was a P-51 pilot in World War II with 51 missions before his tour of duty was completed.

The membership voted John Ellis, Charlie Merlou and Ivan Sachs to serve a term on the board of directors. In addition, the members' Christmas party was held on December 15 in the Tunisian Room, and the Potentate installed our new president and vice president.

The Club held a special Christmas party for the Lutheran Child & Family Services Center December 19.



Richard K. Curtis receives the Flying Fezzes coffee cup and airplane from President Robert M. Davis.

# A New Year, New Goals, Same Overall Objective

ART BORTON

I hope everyone had a nice Holiday Season and is looking forward to a great 2008.

First off, I would like to thank everyone who assisted in the membership program during 2007. It was a very eventful year, and we grew our membership, but did fall short of our goal of "407 in '07." Our Potentate, Jerry Markovich, pulled out all the stops to grow our membership such as the Ceremonial Road Shows, the swearing in of candidates before and after Stated Meetings, our All the Way in One Day class, and our traditional Hot Sands Ceremonial. It was a busy year, and I want to thank everyone who helped make 2007 a success.

The challenge for our new members from 2007 is to quickly find a Unit or Club that interests you and be active with your group. The more active you become now, the more the Shrine will mean to you and hopefully keep your interest in maintaining your Shrine membership.

2008 is going to be another exciting year for the membership program. While

we spent most of our efforts last year on recruitment, this year we are going to spend more time on retention and restoration. We need to hold onto our members and not let them slip away. We also need to bring men back into the Shrine and rekindle their spirit of why they joined in the first place. Our kids need all our help, and we can't let our members slip through our fingers.

Retention will be stressed at the Club and Unit meetings. Every member you get active is another member for you as well as for Murat. Let's hold onto every member and not let them slip away.

Restoration will be done through a calling committee who will be contacting all members suspended for non-payment of dues and trying to sell them to return to Shrine. Let's get them back after they have slipped away.

Our new Potentate, Ron Elliott, has stressed that recruitment of new members will continue to be one of our major focus areas. Ron has announced that he will continue the Ceremonial Road Shows for any outlying Club that brings us 20 candi-

dates. We will bring the ceremonial to you and save you the trip to Indy. Ron will also continue to conduct candidate swearing in ceremonies before and after Stated Meetings. Ron is also returning to our format of two ceremonials here at Murat. The two Hot Sands Ceremonials will be held April 5, 2008, and December 13, 2008. There is ongoing talk about other one-day Blue Lodge degrees, and possibly another All the Way in One Day class, but those events have not yet been finalized.

Overall, 2008 looks like it will be a busy year for the membership committee. If you would like to help at ceremonials or with the calling committee, please give me a call or drop me an email at [Aborton2@cs.com](mailto:Aborton2@cs.com). I look forward to working with all of you to make 2008 a success and to continue to have Murat maintain its position as the largest temple in Shrinedom. Thanks for all your help in advance.

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Due to a congenital disorder, Bonnie came to Shriners Hospital to have her right leg amputated above the knee when she was only five-years-old. Despite this challenge, she went on to excel as an athlete, scholar, mother, and businesswoman.

She used imagination and determination to push past the limitations of disability and become a silver and bronze medalist in downhill skiing in the 1984 Paralympics in Innsbruck, Austria; becoming the first African-American to win medals in Winter Olympics! She went on to graduate with honors from Harvard University, won the Rhodes Scholarship, and was eventually appointed to the White House economic team as a Director on the National Economic Council.



Now Bonnie seeks to bring out the best in others through writing and motivational speaking. I was lucky enough to meet her during a recent visit to the Chicago Hospital where she talked with patients, families, and staff about her personal experience as a patient at Shriners. She described what inspired her to achieve greatness.

She is currently on a national book tour to promote her most recent title *How Strong Woman Pray* where she weaves her personal story of remarkable perseverance with the stories of amazing women, like Maya Angelou, Kathie Lee Gifford, Barbara Bush, and Kathy Ireland, who find strength and power in the healing aspects of prayer.

"I've been able to overcome tremendous challenges because people along the way helped me push through 'limits'," she said. "Now it's my turn to make a difference in the lives of others."

With her exceptional “can-do” attitude, former Shriners’ patient Bonnie St. John reminds us that anything is possible!

Robert O. Kuehn  
Chairman of the Board of Governors  
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# Bill Rasner appointed Outer Guard for 2008

William "Bill" Bryan Rasner was born July 14, 1969, in Connersville, IN. His parents are Beve "Bill" W. Rasner, Jr. and Roberta B. Rasner. His father passed away in April 1981, but was a member of Warren Lodge #15, Scottish Rite Valley of Indianapolis, and Murat Shrine. Bill's mother remarried in 2001 and resides in Ruskin, FL, nine months a year and Columbus, IN, the remainder of the year. Bill lived in Connersville until 1976 when his family moved to Shelbyville. Bill is always seen with his beautiful lady Vicki Franklin. Bill graduated from Shelbyville High School in 1987 and attended Arizona State and IUPUI.

Bill has had an interesting career in the business world. In 1989, he began working as an insurance agent and later started his own agency, which he currently operates and serves as president of the corporation. He currently owns and has owned several different companies over the years, but has primarily been focused on real estate investments consisting of motels, houses & apartment buildings, office space, self-storage and commercial warehouse space.

Bill became a Master Mason in 1998 at Warren Lodge #15 in Connersville, where his father had been a member. He currently has a plural membership with Wm. Hacker Lodge #759 in Shelbyville. He became a member of the Scottish Rite Valley of Indianapolis in 1999 and joined Shelbyville York Rite in 2004. Bill joined the Murat Shrine on November 24, 1999, where he is a life member. Although Bill did not become active at Murat until the last few years, he has dedicated many years of service to the Shelby County Shrine Club. He served



on the board of directors beginning in 2000 and became president in 2005. He had served as treasurer prior to becoming president and currently serves as secretary/treasurer for the Club.

Bill began getting involved at Murat when he was asked to join the Reception Unit in 2004 and became secretary of the officer line in 2005, serving as president in 2007. He has served in other capacities from being the "personal aide to first lady Margie Zaring" in 2005, to being "chairman of the Florida Visitation" for 2006 and 2007, to becoming an executive aide in 2007. Bill has also been "chairman of Ways & Means" for the past three years and began the "Calendar Raffle Fundraiser," which has become the second largest fundraiser of Murat.

Among other memberships and designations are the Order of Quetzalcoatl, Kowad 'Al Sabikin, Johnson County Shrine Club and Mini-Mystics, Yacht Club, Firemen's Club, Mobil Nobles, Knights of Venus, Knights of the Sea, Gatling Gun Club and Kentucky Colonels.

Outside of the Masonic circle, Bill is involved in the Sons of the American Legion Post #70 as the financial officer, Loyal Order of Moose, Fraternal Order of Police, Shelby County Republican Club, Fellowship Baptist Church, Shelby County Innkeepers Tax Board, and Shelby County Tourism Board.

Bill's personal enjoyments include boating, traveling, music, golf, sporting events and NASCAR racing. He is looking forward to the challenges and opportunities that the future holds in Shrinedom.

# COMING EVENTS

## JANUARY 2008

- TUE. 1** Happy New Year!  
**WED. 2** **DEADLINE FOR FEBRUARY MAGAZINE**  
**THU. 3** Caravan Club - Ted Crosley  
 2008 Circus Preview  
**FRI. 4** Band Nigh – Top Hat Blues Revue  
 Band  
**THU. 10** Caravan Club - Illustrious Potentate Ron  
 Elliott 2008 at Murat  
**SAT. 12** Grand Lodge Founders' Day  
**THU. 17** Caravan Club - Carl Culmann, Grand  
 Marshal, What DeMolay Means to You  
**FRI. 18** Band Nigh – Bommers Revenge  
**SAT. 19** Murat Leadership Seminar  
 York Rite One-Day Class  
 East-West Shrine Game  
**SUN. 20** AFC/NFC Championship Party  
**MON. 21** Divan Meeting, Board Meeting  
**Stated Meeting 7 p.m.**  
**THU. 24** Caravan Club – Paul Wyatt  
 Small Business Association  
**TUE. 29-**  
**FRI. 1** Florida Visitation  
**THU. 31** Caravan Club – Norm Long  
 ECHO Quest for Healthy Air

## FEBRUARY 2008

- FRI. 1** **DEADLINE FOR MARCH MAGAZINE**  
**THU. 7** Caravan Club – Phil Rainey  
 Prevent Blindness, Inc.  
 Potentate's Ball  
**SAT. 9** Little Pig Initiation  
**FRI. 15** Ladies Night Out  
 Band Nigh – Night Deposit Band  
**MON. 18** Divan Meeting, Board Meeting  
**Stated Meeting 7 p.m.**  
**THU. 21** Caravan Club  
**THU. 28-**  
**SUN. 2** Shrine Circus

## MARCH 2008

- MON. 3** **DEADLINE FOR APRIL MAGAZINE**  
**THU. 6** Caravan Club  
**FRI. 7** Band Night – American Cheese  
**THU. 13** Caravan Club  
**MON. 17** Divan Meeting, Board Meeting  
**Stated Meeting 7 p.m.**  
**THU. 20** Caravan Club  
**FRI. 21** Band Night – Lemon Wheel  
**SAT. 22** Indianapolis Valley AASR  
 Easter Cathedral Hour  
**THU. 27** Caravan Club  
**SAT. 29** MSBC-Texas Hold 'em

## APRIL 2008

- TUE. 1** **DEADLINE FOR MAY MAGAZINE**  
**SAT. 5** Murat Ceremonial  
 Ringmaster's Banquet  
**THU. 17-**  
**SAT. 19** AASR Convocation and Reunion

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