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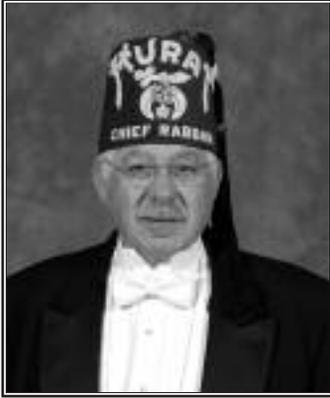


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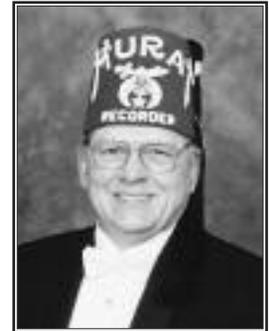
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## POTENTATE MESSAGE

# From the Potentate

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your Potentate. Every great organization is based upon a great team. I deeply appreciate the support of each Shriner and lady for our fraternity and "the world's greatest philanthropy," our Shriners Hospitals for Children.

I wish to share with you a letter written by one of my daughters. Her comments make me feel very humble and very proud to be a Shriner. The letter also makes me proud of my family and the support they have given over the years.

Portions of Christina's letter follow:

"I remember the first Potentate's Ball I attended in January 2001. I heard Dad say, 'That will be me in seven years.' It is amazing how the years have flown, and that year is here. Since 2001, Dad started a new business, became a grandpa twice from Colette and Jon, and gained a son-in-law from my May 2006 wedding.

To add to the excitement of Dad's big weekend, Colette and I informed him that he would again be a grandpa. Yep, you heard me right, Colette and I are both pregnant and due only a week apart. I think we put Dad in shock temporarily,

We arrived in Indianapolis on Friday night, got into our rooms and met up with Dad. We visited the hospitality room, then headed for Murat Temple to see Dad's office and have dinner before rehearsal. Dad was very hush-hush about the grand entrance he had planned for the Potentate's Ball, but we could tell he was excited. After dinner and rehearsal, we went to the hospitality room again and had a good laugh with Dad about the 'ranch dressing' before calling it a night.

Saturday morning, we touched base with Dad. He had already had room service breakfast, so we ventured out to eat and do a little shopping before the rest of the family got into town at 1 p.m. When everyone arrived at the hotel, we all became excited about the upcoming Potentate's Ball. I know Dad really appreciated us all being there to support him. We all



got dressed and met Dad in the lobby at 3:30 p.m. Dad looked so proud and dressed to perfection. We didn't do too badly ourselves. We loaded into the stretch limo and had a police escort to take us to the Ball.

Once we got to the temple, it felt like a real Hollywood moment. Posing with Dad felt like we were posing with a movie star (oh, that's right ... he is). After we entered the temple, Dad went on his way to mingle with the guests as we got comfortable, took plenty of pictures, and enjoyed another hospitality room.

At 7:15, the family made their spotlighted walk into the Potentate's Ball while everyone awaited Dad's grand entrance. As we were all seated, we listened to a gentleman give a speech on Dad's past accomplishments; then all of a sudden, 'Born to Be Wild' started to play over the loudspeakers. I should have known; they couldn't have picked a better song to fit Dad. As smoke filled the stage and a Murat sign lifted, there was Dad standing on the seat of his Harley, holding a sign that said 'Think Positive.' Although the smoke made it hard to see, I still think it made a good impact on everyone. From there, Dad made his speech and the party began.

Over several years, Dad has had many roles and responsibilities with the Shriners, while dealing with the stresses of running his own business. His dedication has been beyond remarkable, and I think the Shriners are very lucky to have him as their new Potentate. It is not just another goal that Dad has reached in his life, but a true passion. Not only does he strive to help the children who depend upon the Shriners Hospitals, but he makes sure everyone has fun while doing so.

Love ya, Dad!"

Yours in the Faith,

Jerry Markovich  
Illustrious Potentate



# 2007 Potentate's Ball

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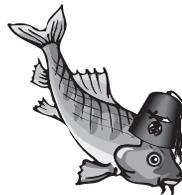
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What's your color? Were you aware that each year the Potentate picks a color for the shirts that the men wear for his year? Apparently, this is something that has been going on for many years and the men love to show their support of the Potentate by wearing his shirt! Were you aware that the Potentate's lady may have a color too? If you are like me, I was unaware of that information until a few years ago. For some reason, I didn't pay attention to the advertisement about the shirts because I was not aware that the shirts were for everyone. The Murat Shrine color this year for the men is medium blue (same as the Zaring's year), and the ladies' color is turquoise or medium blue. The turquoise shirt is a pull-over with three-quarter length sleeves (sizes S-XXXL), cost \$30, and the light blue is an oxford (sizes S-XXXL), cost \$40. These shirts are for everyone who is a



supporter of the Murat Shrine! Let's show our colors at all of the upcoming parades and events. Shirts may be viewed and ordered at the Fraternal Office (317) 635-2433.

If you are interested in the southwestern theme, our own Ladies Oriental Shrine – Tarum Court #14 has special shirts that may be ordered by any lady for this year! They are a beautiful light-

weight denim shirt with a southwestern dream-catcher and wolf face embroidered on the back. This unique design was made especially for Tarum Court #14 by a L.O.S. and Shrine lady in Michigan and is \$40. Contact Carol Staab at (317) 946-5333 to place your order.

We look forward to our visit this month from Imperial Sir Nicholas Thomas and his Lady Elaine! Let's show our Imperial guests how Murat Shriners celebrate the Indy 500 events and show our support of the events. Remember to join us on Saturday, May 26, after the 500 Parade in the Oasis Lounge for the afterglow and meet the Imperial Sir and his Lady.

We look forward to seeing everyone soon! Together we have fun and make a difference in the lives of the children we serve in the Shriners Hospitals!

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# "I'm Going to Walk, Mommy"

GORDON J HUSK

Cooper Gretencord is a happy 6-year-old boy, with a loving and supportive family. His parents, Dennis and Lisa, are committed to providing the best possible care for their children. Those children include Cooper and his twin Dylan, a 14-year-old daughter Taylor and the baby boy of the family, 4-year-old Carter.

Shortly after the twins were born, Dennis and Lisa began to notice Cooper had some minor problems with his legs. By the age of 10 months, the problems became much more pronounced, and the family sought medical help. Dennis says, "We were lost for a while, wondering where to get the best medical care for our son." Cooper received some therapy, but it seemed the regimen was not consistently helpful.

Lisa's mother, a beautician, mentioned Cooper's condition to a customer. The customer, Dorothy Jones, said her son was a Shriner, and she suggested the family make application for treatment at Shriners Hospital for Children in Chicago. Dorothy's son was Herb Jones, a local fireman who signed the application as the Shriner sponsor.

Dennis says, "We felt so good to know there was finally hope. After our first visit to the Chicago hospital, we knew we had found a great source of help. The doctors and therapists told us what we had been doing right, what we had done wrong, and how to provide consistent therapy that would help Cooper. Cooper's diagnosis was cerebral palsy, and the Chicago doctors seemed to know a lot more about the problem than most other doctors did. The Chicago therapy and braces have helped Cooper make great improvement."

At age 3, Cooper demonstrated the



hope his father expressed. He said, "I'm going to walk, Mommy. I'm going to throw my walker away and I'm going to have a walking party." After three years of high-quality care at the Chicago hospital, Cooper got his wish. Stephen Stamper, past president of Tippecanoe Shrine Club, says many of the Club's members were present to see Cooper abandon his walker, lean against a cousin's legs and perform the chicken dance. Another cousin said, "I was with him when he first started therapy. He couldn't hold his head up. I never thought he would be able to walk."

Cooper engages in more than one hour of occupational therapy and two hours of physical therapy every week. He also participates in therapeutic horseback riding. The family is overjoyed with Cooper's continuing improvement and his strong determination.

Dennis recalls when his family attended the funeral of Cooper's sponsor, Herb Jones. During the service, someone read a list of Herb's favorite things, which Herb had written shortly prior to his death. As one would expect, his wife, children, God, country and sim-

ilar things were near the top of the list. Dennis and Lisa looked at each other in shock when they heard the sixth item on the list, "Cooper Gretencord." Herb's widow later gave Cooper the fireman's badge Herb had worn for years, saying Herb had told her he wanted Cooper to have it.

Dennis says, "I just can't tell you how much we appreciate the wonderful care Cooper has received at Shriners Hospital. Dr. Jeffrey Ackman always answers our questions and provides encouragement. The therapists are the best we have ever seen. They are professional, friendly and knowledgeable. We hope every parent of a child with these needs can learn about the great medical care at Shriners Hospitals."

Lisa agreed with the comments Dennis made, and she adds, "It is hard to find words to describe the hospital. When you walk in, there is a feeling of genuine warmth. Everyone is kind to us. The doctors, therapists and all the staff show total teamwork effort. You know you are not just a number when you go to that hospital."

The Boone County Shrine Club article in this magazine reports three Masons became Shriners at the Club's meeting. Please remember, the Potentate has offered to conduct an on-site ceremonial at a Club or Unit that has 25 candidates. I believe Boone County Shrine Club is attempting to gather a large group of candidates for an on-site ceremonial later in the year. Southeastern Indiana Shrine Club has already set a date for its 2007 ceremonial. What has your Murat Unit or Club planned? Please keep in touch with the Potentate, and Membership Chairman Art Borton, to ensure your choice of dates can be met. This is a great opportunity for fun, fellowship, and recognition for your members.

Murat will have a very busy and enjoyable month of May. Join the fun and festivities, enjoy your friends, and always be "Shriners - Having fun and helping kids."

This year we have started out going great. We have become a group of brothers who really enjoy working together in the many projects we are involved in. We also have started to help in the community in ways not done in the past. We have been cooking once a month at the Lord's Table, a soup kitchen for those who might not otherwise have a hot dinner. We have had great success so far. The crowds, which were only 12 to 18, have grown on the nights we cook to over 65 meals being served. The crowds are bigger on the nights we cook due in part to good food and awesome desserts. We are proud to do our part in helping our community.

If you have not been to a meeting at Whitewater Shrine Club and live in the surrounding area, please feel welcome to come and enjoy our hospitality. We always have a great meal and good fellowship.

We hope every Shrine parade unit in the state will try and come be a part of our Fair Parade this year. Our parade chairman, Ron Zimmerman, is active trying to get as many units here as possible. We welcome you and hope all units will try and come down this year.

We as a club are also planning on having a membership drive that could double our current membership. This can only be done by being active in the community and at all of our area Blue Lodges. We must never forget our roots and where we began as Masons first.

We are now in the heart of our fund-raising year and hope to have great success in meeting our goals. We as a club know that when working together as a team, no goal is too high and nothing can stop those doing good works for children.

Remember a smile is contagious and a child's smile is priceless.

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Nick Noe, one of our own Murat Railroad Club members, was our speaker at our April 24 meeting. Nick gave us an update on past and current rail passenger service in Indiana and the Midwest. Don't you just wish we had

some of those nice passenger trains running now? Hopefully, some of these passenger trains will be coming to Indianapolis.

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

Shrine taillight stickers are still available from the Fraternal Office as well as from Murat Railroad Club officers. Let's light up your car taillights with the Shrine emblem.

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## Chanters

Gayle Byers

### A Retrospective

The month of May brings Memorial Day and an opportunity to reflect on the memory of comrades, loved ones, military casualties – all those people who in some manner touch our lives and deserve to be preserved in our thoughts. I took a look through 15 years of Chanter membership directories and thought this was a fitting time to identify the names of members of the Unit who have passed during those years and to honor them for their contribution to our fraternity.

These names are not in alphabetical order, nor do we indicate the year of death. I hope that in reading through the list, you remember many of them as fondly as I do.

Robert Heckman  
Russell Peek  
Don Frakes  
Carl Siersdale  
Robert Gerow  
Joe Peasley  
John Coursey  
Noble McCormick  
Marion Mathas  
Ed Olt  
Barney Young

Nelson Hunter  
Charles Applegate  
Paul Jones  
Bob Stucker  
John Hoenshel  
George Strand  
Bill Hixon  
Keith Wilson  
Max Copeland  
Roger Stump

Jack Peasley  
Bill Brandt  
Walter Shaw  
Tom Van Arsdale  
Robert Morris  
Ray Allen  
Paul Imle  
Russ Stevens  
Jerry Williamson  
Robert Eicher

These are our veterans, our contributors, the men who donated time and energy to keep the Chanters vibrant and alive. We honor them!

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## Motor Corps

Tom Austin

It's parade time once again and we are all looking forward to a fun year of parading and fellowship. The Motor Corps is here to assist your Unit with the latest information on upcoming parades, but we need you to attend our meetings so we can support your needs and help you get better participation in your organized event.

Our goal in 2007 is to have every Unit be a part of Motor Corps so we can make the 2007 parade season successful and fun. We at Motor Corps also know that our officers must be more involved in your meetings, so let us know how we can help. Together we will make this season our best and most organized ever!

We meet the third Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. in the Mecca Room. Contact Tom Austin at 752-0519 if you have any questions. We look forward to seeing you at our next meeting.



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## NexGen

Mike Smith

Nobles,

I would like to start with congratulations to our newest member, Noble Jon Duncan. And congratulations to our own Jon Porter on being appointed to the Consistory line at the Indianapolis Valley of Scottish Rite. I would like to say thank you to the Railroad Club for giving us a tour and introduction into their activities after our March Stated Meeting. A lot of things are happening around the Murat and I hope you are enjoying the year thus far.

NexGen is practicing and making ready for the journey to the Imperial Session. If you are a Noble under the age of 46, please come out and visit with us on the second Tuesday of each month. We meet in the Oasis around 6 p.m. for dinner and then move to our meeting room at 7 p.m. Hope to see you there!

I would like to add a special thanks to my first and second vice presidents, Matt Boyer and Luke Stark, for all of their support.

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at the Gatling Gun Club

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Dinner at 6:30 p.m.

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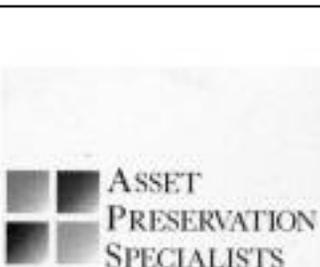


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# Motorcycle Fun Club

Tom Austin

Is it spring yet? Most of our Club members would agree winter is not exactly the best season to enjoy riding your motorcycle. We had a booth at the Hot Sands Ceremonial where we had a fun and rewarding day seeing new Nobles becoming part of our great organization. We even signed up several new members! With the New Year here now, we are looking forward to getting this Club back together for a fun year. We welcome new members to join our Club – growing with enthusiasm, good fellowship, and fun activities planned every month. All you need is a licensed street worthy motorcycle and you are ready to go! We meet the third Thursday of each month at 8 p.m. in the Mecca Room.

We need you to come to our meetings so we can better plan events and get organized to make this a fun club once again. Please feel free to stop by and visit to learn more about our Club. Contact Tom Austin, our president, at 752-0519 if you have any questions. We look forward to seeing you on the road.

## 5th Annual Grand Master's Motorcycle Rally

*to benefit the Indiana Masonic Home Transportation Fund*

**Saturday, June 2, 2007**

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(Rain or Shine Event)

**Schedule of Events**

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Last Bike Out	10:30 am
Dinner at Johnson County Shrine Club	3:30 pm

Pre-registration Pricing: \$35.00\* per person or \$55.00\* per couple.  
 \*Add \$15.00 for Walk-in Registration (Day of Event). Includes Breakfast, Pin, and Dinner at the Johnson County Shrine Club, Door Prizes.



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# Southeastern

Ed Johnson

The month of May will be a busy one at the Southeastern Indiana Shrine Club. In addition to our regular monthly meeting, parades, steak dinner, and open house pitch-in dinner, the Club will be traveling to Lexington, KY, to visit the Shrine Hospital and tour the facility. The trip departs from our Shrine Club on the 20th and will give members and guests a chance to learn more about the World's Greatest Philanthropy.

Last month, in support of our hospitals, we hosted our first paper crusade of the year. Of all the Clubs and Units affiliated with Murat, the Southeastern Indiana Shrine Club made the largest donation again last year. We hope that the other Clubs will follow our lead and host several paper crusades throughout the year. Most people know who the Shriners are and what we do and are willing to make a donation. We just need someone out there to accept it!

Our members need to keep looking for new candidates for our ceremonial in August. In response to Murat's "407 in 2007" goal, President Ed Wolfe has set a goal of "27 in 2007" for our Club ceremonial. To achieve this goal, we want every member to talk to at least one Master Mason about becoming a Shriner. We know we can reach this goal with your help!

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## Hillbillies

Harold Summers

Our first meeting since November of last year got off to a rousing start with music provided by the best Hillbilly band in Murat Temple.

The weather cooperated also. After a winter of ice, snow and way below average temperatures, it was nice to get out and enjoy a nice March evening for a change.

I guess somebody forgot to tell the Rabban we were having nice weather in Indy. He extended his stay in Florida for a while longer. The meeting was under the direction of Bob (short meetings) Butler.

As expected, because it's been several months since our last meeting, the sick report was rather long. I don't want to try and list everybody here, because I know I'd miss somebody. It's the Unit's hope that everybody recovers soon and can make our future meetings.

The April 2 meeting was held at the Gun Club. The menu was an old and trusty favorite, baked spaghetti with all the trim-

mings. As usual, Ma Rabban and her group of great helpers prepared the meal. A big thanks you all – you did a wonderful job. If anybody went away hungry, it was their own fault. As usual, my personal favorite was lots of great low calorie desserts.

Since Mr. & Mrs. Rabban stayed in Florida and missed the March meeting, our annual election of officers to lead the Hillbillies for the year 2007 was held after the April dinner. But since this article was written the middle of March, I don't have the results of the election. However, if you look at the last issue of Murat Magazine, you will see a picture of who I think will be the incoming officers.

Also in last month's Murat Magazine was a schedule of all the Hillbilly activities for 2007. Cut it out and paste it on the refrigerator, and check it frequently so you won't miss any of the great programs of this fun-loving Unit.

## Ladies Oriental Shrine of North America, Inc.

Betty J. Rathbun

On March 24, Tarum Court No. 14 celebrated the installation of the 2007-08 officers in the Arabian Room of the Murat Shrine Center. A delicious reception hosted by the Desert Caravan Unit was held followed by dinner in the "Casa Blanca Dining Room" (Tunisian Room). As this was a surprise birthday celebration for Potentate Jerry Markovich, he was crowned with a beautiful sultan's turban made by the high priestess, Carol Staab, and Lady Dianah Louks. Then the belly dancer, Cathy Rose, Queen of the Daughters of the Nile, gave a beautiful dance. Birthday cake was then served. Sue and Larry Taylor provided the music for the evening.

The next sewing meeting will be June 13 at AMVETS on Lafayette Road. The hostess will be the Drum Corps Unit.

Plans are in the making for a luncheon style show in August. More information later.

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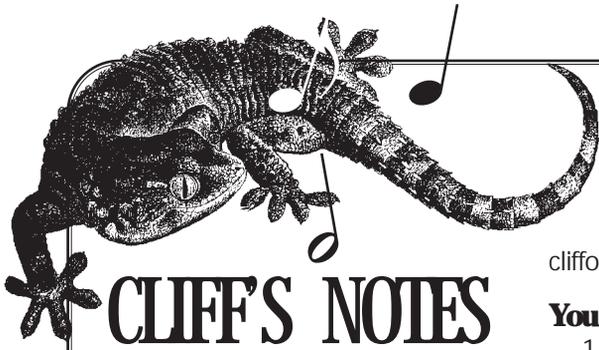
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# CLIFF'S NOTES

By the time this issue of the Murat Magazine reaches you, you may already have learned about the secret addition to their staff that our new caterers, John and Patti Stowers, are working on for us. The food prepared by the Stowers's staff is a great improvement over the prior caterer. But a big change is in the works and I believe everyone will be quite pleased when it occurs. Watch the Magazine for more details.



Who is this leprechaun on steroids dancing with Lady Faye Crabtree?

## You may live in Indiana:

1. If you know several people who have hit a deer more than once.
2. If you have switched from "heat" to "AC" and back again on the same day.
3. If you carry jumper cables in your car and your wife knows how to use them.

A conversation with Noble John Blaydoe revealed he has been responsible for 5 children which has resulted in 15 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren. This reminded me of a text in the Old Testament in which God told his children to "go forth and be fruitful." Well, it looks like John took that admonition seriously.

Are there others of you who have been similarly "fruitful" or is this the record?

Let me know by e-mailing cliffordlewis@yahoo.com.

## You may live in Indiana (Cont'd):

1. If your local Dairy Queen is closed from September through May.
2. If someone at the local hardware or at Home Depot offers you assistance and they don't even work there.

Did you know? Past Potentate Ed Evans who passed away on March 19 this year worked as a gardener, when he was just a boy, for the late Henry Ford who founded the Ford Motor Co.

Always remember: A man may enter our Shrine a stranger, but never let him leave as one.

See you at the Oasis aaaannnddd Keep on Rockin!! ♪



Chris Dwyer had a Happy Birthday at Band Night complete with cake.



Chef Rusty Hetsko presented Noble Matt Boyer with a piece of cake to celebrate his birthday at the March Band Night.

## El' Ameen Nabeel Leonard Hull

As 2007 gets in full swing, we experience new leaders, methods and ideas and for we "20 & 5's" at times, perhaps a little too quick to respond.

As an automobile approaches us from the rear, weaving in and out of traffic, cutting off and passing, exceeding safe speeds, our first impression is "some drunk or teen on grass." As it passes, we notice the license plate with "MD" and the entwined serpent medical symbol. Immediately attitudes change. Emergency flashes through our minds ... expectant mother, three-minute pain cycles, industrial accident.

As an avid *Readers Digest* subscriber, a humorous story repeated in part made me wonder (February '06 issue): "After missing flight connections, a group of travelers patiently hoped to book seats on the next flight except for one man who treated the agent very rudely. 'I had an aisle seat reserved and I better get an aisle seat on the next flight,' he demanded. A few minutes later everyone was relieved when informed there would be room for all. 'And Sir,' the agent said to the obnoxious man, 'I'm happy to tell you that you have an aisle seat. I'm also happy to announce that the rest of you will be seated in First Class.'" (End of the Digest story)

El' Ameen Nabeel addition: Humorous yes, perhaps.

Possible scenario: the man, after flying to New York to consult a specialist was informed of his un-operative colon cancer and had medically packed the painful bleeding area and uncontrollable diarrhea for the journey back to Indianapolis to report the findings to his waiting wife, children and employer.

Speculation, yes, but who wants an aisle seat?

### Question:

With positions reversed how would you conduct yourself? Be sure brain is in gear before engaging mouth.

Next 20 & 5 dinner, October 17, 2007.



"Let us not be too quick to judge our fellow man." – Abraham Lincoln

Spring has arrived and are we enjoying it to the fullest. Mother Nature had to show off one more time and gave our circus a blast of snow, which did not help our attendance. This Unit, as usual, was very proud to be able to participate in some of the performances. It would have been great had more members been able to take part and enjoy this great event. For myself, it was my 42nd consecutive year of marching with the Unit, and it was just as exciting as was the first one.

The Unit has started making arrangements for the Imperial Session in Anaheim, CA, and the excitement is starting to rise. We sure need more of the Unit people to join us. The Unit is helping support the Gatling Gun Club at the 500 Festival Parade where they will serve sandwiches, food, etc. on the patio at 709 N. Illinois, and we need your support. Parking is also available. The summer has just started and we need help from veterans and newer members.

## 2007 Murat Shrine Golf Schedules

*(Note: Murat Golf Outings are Stag)*

### **MAY 2**

Shelby County Shrine Club, Timbergate Golf Course, Edinburgh, IN  
\$65, 12:30 p.m. Shotgun Start. Includes: Golf/1/2 Cart, Rangeballs, Comp. Beverage Cart, Dinner and Prizes. Contact: Bill Rasner, (317) 398-0105, ext. 12.

### **MAY 31**

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.

### **JUNE 21**

Knights of the Sea, Oak Tree Golf Course, Plainfield, IN (Clandestine Org., Non-Shrine)  
8:30 a.m. Sign-In, 10 a.m. Shotgun Start. Contact: John Hess, 844-1377.

### **JULY 14**

Montgomery County Shrine Club, Rocky Ridge Golf Club, Darlington, IN; \$60 each, 1 p.m. Shotgun Start. Includes: Golf with Cart, Food All Day, Comp. Beverage Cart, Hole-in-One Prizes with One Special Hole-in-One Prize. Contact: Steve Dawson, (765) 361-5826 or Mike Utterback, (765) 362-3557.

### **JULY 19**

Murat Potentate's Golf, Winding Ridge Golf Course, East 56th Street, Indianapolis, IN; \$62, 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: Attn: Don Melvin, Golf Meister, Murat Shrine Golf, 510 N. New Jersey St., Indianapolis, IN 46204.

### **AUGUST 2**

Chanters Golf, Greenfield Country Club, Greenfield, IN; \$55, Bankers Scramble. Includes: Golf, 1/2 Cart, Prizes and Buffet Dinner after Golf at Country Club. Contacts: Andy Barbera, (317) 467-0775; Carl Gentry, (317) 286-3501; and Harry McClintic, (317) 865-3082.

### **AUGUST 16**

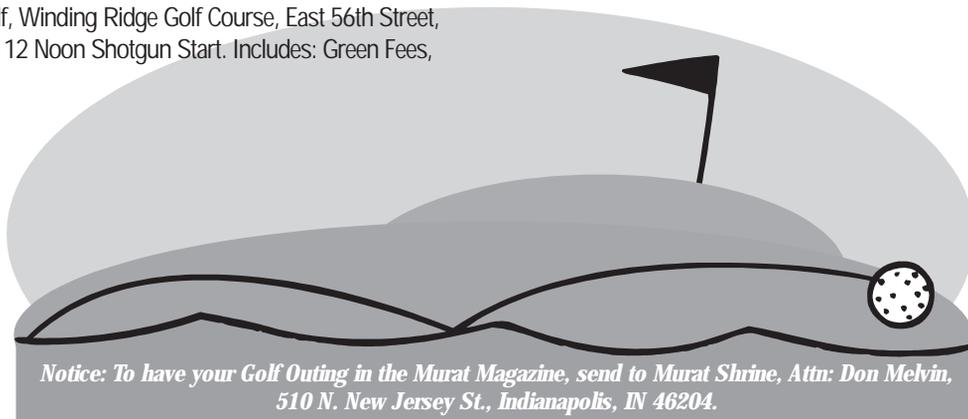
White County Shrine Club, Tippecanoe G.C., Monticello, IN; \$55. Includes Golf, Cart and Prizes with dinner afterwards. Contact: P.P. Bob Hancock for Tee Times, (317) 501-1969 or (317) 844-2616.

### **AUGUST 20**

Business Connection Golf Outing, The Fort Golf Club, Lawrence, IN \$75, 12:30 p.m. Shotgun Team Scramble. Includes: Lunch, Golf Fees, Practice Range, Two Holes-in-One and Golf Clinic, Prizes and Dinner. Contact: Randy Nail, (317) 507-3863.

### **SEPTEMBER 6**

Johnson County Shrine Club; \$65 each, 4-person Scramble. Includes: Green Fees, Cart, Prizes, Zem-Zem on Course, and Prime Rib Dinner after Golf at Johnson County Shrine Club. Contact: Toddy Inabnitt, 2857 S. Mullinix Rd., Greenwood, IN 46143, (317) 422-8949.



Hello Nobles and ladies!  
In the last two months, we have had three surprise birthday parties, and each one brought its own amount of fun. Denise Corman and Cathy Austin admitted they are 29 years old again this year. That is good enough for us.



Bill Mitchell and Zora Arkus-Duntov argued over the "split" rear window for the new Corvette. Bill Mitchell won out for the 1963 model, but it was removed from the 1964 model, never to be seen again.

It is not too late to reserve your rooms for the Kerbela Fun Fest in Pigeon Forge, TN. If you have not yet done so, hurry and get it done. We always have had a wonderful time in the past and I am expecting no less this year. The Corvette Club will begin our caravan to Tennessee on Thursday, May 10. Last year we met up with Potentate Bill Wimmenauer and Lady Barb and had the honor of escorting them to the motel to begin the festivities. Call the Murat Office right now to reserve your rooms.

I would like to announce our new future Corvette driver to the Club. He is our new grandson and his name is Dylan

Sea Herald. His older brother, Chance Herald (10), has already been behind the wheel and loves it. I wanted (and tried) to start Chance driving a Corvette at the age of 5, but his Gramma Pam would not hear of it. Maybe we can get Dylan off to an earlier start!

We hope everyone had a great time at the Shrine Circus. The Murat Corvette Club would like to thank all of our Murat Nobles and their ladies for making this such a great event for the children. A lot of hard work goes into this event and we all need to take time to say a big THANKS.

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Just for your information ... anyone interested in joining the Murat Corvette Club will be welcomed in with open arms. Our dues are just \$25 per year – a small price to pay for this much fun. You do not have to own a Corvette to join us. We meet the third Thursday (7:30 p.m.) of each month at the temple. Come early (around 6 p.m.) to join us for dinner in the Oasis Lounge. For more information, call President Mike McArthur at (317) 885-9525 or Vice President Ken Herald at (317) 422-9107 or just ask any member of the Club. We look forward to a great year and hope you join us.

## MURAT PAPER CRUSADE

**Friday, June 22, and  
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PAPER CRUSADE – June 22 and 23 are the dates for this year's Paper Crusade. This is always a great opportunity for the Club to help advertise our hospitals to the general public. We have a new paper this year that is full of stories and information on how a family can receive free hospital care together with contact information, conditions treated, and a method for donations. The Club may man two locations if we get enough volunteers. The Legion of Honor has volunteered to help us at our locations. As yet we have not zeroed in on a specific location(s). If you would like to help spread the word, please contact the Club Paper Crusade chairman, Terry Boyer. It's not much work and is a very rewarding experience.

LOOK WHO'S RETIRING – Bill Browne, a driver for many years, has made his last trip as a driver to our hospitals. Bill has logged more than 500 trips, transported hundreds of patients, and lost hundreds of hours of sleep, but if you ask him, he would tell you it was all worthwhile. As a driver, Bill got close to many of the patients and their families

who became like members of our Shrine family. Bill, we will miss you on the road, but I'm sure you will jump in feet first on another Transportation Club project.

MOUNT COMFORT AIR SHOW – Although we haven't heard from the show committee as yet, we can be assured of a tent to sell air show merchandise. The show is scheduled for August 25 and 26 and promises to be one of the best in years. The Blue Angels are scheduled to return this year and include the 15-member Navy Seals parachute team. We should hear more by our June meeting. This is the biggest moneymaking project this year for the Club. If you would like to work and watch a great show, please let our president know. The board has authorized a lunch coupon worth up to \$7 for all workers.

CONGRATULATIONS – Bill Rynerson from Gossport has been awarded a jacket for making 200 trips. Bill Dyke, president of Logansport Shrine Club, has been awarded a bolo for 25 trips. Mike Metzger has been

awarded a driver's cap for making his 10th trip.

HOSPITAL VISITATIONS – Take your choice or choose all three. Our Lexington hospital will have visitation day on May 20; Chicago visitation will be on June 3; and Cincinnati hospital will be on June 10. This is a great opportunity to expose your lady and friends to our hospitals.

JUNE DINNER – President Mike Harrison is planning a dinner meeting in June. This special occasion will include our ladies. As of this writing, the location has yet to be decided. Stay tuned for further information.

WELCOME – The Club would like to welcome our newest members, Robert Westerfield, Bill Reisa, and Roger Fisher. We invite all of our members to try to attend as many meetings as possible. Come dine with us at our reserved tables in the Oasis Lounge around 5:30 p.m. and attend the stated meeting at 7 p.m. in the Mediterranean Room downstairs.

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Gina Inabnitt  
Connie Clark  
Vicki Franklin  
Sharon Ross  
Margaret Cole  
Betty King

At our February Stated Meeting, the Patrol had a good turnout. Several items of business were discussed, from the Shrine Circus to some of the parades we will participate in this summer. We had a special guest, Ill. Potentate Jerry Markovich. He said everyone should promote and sell the Shrine calendars – potential big money for the Murat. Jerry also spoke of the Leadership Seminar and the value it added to everyone who attended, and added he will be dropping in on all the Clubs and Units throughout the year.

Then we jumped into the Shrine Circus, in which the Patrol had great participation for the Thursday and Friday night shows. We had to get Scott Eder to step up as our drummer; our old drummer, Jim Priest, was busy with his duties with the Divan. Friday night we had Joe Jacobs step in as the drummer. At Saturday afternoon's show, we had "Uncle Al" Dicken attend to test out his foot after it being broken. After the

Saturday night show, he said it was very sore. After the Patrol was finished with the afternoon show, we went back to the Harvester Bar for an informal Stated Meeting and lunch. One thing that was brought up had to do with the clowns' soaking of several members of the Divan during the Friday night show. Captain Mike Long said we needed to protect the Divan; therefore, we sent Bob Hornaday to purchase some water pistols to help protect them. Well, long story short, our weapons were not up to par and we threw them away, which brings up the reason the Patrol has to apologize to the entire Divan for not watching their backs. Maybe less time eating lunch and more time planning, we could have protected them. But as Mike Long said, we now have time to come up with a perfect plan for next year or whenever the showdown happens.

Next we move to the Potentate's Ball where several of the Patrol members attended. I was told that Potentate

Jerry Markovich made a grand entrance on his motorcycle to get things started and everything was great after that. Great dinner and fellowship by everyone who attended.

Then we moved onto the St. Patrick's Day party at the Butler Inn where owner Jim Harris and his wife Jane were great hosts to many people, a lot of Shriners included. The Murat Highlanders provided the entertainment, playing several tunes and entertaining a full house. Some of the ladies in attendance could not hold back and had to check out what was under the kilt. One of the new guys got very nervous while the older members got phone numbers. Jim and Jane provided corn beef and cabbage and a good time for everyone. Anyone wanting to join a fun and active club, we meet the first Friday of the month at 7:30 p.m.

## Madison County

Curly McNally

As winter has passed and spring has sprung, the smell of fresh cut grass and birds singing in the morning is very enjoyable. With the sun's rays beaming through my bedroom windows, it's the start of another precious day.

In March, Madison County was flowing in green beer and shamrocks. The house was rockin' and singin' to the songs of our own D.J. "Rock n' Bill." Our illustrious president, Chris Robbins, karaokied to songs of Johnny Cash. Mr. Cash probably turned over in his grave. Chris's wife, Tonya, joined the ladies for their version of "Mony-Mony." There sure were a lot of green tongues on stage.

We hope to see everyone at our Car Show and Cookout on June 9. There will be plenty of vintage cars, food, and cold beverages. This event gets bigger and bigger every year.

Gentlemen, don't forget the Madison County golf outing May 31. Shotgun start at 11 a.m. and our famous 1-lb. pork chops afterwards. We will play at Meadowbrook Golf Course, which is the same course as last year.

Come see us Friday nights for all the chicken you can eat on the first and third Fridays and all the fish you can eat on the second and fourth Fridays for a whopping sum of \$7, which includes ice tea, lemonade, or coffee. It sure is scrumptious.

Visit us at our website [www.madisoncountyshrineclub.com](http://www.madisoncountyshrineclub.com) for past event pictures and upcoming events.

Don't forget MOTHER'S DAY!  
Till next month ... Curly



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## Mobil Nobles

Jim Ennis

Our Mobil Noble Café was in full swing during our 2007 Shrine Circus. We provided food (for a nominal fee) for all nine (9) performances. Our ladies were the key to keeping the food on the buffet style layout. The selections were different for each performance. The circus needs 200+ volunteers for it to be a success. Our circus director, Larry Selig, has declared that our circus was very successful. This means that our ladies and members provided a lot of food.

The photograph illustrates that our Imperial member, Illustrious Sir John Cinotto, and his Lady Margaret, who are visiting with Charles and Margaret Borton, patronized our café.

Many of our members are active in additional Units and Clubs of our Shrine Center. Here is our Brian Miller demonstrating his leadership of the Hancock County Shrine Club by driving their yellow



low truck in the parade at the start of the circus performances.

Our Mobil Nobles were well represented at the Ringmaster's Banquet in April.

We do not go "dark" in the summer. We will be meeting at places outside of our center. The locations will be announced in future communications.

We meet on the second Friday evening each month. Bring your lady and join us in the Oasis about 6 p.m. Our meeting starts at 7:30 p.m.

"We are everywhere."



## Band

Leonard Hull

What should be called the "Greatest Story Ever Told"? Oh yes, Barnum & Bailey proclaimed the "Greatest Show on Earth" and in no less proclamation P.P. Cecil M. Bryne should be proclaimed the "Greatest Shrine Circus Promoter and Showman."

For more years than your band correspondent can attest to, Cecil ballyhooed the annual event with the assistance of all Murat uniform bodies with little recognition of his own personal and physical, as well as financial, contribution. At some-time, decades past, Cecil, by his own action and financial contribution, purchased an air calliope .

Details of the action are unknown, only that it was his action that the calliope and all accessories, to make it a workable instrument, were Cecil Byrne's personal effort and property. Uniform bodies throughout the Shrine Temple borrowed the treasure with no concern for care, self-keeping, housing and storage for an unknown number of years, making it unusable for the purpose intended and its use and protection deteriorated thereafter.



Circus Center Ring: Doyt Cassel on the pipes 2007.

This treasure is available to any Unit deemed capable of all the above with ample notice and capable personnel and equipment to return to designated storage locale in "removed" condition.

At Cecil's last circus performance, as he was being honored for decades of service in Center ring, the calliope appeared in renovated condition accompanied by giant tears in Cecil's eyes.

An almost deathbed request was that this musical marvel be held in trust of ownership to insure its continued Masonic use as described above and cir-



Band widow, Martha Jo Brink, at circus Ballyhoo Castleton Plaza circa 1986.

cus atmosphere for all, especially the Children's Hospital in particular.

Cecil, an honorary Shrine Band member and friend, asked that certain members of the Murat Shrine Band maintain his pride and joy and be responsible for its care and storage. It is not owned by the Band or Murat Shrine but is in trust of present and future members (by a memorandum from Cecil Byrne) and promotion of circuses and circus music for all.

April showers have brought May flowers ... April was a busy month at Tarum. The Tarum ladies held their Spring Style Show and Salad Smorgasbord on the 25th of the month. The people who came out had plenty to eat and some great styles to view. The styles were courtesy of The Secret Ingredient, the ladies provided the salads and gift baskets, and The Cutting Edge Salon did the hair and makeup and also donated a \$10 gift certificate to all who attended. All in all, it was a fantastic evening. President Sharon McDowell and her committee are to be congratulated for their success in this annual event. Well done ladies.

The ladies have also had their first wedding reception of the year and they certainly had the Club looking fantastic.

This year looks to have several more receptions in store. The ladies need your help for these receptions. Receptions provide the ladies with the means to help the children, so if you would like to help them, please let President Sharon or Wedding Chairperson Connie Yeager know.

The Club hosted the third beer tasting party on April 14. Once again, this was a fun evening filled with some great beers, all the information about them, and the fun and fellowship that goes with the tasting. Thanks to Ross Keasling for putting this beer tasting together.

There are several parties on the calendar for the Club. These parties are one of the ways we raise money to help the children. If you would like to help

with any of these parties, please contact Party Chairman Jeff Dickey or President Larry Pippin. Your Club needs your help. The parties are fun to work and the more who help the easier they are to do.

April also saw the annual spring cleanup on the 21st of the month. Larry would like to thank all who came out in answer to his call to help spruce the Club up inside and out. President Larry has been keeping everyone excited on Friday night dinners with his games and surprises. If you haven't been to dinner for a while, you need to come out and see what the buzz is all about. As Larry says, LET'S HAVE FUN!

Pool and Grounds Chairman Mark Greulich will be getting the pool ready for Memorial Day weekend opening (weather permitting) and he will need all the help he can get. Contact Mark to help with this springtime chore. The new liner will make this a little easier but your help is still needed. One other note from the pool and grounds – a big thank you goes out to Noble Jon Anderson for his time and effort in plowing out the Club during the winter. Jon did the work and provided the equipment free of charge. Thank you Jon!

The Richmond Masonic Family continues to hold the first Saturday of the month breakfasts. The food is great and the fellowship is wonderful. Come see your friends and bring your family. Webb Lodge will be hosting the second annual family picnic at Tarum on Saturday, August 4. Brothers Ken Toler and Curt McDivit are chairing this event and Tarum has donated the pool and grounds free of charge. All of our Masonic organizations and their families are invited to attend. This Richmond Masonic Family event will be fun so plan now on attending. Contact Ken or Curt for more details and to see how you can help. Our Masonic Family needs us all, so mark your calendars and at least once a month attend the Masonic organization of your choice.

See you at Tarum.

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## Kentucky Colonels

Dennis Scott

Here we are in the middle of a busy time for the Club. The good weather brings us all out from the protection of our homes and buildings into a sun-filled environment and mild weather to experience the great outdoors.

DINNER MEETING – Our May 2 Stated Meeting will be held at the Athenaeum on Michigan Street across from the Shrine. This is the second year we have met there for some good German food and fellowship. Colonel Carl Sputh is the chairman of this event. This year we have been promised a larger room so we can actually experience a little fellowship by being able to move around the room.

KERBELA FUN FEST – By now, all who plan to attend this great party from May 10-13 in Pigeon Forge, TN, should have your reservations made. Several Colonels and their ladies plan to spend three or four days experiencing a lot of Shrine activity culminating with a parade on Saturday. Let's get together and have some springtime fun.

HOSPITAL VISITATIONS – Take your choice or choose all three. Our Lexington hospital will have visitation day on May 20; Chicago visitation will be on June 3; and Cincinnati hospital will be on June 10. This is a great opportunity to expose your lady and friends to our hospitals. There will be tours at each of our hospitals, plenty of food and fun.

PAPER CRUSADE – June 22 and 23 are the dates for this year's Paper Crusade. This is always a great opportunity for the Club to help advertise our hospitals to the general public. We have a new paper this year that is full of stories and information on how a family can receive free hospital care together with contact information, conditions treated, and a method for donations. As of this writing, we have not zeroed in on a specific location. If you would like to help spread the word, please contact the Club Paper Crusade chairman, Paul Schneck. It's not much work and is a very rewarding experience.

Don't forget to join us the first Wednesday of the month in the Mecca Room. We always eat in the Mecca Room around 5:30 p.m. and are served where you sit. Board meeting is at 6:30 and the meeting will start at 7 p.m. See you there.

FUN!!!! FUN!!!! FUN!!!!

March was our big time to show off our skills in the circus. Many hours were put in to the production and we somehow made it through another circus. The kids enjoyed it and the skits went off without a hitch, if you don't count the cannon not firing, people missing their cues, and a certain pie that got misdirected to an unfortunate soul we will not mention. April has the Unit gearing up for a couple various appearances and attending the Clown competition in Evansville, IN, and a parade or two.

### Wrongway's Words of Wisdom

The three Goldberg brothers, Norman, Hyman, and Max, invented and developed the first automobile air-conditioner.

The three brothers walked into old man Henry Ford's office and sweet-talked his secretary into telling him that three gentlemen were there with the most exciting innovation in the auto industry since the electric starter.

They persuaded him to get into the car, which was about 130°, turned on the air-conditioner and cooled the car off immediately.

The old man got very excited and offered them \$3 million for the patent.

The brothers refused saying they would settle for \$2 million but they wanted the recognition by having a label "The Goldberg Air-Conditioner" on the dashboard of each car that it was installed in.

Now there was no way he was

going to put the Goldbergs' name on 2 million Ford cars.

They haggled back and forth for about two hours and finally agreed on 4 million dollars and that just their first names would be shown.

And so, even today, all Ford air-conditioners show on the controls the names "Norm, Hi, & Max."

The Shrine clowns are always looking for new members with new ideas and a willingness to "clown around." We can teach you the art of

makeup, costumes, juggling, etc. If you would be interested in joining our Unit, please contact President Chuck "Zero" Shull at 788-8384 or check our website for any of the other officers.

If you are in need of any clowns for your activities, please contact our business manager, Rob "Dr. Floppy" Plummer, at (317) 892-2957 or email at drfloppy1@yahoo.com. A 'donation' is generally expected for appearances.

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## The Directors

Jerry Frost

SHRINE CIRCUS EVENT MARCH 1-4. This year we had a very successful circus for Murat Shrine. The Director's Staff had a very successful turnout of members as well as outside volunteers to work our booth.

We covered four days of shows with nine shows total. Our staff worked the show with 11 Shriners and volunteers. We want to thank everyone involved with this year's show for all their hard work and devotion for the benefit of kids in need.

This year's Potentate's Ball was also a huge success. We are sure everyone enjoyed the fun and fellowship of the evening. We welcome this year's Illustrious Potentate, Jerry Markovich, and Lady Dianah and know they will add to the motto "Think Positive" through their positive efforts within the Murat Shrine family. The Director's Staff participated in this year's famous Potentate's Ball. Our Directors provided the lighting, sound, smoke machine and curtain operation throughout the ball.

All staff members did an outstanding job for this year's joyful event. Several members also worked the next morning in the cleanup after the ball. We know everyone had a great evening.

The annual Shrine Directors Association Convention meeting will be held April 25-27. We will have 20 to 25 Director's Staff members representing Murat Shrine along with several devoted Divan members in attendance this year. This year's meeting will be held in Mt. Pleasant, SC. Many Directors will be going down early to set up our hospitality room and play a little golf on the side. All Director's Staff members and the Divan are welcome to attend this fun and educational meeting.

The Director's Staff meeting of April 23 was changed to the third Monday of April (16th at 6 p.m. at Murat Shrine Temple) due to the S.D.A. convention in Mt. Pleasant. Many Staff members will be attending this meeting and going down early. The next Director's Staff meeting will be May 21 at 7 p.m. at Murat Temple.

We wish to congratulate Mike Karas and Jack Kleingartner for being raised to the title of full Directors at our last meeting. Welcome to your new status.

The Director's Staff wishes to express our deepest condolences to the family of Past Potentate Ed Evans, 33rd Degree, who has passed on to the Unseen Temple above. We regret the "Black Camel" has come to visit and taken one of our own. The Director's Staff owes a debt to Ed for services he has performed over many years.

We wish to give our prayers to the entire family for this respected Noble during these trying times.

"Shriners having fun and helping kids."



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# Montgomery County

Donnie Jessie

Hello Nobles,

How is everyone doing? Here at the Montgomery County Shrine Club we are doing great. We had a busy March and April. We spent March planning for one of our bigger events, the Countdown at the Eagles in Crawfordsville. We were very fortunate to sell our tickets in less than a month. The pork loin prepared by President Mike Utterback was excellent, as always. The turnout was larger than last year's. We want to thank all of the Nobles from out of town who attended. We had the pleasure of Gertie's Ride playing all of our favorite Rock and Country tunes. We want to thank the Eagles for the use of their facility – it is one of the nicest clubs in the state.

Steve Dawson has been busy getting the golf scramble in order. The golf scramble will be July 14 at Rocky Ridge Golf Course in Darlington. We are looking forward to seeing everyone once again. We have plenty of room so bring 'em all.

"Big Al" has an idea. Yes, some are saying hmm? Well he is looking to put together an "Odds N' Ends" club that includes golf carts, mini-bikes and whatever else is mobile to ride in our Christmas parade this year. Right now his main concern is the onion sale coming up. Jerry Stevenson, "Big Al" Harris, and the "greatest" salesman of all time – Stan the "Onion Man" Harris – will be hard at it again. It will take a lot help and organization to make the event as successful as it has been in the past.

We are all very fortunate to be a part of a brotherhood that has accomplished so much. We have definitely had the most fun while doing it. Good luck to the Clubs all across the state. Thank you all again and look forward to another good time for a great cause.

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# VCM

Mark Price

The Murat VCM (Voluntary Contributing Membership) operates a food booth annually at the Indiana State Fair. The proceeds from our endeavors are donated to the Shriners Hospitals, the Shrine Burns Institute, the Transportation Fund and other related funds.

The 2007 State Fair is scheduled for August 8-19.

Our Worker's Sign-Up Party is scheduled from 4-8 p.m. on Saturday, June 23, at the Gatling Gun Club, 709 N. Illinois St. The successful operation of the food booth is solely dependent on the devoted efforts of countless volunteers and the continued dedication of the VCM members and officers. Please mark your calendars now and plan to join us at the party. You'll be able to volunteer for your preferred shifts at this year's fair to assist in this worthy endeavor.

The VCM booth will be operational several days prior to the fair opening and we have post-fair responsibilities as well. You don't need to be a master chef to qualify as a valuable member of the VCM team. Openings are available for cashiers, dishwashers, buss staff, setup and teardown crew members, and more. We enjoyed a very successful 2006 fair, and we expect 2007 to be even better.

All Nobles are encouraged to join us at any regularly scheduled meeting. The VCM meets at the Gun Club on the third Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. For more information about the VCM, please contact President Charlie Craft at (317) 201-8713 (cwcsenior@aol.com) or Mark Price at (317) 507-0934 (mark@mark-price.com).

Thanks to all who have supported us in the past. We look forward to seeing you again this year. If you haven't been introduced to the VCM, we encourage you to attend a meeting or the sign-up party. You'll discover we mix a little work with a lot of fun and fellowship – all for a good cause. Come join us!

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# Reception Unit

Greg Miller

On Saturday, March 31, the Reception Unit and distinguished guests celebrated spring with President Bill Rasner's Luau Bash in the Arabian Room at Murat. All guests were dressed in Hawaiian garb. However, President Bill was not always wearing his Hawaiian shirt as evidenced in the picture below.



2007 Reception Unit President Bill Rasner and Lady Vicki Franklin



Word is that this is typical clothing for Bill on a Saturday night in Shelbyville. Remind me to always avoid Shelbyville on Saturdays.

President Bill made a special presentation to Illustrious Sir Jerry Markovich of a plaque of his 2007 "Think Positive" logo hand-painted by Peggy Hoose.

Finally, Reception Unit Vice President, Mike Waldrip, presented President Bill with a caricature of Bill for his office.

Special thanks to the Spring Party Committee for all their planning and decorations: Bud & Dorothy Abel; Bethel & Betty King; John Blaydoe & Frances Sparks; Greg & Laura Miller; Jeff & Melanie Close; Jim & Sharon Ross; Craig & Kay Hinshaw; Kent & Barbara Smith; and most especially, Mike & Karen Waldrip. Also, special thanks to Murat Chaplain Tim Murphy for serving as master of ceremonies for the evening.

Welcome Illustrious Imperial Potentate Nicholas Thomas! Illustrious Sir Thomas is from Los Angeles, CA, and will be visiting our temple during the month of May while participating in 500 Festival activities. Please help make him and all of our visiting Nobility from around the country feel welcome.

The month of May can be as busy a month as you and your Unit want it to be. You can start the month off by attending the Scottish Rite Orchestra & Chorus with the magnificent Cathedral organist as they present a delightful evening of music free for all members and their guests.

May 10-12 will be the Kerbela Fun Fest in Pigeon Forge, TN. Many Units and Clubs will travel to Tennessee for a fun-filled few days. Please remember if you want to parade, but none of your Unit members are going, the Potentate will have a flag group marching in most parades this year.

The May 17 luncheon of the Murat Caravan Club will feature Noble Paul Page who will speak on auto racing. Paul is a Noble of Murat and is a very knowledgeable auto sports enthusiast, and his program should be quite interesting.

Friday, May 25, will be Band Night in the Arabian Room. This should be a night to enjoy with all of our visiting Nobles in town. See you there!

Saturday, May 26, will bring us the 500 Parade in downtown Indianapolis. If you want to enjoy a wonderful event with the family, contact the Scottish Rite and get your seats early for viewing the parade. The food is good, the view even better, and it's good wholesome family entertainment. Have a fun day at the beautiful Scottish Rite Cathedral and enjoy reserved parking and private facilities. Remember, the seats sell out quick-

ly, so get your reserved seats early.

Then at 2 p.m. there will be an afterglow party in the Oasis Lounge at Murat. I've been told that our Imperial Potentate may be there to unwind after a long day. Let's all show up and help him prepare for the 500 Mile Race.

May 27 is the day for the 500 Mile Race. Enjoy, Stay Safe and Be Responsible.

With the month of May ending, it is time to prepare for the next month's events, especially the June 3 Chicago Hospital trip sponsored by the ladies of the Reception Unit. This will be a fun bus trip and more information can be attained by contacting any member of the Reception Unit or by calling the Shrine Office. Then on June 7, it will be Cincinnati's Hospital Open House. If you can make either of these visitations

or both, please do so. It's what we are all about.

Finally, we encourage all Shriners to purchase a Murat calendar (or more). Perhaps you can be as lucky as our president, Floyd Sendmeyer, who was one of the lucky winners last month. This is a fund-raising event to help Murat! And, don't forget to help the various Units and Clubs by supporting the various golf outings. Most of the monies raised at these events help the Units or Clubs, but they also support many endeavors of Murat.

In closing, we wish to extend our best wishes to Brothers Ed Pierce and Bill Earle who both underwent heart surgery recently. Both are recovering and doing well, but please keep each in your thoughts and prayers. Fraternally yours!

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## Legion of Honor

Bob Watson

Final preparations are being made for the International Association Legions of Honor annual convention to be held at the Sheraton Hotel, Keystone at the Crossing, May 2-5. International Commander James Taflinger has assembled the troops and we are on a mission to see that our guests "Catch the Spirit" of the 76th annual convention. We will be offering our guests tours of downtown Indianapolis, featuring some of our war memorials, as well as the Indianapolis Motor Speedway and Museum. Scheduled also is a memorial service to pay tribute to all Legion of Honor members we have lost in the last year. Also set is a Drill and Color Guard competition. Several members of the Murat Legion of Honor Color Guard have been diligently practicing so we can "bring home the trophy." We'll wrap it up on Saturday night with the banquet and installation of officers for 2007-08.

Kudos to all members of the Color Guard who participated in presenting colors at the Shrine Circus. We were also on hand to present colors at the Potentate's Ball for the Illustrious Sir Jerry Markovich. From the comments I heard, I'd say we did a bang-up job on both events.

As I'm sure you are all aware, Murat Shrine P.P. Ed Evans passed on to the Unseen Temple on the 19th of March. Ed will be missed by all of us. He was a mentor to a great many of us and an inspiration to all whom he came in contact with. Paying a final tribute to Ed, as his Casket Watch, was our International Commander James Taflinger, Color Guard Captain John Cheeley, along with Color Guard members Bill Moore, Bob Watson, Leroy Callahan and Phil Greenwood.

There is some good news. Our unit adjutant, Ron Bolyard, has been given a clean bill of health and is going strong again. It's great to have Ron back as he does so much for the Legion of Honor.

If you are a military veteran or are currently serving in our armed forces, and are interested in joining our Unit, contact one of the Legion of Honor members or join us at one of our Stated Meetings. We meet on the fourth Tuesday of the month, 7 p.m., at the temple. Remember, "It is an honor to belong to the Legion of Honor."



# Contributions

Photos by Bob Wilson, Murat Camera Club

(February 2007)



Potentate Jerry Markovitch receives a \$300 donation for the Murat Shrine Van Fund from Noble Frank E. Capler. This money was earned by the sale of nuts in and around Murat for which Noble Capler is well known.



President Bill Dyke of the Logansport Shrine Club is joined by Club members Bill Rynerson and Chris LaChance in presenting Potentate Jerry Markovitch \$500 for the Murat Transportation Fund and \$50 for Murat's Memorial Service.



Potentate Jerry Markovitch receives a \$500 check for the Transportation Fund from Mobil Noble members Art Borton, Brian Miller, Bob Miller, and Sam Thompson.



Potentate Jerry Markovitch accepts on behalf of the Murat Transportation Fund a \$1,000 check from Railroad Club members Dave Beck, Ray Gotshall, Deo Carter, George Wever, Garland Moore, David Kaufan, Don Gordon, and Past Potentate Jeff Zaring.



VCM members Sam Thompson, Art Borton, Russ Butters, Bob Caudell, and Charles Merlau present checks totaling \$8,000 to Potentate Jerry Markovitch. They include \$5,000 for the Transportation Fund and \$1,000 for each of our Hospitals in Chicago, Lexington, and Cincinnati.



President John Miller of the Johnson County Shrine Club presents Potentate Jerry Markovitch with a \$3,000 check for the Transportation Fund. President Miller is accompanied by Club members Carl Howard and Mike Pearcy.



Potentate Jerry Markovitch and Recorder Gordon Husk present a Transportation Club jacket to Hospital Driver Coordinator Bill Rynerson to commemorate 200 hospital trips. Also present is Noble Bill Dyke who was congratulated on his first 25 trips and presented with a Murat bolo.



The March Stated Meeting raffle sponsor Mike McLaughlin is joined by Potentate Jerry Markovitch in presenting the lucky winner, Noble Tim Murphy, with his Griot's Garage gift package.

Well, here it is spring again. The robins are back and so are the Snowbirds.

We are getting ready for another season of camping. Nothing like an 80-degree day to get us thinking about hitting the road, seeing the scenes and sights around Indiana.

Starting in April, we will have our shakedown campout at The Last Resort Campground near Nashville, IN. It will be April 27-29 (Friday, Saturday and Sunday). At 4 p.m. on Friday will be a welcome back party with dinner following at 6 p.m. Chili, salads and desserts are on the menu. Saturday morning is a pancake-sausage breakfast, then off to the flea markets, Nashville, and points of interest. On

Saturday evening, you have your choice of dinner on your own or a group is going to the Nashville House. Sunday morning's breakfast will be rolls, coffee and juice.

There will be a campfire meeting to set up the outings for the season. John Sword will be in charge this year, and we are looking forward to some great campouts. Come join the fun.

If you are not a member, come as a visitor. R.S.V.P. to Ken Duncan, 6811 Westlake Road, Indianapolis, IN 46214. Phone: (317) 244-2359.

Our Club meets on the third Tuesday of the month at the Murat Temple. Dinner is at 6 p.m. with the

meeting following at 7 p.m.

If you have any questions, please call our secretary, Paul Shambaugh, at (317) 736-8708.

## Yacht Club

Fred Schowengerdt

The Knights of the Sea initiation is almost here! It is set for Thursday, May 17, at the Gatling Gun Club. If you have not made a reservation, you need to contact Bobbie Tate at (317) 788-9539 right away to assure your reservation. Seating is limited so you need to call now!

In addition, the Knights of the Sea Golf Outing is almost here too. This event is set for Thursday, June 22, at Oak Tree Golf Club in Plainfield. Brothers, we are in drastic need of sponsors. A sponsorship is only \$50 and for most individuals in business, it can be deducted as an advertising expense. (Check with your accountant to make certain.) This is the biggest, best, and most fun-filled golf outing in Shrinedom and we need your help! All members of the Yacht Club should consider being a sponsor for this fundraiser. Please - Please - Please, consider being a sponsor. Call Bob Dancey at (317) 788-9539 and he will arrange your sponsorship for this great annual funfest!

Plans are being made for four (4) more Yacht Club parties for this year. Keep looking in the magazine, as this is the only way to communicate with you. If you have an email address, please contact our hard working secretary-treasurer, Ted Stewart.

The Black Camel has claimed Ed Evans, Past Potentate at Murat Shrine and a life member and avid supporter of the Yacht Club. He will be missed by all and we wish to express condolences to his family. His ever present smile and good-natured humor will be missed by all who knew him.

The Yacht Club meets on the third Thursday of each month at the Shrine Center for its monthly Stated Meeting but also meets each Friday at noon for an informal lunch at the America Legion, Post 34, 6440 North Westfield Boulevard in Indianapolis. Please attend if you can.

## Boone County Shrine Club

Pat Hornett

The Boone County Shrine Club was proud to recognize Noble Bob Beck as Shriner of the Year for 2006. Bob has been a very active member of the BCSC for many years and continues to attend monthly meetings regularly. It is our proud honor to bestow this recognition upon Bob for his dedicated service to Murat and the Boone County Shrine Club. Congratulations and thank you, Bob, for your Masonic work and dedication to the Shrine of North America.

At our March meeting, Lebanon Mayor and Noble James Acton led us in prayer. We had six Boone County Shrine Club past presidents in attendance along with 35 other members. Murat and the BCSC membership grew by three at this

meeting as Murat Recorder Gordon Husk installed Ken Hale, Mark Smith, and Jeff Kaser as Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. Congratulations to our newest members.

On April 12-14, the Boone County Shrine Club sponsored a booth at the Boone County Home Show at the fairgrounds. We used this opportunity to let our community know who we are, communicate the good things that we are doing, and promote the Shrine of North America. Thanks to all of the Nobles who helped out at the home show.

May 12, 2007 – MARK IT ON YOUR CALENDAR!!! The Boone County Shrine Club will have the Spring Fish Fry at the American Legion in Lebanon. We will serve from 4 p.m. until 8 p.m. Please see any BCSC Noble for tickets or stop in on the day of the event as tickets are available at the door. This is the first of our two annual fish fries that help our Club raise money. This is a fraternal fundraiser to help keep our Club strong and let us continue being "Shriners – Having Fun and Helping Kids." Come on out and enjoy a great meal and the great company of the Nobles of the Boone County Shrine Club.



Murat Recorder Gordon Husk and Boone County Shrine Club officers Larry Leap, Larry Sheets, and Jerrit Clayton are proud to welcome Nobles Ken Hale, Mark Smith, and Jeff Kaser to the Shrine family. The three new members were installed by Gordon Husk at the Boone County Shrine Club meeting in March. (Photo by Dave McKinney)

Hello Nobles!

On March 24, the Highlanders traveled to Orak Temple in Michigan City to participate in their 30th annual Tartan Ball. Also performing were the Pipes and Drums of Orak, the Michigan City Sheriff's Pipe Band, the Northwest Indiana Pipe Band, and some wonderful Highland dancers.

In commemoration of the 30th anniversary, the Highlanders presented a beautiful Masonic sword to the band. (See photo) It was a great evening of piping, food, fun and fellowship.

## Bagpipe Basics – How Does It Work?

This is the first in a series of articles to reveal some of the mysteries of pipes and drums. We'll start out with the basics of the bagpipe.

The bagpipe we play is called "The Great Highland Bagpipe." There are many other types and variations of bagpipes throughout the world, but the GHB is the most recognized.

A bagpipe consists of a bag, blowpipe, drones and chanter. The bag is an air reservoir and is made of hide or synthetic material. It does not contain bellows or any other air pumping device. Air is blown through the blowpipe into the bag, and the air pressure within the bag is maintained by squeezing it with the left arm. A check valve within the blowpipe prevents air from escaping back through the blowpipe. There are three drones tied into the bag – two tenor drones and one bass drone. These produce the 'hum' behind the melody. The melody is pro-



Andrew Nowaczyk (President Orak Pipes and Drums) looks on as Tom Houts (P/M Orak and M.C. Sheriff's bands) proudly displays the sword presented by the Murat Highlanders in recognition of their 30th Anniversary Tartan Ball. (Photo by Lee Langlotz)



duced by the chanter, the little pipe in front. The chanter is simply a cylindrical tube with holes drilled into it. Fingers are placed over the holes in various configurations to produce musical notes. There are only nine notes in the musical scale of a bagpipe. Tens of thousands of tunes have been composed on variations of these nine notes!

Bagpipes are traditionally made of a hard, heavy wood called African Blackwood. There are several other hardwoods also used, as well as a hard plastic called polypenco. Wooden parts are hand crafted on lathes, although some manufactures now use CAD techniques.

Bagpipes are a reed instrument, but unlike any other reeded instrument, there are four separate reeds contained in the set. The chanter has a reed similar to the 'double reed' of an oboe. The chanter reed is made of cane. Each drone also has a reed. The two tenor drones are set at the same pitch, tuned one octave lower than the 'low A' on the chanter. The bass drone (the longer one next to the piper's head) is set one octave lower than the

tenors. These reeds were traditionally made of cane, but now most pipers use a synthetic reed of plastic, glass fiber, or even carbon fiber.

Well, that is a basic description of the bagpipe. Later articles will discuss such issues as tuning (yes you can tune bagpipes) and learning to play. Stay tuned for more.

## BECOMING A HIGHLANDER

The band is always looking for new members. Musical experience is 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 [jmketterman@aol.com](mailto:jmketterman@aol.com).



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Greetings and appreciation from Maharanee Betty Huckeba. Betty was overwhelmed by the generous donations for the Shriners Cincinnati Burns Hospital. Her project was to provide new teethingers and rattles for the babies – two of the items on the most needed list. Her goal was to fill a very large baby bag to donate to the hospital. She reported that she received more than enough to fill her bag plus six more. Thanks to the Smyrna ladies for always stepping up for our patients in times of need and for making our project a huge success.

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. Please leave a message.

## **MAY**

Wednesday, May 2 – Guild Night and Purse Auction (5:30).

We will be having a purse auction and would like everyone to participate to make this a fun evening. Please bring a purse (good, bad, silly, ugly, or fun) wrapped in beautiful paper or bag ready to auction. We hope to raise a lot of money for a good cause and have a lot of fun with it! Please make your reservations with Tammy Priest (862-0551).

Tuesday, May 22 – Smyrna Board Meeting 6:30 and Stated Meeting 7:30.

## **JUNE**

Wednesday, June 6 Guild Night – Smyrna Birthday Month. Please make your reservations with Tammy Priest.

Saturday, June 9th – Ceremonial for Smyrna members to be held at the Gun Club. The event will begin at 10 a.m.

Saturday, June 16 – PARTY TIME. Smyrna will be having a Summer Party in honor of All Divan Ladies - Past and Present. This event will begin at 6 p.m. and will be held at the Gatling Gun Club. Please call Betty Huckeba for details at 787-8712.

Tuesday, June 26 – Smyrna Board Meeting 6:30 and Stated Meeting 7:30.

## **REMINDER: SMYRNA IS DARK IN JULY AND AUGUST.**

Please mark your calendars for upcoming fall events.

## **SEPTEMBER**

Wednesday, September 5 Guild Night – Please make your reservations with Tammy Priest.

Tuesday, September 25 – Smyrna Board Meeting 6:30 and Stated Meeting 7:30.

## **OCTOBER**

We will not have Guild Night in October due to the Imperial Session in Lexington, KY. We sincerely hope you will plan to attend and support Elaine Thrasher, our very own Imperial Maharanee. Please contact a Smyrna officer or Elaine for details of the Imperial Session.

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 Tammy Priest at 862-0551 and leave a message.

The bowling season has come to an end. The Shrine bowlers completed their term without too many changes in their high scores. Herb Arthur's Palominos team won the league as expected by 15 games. Their team, composed of Herb, Barry Byers, Don Keith, Ray Chapellow, John Ervin, Jr., and John Nolan, also had the high series handicap for the season with a 3427, followed by the Mirages team with a 3339.

High average for the men was Mike Percy as he added another 700 series to his string, moving his average to 214.1, followed by Jeff Gehle (197.29), Larry Sexton (195.24), and John Ervin, Sr. (194.17).

The high game scratch went to the Zor team with a 1016, followed by the Shas with a 911. High series scratch: the Scimitars (2989) followed by the Wahabi team (2632). The dinner with the payoffs was held at the Gatling Gun Club on April 12, and the Potentate's Roll will be held later. Our Potentate, Jerry Markovich, and our Divan representative, Ronald Elliott, were invited to attend.

In other sports, our Indianapolis Colts are still celebrating their world's championship in football. The Ice, by winning their last game, are still in third place in their division. The Indiana Pacers, who everyone thought were dead, came to life beating a very good West Coast team without two of the Pacers' best players, 00-99 over the San Antonio Spurs. They still are two and a half games behind the goal in making the playoffs.

Baseball season has arrived and the St. Louis team is expected to repeat. While the money teams are still acquiring, Big League players are counting on their own rosters to fill the voids. Boston and New York are still the favorites. In closing, my early pick for the Derby is Investor. Remember you heard it here first.

Here it is the month of May and that's frightening! We're only two months away from the Johnson County Fair. The fair is racing down the road and is going to be here before we know it. To all of our members, guess what your officers want me to do? I don't really feel like I'm much good at it, but here goes ...

We need VOLUNTEERS!!! I have been asking for help the last year for our BINGO twice a week. The results I see are almost non-existent. Let me give you an example.

This past Saturday was my day to volunteer with BINGO. I arrived 30 minutes early. The volunteers amounted to Jim Carter, Carl Howard III, and yours truly. Since the parking lot was full, I was expecting quite a lot of people. We were looking at 75 to 80 people to play. Jim went about setting up the play. He was to do the calling; Carl, on the other hand, was selling the BINGO sheets, daubers or markers, candy, etc. By the way, all the Johnson County Shrine members need to appreciate what "Mr. BINGO" Carl does for the Club. He is there every Tuesday and Saturday. Fellows, that's volunteering about 8 to 10 hours a week, month in month out. I bet he would like a night off once in a while.



Carl "Mr. BINGO" Howard, III



Jim "BINGO caller" Carter

With Jim and Carl settling in their duties, that left the rest to me. Let's see, there are the tabs to sell, tips to sell, covering the floor calling back Bingo's to Jim, and paying the winners. Oh yes, in my spare time, empty trash and generally keep things straight. Three people cannot do it!

As luck would have it, Mike Harrison showed up with his wife to play

BINGO. He answered our prayers. With Mike operating the floor, I was able to concentrate on the tab and tip sales. I am happy to report we were able to show a profit for the day.

I guess when it comes to asking for volunteers, the members of our Club have defeated me. For at least a year I have begged for help. The same few members answer my call. I'm admitting defeat! John Miller, president of the Club, is going to have to find another outlet to get people to volunteer. I feel I'm wasting my time putting it in the Murat Magazine. Well, I've got that off my chest; on to better things.

Our kitchen continues to be the place to be on Friday nights in Franklin. If you have not enjoyed an evening with Larry DeVoss and Lady Jane, you have missed some good eating. The buffet is open every Friday around 5 p.m. It's a complete buffet; not only a great meal, but also tables decorated to suit the situation. Shamrocks for St. Patrick's Day, valentines for Valentine's Day, checkered flags for Race Day, etc. So come down to the Club on a Friday night, load up a plate or two, and let Etta and Rita get your drinks. Believe me, it's well worth the price. Hope to see you at our Club!

## Veteran Car Club

Danny Thomas

"Gentlemen start your engines." That's what we are doing in preparation for another fun-filled year of parades.

Now that the circus is behind us, we are pulling off the covers, shining, and getting our ole cars ready for another year of fun events.

In May, we will be going to our first parade in Nashville, IN, to the "Spring Blossom Festival" (May 5). Then on May 11, some of us will be traveling to Kerbela Shriner's "Smoky Mountain Fun Festival." (Betsy, come on now, hold up.)

Beside the parades, we are planning a new event this year as one of our touring events.

It is a trip to Barbourville, KY, October 11-14. This is an event that goes on for a week and celebrates the treaty

signing between the settlers of Barbourville and the Cherokee Indians. The whole community dresses in the settler outfits all week long and on Saturday the 13th, they have one of the largest parades in the Midwest. Also on that date, the Cherokee chief, along with some of his tribe dancers, puts on an excellent demonstration. A fellow Shiner and I attended this last year and the judges told us there were 95,000 to 110,000 people watching the parade. Why not join us. For more information check these sites out: <http://www.ky24ihc.org/dbf/index.html>, <http://www.ky24ihc.org/dbf/events.html>, <http://www.kyfestivals.com/details.php?id=438>. Hope to see you there. "Come ride with us."

Illness this year has not been kind to

the VCC; several members have been down for one reason or another. Our hopes are that all can get well soon and enjoy the fun times ahead.

Being somewhat the "new kid on the block," I can't help but think about how lucky I am to be surrounded by so many wonderful people in the VCC. The knowledge they pass on to me, their friendship, and in general, just the type of people they are is indeed a blessing to my wife and me. The ladies who are part of us are just that - "ladies."

We are planning other events this year (if approved) to help raise money for our hospitals.

Remember: Shriners Having Fun and Helping Kids.

# Wes Kidwell, P.P., celebrates 65 years of bowling in the Shrine League

BEVERLY WRIGHT



On March 14, 2007, Past Potentate Wesley G. Kidwell boarded a plane heading for Reno, NV, to participate in his 53rd national bowling tournament, where the United States Bowling Congress recognized him for his outstanding participation. This year also marks P.P. Kidwell's 65th year of bowling in the Murat Shrine Bowling League, now at Western Bowl. His scores aren't always as high as he would like; however, it's the fun and fellowship that gets him to the lanes each Thursday night (with a little help from his friends since he no longer drives). Never known as a "high roller" on the lanes, Kidwell has participated in and promoted bowling for the past 70 years. As a life member and past director of the American Bowling Congress for 20 years, he had

held numerous titles and offices at the national, state and local levels including the state and city "Hall of Fame." His wife Helen also bowls twice a week with two of their daughters.

# In Memory of Edward M. Evans, Potentate 1977



Born on August 26, 1926, in Detroit, MI, Illustrious Sir Edward M. Evans was called to the Unseen Temple on March 19, 2007. He was the son of Irvin M. and Clarice (Couch) Evans. He is survived by a daughter, Leslie (Kevin) Coppedge of Indianapolis, and a son, E. Mark Evans of Michigan City, IN. He is also survived by a sister, Betty (Evan) McGuire, three grandchildren, two nieces and two nephews.

Past Potentate Evans had been vice president and sales manager for Carleton Transit Company of Indianapolis and in his later years, he worked for Stuart Moving & Storage. He was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II.

Consistent with his being an ordained minister, Worshipful Brother Ed performed over a hundred Masonic funeral services and eulogies. His ability to bring comfort to the bereaved with his words and distinctive voice was renowned.

Ed joined the Masonic Fraternity in 1958 when he was raised at Marion Lodge #58 in Indianapolis. He was Worshipful Master in 1953. He was a member of DeMolay and a Past Worthy Patron Order of the Eastern Star. He belonged to the Indianapolis Valley of the Scottish Rite, participated regularly in the degree work and had been awarded his honorary 33rd degree in recognition of his service to our fraternity.

As a member of Murat Shrine, Ed was a past president and participated as an active member of the Oriental Band for over 35 years. He served Murat as Illustrious Potentate in 1977. He was also a member of El' Ameen Nabeel and Royal Order of Jesters Court #15.

Past Potentate Evans was known for his quick wit. He was a good listener and it was always a pleasure to talk with him. We will miss him.

## 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Murat Memorial Service

Honoring the memory of all Nobles who have passed to the Unseen Temple during the last year:

**Murat Shrine Center • Arabian Room**  
**Thursday, May 24, at 11 AM**

Memorial Services will be given by the Rev. Dr. William M. Schwein. The ceremony will also include remarks by Potentate Jeny Markovich and Imperial Potentate Thomas Keza. Shrine Units scheduled to participate in the ceremony include the Legion of Honor, Highlanders, Reception Unit and Chanters.

Programs will be available which contain a complete listing of all deceased Nobles. If you would like a copy of the printed program sent to you, please contact the Fraternal Office.

This year, we are offering Clubs and Units the opportunity to invite widows of past members, at a cost of \$12.50 per lunch.

It is the month of May once again in Indianapolis and that can only mean one thing – the noise you are hearing is coming from West 16th Street. Drivers with names like Michael Andretti, Danica Patrick, A.J. Foyt IV, Buddy Rice, Sarah Fisher and many more are warming up the cars for the 91st running of the Indianapolis 500 Mile Race. May 27, those who qualify in the fastest 33 will fill the field and will run in the Greatest Spectacle of Racing.



While these racing greats are doing this out in Speedway, the Mini-Mystics are getting ready to move into the 2007 parade schedule ... big time. Drivers with names like Joe Inabnitt, Jack Brown, Dan Gillahan, Bill Sparks, Bob Torrance and others are making ready for the Greatest Spectacle in Parading.

May will find the Mini-Mystics in Brown County at Nashville for the Spring Blossom Festival on the morning of May 5. Then they will pack up and head south to Pigeon Forge, TN, May 10-13. The Kerbela Fun Fest takes place with the big

parade through the streets of Pigeon Forge on Saturday morning, May 12. After this parade, we'll pack up and head back to Johnson County to get ready for the busy, busy summer schedule.

**June 2** Glass Days - Dunkirk, IN

**June 9** Red Skelton Parade - Vincennes, IN

**June 10** Railroad Days - North Vernon, IN

**June 24** Freedom Fest - Fishers, IN

**July 3** The Imperial - Anaheim, CA

**July 6** The Madison Regatta Parade - Madison, IN

**July 14** Johnson County Fair - Franklin, IN

**July 20** Fayette County Fair - Connersville, IN

This will get the Mini-Mystics halfway through the 2007 schedule.

You probably didn't find the names of the Mini-Mystic drivers quite as famous as the 500 drivers that were mentioned first. We may not drive as fast, but many of the drivers have a bunch of parades and miles behind them. Many have 50 or more parades they have taken part in. The 500 drivers do it to get their image on the famous Borg Warner trophy, along with the money. Your Mini-Mystics parade



all over the country for the "kids." We're just Shriners having fun helping kids.

I would like to quell a rumor that has been floating around the Murat Temple and the Johnson County Shrine Club. It has been suggested that a certain individual involved with the Mini-Mystics has been paying this reporter to get his name and picture in the many issues of the Murat Magazine. Absolutely nothing could be further from the truth! You'll notice that this individual is not mentioned or pictured in the articles for this month. I'll have to check my mailbox to see if there are any checks. It's probably just a coincidence; we'll see what next month brings.

Several members of the Mini-Mystics were present for this year's Potentate's Ball held in the Egyptian Room at the temple. Potentate Jerry Markovich made quite an entrance on his Harley! The entire evening was a good time with lots of Shriners wishing Jerry a very successful year.

Recently, after doing some research, I came to the conclusion that in life only two items are needed to keep everything going. Yes, WD40 and DUCT TAPE. If it doesn't move and needs to, use the WD40. If it moves and shouldn't, use DUCT TAPE; solves almost all problems. See you next issue.

## Bill Spyr, PP Receives Award of Gold



Past Potentate William S. Spyr (center) recently received his Grand Lodge Award of Gold (50-year award) from Prospect Lodge No. 714. Presenting the award were Worshipful Master Dale Wheatley (left) and Grand Lodge Area Representative Joe Smith, PM. (Photo by Frank Capler, Jr.)

# Dramatic Cast

Don Olvey

Hello again from your Dramatic Cast.

Things just keep rolling along. We had another great circus – lots of kids on Thursday and Friday mornings and then a nice family turnout for the other performances. Dramatic Cast Past President Noble Larry Davis did another magnificent job of organizing the Nobles of the Cast into a smooth functioning, door-monitoring, ticket-taking, and direction-giving unit. It was a thing of beauty. Noble Larry was so impressive that our former Door General Noble Tom Kepler was heard saying, "I just don't believe it."

From there the Cast rolled on to another Brass Hat night. Illustrious Sir Jerry Markovich, his Divan, numerous Past Potentates and a roomful of Nobles had a very nice dinner. The highlight of

the evening was the kind words and stories Past President Noble Bob Stubbs shared with all of us, detailing some of the adventures of our Illustrious Sir Jerry.

It was a fun evening. This event is now open to Nobles belonging to other Clubs and Units. The cost is minimal and covers the social hour, dinner and the entertainment.

Plan on joining us next year. Details will be published and posted when everything is finalized.

It looks like warm weather is with us again. Get those clubs out and check the calendar for one of the golf outings.

Speaking of the Brass Hat night – Past Potentate Ed Evans 33° was with us

for the evening. The walk may have been a little slower, but it was still the same Ed. He worked the room like only he could. I got to hear about his car and the problems he had had with some of his home repairs – all told with a smile and intended to make you laugh. It was a privilege to have known him.

Remember those Nobles and their family members who may be under the weather and as always, keep them and our service men and women in your prayers.

We love you Ed.

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Yours in the Faith.

## Past Potentate Larry Jefferson elected STANA Officer



Our treasurer, Past Potentate Larry D. Jefferson, was elected as First Vice President of STANA (Shrine Treasurers Association of North America) at the treasurers' annual business meeting in Denver.

The purpose of STANA is to:

Provide publications and newsletters that will provide Shrine Temples with sources of valuable information;

Provide a mid-winter meeting for training and exchange of ideas which will assist Temples in solving their financial and accounting problems;

Assist all Temple treasurers in the performance of their duties as Chief Financial Officer of their respective Temple.

Congratulations to Larry — one of Murat's best.

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# Hospital Gifts Update

PHILIP C. THRASHER, P.P

Thanks to all those who helped with the inaugural kick-off of this year's Annual Gifting Campaign for Shriners Hospitals for Children. We set up a table at the Stated Meeting on March 19, distributed almost 500 Annual Gifting brochures, and signed up the following Donor Relations Coordinators:

- Directors Staff:** Mike Adams
- Charters:** Tim Murphy
- Railroad Club:** Dave Beck
- Shelby County SC:** Bill Johnson
- Whitewater SC:** Robert Sherk
- Logansport SC:** Bill Dyke
- Band:** Gary Selig
- Reception:** Mike Waldrip
- Kentucky Colonels:** Bud Abel

- NexGen:** Phil Herthel
- Mobil Nobles:** Sam Thompson
- Business Connection:** Chris Planeaux
- Trap & Skeet:** J. D. Moore
- Firemen:** Floyd Sendmeyer
- Flying Fezzes:** Deo Carter
- Police Club & Drill Team:** Mike Horn
- Corvette Club:** Charlie Crabtree

Obviously, we need more volunteers – one per Unit or Club. If you would like to help in this year's campaign, just drop me a line at thrasher@indiana-attorneys.com or pthrasher@indy.rr.com, or call me at (317) 407-3650 and I will add you to the list.

Donor Relations Coordinators' activities will include making sure that everyone in your Unit or Club knows how easy it is to contribute to the Annual Gift campaign. Simply fill out the short form and send it to Shriners Hospitals in Tampa. Better yet, sign up online at [www.shrinenet.org](http://www.shrinenet.org) and follow the simple instructions. I recommend choosing the quarterly payments and using your credit card; then, you never have to worry about it again.

For those who cannot afford a large gift, any amount will be accepted. Our goal is to achieve 100 percent participation in as many Units and Clubs as possible so we can all feel that we are doing our part. For those who can afford more, there are special pins for the \$100, \$500, \$1,000, and \$2,500 per year donors. The average annual donation appears to be about \$500 within all of Murat. At last count, all of the Murat Divan has signed up. But,

for purposes of the Annual Gift Campaign, no amount is too small.

The other Donor Relations Coordinators' activity will be to identify those members who have contributed from a list that SHC will provide to you. At the end of 2007, the Potentate will present to each Unit and Club that has 50 percent participation an attractive plaque with the names of the President and Donor Relations Coordinator thereon. If the Unit or Club is the leader in terms of total contributors or percentage of contributors among active members, then its plaque will be special. At the end of 2008, we will have the same awards, except that this time it will take 75 percent participation instead of 50 percent to guarantee receipt of the plaque. Any Unit or Club achieving 100 percent participation will receive special recognition at the Annual Meeting of Murat. As you can see, having an active Donor Relations Coordinator will probably be the difference between leading the other Units and Clubs and falling behind.

Why are we pushing this? First, the Shriners Hospitals really do need the money, and 100 percent of these funds go directly to SHC. Second, a good fund-raising effort shows a strong charitable purpose, and surveys strongly indicate that our charitable purpose attracts the younger candidates that we need to encourage to join our ranks. If increasing membership is your goal, then this is a great way to help in that effort. If raising money to help our Kids is your goal, then you can have the satisfaction of knowing that you will also have the chance to enhance the membership of your Unit or Club and of Murat as a whole.

We are hoping to have an office at Murat that is dedicated to Donor Relations by May 1, 2007. At that time, we hope to have an email address that is [donorrelations@muratshrine.org](mailto:donorrelations@muratshrine.org). More on that later. If you did not sign up at the April 16 Stated Meeting, please do so immediately so that we may include you in the mailings and other activities. THANKS.

## Yes, I'd like to make an annual contribution to Shriners Hospitals for Children!

Please add my name to the rolls of the...

- Bronze Society: Annual Gift of \$100-\$499
- Silver Society: Annual Gift of \$500-\$999
- Gold Society: Annual Gift of \$1,000-\$2,499
- Diamond Society: Annual Gift of \$2,500 and above

Please print neatly and complete all applicable information.

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Middle Initial: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Hospital: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Please check one, if applicable:  
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### Method of Contribution

- My Annual Gift check is enclosed. Amt: \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- I'd like to make my Annual Gift of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (US) by credit card. (Please complete form below.)
- I'd like to make my Annual Gift of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (US) in four equal and automatic quarterly contributions by credit card. (Please complete form below.)

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(Obtained for quarterly charges)

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Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Cardholder's Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please print)

Cardholder's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Obtained for both full and quarterly credit card contributions)

- Please send me information about planned giving.

Thank you for your tax-deductible gift to Shriners Hospitals for Children. Your Society Pin should arrive in 2-4 weeks to the address listed above.

Please detach and mail this card with your check or credit card information to: Shriners Hospitals for Children, P.O. Box 20827, Tampa, FL 33622-0827, or to your local Hospital. Please send all Canadian donations to: Shriners Hospitals for Children-Canada, 1529 Cedar Ave., Montreal, Quebec, Canada H3G 1A6.

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# Daughters of the Nile

Ruth Ann Kelly

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We welcome the month of May for a variety of special reasons. Graduation!! What a memorable time of the year for everyone involved. A tremendous sense of accomplishment and hopes for the future encompass the many celebrations during this time of year. Congratulations to those who have completed their requirements or earned degrees, thus assuring them of a productive and successful future. Mother's Day!! There is not any one person more important to a strong family than that "Rock of Gibraltar" lady, your mother. If you still have her, enjoy the times shared with her; if she has departed to the above, remember all the "good times" you shared with this wonderful lady. Finally, ever be reminded of the many people who have served or are serving in our armed forces by attending one of the many Memorial Day remembrances. Because of these men and women who have protected our country, we continue to have freedom and remain as "One Nation under God." Thank you for your years of dedication to the United States of America.

Queen Cathy Rose has a project this year for Koran Temple No. 30. If you have any old cell phones, computers, or laptops that are not being used, please contact her or any Daughters of the Nile member so they may be collected. This is a new but worthwhile project for our organization this year. In addition, Queen Cathy has requested that our ladies collect all the pennies they can throughout the year and turn them into our recorder, Past Queen Betty J. Rathbun, or banker, Audrey Apple. Koran Temple will also have a bakeless bake sale with proceeds going to the Convalescent Relief Fund. Additional information will be given at our Stated Meetings and in the newsletter sent to all the membership in the coming months. Please read and support Queen Cathy's new temple projects. If you need to contact our queen, please call (317) 695-2912.

Place on your calendars the Daughters of the Nile Supreme Appointee's Luncheon which will be held on Saturday, July 28, at 12 p.m. in the Tunisian Room at the Murat Centre. The price of the luncheon will be \$15 and consist of honey glazed chicken, asparagus, new potatoes, chocolate mousse, rolls and drink. Reservations should be made by Tuesday, July 24, to Recorder, Past Queen Betty J. Rathbun at (317) 846-2800. All members, Nobles, and guests are invited to attend this special function honoring our supreme appointments.

Our next Stated Meeting will be on Wednesday, May 2, at 7 p.m. in the Trowel Trades Building. The social hour will be hosted by the Koran Koraliers. Come and enjoy an evening of fun, fellowship and good food. The Ladies in the Crescent will be in charge of the social hour for the September 5 meeting.

Sewing is held on the third Wednesday of each month from 10 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. in the Trowel Trades Building. Many items will be prepared for the children in the Lexington hospital and your help would be greatly appreciated. The luncheon cost is \$3 and the following ladies will serve as hostesses: Ruby Warmouth on May 16, Past Queen Kathryn Whisner on June 20, and Pam Herther on July 18. Contact these ladies if you can be of any assistance.

To all members: Continue to seek new ladies to become members of our great organization. Past Queen Manuella Jefferson, (317) 844-6222, will be the membership chairperson for the coming year. She will be assisted by Faye Crabtree and can be contacted at (317) 894-6583. Call these ladies and ask for a proposal for membership. Have the new candidate complete and return this form to any Daughters of the Nile member.

Finally, the Supreme Temple Daughter of the Nile Supreme Session will be held in Springfield, MA, June 10-14. Please call Recorder, Past Queen Betty J. Rathbun at (317) 846-2800 for registration information.

Just a closing thought: Be kinder than necessary, for everyone you meet is fighting some kind of battle.

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# Hancock County Shrine Club

Brian Miller

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Greetings from Hancock County Shrine Club. It has been quite some time since Hancock County Shrine Club had an article in the Murat Magazine. We wanted to let you know a little of what has been going on.

This promises to be a good year. We recently purchased a new trailer for our tent rentals. Our tent rental chairman, George Scott, has done a great job getting the word out that we have tents for rent and business has been great. Anyone in need of a tent, please contact George Scott at (317) 796-2108. We have various sizes for all needs.

We held our installation of officers at Murat Shrine. It was an enjoyable evening for everyone. The food was great and the service was superb.

Our 2007 officers are Brian Miller, President; Bob Wortman, First Vice President; Lloyd Young, Second Vice President; Pete Rasor, Secretary; and Andy Hasler, Treasurer. Many thanks to John A. Friend, Sr., P.P., and Barry R. Cook, P.P., for installing our officers and ladies.

We recently had our second annual Hancock County-Shelby County joint dinner. All had a great time. We had a wonderful dinner and were entertained by Macy-Smith & Co.

The Hancock County Flivvers will be out parading this year and we hope to see you all. I had the opportunity to be a part of the pre-circus parade at the 2007 Murat Shrine Circus this year. The children enjoyed seeing the Flivver almost as much as I enjoyed driving it. Hancock County will definitely be there next year.

We have some prospective members and are always looking for more. If you are interested in joining Hancock County, we meet the fourth Tuesday of the month at various locations throughout Hancock County. Please contact Brian Miller at (317) 468-1409 or via email at [intwarlock@aol.com](mailto:intwarlock@aol.com).

# 407 IN '07

ART BORTON

Now that we have survived winter, we are enjoying a nice spring and are starting to enjoy the great outdoors. Kerbela Fun Fest is just around the corner, and we close out the month with the 500 Festival Parade and, of course, the "Greatest Spectacle in Racing" – the Indianapolis 500. As always, the Imperial Potentate will be joining us for race weekend, so it is going to be a hectic month of May.

Having said that, let's not forget about our membership plans for this year and how we are going to achieve our goals.

Our Potentate, Jerry Markovich, has established lofty goals for 2007, and he is working hard to make sure that Murat holds onto our position of being the largest temple in Shrinedom. His goal for this year is **"407 in '07."** This means we are looking to create 407 new Nobles during the year. This is an aggressive goal.

Our plan this year calls for a drawing to be held after receiving petitions 100, 200, 300, and 407. After 100, one name will be drawn, and the top-line signer will receive free dues for 2008. After petition 200, two names will be drawn for free dues, and after 300, three names will be drawn. After petition 407, four names will be drawn for free dues. So overall, 10 members will have free dues for 2008.

We continue to offer ceremonials at your Club or Unit or before Stated Meetings. Full ceremonials at outlying clubs will be scheduled as you gather a group of 20 candidates. This is in addition to our regular temple Hot Sands ceremonial on

December 8, 2007.

What can we do now to continue these efforts? The Scottish Rite held its convocation and reunion on April 20 and 21. Get petitions into the hands of these new Scottish Rite members and get them into the Shrine. Get them into your Club or Unit and get them active before we go dark for the summer.

Continue to work with the Blue Lodges and get them involved in Shrine. You do not have to be a Scottish Rite or York Rite Mason to belong to the Shrine anymore. Let's get the new Master Masons involved with the Shrine as soon as we can.

The membership committee stands ready to help you grow your Club or Unit. During the next few months, we will be traveling to as many Clubs as possible to assist you with your recruitment plans, help with a rush party, or to perform a ceremonial at your home location. We look forward to working with you and helping grow your Club and Murat in general.

As you can see, this year will be different, with us taking our membership efforts on the road to your Clubs and Units rather than having you always come to Indianapolis. This should help create enthusiasm and energy for the Shrine in your local communities.

This is going to be another exciting year, and I look forward to working with each of you as we work together to bring Jerry **"407 in '07."**

## Murat Shriners Business Connection

Christopher Planeaux

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 MSBC Unit holds two primary fundraisers a year: our Golf Outing and Scholarship Auction (the latter helmed by Christy's of Indiana). These two 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). In 2006, the Unit awarded six (6) \$1,000 scholarships.

And let's not forget the Texas Hold'em Tournament. Headed by our own Don Richards of Richards CPA Group, Noble Richards will continue to broaden our network/fundraising opportunities. Our first event took place April 1, 2006. In spite of going head-to-head against the Final Four, and bad weather, all had a great time.

The MSBC Scholarship Golf Outing (please see our advert in this magazine) will take place August 20. Get those foursomes together and let's play golf!!!!

Our Unit's accomplishments, however, do not stem simply from this fund raising. That would not do us justice. Our fund-raising achievements remain the byproduct 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.mur-tashrine.org>) for more information. Also visit our one-page ad in this magazine if you need any service.

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Summertime has arrived, and with the warm weather comes the art of having a Fish Fry!

I love Fish Fry's – not just because of the great eating, but sitting outside under a tent with a gentle breeze is a summertime treat not to be missed. It's also great to see people of all ages working together to make the customers happy and to make their event a success.

I've been asked to write this article on Fish Fry's because I try to attend as many as possible and I've become somewhat of a critic of them.

My son-in-law is from the East Coast and had never heard of Fish Fry's before moving to the Midwest. I was delighted to introduce him to this summertime delight. His part of the country specializes in clam bakes.

There are two different types of Fish Fry's. The good ones that use real fish, batter them

themselves and fry the fish at the location. The ones I don't return to are the ones that serve square fish sandwiches (McDonald's style) pre-battered and fried. UGG!

Most Fish Fry's have a

group of men who cut and batter the fish, then fry it to perfection for your enjoyment. They really know what they are doing. They make sure the fish is not too moist. After frying fish that is too moist, it becomes mushy. They fry it to a light brown leaving the fish flaky and hot.

A great Fish Fry will have real baked beans coated with brown sugar. Many have cole slaw and potato salad. French fries are a staple for the meal, but please, like the fish, don't serve the fries cold.

No Fish Fry would be complete without the truly wonderful homemade cakes and pies just like Grandma made them.

I go to one in August that serves sliced, juicy tomatoes right out of the garden. This one also sells homemade, the old-fashioned way, ice cream.

Let's look at how you know when there is a Fish Fry. The best ones will let you know with a post card sent in the mail like Christ Methodist Church in Westfield. They have a sign-up sheet every year and the post card is great!

Some people like entertainment at the Fish Fry's. Keystone Lodge wins the prize with Murat's Band playing under the tent.

Now the Drum Roll Please ...

Let me tell you where I found last year's best fish –

Pleasant Grove Methodist Church at Meridian and 111th Street. They have hosted the best for 60 years. I certainly agreed last year.

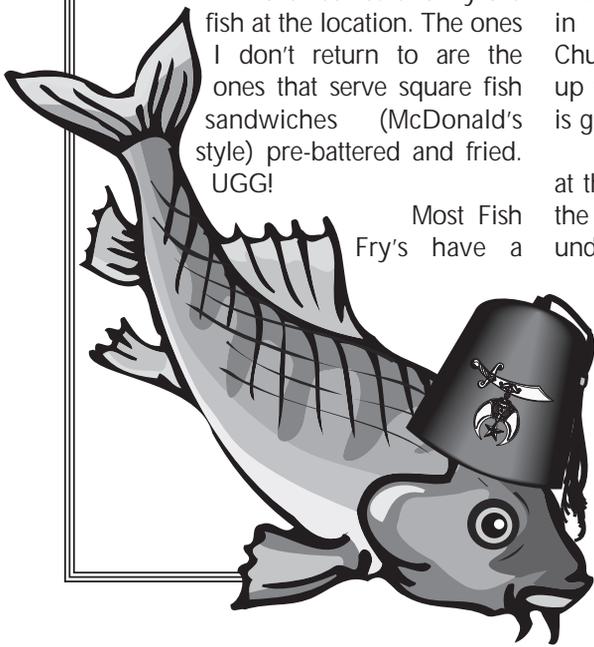
This is a list of Fish Fry's I am familiar with. They are all real fish and have something unique about them:

- Hamilton Lodge** – June 7-8-9
- Epworth Methodist Church** – June 14-15-16
- Southport Lodge** – June 21-22-23
- Bridgeport Lodge** – June 15-16
- Pleasant Grove Methodist Church** – June 22-23
- Keystone Lodge** – June 28-29-30
- Christ Methodist Church at Westfield** – July 6-7
- Castleton Methodist Church** – July 19-20-21
- Lighthouse Tabernacle Church** – July 20-21
- McCordsville Methodist Church** – September 7-8-9
- Millersville Lodge** – September 13-14-15

I know there are many more and good ones also. Let me know!

Well, as the "Old Carp" Fish Fry critic says, "Let's begin the summer with all the great Fish Fry's"! Hope to see you all there.

Robert E. Hancock, Jr., PP, PGM  
"The Old Carp"



# The Old Carp Fish Fry Review

## Flying Fezzes



Flying Fezzes President Robert Davis presents speaker Mark Kishago with the Fezy coffee cup in appreciation.



# 500 Festival Weekend at Murat

## Meet the Imperial Potentate Nick Thomas and Lady Elaine

Friday, May 25

(Dress is casual)

Acoustic guitarist Jeff Brown will be performing in the Oasis Lounge from 6 – 8 p.m.



Dwight Edwards & The Dwight Edwards Blues Band will perform in the Arabian Room from 8 p.m. – midnight.



Saturday, May 26

## The Annual 500 Festival Parade Afterglow will be held in the Oasis Lounge beginning at 2 p.m.

*(Dress is casual, with fez. You do not need to attend the parade to participate in the afterglow.)*  
Zem-Zem and snacks will be available.

Lady Elaine's theme for 2007 is "Reaching Out for Medical Miracles" which benefits research programs at our Shriners Hospitals. Her pin, an angel holding a heart, is the symbol of her cause. Nobles, Ladies, and friends are encouraged to become involved in Lady Elaine's project by making a \$25 contribution. Donors will receive an angel pin or a man's tie.

Sunday, May 27

## 500 Mile Race

## JOIN US FOR OUR SUMMER OPEN HOUSE



Plan your trip around some of the many exciting events and places to see in and around Cincinnati, such as:

- Cincinnati Museum Center
- B&B Riverboats
- Cincinnati Zoo & Botanical Gardens
- Newport Aquarium
- Home weekend vs. Cleveland Indians Cincinnati Reds
- Indiana Gambling Boats

## At Shriners Hospitals for Children Cincinnati

Sunday, June 10, 2007 • 11 a.m. – 4 p.m.

- Tours available
- "Lite" lunch provided (11 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.)
- Special "behind the scenes" presentations from staff
- Visit patient units
- Additional displays and demonstrations going on throughout the hospital
- View the operating room area

*Any questions, please contact Louise or Pat in the Public Relations Office of the hospital at (513) 872-6000. Please RSVP to Louise at [lhoelker@shrinenet.org](mailto:lhoelker@shrinenet.org) by 6-1-07. Visit [www.cincinnatiusa.com](http://www.cincinnatiusa.com) for additional information on these exciting attractions and to make hotel reservations, if needed.*

# COMING EVENTS

## MAY

- MON. 1** **DEADLINE FOR JUNE MAGAZINE**
- THU. 3** Caravan Club – Lady Dianah Louks  
What the Ladies of Murat are Doing
- THU. 10** Caravan Club – Indiana State Police –  
Traffic Planning for Race Day
- THU. 10 -**  
**SAT. 12** Kerbela Fun Fest
- MON. 14 -**  
**TUES. 15** Grand Lodge Annual Communication
- THU. 17** Caravan Club – Paul Page  
Auto Racing Commentator
- MON. 21** Divan Meeting, Board Meeting  
**Stated Meeting 7 p.m.**
- THU. 24** Memorial Service  
Caravan Club – Gordon Husk-Murat  
Recorder “Shrine Savers”
- FRI. 25** Band Night – Dwight Edwards Blues Band  
Jeff Brown (Lounge)
- SAT. 26** 500 Parade
- SUN. 27** 500 Race
- THU. 31** Caravan Club – Eric Powell,  
Indianapolis Motor Speedway

## JUNE

- FRI. 1** Band Night – Boomers Revenge
- SAT. 2** Grand Master's Motorcycle Ride
- THU. 7** Caravan Club – Donald Davidson,  
Indianapolis Motor Speedway
- THU. 14** Caravan Club – Honoring the Flag
- MON. 18** Divan Meeting, Board Meeting  
**Stated Meeting 7 p.m.**
- THU. 21** Caravan Club – Jack Bussell, Florida
- THU. 28** Caravan Club – George Eastman, Indiana  
Masonic Home
- SAT. 30 -**  
**THU. 5** **Imperial Session,**  
Anaheim, California

## JULY

- SAT. 30 -**  
**THU. 5** **Imperial Session,**  
Anaheim, California
- THU. 12** Caravan Club – Amber Worthman,  
Indiana Reading and Info Services
- THU. 19** Potentate's Golf Outing  
Caravan Club
- THU. 26** Caravan Club

## AUGUST

- MON. 1** **DEADLINE FOR SEPTEMBER**  
**MAGAZINE**
- THU. 2** Caravan Club
- SAT. 4** Ladies Style Show
- THU. 9 -**  
**SUN. 19** Indiana State Fair
- THU. 9** Caravan Club
- SAT. 11** Murder Mystery Dinner Theater at the  
Shrine
- THU. 16** Caravan Club
- SUN. 19** Indiana Masonic Home Festival
- THU. 23** Caravan Club
- FRI. 24** Band Night – Easy Does It Band
- THU. 30** Caravan Club

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# Let's Keep on Rockin'!

**The upcoming Friday Night line-up of entertainment is:**

<p><b>May 25 • 8 p.m. to midnight</b> <b>The Dwight Edwards Blues Band</b> <b>(Arabian Room)</b> <b>6 - 8 p.m.</b> <b>Jeff Brown (Oasis Lounge)</b></p> <p><b>June 1 • 8 p.m. to midnight</b> <b>Boomers Revenge</b></p> <p><b>August 24 • 8 p.m. to midnight</b> <b>Easy Does It Band</b></p>	<p><b>September 7 • 8 p.m. to midnight</b> <b>American Cheese</b></p> <p><b>October 5 • 8 p.m. to midnight</b> <b>Lemon Wheel</b></p> <p><b>October 19 • 8 p.m. to midnight</b> <b>TBA</b></p>
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