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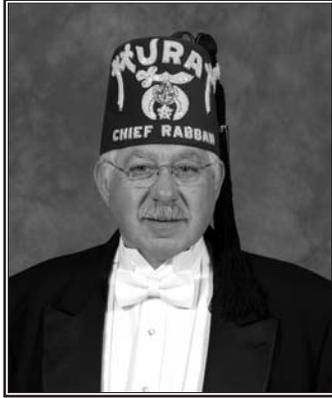
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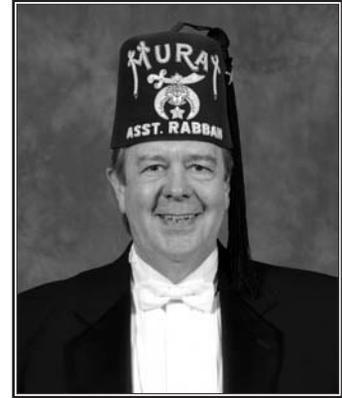
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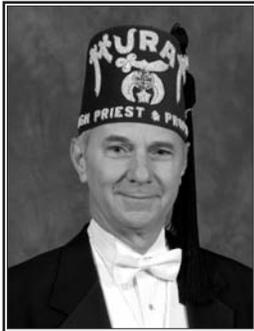
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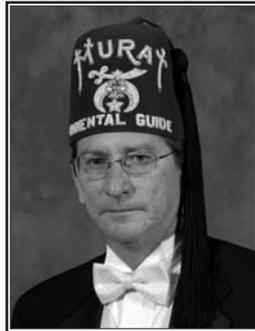
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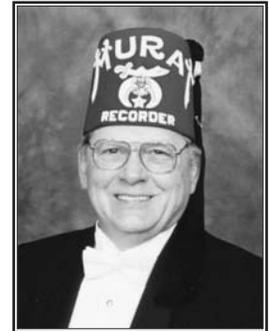
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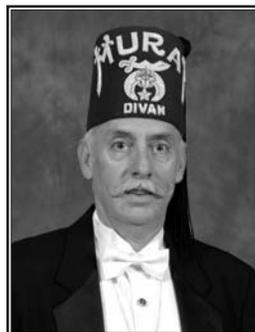
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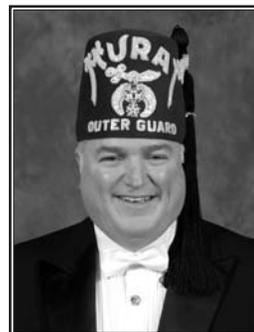
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POTENTATE MESSAGE

From the Potentate

Honoring Our Ladies: We are pleased to have so many great ladies' organizations at Murat! Nobles, all your ladies are invited to our meeting, prior to the formal opening of the November 19 Stated Meeting. Some of our ladies' organizations plan to present contributions before our meeting begins. Ladies can enjoy the special buffet, dine (and socialize) in the Tunisian Room during our one-hour Stated Meeting.

I welcome all new Nobles from the October 27 ceremony, and encourage them to bring their ladies to Murat on November 19. This is an excellent opportunity for the Nobles and their ladies to become acquainted.

We were honored to attend the convention of Shrine Guilds of America in Lexington, KY. Guilds represented from Murat were Smyrna, Indianapolis; BES, Lebanon; Niddee, Logansport; APET, Clarksville; and TAMA, Greensburg. At this convention, the Imperial Shrine Guilds donated \$50,000 to our hospitals. A bylaw amendment was adopted, which

allows Guilds to accept as members, daughters of current members, or of Nobles in good standing.

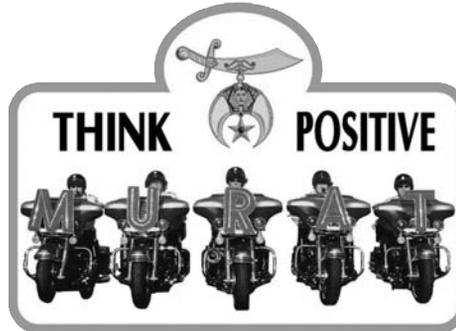
Our hats are off to Hillbilly Clan #14 for their donation of \$1,900 to the Murat Transportation Fund. This donation was made at the Hillbilly spaghetti dinner. Thank you, Clan #14!

Our December 8 ceremonial will showcase the performance of our Dramatic Cast in the first section and our nationally known Directors Staff assisting our newest Shriners as they walk the Hot Sands of the second section.

Please remember to schedule your installations of officers and other Club and Unit events for 2008 so we can support one another in attendance.

Remember, we are "Shriners - Having fun and helping kids." Also, "Think positive!"

Yours in the Faith,
Jerry Markovich
Illustrious Potentate





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GORDON J HUSK

Michelle Mellema and her three daughters were peacefully relaxing at their home in 2003. Rebecca and Toni were in the house, and Toni's twin sister, 15-year-old Debbie, was riding her bike. Suddenly, tranquility ended. As reported on local television, a truck was speeding down the narrow street and struck Debbie and her bike. Debbie's right leg was so severely mangled it could not be saved by local physicians.

Michelle says Debbie's leg was amputated just below the knee, and she had rigorous physical therapy to strengthen and maintain her leg muscles. Debbie learned to get around with a wheelchair, but the most daunting task was to get around in her high school. The building was not truly handicap-accessible. Doors were manually operated, which Debbie and some other students found impossible to open. Some of the other students rolled their wheelchairs around until they found an open door. Michelle says Debbie took a more direct approach; she kicked the door with her good foot until someone opened the door. The school offered to make the first floor accessible, but Michelle insisted Debbie was to be mainstreamed into the student population. The school now has door openers, which has made life much simpler for students with physical challenges.

Debbie faces life head-on, and will not assume she cannot do anything unless she has diligently tried to accomplish it. Although she lives within Indianapolis, Debbie became active in Future Farmers of America. After taking First and Second Place for two projects in Indiana State Fair competition in 2005, she took on more advanced projects for 2006, and took First Place in Interactive Multimedia Presentations and Small



Mechanics Projects.

Debbie enjoys sports, both as a spectator and as a participant. She decided golf would be ideal, but she felt high school golf was not challenging enough. She contacted the Fellowship of Christian Athletes and participated in a golf camp. She says, "I loved it. Everyone treated me as an equal, and I played my best golf ever."

Following Debbie's amputation, she was eventually fitted with a prosthetic leg. Due to her active and athletic lifestyle, the leg broke. She contacted Ernie Jackson, Murat's hospital coordinator, who arranged for her to go to Shriners Hospital in Chicago. Her prosthetic leg was restored to new condition. She was given strong support from the physical therapists, who told her to "be a kid."

Debbie served as a volunteer in a local hospital one summer while she was in a wheelchair. She delivered flowers to a lady who was lying on her side, facing away from the door as Debbie entered the room. Debbie asked her to take the flowers, and the



lady tersely said, "Just bring them over here and put them in the window." Debbie told her she could not take the flowers to the window, and the lady asked, "Why not?" The lady then turned over and noticed Debbie had only one leg. Nurses told Debbie the lady was kind to all hospital staff after that day.

Debbie now attends Vincennes University, where she studies Earth Science and Food Science. She says she truly enjoys the school, although the workload is heavy. Just as she does with everything else in life, Debbie attacks the class schedule with zeal, and is determined to do her very best.

When asked how she feels about Shriners Hospitals, Debbie replied, "Shriners Hospital is the best hospital I could possibly have gone to. The people there truly care about the patients. They are not concerned about getting paid; they just do what is best for the patients. They don't look at their patients as being different; they just look at them as kids with needs. I was amazed at the high quality of the prosthetics and the fact that there was no charge. It is great to see that Shriners support something so wonderful. I thank all Shriners for their help. My life is going to be much better with the help of Shriners."

**Chief Rabban Ronald M. Elliott and Lady Sally
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Healthcare Facilities Symposium and Expo

At its 20th anniversary conference, this organization honored our Chicago hospital. On the evening of October 2, a symposium party provided networking, food, music, a raffle and silent auction. All proceeds from this event were donated to the Chicago Shriners Hospital. On October 3, the keynote address for the conference was eloquently delivered by James A. Cohick, Jr.



Cohick is the hospital administrator for Shriners Hospitals for Children - Chicago. His background in healthcare includes 16 years with U.S.-based healthcare corporations, building and managing free-standing rehabilitation hospitals. He oversaw the dynamic information services component for two growing networks, with more than 60 new facilities combined. In 1997, Cohick joined CURE International and for three years lived and

worked in Kenya, East Africa, where he opened and ran the first children's teaching specialty surgery and rehabilitation hospital in Africa. During his tenure there, he oversaw the building and opening of two more hospitals in East Africa. Upon returning to the U.S., Cohick directed management operations for subsequent hospitals (in Africa, Latin America, and Central Asia) in the growing network. Before leaving CURE International, he initiated their First Step Program, part of a global initiative for addressing clubfoot.

In June 2005, he accepted the invitation to participate on the Medical Rehabilitation Guidelines expert committee convened by the Disability and Rehabilitation office of the World Health Organization (WHO) in Geneva, Switzerland. In December 2005 he joined Shriners Hospitals for Children - Chicago, bringing his experience and commitment to providing expert medical care for children with physical disabilities within a specialty facility environment.

Cohick is a Fellow with the American College of Healthcare Executives. He holds an MBA from the Kellogg School of Management of Northwestern University. He is married to

Dr. Lynn Cohick, professor at Wheaton College, and they have two teenagers, CJ and Sarah. Cohick's recreational interests include marathons, tennis, piano, and composing.

Shriners Hospital System Branding and Marketing Initiative

Soon, you will see a new approach to our hospital system's advertising. Our 22 hospitals have utilized independently designed logos and advertising. The new approach will include a more readily recognized logo, as well as standardized advertising. Paid advertising will utilize the uniform approach, brand recognition and will describe our expert medical care. Website information, downloadable logo and merchandise will be available soon.

IMPORTANT NOTE: If you are not receiving the "Nobles" emails, and you want to receive our short messages of interest to members, please email gordonhusk@ameritech.net and we will add you to our email address book. Some members have been dropped because they may have hit the "Spam" button, or may have changed email addresses. Thank you.

NexGen

Mike Smith

Nobles,

As harvest time approaches, I am reminded of the scripture: "That whatsoever a man soweth that shall he also reap." We have been able to sow the many seeds of friendship amongst ourselves and through the next 30 - 40 years we shall continue to reap the rewards of Brotherly Love. It has been my joy and pleasure to have been your humble servant. And I again thank you for allowing me the opportunity to serve and for all of the support you have given me this year. I will always cherish your friendship and the wonderful memories of the honor which you have bestowed upon me.

Congratulations to Matthew P. Boyer, our president for 2008. May your year be great!

If you are a Noble under the age of 46, please come out and enjoy our fellowship the second Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m.

God bless.

SHOP 'TIL YOU DROP

in Chicago
December 8

Buses leave 6:45 a.m. and one returns at 9:00 p.m. and second at 11:00 p.m.

Bus tickets are \$45 per person
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Children's Christmas Party

Sunday, December 16, 2007

Murat Arabian Room

Starting at 11 a.m.



For the Ladies

Dianah Louks

It is football season and the Oasis Lounge has gone crazy over the Indianapolis Colts! If you want to join in the fun at the Oasis Lounge, come down for the Sunday game dates flaunting your favorite Colts colors, watch the game, enjoy some libations, munchies and a meal (for a nominal price), all while rooting for the Colts with your friends! These events could be the next best thing to being at the game!

Ladies, we have a "Shop 'Til You Drop in Chicago" bus trip coming up December 8. Since your Nobles will be participating in the ceremonial that day, come join the ladies for a trip to Chicago to enjoy the holiday decorations, wonderful food, maybe take in the Broadway play and, of course, shop! We will meet the bus or busses in the Murat parking lot at 6:30 a.m. and leave at 6:45 a.m. If we have two busses, one will return around 8:30 – 9 p.m. and the other will return after everyone has had dinner, around 11 p.m. If we have one bus going, then we will make a decision that morning when we will return, but most likely around 10 p.m.

Just think about someone else driving you to Chicago while you enjoy coffee, juice, muffins and other goodies along with great socializing, fun and games. You will be dropped off and picked up at the downtown loop! Tickets for the 2 p.m. Broadway plays "Wicked" and "The Phantom of the Opera" are running out fast and only the orchestra seating is available for a full price ticket. Tickets for the 2 p.m. Broadway shows "Jersey Boys" and "Altar Boyz" should be on sale soon. Pricing is available for all of the plays at www.broadwayinchicago.com. "Shop 'Til You Drop" bus tickets are \$45 per person and are available in the Fraternal Office or contact me at realbzlady@hotmail.com or by phone at (317) 432-8458.

Remember to check out all of the new events in the Oasis Lounge on the back cover as well as the ladies' organizations' schedules of events in their articles! Have you seen an advertisement in the Murat Magazine of an event you are interested in attending? Simply use the contact information in the advertisement to find out all about an event.

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

Arab Patrol

Jim Monroe

The Arab Patrol is winding down on our summer parades and looking forward to the rest of the year's events. I would like to thank Captain Mike Long for all his hard work in preparing the Unit for each parade. He also had a lot of help from Quartermaster Dick Monroe and Denny "Rabbit" Dicken with keeping the bus and trailer stored and cleaned for each parade the Patrol participated in this summer. I would also like to thank each member of the Patrol who participated in all the summer events we have had.

By the time this magazine is printed, we will have already had Scott Eder's golf outing at Pleasant Run Golf Course on October 13, and the Patrol picnic will have left our bellies full. A lot of good times with friends and family, the picnic is quite a social event for everyone who attends. But you will still have time to attend the Patrol Reverse Raffle on November 3 at the UAW Union Hall, located at 550 S. Audubon Rd., which is just north of the Harvester Bar.

The tickets are \$25, which gives everyone a chance at the \$1,000 grand prize, and as amazing as it may sound, food and drinks are included. Ask any member of the Patrol for tickets, as this will be a fun-filled evening that everyone should make plans to attend.

Now going to a personal thought, our prayers and well wishes go out to a couple of people who are battling with some health problems – "Uncle Al" Dicken, a valued member of the Patrol, and Junior Sasser's wife Kelly. All the members of the Patrol are hoping they both have a speedy and full recovery. Anyone interested in joining the Patrol, we meet the first Friday of the month at 7:30 p.m.



HSUR Breakfast

The HSUR Shrine Club of Rush County will again host its annual "all you care to eat" breakfast from 6 to 11 a.m. Saturday, November 3, 2007, at the Rush Shelby Energy Building located on the south end of the Rush County Fairgrounds.

Breakfast includes our secret recipe sausage, scrambled eggs, sausage gravy & biscuits, pancakes, hash browns, grits, coffee, orange juice and milk.

Open to the general public.

This is our big annual fundraiser. Would be more than happy to see visiting Nobles from surrounding counties help support our effort!

Questions may be directed to HSUR Shrine Club of Rush County President Bob Gotwals, (765) 932-5220.



Trick or Treat.

It is the time of year to be on the lookout for ghosts and goblins. Happy Halloween to one and all. There have been several "treats" at Tarum this month. On October 9, Tarum's parade units held their annual ladies' appreciation dinner. This year the dinner was at Zini's Place in the historic Richmond Depot district. Everyone who attended had a great time. October 17 was the evening for Tarum's annual Honored Ladies Night. This is when we thank our Honored Ladies for

their years of dedication and service to our Club. The Friday night dinner October 5 was fun in a literary sense, as President Pippin had everyone bring a book to exchange. The food was good as always, and everyone who came out got something good to read. Friday night, October 12, the dinner was rounded out by a game of what you know or don't know. Our president is full of fun ideas and loves to see everyone have a good time. Finally, on Friday, October 26, the month's dinner activity concluded with a costume party and contest.

for a job well done.

Tarum will be busy for the rest of the year with wedding receptions and a big Christmas Party rental. The holiday season is fast approaching and the demands on our time will be many. Let's remember the Club still is active and needs to have every one of us come support it. Make the time and the decision to come to Tarum. You will have fun. Don't forget that Richmond's Masonic Family hosts breakfast on the first Saturday of the month at the Lodge. The food and fellowship is wonderful. Do yourselves a favor and come to breakfast. All of the organizations within the Richmond Masonic Family need you, so pick at least one and help where you can. The fun and satisfaction you will receive is priceless. Finally, Tarum was informed at September's Stated Meeting that our Children's Committee chairman was resigning. Jim Lasley has done a great job as chair of the Children's Committee and will be missed. Jim's back will not allow him to ride in the van for any distance and he has the opportunity to become vice president of the Old Car Club parade unit in Indianapolis. Thank you for a job well done Jim. See you at Tarum.

Honored Ladies

Betty J. Rathbun

Ladies, if you are a widow of a Shriner, come and join the Honored Ladies. We meet the fourth Thursday of each month, except July and August, for food, fun and friendship. Lunch is served at 11:30 a.m. followed by a short meeting and an interesting program. The price of the luncheon is \$9. Call Bonnie at (317) 838-9870 or Audrey at (317) 786-3016 for reservations. The Potentate of Murat Shrine, Jerry Markovich, will be our guest in November. We really have a good time.

Last month I neglected to mention that one of Tarum's Ladies' newest members, Barbara Moistner, helped organize a very good program in conjunction with Reid Hospital Heart Center, all about healthy hearts. We had a full house that night. Programs like this are becoming more frequent at the Club thanks to the efforts of people like Barbara. If you miss a Friday night dinner, you could miss a lot. The Tarum Ladies Bingo and Salad Bar was a huge success once again. Capacity crowds, door prizes, salads and desserts were the order of the evening. Congratulations to this year's co-chairpersons, Cheryl Greulich and Cindy Dickey,



**2007
MSBC
Scholarship
Auction**

Date:
11/10/2007

Time:
- 5:30pm
 (Doors Open)
- 6:45 pm
 (Dinner)
- 8:00 pm
 (Live Auction)

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Proceeds from the auction will provide college scholarships to past and present patients who were sponsored by a member of Murat Shriners to the Shriner's Hospitals for Children. Both silent and live auctions will take place.

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If you meet these qualifications, you are eligible to join El' Ameen Nabeel.

El' Ameen Nabeel has only two meetings each year, which are dinner meetings. Each member is responsible for the cost of his dinner. One meeting is in the spring, the other in the fall.

For further information, contact:
Earl Moore at (317) 899-2751 or Jerry Sheeks at (317) 852-5256 or email jsheeks@indy.rr.com

Greetings from Maharanee Betty Huckeba. This is a busy time of year. Please mark your calendars for the following upcoming events.

NOVEMBER CALENDAR

Wednesday, November 7 – Guild Night/Auction: Please bring one pound of anything (wrapped and ready to auction). This can get really interesting and fun! The money raised from the auction will benefit the Education Fund. Please reserve with Tammy Priest at 862-0551.

Tuesday, November 27 – Stated Meeting: We will have the Election of Officers at this meeting. Please plan to come and vote for your officers.

DECEMBER CALENDAR

Wednesday, December 5 – Guild Night: We will be having a Cake Walk. Please bring your favorite cake and walk for the Kids! Please reserve with Tammy Priest at 862-0551.

Sunday, December 16 – SMYRNA INSTALLATION OF 2008 OFFICERS: Please arrive at the Gatling Gun Club at 2

p.m. Installation will be at 3 p.m. Snacks and hors d'oeuvres will be available. Please make reservations with Starr Comer at 281-5263. We hope to see a big crowd to welcome Maharanee-Elect Susie Lawson and the new Smyrna officers.

JANUARY CALENDAR

Reminder – No Guild Night in January.

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

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.

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

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Recently, I had something brought up that really has me quite concerned. If you are like me, you grew up dancing the Hokey-Pokey at sock hops. Do you remember the words to the song? Well, think about this ... what if the Hokey-Pokey is NOT what it's all about? Makes you wonder.

The Mini-Mystics have not been pondering that thought too much, mostly because of their busy schedule. As the 2007 parade schedule winds to a close, the Club has completed a grand total of 27 parades. With only one parade remaining on Veteran's Day in downtown Indianapolis, the Mini-Mystics will finish 2007 with 28 parades.

Being such an active group, the Murat Temple and Potentate Jerry Markovich recognized some of our members at a recent Stated Meeting. Jerry asked the following people to come forward: Mike Percy, Dave Alspaugh, Brian Biehn, Jack Brown, Dan Gillahan, Bill Rasner, and Lin Conor. Joe Inabnitt was scheduled to be with the group but he was in Switzerland with his family. Jerry presented the group with plaques noting their rep-



The Commanders Trio



Potentate Jerry Markovich; Mike Percy; Chris Robbins, Madison County Shrine Club President.

resentation and participation at the Imperial Session in Anaheim, CA. While before the members, Jerry also presented us with a trophy for second place in the City Division at the Madison County Shrine Parade at Frankton. Previously, we had been given a trophy for third in the Shrine Division. Bill Rasner presented us with a plaque for second place in the Bears of Blue River Parade at Shelbyville ... quite a collection of hardware for our trophy room.

As a Club, the Mini-Mystics need to recognize a particular group of parade participants. Dan Gillahan leads all Mystics as the most active person to attend the parades. Close behind is Mike Percy, Dave Alspaugh, Randy Bell, and Bob Torrance. Each of these individuals has taken part in at least 20 parades of the 28. Dan has only missed one or two parades all year. I'd say that's some dedication. By the way, Dan, I hope I spelled your name correctly.

Once the Club completes the Veteran's Day Parade, many of the members will begin making arrangements to get their cars in for some much needed repairs. Much like visiting your doctor to stay healthy, the miniature Corvettes need taken care of also. From the last parade, the Club has only 12 weeks to get their cars ready for 2008. The parade schedule for 2008 starts mid-February with the Edison Electric Light



State Fair



Dan Gillahan

Parade in Ft. Myers, FL.

Putting these cars into parade condition can include work on the motors, such as tuning them up. Tires must be checked or replaced. Many of the cars will need body work or new decals. It's quite amazing how much work is involved getting them ready. Finally, mid-February rolls around, and we leave the snow and ice of Indiana for Florida.

Say, don't forget ... put it on your calendar, December 1, the Mini-Mystics are going to have their Christmas dinner and dance. The evening will start with cocktails at 6 p.m., a prime rib dinner at 7 p.m., and dancing to the music of The Commanders Trio until the wee hours. Everyone is welcome to attend. For members and their ladies, there is no charge for the evening. For guests attending the charge is \$30 a couple. Hope to see a large crowd.

Well, being November already, it's time for the Mini-Mystics to wish all their Shriner friends ... better yet, we'll wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving. Let's make this a real meaningful holiday. May everyone have a table filled with turkey and all the trimmings. Again, to our family and friends, have a great Thanksgiving. Say a prayer for our boys in uniform who cannot be home for the holidays.

See you next issue.

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Local Masonic Leaders Are Honored



Local area Freemasons were among a group of 174 selected to receive the Thirty-third Degree, the highest honor of Scottish Rite Freemasonry. The ceremony took place recently in Washington, D.C, during the annual meeting of the Scottish Rite Supreme Council. The degree is awarded for outstanding service to Freemasonry or for significant contributions to humanity that reflect credit upon the fraternity. The 2007 recipients were chosen from 15 Northeastern and Midwestern states that comprise the 230,000-member Northern Jurisdiction of the United States. Those from Indianapolis, IN, were (left to right): (front row) James H. Acton, Brian K. Buchanan, Dwight A. Boyd, and Robert W. Chery; (back row) Robert E. Judah II, Lawrence V. Kaminsky, Donald B. Marcum, Jr., Scott A. Schuster, S. Randal Schutz, and Cary H. Snyder.

Southeastern Indiana

Ed Johnson

November is upon us and that means we are down to the last steak dinner of 2007. Our November dinner is always held a week early on the second Friday of the month due to the upcoming Thanksgiving holiday. That makes November 9 your last chance to eat the best steak around. Come down and see what we have to offer.

We have already wrapped up our parades for the year. The Crescent Patrol participated in 16 parades and gained a few new members in 2007. During the off-season, we have some members planning to do some vehicle construction to add new excitement to next year's lineup. All of our members are encouraged to take part in the parades. If you don't have something to ride, come talk to us at a meeting; we'll find you something.

We will hold our election of officers and directors this month. If you are interested in taking a position this year, please come to the meeting and let us know. The installation of officers will be held on Saturday, January 12, 2008. If you would like to attend, please make sure to send in an RSVP.

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Johnson County Shrine Club

Dave Alspaugh

The Johnson County Shrine Club and all of its members would like to wish all of our friends and fellow Shriners a very happy Thanksgiving. We want everyone's "horn of plenty" to be filled to the brim with love and joy! And after celebrating the holiday, we will start getting ready for that fat fellow in the red suit and Christmas. It doesn't seem possible that 2007 is almost history.

Recently, the Club underwent some changes with the lighting. Members Ray Miller and Dan Gillahan, with some help from Randy Bell, installed the new fix-



Ray Miller working on the lighting



Larry DeVoss with Mr "500" trophy



Mike Percy with the larger trophy

tures. It sure did brighten the building. Good job fellows.

The Club is going to have to undergo some remodeling. For some time there has been discussions concerning adding shelving in the area near the entrance to the Club. The Mini-Mystics, the 500 Club, and the Mini-Cycles continue to add trophies, plaques, and other awards from their participation in the many parades that they do. These awards have been displayed at the entrance, but the area can only display so many. The addition of shelves, etc. would do a much better job at displaying the awards.

Toddy and Lady Barbara Inabnitt, along with Joe and Lady Gina Inabnitt, have returned from their recent trip. They are our "World Travelers" traveling to Switzerland to visit the country the Inabnitt family came from. Joe says they even jumped off a cliff and did some parasailing. It sounds like they had a great time. Glad everyone is home safe.

Our Potentate, Jerry Markovich, recently recognized several Johnson County Shrine Club members at a Stated Meeting at the Murat Temple. All were given plaques recognizing their participation and travel to the Imperial Session in Anaheim, CA. Only three Clubs took part in the parade. Two of these were from our Club: the Mini-Mystics, represented by Mike Percy, Dave Alspaugh, Dan Gillahan, Brian Biehn, Jack Brown, Lyn Conor, and Bill Rasner; the Mini-Cycles were represented by Dale Dougherty, Dennis Biggs, Robert Price, and William Wilson.

The Club continues to have BINGO on Tuesday nights, as well as Saturday mornings. This is a major means of the Club making money. We could certainly use some help ... doesn't take too much time to volunteer. Come on out ... step up ... and give us the help.

The kitchen is always open on Friday nights. It's a complete buffet. Come down to Franklin and meet some new Johnson County friends. You may come in the door a stranger, but you definitely won't leave as one.

See you next month.

Madison County Shrine Club

Curly McNally

It's amazing how time flies with age. This summer raced past us with a blink of an eye. Grocery stores and bingo halls are full of this phrase: "Thank god school has started." This might be true unless you are a teacher.

September 15 marked the date for Madison County's Shrine Day. We would like to extend our thanks to all Units who participated in Frankton's parade. Mother Nature provided a perfect day with plenty of sunshine and comfortable temperatures.



Everyone returned to our Temple after parading. Upon entering, the smell and sight of our "Ladies Auxiliary's" homemade vittles were indescribable. A great big thanks goes to Lady President, Joann Anderson and her auxiliary, as it doesn't get any better than that. Thanks again ladies.

After gorging ourselves, it was time to present our trophies. Illustrious Potentate Jerry Markovich and President Chris Robbins had the honors of presenting: First Place – Logansport's 3rd Wheels, Second Place – Police Club, Third Place – Murat Mini-Cycles, Fourth Place – Flying Fezzes, Fifth Place – Murat Mini-Mystics, Potentate's Choice – Desert Patrol, Potentate's Choice – Corvette Club.

Thanks to all Units and Nobles whose participation has



made another successful Shrine Day. This could not have happened without Bethel King & Lady Betty organizing and overseeing this event. Good job. Our Shrine Kids' Christmas Party is December 8. Don't miss it.

Visit us on our website at www.madisoncountyshrineclub.com.

Hello Nobles!

Band Activities

The weekend of September 8-9 was busy with parades and performances. The Highlanders participated in the Zionsville Parade on Saturday, and then on to Columbus, IN, for their Scottish Festival Sunday. Monica Dumford treated those arriving early Sunday to a fabulous Biscuit and Gravy breakfast. After our last performance of the day, we enjoyed a great cookout and pitch-in. Thanks to all who helped with set-up and the great food!

Speaking of great cookouts, Treasurer David Dale hosted a Stated Meeting/cookout at his home. This featured bison burgers provided by Vice President Rick 'Buffalo Bill' Moffatt. The burgers were from his fabled "kill" earlier this year.

Members of the band also performed at the Symphony on the Prairie

event sponsored by the Grand Lodge of Indiana.

October Highlander events featured the historic Aurora, IN, Parade and the Martinsville Fall Foliage Festival. The band enjoyed these two events.

It gives me great pleasure to announce that our most experienced member, Bill Earle, is back on the pipes! Bill took a few months off while recovering from heart surgery. Bill has been with the Murat Highlanders since 1952 and is an inspiration for all of us. Welcome back Bill!

New Tunes

The Highlanders are adding a new tune to their book, "The Gael," by Dougie MacLean. This is a beautiful moving tune, which most people remember from the motion picture, "Last of the Mohicans."

The band is playing this with harmonies and second parts, which have

been written and adapted by Pipe Major Brink.

Listen for this tune next time the band performs.

Becoming a Highlander

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

Dramatic Cast

Don Olvey

Fraternal Greetings from your Dramatic Cast.

This has been a very busy end to summer or start of fall. First, the entire Dramatic Cast would like to thank the Fishers for hosting another great picnic at their home. And a special thanks to everyone who helped. The turnout was good, the weather cooperated, and the Hillbilly Band provided their usual outstanding entertainment.

Past President Noble Larry Sutherlin put together another very enjoyable Cast Golf Tournament and dinner. It was a fun event with good turnout and good, but hot, weather. The two Nobles driving the Zem-Zem cart did their usual outstanding job and even managed to avoid all of the flying golf balls this year. Both of these events provide a time of fellowship that is enjoyed by everyone who is able to participate. It is always nice to have the opportunity to get reacquainted with family and friends who accompany our Nobles to these events.

If you didn't go to London, Ontario for GLSA, you missed another fun gathering. The weather was great and the city, hotel and everyone working there were more than helpful and seemed glad to see us (who wouldn't be glad to see hundreds of Shriners headed their way?). Lots of Temples were represented in the parade and the route was lined with appreciative spectators. It is amazing how many of these folks have signs or yell out their thanks for what the Shrine does for the kids. If you missed this GLSA, you should try to make the next one. It will be in Cincinnati. Hope to see you there.

Keep our fellow Nobles and their families in your thoughts and prayers and be sure to include our service men and women too.

Shriners – Having fun and helping kids.

Yours in the Faith.

Reception Unit

Greg Miller

After a long, hot summer off, the members of the Murat Reception Unit gathered for our monthly Stated Meeting on Tuesday, September 11. We made plans for the rest of the year, including the Grand Master's "All the Way in One Day" degree work, Scottish Rite degrees, and truncated Shrine ceremonial on Saturday, October 27. We will also provide assistance to the Potentate during the Saturday, December 1, full ceremonial at Murat.

President Bill Rasner announced that we need more workers for Dome games this fall, especially on December 23 and December 30. Those could be very big games (Go Colts!). The Dome games are our Unit's primary fund-raising events. Drop by and see us at booth #148 the next time you go to a Colts game.

Upcoming Reception Unit meetings are: November 13 – monthly Stated Meeting at 7 p.m. and Christmas Dinner and Installation Ceremony on December 11 at 6 p.m.

Clowns

Charles "WrongWay" Howard



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

September was the time for your Murat Shrine Circus Clowns to shine and they did so admirably! Led by their president, Chuck "Zero" Shull, they headed off to London, Ontario, Canada to represent the Murat Shriners and they did not fail. All five who attended finished in no less than the Top 10.

The Unit took first place in paradability and first place in execution. Phil "QLess" Christy took first place in the character category. Terry "Stinky" Boyer, third in Senior; Rob "Dr. Floppy" Plummer, second place Happy Hobo; Mike "Tic-Tac" Nelson, first place Happy Hobo and Top 10 in one-man paradability. Chuck Shull placed Top 10 in Tramp.

Just goes to show we are more than a bunch of "pretty" faces!!!

WrongWay's World

WrongWay's friend, a Flying Fez, wanted to show off his new twin-engine plane. I was riding along as he put it through its paces. Suddenly, we were caught in a violent thunderstorm, with lightning crashing all around us.

Next, we lost the radio and most of the instruments.

As we were being tossed around in the sky, George said, "Uh-oh!" Fearing the worst, WrongWay asked, "What's wrong now?"

George replied, "I got the hiccups. Do something to scare me!"

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.

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Retired Police Officers Association donation of \$50 to Shriners Hospitals is presented on their behalf to Potentate Jerry Markovich by Noble Leroy Callahan.



Potentate Jerry Markovich accepts a \$700.05 check for Murat's Transportation Fund from White County Shrine Club Hillbillies Nevin Selke, Ron Zimmerman, and Dan Boggs.



President Bill Johnson of the Shelby County Shrine Club, along with Nobles Bill Rasner and Jim Ross, present Potentate Jerry Markovich with a Transportation Fund donation of \$1,000.



Assistant Rabban George Proctor, assisted by Potentate Jerry Markovich, accepts a \$1,000 donation to the Masonic Home Foundation from Fred Schowengerdt, commodore of the Murat Yacht Club, and Club members Kevin Keating, Bob Dancey, Jerry Lance, Bob Bland and Delbert Drummond.



Potentate Jerry Markovich accepts a \$1,000 check for the Shrine Transportation Fund from Railroad Club President Bobby Crawford. Also present were Jeff Zaring, PP, Dr. Carl Sputh, Garland Moore, Stanley Moore, Fred Schowengerdt, Ray Gotshall, Dave Kaufman, Deo Carter, and Buck McLean.



Mobil Nobles President Greg Speth, along with Art Borton, Steve Bunting, and Brian Miller, hand over donations of \$100 for the Children's Christmas Party Toy Fund and \$400 for the Cincinnati Hospital to Potentate Jerry Markovich.



Potentate Jerry Markovich accepts a Paper Drive donation totaling \$1,798 from the Hancock County Shrine Club. Brian Miller, president, and Noble George Scott make the presentation.



White County Shrine Club President Ralph Kauffman and Club members Dick Griffith, Wayne Monsical, Carl Shake, Glen Newbolt, and Ed Jacobs put a smile on Potentate Jerry Markovich's face when they present him a check for \$13,000 for Murat's Transportation Fund.



Potentate Jerry Markovich presents plaques of appreciation to the Mini-Cycle Club, represented by President Dennis Biggs, Dale Dougherty, and Bill Wilson, who paraded at the Imperial Session at Anaheim, California this summer.



Johnson County Mini-Mystics President Mike Percy and Club members Bill Rasner, Lin Conor, Dave Alspaugh, Dan Gillahan, Jack Brown, and Brian Biehn receive plaques of appreciation for parading at Anaheim from Potentate Jerry Markovich. He also presented them a trophy for taking second place at the Frankton Heritage Days Parade.



Murat Corvette Club President Mike McArthur and Club members Jim Morgan and Mike McLaughlin are presented a plaque for their second place win in the Motorized Unit-Non-Performing Competition at the Annual Bears of Blue River Parade.



Veteran Car Club President Dave Heckman and Club member Jim Lasley receive their first place trophy – Town Division from their participation at the Frankton Heritage Days Parade.



Police Club members Willard Payne and Charlie Merlau accept from Potentate Jerry Markovich their first place plaque for Motorized Unit-Performing which was won at the Bears of Blue River parade.



Potentate Jerry Markovich presents the first place award for Musical Group to Band President John Jackson and Illustrious Sir Phil Thrasher, PP, for their performance at the Bears of Blue River Parade.



Potentate Jerry Markovich and Recorder Gordon Husk acknowledge the service of Noble Salvador Anders for 200 trips to our Shrine Hospitals with the presentation of a driver's jacket.



FOR SALE

1973 Ford F251 with only 47,000 actual miles +/- in very good condition; the trailer is 20' with seating for 30 to 40 people and says a sun canopy on the top. We have had a great time with it in parades, but all our Unit members and ladies are too old to sit in line for the parades to start. Any Unit that may be interested, can purchase both for \$3,499 sold as is. 1-812-989-0303 cell; 1-812-948-0303 home. If interested please contact Douglas W. Elsler, Kosair Greeter President.

Welcome Nobles!

Once again this month we have lost an active Mason and Shriner; he is Clarence "Sparky" Sparks. Although he was not a Firemen's Club member, he was a member of the brotherhood of public safety personnel who served with pride for the city of Indianapolis. Sparky served on the Indianapolis Police Department for more than 25 years. His service to the community and our great fraternity cannot go unnoticed. His many hours of dedicated service to our fraternity was very much appreciated and his legacy will live on through his two sons, Clint and Chuck. Both are active Masons and Shriners. Our condolences are extended to his wife and family members. He will be missed by many of us.

President Sendmeyer is inviting all Club members to attend the November meeting so they can get his specially designed pin for 2008.

Our parade schedule has ended for the 2007 season, but our Club is busy making plans for the Potentate's Ball and various other functions for the coming year. The Potentate for 2008 is planning a cruise to the Mexican Riviera in the fall and a trip to Hawaii in the spring. Please make plans now to join him and his lady.

The next couple of months will be busy times for all of our members with the planning for 2008. WE NEED YOUR HELP! Even if you haven't been involved for a while, now is a good time to get back in the swing of things. We hope to see all of you at our next meeting.

Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite will hold its Winter Convocation November 15-17. What better way to bring your new Mason friends to more light in Masonry than to have them petition the Scottish Rite. And, don't forget to remind them about our great Murat Shrine. There will be a ceremonial on December 1. Let's help Illustrious Sir Jerry attain his goal of "407 in '07."

SHRINE CIRCUS! That's right; it's time to be selling those circus ads for the Shrine Circus coloring books. Circus Chairman Larry Selig has promised

another great Shrine Circus in 2008, but we need to be selling those ads NOW. He has also announced that we will once again have a Fire and Police Night at the circus. That date is Friday, February 29, at the 7 p.m. performance. There will be a special pricing arrangement for all fire and police personnel. Make your plans early as we hope to sell out this special night. Remember to mark your calendar now for the 2008 Murat Shrine Circus to be held February 28-29 and March 1 & 2, 2008. The Firemen's Club will once again staff the First Aid/Lost Children Room and, of course, we will need all of our Club members to help us.

November is the start of the busy holiday season. It is a time to give thanks for all of our many blessings as

you sit down to break bread with your family members and while blessing the food. Please remember our men and women who are serving in harm's way to protect our freedoms all around the world. Also, please remember our local firefighters and police officers who will be away from their families during the holidays, protecting our homeland neighborhoods. And, most of all, during this busy season, stop for just a minute and tell your family how much you love them. It's something we sometimes neglect to do often enough. So, sit down and write that letter, make that telephone call or send that email that you have been thinking about doing. Don't let your family and friends feel left out this holiday season. Until next month, Happy Holidays.

VCM

Mark Price

The VCM (Voluntary Contributing Membership) Unit enjoyed a very successful year at the 2007 Indiana State Fair. Our operation of the food booth generated outstanding revenue and, as is the case every year, fantastic fellowship. As a result, the VCM will be able to continue our tradition of philanthropy to the Shriners Hospitals for Children, the Hospital Transportation Fund, and other related funds. That tradition spans 56 years and totals more than \$865,000 in contributions.

We sincerely thank all of the volunteers who helped make 2007 a banner year for the VCM. The generous commitment of time and talent from dozens of Nobles, their ladies and friends ensures that the VCM continually meets our charitable goals. We couldn't do it without you! To those who have helped us in the past, we look forward to seeing you again next year. If you haven't yet jumped on the VCM bandwagon, we encourage you to make 2008 the year that you join the Unit that truly "has fun while helping kids."

Our Volunteers' Appreciation Party will be held on Saturday, December 1, at the Gatling Gun Club. All volunteers are invited to attend as we show our appreciation to those who worked at the 2007 fair. The party will start at 4 p.m. and dinner will be served at 6 p.m. We hope to see you there!

Congratulations to our 2007 President, Charlie Craft. His leadership guided us through another great year. Thanks, Charlie, for your continued dedication to the VCM.

Special thanks to Potentate Jerry Markovich for his generous donation of the shiny new banners that hung high above the VCM tent to notify fair visitors of our location and purpose.

The 2008 VCM officers, elected at our September Stated Meeting, are: President – Devon Dumford, First Vice President – Mark Price, Second Vice President – Tommy Jacobs, Treasurer – Willie McKinney, and Secretary – Sam Thompson.

To learn more about the VCM, please join us at any regularly scheduled meeting. We meet at the Gatling Gun Club on the third Wednesday of every month at 7 p.m. Please contact Secretary Sam Thompson at (317) 201-5766 for membership information.

The Shrine bowling season got off to a good start. Although moved to the lower numbered lanes from the higher numbered lanes, bowlers now have better parking places. They now can park near their assigned lanes by being closer to the entrance by the desk or to the door by Lanes 1 & 2.

The scores in the first three weeks of scheduling are about what was expected with our left-handed whiz Mike Percy leading the league in average and the Seminoles fielding an experienced team. We want to welcome the following new bowlers to our league: Clark Hoage, Hanford Benge, Bill Bell, and Ralph Parsley – wish you all good luck and hope you enjoy the fun of league bowling. Join us in the various special games our officers have provided. With most teams now having a six- or seven-man roster, we are avoiding a lot of blind scores and make-up games.

Horse Patrol

Wayne Williams, Jr.

As fall would set in every year, the Great Lakes Convention would be behind us, and we would slowly halt the Horse Patrol Drill Team practices for the winter.

This would mark the time of campfires and cookouts and then turkey shoots at the old Horse Patrol grounds on 106th Street.

Some days I can still hear the turkey shoot and smell the campfires on a crisp fall day and evening. On a recent drive down 106th, I could hardly remember where we turned in to the grounds ... boy do times change, but the memories all came back when I was a part of the Mizpah Horse Show in September in Columbia City. Horses on a cool evening, campfires and good cookouts ... it makes me remember, as they would say, the "Good Ole Days" at Murat. I encourage all to help us rebuild a horse Unit here. We still have a few good members, but we need some young, active blood. Please come out and take a ride with us – the memories will be fantastic.

If there are some Shrine bowlers still looking for a place to bowl in a Shrine league, drop by Western Bowl on a Thursday night and see if we can't find a spot to squeeze you in.

The Indianapolis Indians are having a topsy-turvy record with games on the losing side, but are having a lot of success with attendance records in both their day and evening games. The Pacers are having trouble with which court to go to – the basketball or the judicial. The World Champion Indianapolis Colts are sailing along with

an unbeaten string, although some games have been nail biters.

The golfers are returning home from the Florida and Texas winter spots. If your buddy has returned from a winter retreat with a nice tan, and wanting strokes, beware – he probably didn't get that tan fishing.

The drivers of race cars and horse tracks with Hoosier ties are doing well with the local and out-of-state tracks. The various soccer teams are filled up for nightly and weekend schedules.

Band

Leonard Hull

What's in a name? The Murat Band is noted for great performances, great musicians and great conductors, your correspondent being the least of these. At the closing of a great and notably recognized 2007 season, we ask outside the box "what a name means"?

Unheralded names in the Murat Band as in the World Champion Colts, the least recognized are many times the greatest supporters contributing Good Will throughout the realm. One of the Murat Band's greatest contributors is our capable chauffeur as the giant Shrine 5' drum and the ancient calliope on parade belts out "Back Home Again in Indiana," "On the Banks of the Wabash," and all the college fight marches. Paul Gartin is unheard of but an intricate part of every parade success.

So it is throughout our World Champion Colts football team. As a 23-year season ticket holder, my name is unimportant and unrecognized. Yet names like Manning, Dungy, Harrison, Polian and Irsay probably ring a bell. With a deteriorating spine, band participation has become an almost impossible task but as an avid sports fan, one of my few pleasures is professional football. My lower back pain has committed me to a four (4) wheel walker with two (2) wheel brakes, a seat and a horn to warn pedestrian traffic of my approach.

In the RCA Dome, one of the security lovelies goes above and beyond the call of duty as she anticipates my arrival at home games and delivers my walker up and down the steps to my row of seats and it's time for all to know that Bandsman Paul and Security Guard "Lea" are doing their part in "Murat Band" and "Indianapolis Colts'" road to success. It is only my hope that in the new "Lucas" Super Dome they improve handicap accessibility such as more elevators to eliminate waiting and backup at the game's conclusion. These people have earned consideration by just being there.

Congratulations to the Colts home victory September 30 over the Denver Broncos. On October 6, the Band paraded at the James Whitcomb Riley Festival in Greenfield, IN. More about your correspondent's surgery prognosis ...

Won't you join me as we write another page about this 110-year-old icon?



Railroad Club

Raymond E. Gotshall

Dick Baldwin, a great photographer who retired from Channel 6, was our speaker and presenter at our October 23 meeting. Dick showed us some great pictures of trains in Europe. It was nice to see the difference between our railroads and those in Europe. The way Dick got around you would have thought he was a railroader.

President and Chief Engineer Bob Crawford announced that the Murat Railroad Club elections will be held, in our layout rooms, at our regular November 27 meeting. So you all come out and elect and support our newly proposed officers. If you don't come out, who knows, you may be one of the new officers.

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

Ladies Oriental Shrine of North America, Inc.

Betty J. Rathbun

Tarum Court had a great time at the Great Lakes Unit Meet in Columbus, OH. The Units did especially well at the exhibition drills and got much applause. Tarum Court will host the Great Lakes Unit Meet in 2009, and Past High Priestess Roberta Griffith is president. The Court is working hard preparing for this occasion.

We will be at the Murat Shrine Christmas Party for Children and work as we have in the past. Plans are in the making for our annual Souper Supper. More information will be available soon.

Daughters of the Nile

Ruth Ann Kelly

In 1863, after our country was divided by the Civil War, President Abraham Lincoln declared a national Thanksgiving holiday on the last Thursday in November, thus making it a yearly holiday. Canada celebrates Thanksgiving on the second Monday in October. We gather together with the people we love, give thanks for the good things we have, and traditionally sit down for a great Thanksgiving meal of turkey and pumpkin pie. Be ever thankful at this time of year with your family and friends.

Supreme Queen Eleanor Green's Official Visitation will be held on Friday, November 9, in the Arabian Room of the Murat Centre. The ceremonial will begin at 2 p.m. followed by the banquet at 6 p.m. Nobles and friends are invited to attend. On Tuesday, November 8, Queen Cathy Rose will have a rehearsal for the Supreme Queen's visitation of all officers. Contact her if you cannot attend at (317) 695-2912.

There will be an all inclusive Koran Temple Unit Christmas Buffet/Luncheon on Sunday, December 2. It will be called the "Nile Noel" Unit Christmas Party and held in the Tunisian Room at the Murat Centre. All ladies of the household who are members of a Temple Unit are invited as well as anyone else who may want to attend. The price will be \$16 per person and reservations should be made with Betty J. Rathbun, PQ, by Tuesday, November 27. Come and help "kick off" the beautiful Christmas season with everyone.

"Hey y'all"!! Get your Western boots, cowboy hat and outfits ready for our "Winter Roundup" Style Show on Saturday, January 12, in the Arabian Room of the Murat Centre. Queen Cathy Rose is inviting one and all to the buffet and shopping bazaar. Please gather for an afternoon of fun, good food, and memorable times with your friends. More information will be forthcoming in the December Shrine magazine.

The Ways and Means projects are continuing at this time. With everyone's help, Past Queen Jane Ann Buchanan has been collecting as many aluminum cans and tabs as she can. Her goal is to break last year's contributions by at least \$1 or more. Also, continue filling those "piggy banks" with your pennies and loose change. Queen Cathy Rose still needs and wants all your old cell phones and computers that are not being used. Make arrangements for picking these items up by contacting her at (317) 695-2912. Let us all continue to help with all these projects for the year.

Where oh where are those lady friends seeking membership into Daughters of the Nile? To get this process into motion, contact Past Queen Manuela Jefferson at (317) 844-6222 or any current Temple member to obtain a Petition for Membership and become an integral part of an organization whose main objective is to help the children in the Shrine Hospitals.

Stated Meeting will be held on the first Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. in the Trowel Trades Building. Place the following dates on your calendar and note the group in charge of the social hour following the meeting.

November 7 – Founder's Day Program ... Koran Kordettes

December 5 – Christmas "Toy March" ... Queen and Elected Officers

Remember the older children in the hospitals with puzzles, CD players, teen books and games or monetary donations that will be converted into a gift card for their hospital needs.

January 2 – Stated Meeting ... Appointed Officers

Sewing dates and hostesses for Wednesday sewing at the Trowel Trades Building from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. are as follows:

October 17 ... Past Queen Tina B. Lee

November 21 ... Past Queen Carol Rose

December, January, and February ... No sewing

My closing thought to everyone: Did you ever wonder why doctors' prescriptions are so hard to read and their bills so clear and legible?

Volunteers, Ads & Sponsors

The 63rd Annual Murat Shrine Circus is February 28 through March 2, 2008. That seems like a long way off, but a circus doesn't happen overnight. The groundwork for the circus has already started. The acts have been contacted, the novelties are being ordered, and the foundation of the best circus yet is being planned. Your help is needed now.

VOLUNTEERS:

Murat is looking for volunteers to "man" the various functions of the circus. Volunteers are needed for set-up on Wednesday, February 27, and tear-down on Sunday, March 2, as well as any of the nine shows listed below. We have openings for workers in the novelty office preparing items for sale, selling programs and ushering. If you, your lady and family want to experience a fun-filled and rewarding time, volunteering at the Murat Circus is a way to satisfy that time. Please contact Sherri in the Murat Business Office at 635-2433.

A commission of 25 percent is paid directly to your Club or Unit for sales of Activity Book ads and Corporate Sponsors. There's not an easier way to build the treasury of your Unit/Club than to sell circus ads for the Activity Book. Units and Clubs have already received their packets for distribution to previous ad sellers. Now is the time to start getting your ads for your Unit or Club. If you don't have the "ad forms," the Murat Business Office has plenty. The deadline for the Activity Book ads is January 15, 2008. The sooner the ads are received, the better. We offer the following ad sizes and corporate sponsor levels:

ACTIVITY BOOK:

FULL-PAGE ADVERTISEMENT

Full-page ads are \$250. The advertiser receives a full activity page with their logo and company information. The full page comes with an added bonus; the advertiser can use the space at the bottom for a customer coupon.

HALF-PAGE ADVERTISEMENT

Half-page ads are \$150. Ad size is 5" x 7".

QUARTER-PAGE ADVERTISEMENT — (Formally RINGMASTER CLUB)

Quarter-page ads are \$100. Ad size is 3 1/2" x 5".

EIGHTH-PAGE ADVERTISEMENT - (Formally ROUSTABOUT CLUB)

Eighth-page ads are \$50. Ad size is 3 1/2" x 2 1/2".

Corporate Sponsors:

The three levels of Corporate Sponsors are \$500, \$1,000 and \$2,500. That means \$125, \$250 or \$625 for your Unit/Club!! The circus office has brochures for Corporate Sponsorships.

- \$500 Sponsor receives a quarter-page ad in the Activity Book, listing on the sponsor recognition page, 20 complimentary tickets, and two tickets to the annual Ringmaster's Banquet and a recognition plaque.
- \$1,000 Sponsor receives a half-page ad in the Activity Book, listing on the sponsor recognition page, 40 complimentary tickets, and four tickets to the annual Ringmaster's Banquet and a recognition plaque.
- \$2,500 Sponsor receives a full-page ad in the Activity Book, listing on the sponsor recognition page, 100 complimentary tickets, and six tickets to the annual Ringmaster's Banquet and a recognition plaque.

**The deadline for Corporate Sponsors
is January 15, 2008.**

Performances:

Thursday, February 28	10:00 a.m. • 7:00 p.m.
Friday, February 29	10:00 a.m. • 7:00 p.m.
Saturday, March 1	10:00 a.m. • 2:00 p.m. • 7:00 p.m.
Sunday, March 2	1:30 p.m. • 3:30 p.m.

White County Shrine Club



White County Shrine Club President Ralph Kauffman receives a plaque from Potentate Jerry Markovich in recognition of the Club's contribution to the Transportation Fund. The presentation was made at the Club's September meeting with the Potentate and Divan in attendance. (Photo by George Proctor)



It's important to use "people-first language" when referring to, or talking with, people with disabilities – especially children.

DISABILITY AWARENESS: WORDS MATTER

Children with disabilities, like all children, will learn or absorb what they are taught and react to the way they are treated. Shriners Hospitals for Children works hard to build confidence and self-esteem in our kids, and to help them discover and pursue their dreams, despite their disabilities. In working with kids toward that goal, it's important to remember how language can reflect a positive attitude.

Words to avoid include "crippled" and "handicapped." Instead of using these words, which can be considered painful, experts suggest using "disability" or the actual term involved, such as cerebral palsy or muscular dystrophy.

When speaking about people with disabilities, clear, direct words are most positively accepted. For example, say, "Johnny uses a wheelchair," instead of, "Johnny is wheelchair-bound," or, "Johnny is confined to a wheelchair." Wheelchairs allow mobility from place to place, which is the opposite of confining.

Words and tone-of-voice can clearly indicate values, and using positive, affirmative words can make a big difference. Practice care when using value-laden words like *courageous*, *inspiration*, *pity*, *suffer*, *tragic*, *tragedy*, *afflicted* or *victim*.

It is also important to use "people-first language." For example, saying, "Johnny is a *child with a disability*," is preferred over saying, "Johnny is a *disabled child*." People with disabilities sometimes feel isolated from those without disabilities and left out of activities. People-first language is an attempt to encourage understanding that people with disabilities are *people first*, and to help alleviate fear and lessen isolation.



CONVERSATION STARTERS

Here are some ways to start a conversation with a person who has a disability: Say hello; introduce yourself; comment on the weather. Find something you might share an interest in – television, music, sports, anything. In short, begin the same way you would if there were no disability. Take a deep breath, look past the obvious difference, and find the person.

When you speak to people with disabilities as people, you will find yourself in a conversation with someone who has had different experiences, and the exchange of views could be very enriching for both of you.

If you are interested in finding out more about the person's disability, understand that everyone with a disability reacts to this differently and, like most subjects, there are appropriate and inappropriate ways – and times and places – to ask such questions.

Try using words that reflect acceptance and indicate that a person is not defined by their disability – a message that is especially imperative to convey to children with disabilities.

WORDS TO AVOID:

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Crippled, handicapped
Confined to a wheelchair
Wheelchair-bound
Suffering from, afflicted with
Victim
Deformed

INSTEAD, TRY:

.....

Person with a disability
Person who uses a wheelchair
Has (name of condition)
Survivor

Hillbillies



Ruth Ann Kepler raised \$325 in 2007 with her homemade jelly and jam and other goodies that she raffles off at the meetings.



The Mountain Jewels had three baked spaghetti suppers and raised \$1,500 in 2007.



The Hillbilly Band donated \$100 at the October 1 meal at the Gatling Gun Club. The band plays at the Hillbilly meetings and will play to raise money for the Transportation Fund.



Mobil Nobles

Jim Ennis

We appreciate everybody who participated in our Spaghetti Dinner at the beginning of October. We enjoyed hosting this event for both the American Legion Post #470 in Fishers and our Shrine. Bob and Nancy Sculthorp prepared the best spaghetti sauce yet. As Bob stated, everything gets better with maturity. One of these days he is going to document his secret methods for this sauce for us. Look for this dinner in fall 2008 for this great experience.

Our October meeting found us finalizing our events for the remainder of the year and the spring of next year.

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 enjoy meeting new people.

The 2008 Shrine Circus will be here February 28.

"We are everywhere."



The serving line at a spaghetti dinner.

ATTENTION SNOWBIRDS!

The 2008 Potentate and members of his Divan will be in Florida
January 29 - February 2, 2008

OPEN TO ALL NOBLES

(For those traveling from Indianapolis, this is a STAG event)

Best Western Waterfront

North Fort Myers

Rooms available from \$89.99 plus tax

\$300.00 PER PERSON

Registration Fee Includes:

4 Dinners and

Unlimited Use of Hospitality Suite

LUNCHEONS

Araba Temple in Fort Myers -Thursday, January 30th

Sahib Temple in Sarasota -Friday, February 1st

(LUNCHEONS OPEN TO ALL SHRINERS, LADIES & GUESTS)

FLORIDA VISITATION

R.S.V.P. Gordon Husk, Recorder - (317) 635-2433

Corvette Club

Ken Herald

Hello Nobles and Ladies!

November is here. I would venture to say that most of our Corvettes have been cleaned and put away for the winter and we are all starting to think about the Holiday Season. My wife tells me the ladies have been thinking about and planning the Holidays for quite awhile now, so maybe it's just the men who are just now starting to think about the season!

November is also a good time to sit back and reflect on all the good times we shared this summer and also the good times that we will start to share this winter. As for all the garbage we hear every year about watching what you eat on Thanksgiving, just forget it. Give thanks to the Lord for all the family and friends and food and how fortunate we are to live in a country like the USA and enjoy a day of good food and maybe even some football. Remember life is too short to sweat the small stuff. These are strictly my opinions and necessarily those shared by the management!

Our Club is continuing to grow. We would like to welcome Jim Morrison (not to be confused with the Doors rocker) and his Lady Betty, Wallace Renn and his Lady Helga, and Gail Raehn and his Lady Susie. Welcome to the group. Now, I do need to say to Gail that when he was

recruited Harry Bond was heavily sedated and failed to mention this is a Corvette Club instead of a Mustang Club. We do want to straighten that out as we have with other members in the past and let you know not to worry. Eventually all Mustangs grow up to be Corvettes!

Parade attendance has been over the top this year. Our members have shined not only the cars but showed the true Murat Colors. We have been there and the last parades have been as good as the first. After Avon's Parade we went to the Kyle's home for food, festivities and a surprise visit from "Viola" for Rod's 60th birthday which was not only entertaining for Rod, but also great fun for the rest of us. Just ask Rod for all the details.

After the Franklin Parade we were all invited back to the McLaughlin's for a party. This club is not only hospitable but mm...m the food is good. I am not going to say the ladies can cook because we have some good "cooking" men in our group too!

After the Martinsville Parade we came to the Herald home where Pam gave everyone a rake and had them work in the yard. Just joking, but if you know Pam you would know that could happen and she could make it fun! We had home-made soup and pumpkin rolls; then we

raked the yard! Parade season is over and the yard looks great...Nobles, the officers of the Corvette Club want to encourage all members to attend our November meeting. We will be nominating and voting on the officers for 2008.

We must have this accomplished at this meeting. This will allow the temple time to publish the names in the new Club handbook for 2008.

If you want to join our group or think you might want to check us out, come meet with us on the second Thursday of the month at 7:30. Come early at 6:30 in the Murat lounge if you want to eat with us. It would be a good way for you to see if we will fit what you want. Of course, if you have any questions feel free to contact President Mike McArthur at 317-293-9116 or Vice President Ken Herald at 317-422-9107 or any member of the Corvette Club or just show up at a meeting and ask.

The Directors

Willis A. Roose

Between the time of writing and reading this article, Murat Temple membership has been considerably enlarged due to the ceremonial on October 7.

Going from Entered Apprentice to Noble in one day is like earning a B.S. degree in one semester. Now, we can prepare for another class on Pearl Harbor Day plus one (December 8).

Our bylaws are being reviewed and amended. The present ones were written with a quill on papyrus and are quite archaic. Some radical changes are being considered by the committee.

Our ace checker-upper, Norm Jones, reports that Director Emeritus Les Schenck is returning to good health and ready for some Zem-Zem with his friends.

Another Director Emeritus, Heinie Schakel, assures us that his lady, Thelma, is exhibiting signs of improvement in her health.

Our Potentate, Jerry, is nearing the end of his reign. Let's all turn the knobs up a bit and let him exit in style. We're never too busy!!!

Gun Club

Herb Arthur

The Murat Gun Club strongly supports the Gatling Gun Club's pursuit of the sale of the building and grounds once a substantial offer has been made and accepted by the majority vote of the membership. Through the years, the Unit has helped to keep the Club afloat.

The officers, as well as the board of directors, have been looking at a very nice building in the adjoining city of Beech Grove. This building is only about seven years old, is all on one level, has no steps to cope with and is affordable in accordance with the sale.

It will be necessary to purchase two new liquor permits as well as to secure a variance so we can get our permits. It has ample parking for parties, etc. around the building and is surrounded by streets on all sides. It also has very nice offices and meeting areas – just a beautiful place.

Should this procedure be completed, we feel it will entice new membership; maybe it could be you if you are not already a member.

In checking the roster for equipment used in parades, etc., we would very much appreciate your letting the major or quartermaster check any equipment you might have. This includes uniforms, bugles, drums, guns, flags and various other articles you might have in your possession.

SHRINERS HOSPITALS FOR CHILDREN CELEBRATES 85 YEARS OF CARING

85 Years

In 2007, it will cost Shriners Hospitals for Children \$1.975 million per day to operate its extensive network of 22 hospitals, providing care and treatment to thousands of kids. This enormous effort, which has touched the lives of approximately 835,000 children and their families, began 85 years ago, with the opening of a single hospital.



The Shreveport Shriners Hospital – Then and Now



Shriners Hospitals for Children was founded by Shriners of North America, an international fraternity established in 1872 and based on fun, fellowship and the Masonic principles of brotherly love, relief and truth.

In the early 1920s, members of the fraternity decided to establish an official philanthropy. Although the establishment of a hospital to treat children with orthopaedic problems resulting from polio was originally suggested, the passing plan called for the establishment of not just one hospital, but a network of pediatric hospitals that provided all care and services at no charge.

On Sept. 16, 1922, the first Shriners Hospital for Children opened in Shreveport, La.

The first patient to be admitted was a little girl with a clubfoot. The Shreveport hospital cared for 483 children in its inaugural year. The original wood-frame, 60-bed hospital was replaced with a new 45-bed facility in 1986. The Shreveport hospital will officially celebrate its anniversary on Sept. 13, with a full day of activities, including exhibits, tours and a barbecue.

Three more Shriners Hospitals opened in 1923, followed by another three the next year. By the end of the decade, there were 15 Shriners Hospitals serving children with orthopaedic problems, from Honolulu to Philadelphia. Today, there are 19 Shriners Hospitals serving as major referral centers for complex orthopaedic treatments for children, including one in Mexico City and Montreal.

AN EXPANDING MISSION

In the mid-1960s, 40 years after opening the first Shriners Hospital, the fraternity opened three Shriners Hospitals specializing in acute and rehabilitative burn care. These hospitals continue to be pioneers in pediatric burn treatment and are actively involved

in the development of innovative techniques for treating children with burns.

In the early 1980s, Shriners Hospitals for Children discovered yet another way to help children: by opening the nation's first spinal cord injury rehabilitation centers specifically designed for kids. Today, spinal cord injury rehabilitation is offered at three Shriners Hospitals. There, patients find a complete range of services needed in order to recover to the fullest extent possible.

Cleft lip and palate was added to the hospital network's treatment disciplines in 2005. Services available at Shriners Hospitals fill the need for coordinated, comprehensive multidisciplinary care for these children.

In addition to providing expert, family-centered care to its patients, today's Shriners Hospitals for Children are dedicated to conducting research to provide answers to complex medical difficulties affecting children. What began as a modest research effort with a \$12,000 allocation has become a sophisticated, world-recognized program with a \$37 million budget funding more than 140 projects in 2007.

The mission of Shriners Hospitals for Children also includes education; many of today's pediatric orthopaedic surgeons received some of their medical training at Shriners Hospitals.

As it has for 85 years, Shriners Hospitals for Children remains committed to providing care at no charge and relies on the generosity of Shriners and other donors to continue its mission of caring for children through treatment, research and teaching.

For more information, please visit www.shrinershospitals.org, or call (800) 237-5055 in the U.S. or (800) 361-7256 in Canada.



York Rite One-Day Class

PHOTOS BY JOE BULA



Fifty-two Masons, including Potentate Jerry E. Markovich and Chief Rabban Ron Elliott, joined the York Rite and were knighted as Knights Templar at the First Annual Prather York Rite Potentate's One-Day Class held at Murat on September 8.

Prather York Rite Bodies (Indianapolis) conferred all nine degrees and orders. Also in attendance were Most Excellent Grand High Priest Gary W. Snyder, Sr.; Most Illustrious Grand Master Michael W. Klepper; Right Eminent Grand Commander Andrew R. Jackson, and Most Worshipful Grand Master Duane L. Vaught.



Trinity Commandery No. 62, KT (Prather York Rite) became the first commandery to form the lines and formally receive Grand Master Duane L. Vaught, as both Grand Master of Masons and as an officer of the Grand Encampment of the Knights Templar of the U.S.A.



Members of the Prather York Rite cast and crew that conferred the degrees at the Potentate's One-Day Class at Murat Shrine on September 8.



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First Lady Creates Scholarship Program



First Lady Helen Lemieux is pleased to announce her fundraising program, "Research – Straight to the Heart," which will provide scholarships for a summer internship program for medical and allied health care students. Participants will work in Shriners Hospitals for Children's research facilities.

First Lady Helen believes that research, with its potential to improve medical treatments, will become an increasingly important component of Shriners Hospitals' mission. She also recognizes the critical need to attract excellent medical professionals. First Lady Helen's program is meant to assist in these areas.

The scholarship program will increase medical students' awareness of the exciting, important work being done at Shriners Hospitals and, ideally, entice them to become part of our team.

Initially, the internship will be offered to medical students. The interns will be supervised by senior staff at a Shriners Hospital and be part of a structured training program emphasizing research being done in our facilities. Based on experience gained over time, the program will be expanded to include students in allied health care fields who will participate in rehabilitation research at our hospitals.

A Continued Presence

The First Lady hopes the program will operate similarly to an endowment fund, with continued presence and growth, eventually supporting a significant number of interns. This long-term approach will allow even more upcoming medical professionals to become part of Shriners Hospitals' efforts on behalf of children.

As Imperial Sir Bernard and Lady Helen make their visits throughout this Imperial Year, they ask that in lieu of personal gifts, nobles and ladies make a donation to the First Lady's program, "Research – Straight to the Heart." Donors will receive a copy of the children's book, "Granny Uncovers Miracles at Shriners Hospitals for Children" for each contribution of \$25.

Order forms may be given to the Imperial Potentate or the First Lady, or may be sent with donations to Shriners International Headquarters, Donor Relations Department, P.O. Box 31356, Tampa, FL 33631. Canadian donations and order forms should be sent to Canadian Shriners Hospital, 1529 Cedar Ave., Montreal, Quebec, Canada H3G 1A6. Donations can also be made on the Web site, by going to www.shrinershq.org/Shrine/ and then clicking on First Lady's Program. Donors who contribute through the Web will receive their books via the mail. Additional order forms and envelopes can be obtained from the Donor Relations Department at Shriners International Headquarters by calling (800) 241-4438.



First Lady Helen Lemieux and Imperial Sir Bernard J. Lemieux, M.D.



One to Go in 2007

ART BORTON

We have had a very eventful year in the membership department, and we have created a lot of new Shriners. Potentate Jerry Markovich's goal of "407 in '07" seemed to be a major stretch target, but as we head towards the end of the year, it still looks doable.

Looking back at the year, Jerry has pulled out all the stops to meet his membership goal. We have done our Ceremonial Road Shows, taking the Cast, Directors Staff, Chanters, Band, and all people involved in putting on a ceremonial to the outlying Clubs and Units.

If the membership can't make it to Indianapolis, we'll bring Indianapolis to the membership.

We have just completed our "All the Way in One Day" ceremonial that was conducted along with the Grand Lodge and the Scottish Rite, so we could take a man who had been properly investigated and voted on by his lodge, through the Blue Lodge degrees, two of the Scottish Rite degrees, and both sections of the Shrine ceremonial in one day. It made for a long day, but one that was very well received.

Jerry also conducted mini ceremo-

nials at Stated Meetings to bring in new members, as well as swearing them in as Shriners before Stated Meetings, then having them return for the Hot Sands at the next ceremonial.

Now there is only one more chance to create new Shriners for 2007. That will be our regular Hot Sands Ceremonial on Saturday, December 8, 2007. That will be your last opportunity to get your Masonic friends into the Shrine for 2007. With your help our "407 in '07" is still within reach.

SHRINE GUILDS GRANT ANOTHER \$50,000 TO SHRINERS HOSPITALS

At the Opening Luncheon during the Imperial Council Shrine Guilds of America annual Convention, held this year in Lexington, Ky., the ICSGofA, Inc. donated a second annual \$50,000 to the Shriners Hospitals for Children. This is on top of the \$50,000 donated in October, 2006 and brings the grand total of contributions by the Shrine Guilds to over \$670,000.00 in a 25 years period. Pictured with Imperial Outer Guard Gary Bergenske is (l. to r.) Elaine Thrasher, Imperial Maharanee and Treasurer of the ICSGofA Educational Fund, Lou Benell, Chairwoman of the Board of Directors of ICSGofA, and Janell Miller, Chairwoman of the ISGofA Educational Fund Board. Smyrna Shrine Guild, affiliated with Murat Shriners, is the largest of the Guilds and was the host of the 2007 Convention.



COMING EVENTS

NOVEMBER

- THU. 1** **DEADLINE FOR DECEMBER MAGAZINE**
Caravan Club
- FRI. 2** Band Night – Lemon Wheel
- SUN. 4** Tailgate at the Oasis Lounge
- THU. 8** Caravan Club – Jerry Scott Jones,
"Top Secret Briefing"
- SAT. 10** MSBC Scholarship Auction
- SUN. 11** Second Sundays at the Shrine – Harry
Potter magic show
- THU. 15** Caravan Club – John J. Kirsh,
Indianapolis Airport Authority
New Member Night
- THU. 15-
SAT. 17** AASR Convocation
- SUN. 18** Tailgate at the Oasis Lounge
- MON. 19** Divan Meeting, Board Meeting
Stated Meeting 7 p.m.
- THU. 22-
SUN. 25** **Murat Shrine and Oasis Lounge
Closed! Happy Thanksgiving!**
- THU. 29** Caravan Club – Jeff Zaring, PP, 33°
2007 33° Convention

DECEMBER

- SUN. 2** Scottish Rite Children's Christmas Party
Tailgate at the Oasis Lounge
- MON. 3** **DEADLINE FOR JANUARY 2008 MAGAZINE**
- THU. 6** Caravan Club
- SAT. 8** Ceremonial
Ladies Shop-til-you-drop?
- SUN. 9** Second Sunday at the Shrine –
Holiday Fun Show
- FRI. 7** Band Night – Joe Friday Band
- THU. 13** Caravan Club
- SUN. 16** Children's Christmas Party
- MON. 17** Divan Meeting, Board Meeting
**Stated Meeting and Election of
Officers 7 p.m.**
- THU. 20** Caravan Club
New Member Night
- MON. 24-
TUES. 25** **Murat Shrine and Oasis Lounge
Closed! Merry Christmas!**

JANUARY 2008

- WED. 2** **DEADLINE FOR FEBRUARY MAGAZINE**
- THU. 3** Caravan Club - Murat Circus Director
Larry Selig
- THU. 10** Caravan Club - Chief Rabban Ron Elliott
- SAT. 12** Grand Lodge Founders' Day
- THU. 17** Caravan Club - Carl Culman, Grand
Marshall
- MON. 21** Divan Meeting, Board Meeting
Stated Meeting 7 p.m.
- TUE. 29-
FRI. 1** Florida Visitation

FEBRUARY 2008

- FRI. 1** **DEADLINE FOR FEBRUARY MAGAZINE**
- SAT. 9** Potentate's Ball
- MON. 18** Divan Meeting, Board Meeting
Stated Meeting 7 p.m.
- THU. 28-
SUN. 2** Shrine Circus

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Oasis Lounge Entertainment

Band Night:
November 2, 8 p.m. – midnight
Lemon Wheel

**Tailgate at the
Oasis Lounge:**
November 4, 2 p.m.
New England Patriots

November 18, 11 a.m.
Kansas City Chiefs

December 2, 11 a.m.
Jacksonville Jaguars

*Join your friends for great food, drinks,
and fun tailgating at the Oasis Lounge.*

**New Member's
Nights:**
*Welcome all new members to the Murat
Shrine Club every third Thursday of the
month, 6 - 8 p.m. at the Oasis Lounge. Enjoy
a Great Appetizer Buffet and Drink Specials.*

**Second Sundays
at the Shrine**
*Spectacular Sunday brunch and fun-filled
entertainment for the entire family.*

November 11
Harry Potter Magic Show/Face Painting artist

December 9
Holiday Fun Show/Coloring Contest

*At the Arabian Room at the
Murat Shrine Center*
Brunch served 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Show times: 11:30 a.m. and 12:45 p.m.
Rates: \$13.95 per adult, \$5 per child