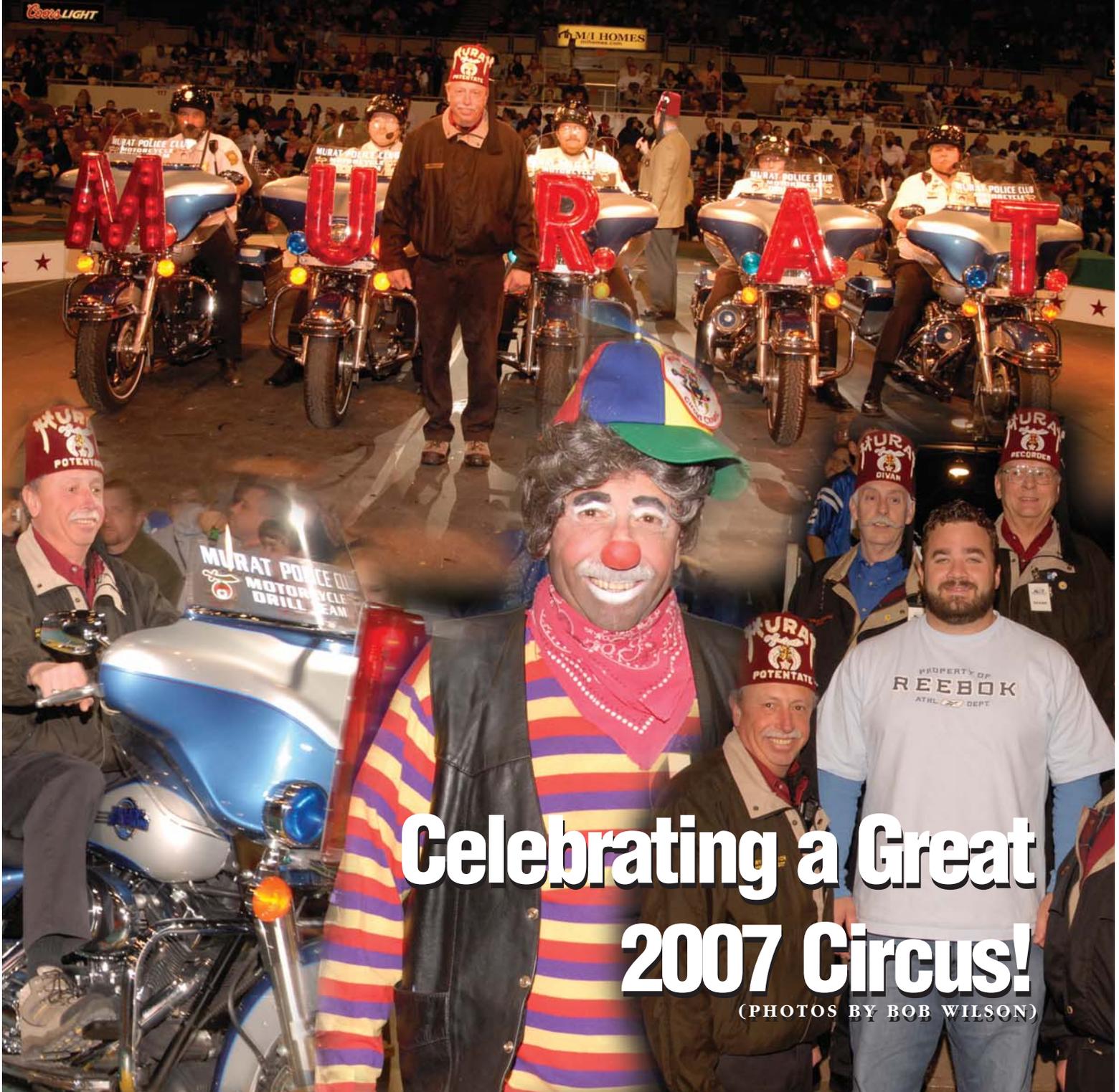


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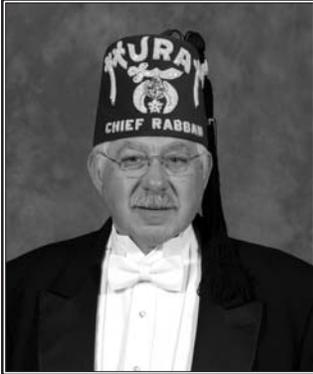
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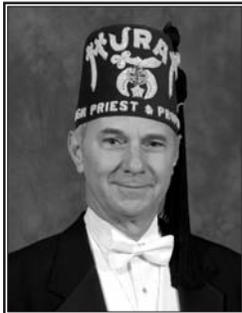
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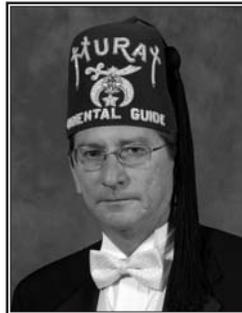
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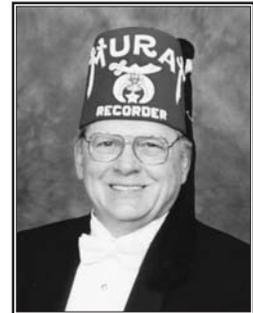
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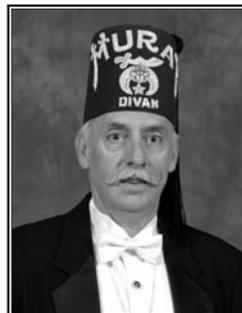
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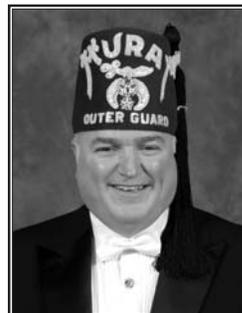
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## POTENTATE MESSAGE

# From the Potentate

Many, many thanks to all the Nobles and ladies who volunteered hours of their time to support our 62nd annual Murat Shrine Circus.

As our largest fundraiser, it is important that we do all we can to insure the continued success of our circus.

The participation of the Clubs and Units at our circus parades shows the public how much fun Shriners can have.

Our next challenge is to make the calendar raffle a success. I have asked our Clubs and Units to help out a little more, as we still need to sell 1,000 more calendars to reach our goal.

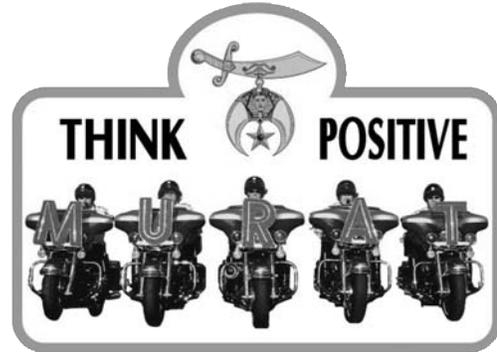
April brings warmer weather and the start of parade season. Earl Moore is our parade marshal. He will be glad to answer any questions and will have the parade schedule available for all.

Thanks again to all of you for all that you do for our Shrine.

Let's have a safe and fun year together.

Yours in the Faith,

Jerry Markovich  
Illustrious Potentate



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## from Shriners Hospitals for Children - Chicago

### To Brighten your Spring: A Christmas Story

On Christmas Day, Dan Rest, from the Northwest Side of Chicago, sat with his daughter Olivia watching TV as they waited to go to a big holiday celebration with family and friends. After a while, Olivia got out the new beading kit she'd received for Christmas and started feverishly making bracelets.

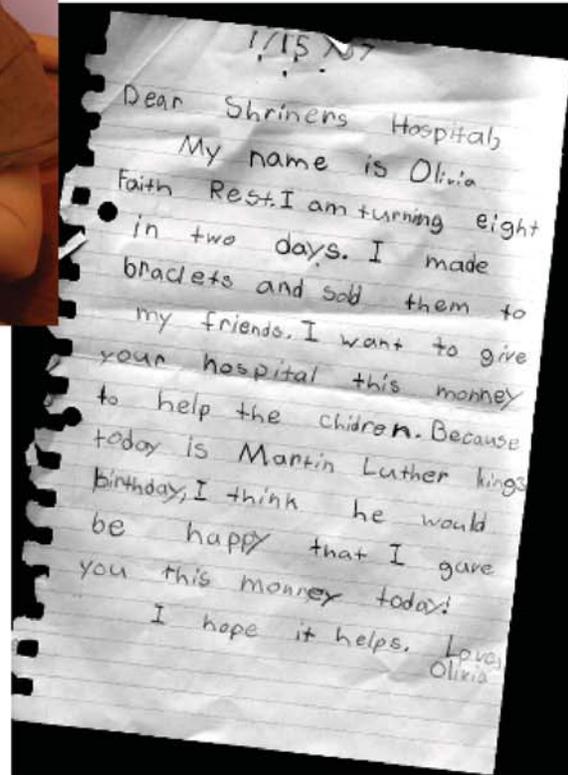
Later, at the party, Dan noticed Olivia with money. He realized after a bit that she was selling the bracelets she was making. More than a little mortified that his daughter would use the occasion of the holiday to make money off her family and friends, he decided that the "discretion was the better part of valor." He would find a moment later to explain to Olivia how this endeavor was so inappropriate to the spirit of the day. He didn't want to ruin her Christmas, but he did want her to understand why this was a day for generosity and good will rather than for business.

When the festivities were over, Dan, his wife, and Olivia headed for the car. Dan tried to choose wisely the words he would use. Olivia was such a wonderful child, so kind; but he had to make her understand that taking money for her bracelets on Christmas was not a great idea.



At the door to the car, Olivia held up a paper bag. "Look at what I've got, Dad. I've got all this money that I made for the children." "What children?" Dan asked. "The children we saw on TV," she answered, "The ones at Shriners Hospital."

On Martin Luther King's birthday, the first school holiday in the new year, Olivia asked her mother, a teacher, to drive her to Shriners Hospitals - Chicago to present \$22.65 and this note:



Robert O. Kuehn  
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March 2007



# For The Ladies

Dianah Louks

Speaking from my heart, I would like to thank every individual who volunteered and worked at the Shrine Circus! For those of you who may not have been at the last performance on Sunday, you missed seeing your Potentate stand in the middle of the Thunder Ball while two motor cycles roared and whizzed all around him!! It looked scary to me, but I know the event was a treat for Jerry!

What a joy it was sharing in the festivities at the Potentate's Ball. The decorating committee made the event spectacular in every way! Thank you, Potentate's Ball Committee, for all of the many hours that you spent while creating every detail of the beauty and magic we saw when we walked into the Egyptian Room!

Congratulations to all of the ladies' organizations on their open installation of officers! Betty Huckeba was installed as Marharanee of the Smyrna Shrine Guild in December 2006, and both Carol Staab, High Priestess of the Ladies Oriental Shrine of North America, and Cathy Rose, Queen of the Daughters of the Nile, were installed in March 2007!

A special "Thank You" to the Murat Ladies Communication Network for getting the 'word' out about the various ladies' events. This is the first year for this committee and they are doing a wonderful job! Jerry's surprise birthday

party at the Casa Blanca Nights, which followed the Ladies Oriental Shrine's open installation, with the special surprises from Carol Staab and Cathy Rose, was a treat for everyone. In case you don't know, it's very difficult to get a secret out about the Potentate without him discovering that something is happening.

Ladies, please plan to attend the Ladies Card Party & Dinner scheduled for Thursday, April 26, in the Arabian Room. We will begin playing games at 3:45 p.m., then break at 6:15 p.m. when the ladies who work will join us for dinner followed by more games and fun afterwards. Tickets are \$28 and are available at the office.

Other upcoming events may be found on the back of the magazine and in the Daughters of the Nile, Ladies Oriental Shrine and Smyrna articles. Everyone is invited to the Kerbela Fun Fest in Pigeon Forge, TN, scheduled for May 10-12; the Madison County Shrine Club's Mother's Day Brunch on May 13 at 11:30 a.m.; as well as the Memorial Service which is scheduled for May 24 at 11 a.m.

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

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Gordon J Husk

Another successful circus has been presented. Children had fun, adults had fun, and Murat volunteers cheerfully met the public. Many ladies volunteered to help with a wide variety of duties. It takes everyone to make a circus successful, and we thank everyone for their contributions to this great event. The Shrine Circus is Murat's largest fundraiser, and it is quite important.

The second largest fundraiser is the calendar raffle. At the time of this writing, only two months' drawings have taken place. The drawings occur on the last day of the month, so there are still 306 opportunities to win! Of those 306 days, there will be four more \$1,000 winners, 43 \$100 winners and 259 \$25 winners still to be drawn. The calendars are easy to sell, since we guarantee a winner EVERY DAY. We would appreciate your help in selling calendars to all your friends, neighbors, coworkers and anyone who would like to be a winner. Cash prizes of \$17,775 will be paid in 2007.

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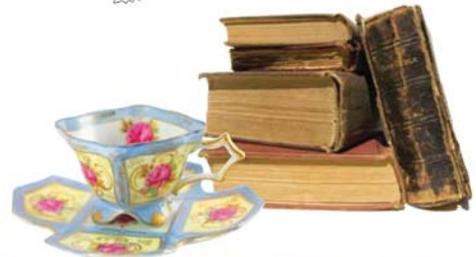
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There are only two dates to remember – May 17, the date of the Knights of the Sea Annual Initiation at the Gatling Gun Club, and June 21, the date of the annual golf tournament in Plainfield, IN. Call Bob Dancey or Bobbie Tate at (317) 788-9539 for further information. These are functions that you do not want to miss. These are extremely popular events and participation will have to be limited because of their great popularity. Therefore, be an early bird and send in your remittance to these events now. We still are looking for additional sponsors for the golf tournament, so please consider being a sponsor for 2007. A sponsorship is only \$50 and all proceeds go to help our children in the hospitals or to the Transportation Unit.

The officers of the Yacht Club for 2007 are as follows: Commodore: Fred Schowengerdt, Secretary-Treasurer: Ted Stewart, Vice Commodore: Kevin Keating, Rear Commodore: John Long (the "candy man"), Fleet Captain: Delbert Drummond (the inventor of the official "Yacht Club Shooter"), Directors: Jack Hopper and Jerry Lance. These men are actively setting up a social program for the Yacht Club and will be communicating with you very soon as to their program for 2007. If you want a shirt, uniform shirt, or Knights of the Sea shirt, please contact Delbert Drummond who is our storekeeper at Dbert10@aol.com. If you have an email address, please let Ted Stewart know at Stew0627@aol.com. We need to keep our email directory up to date as snail mail is no longer viable for our Club. If you do not have email, you probably have missed out on some important information regarding the Yacht Club.

Stanley Moore is still hiding out at the Masonic Camp in Florida. Stanley, the heat is off and you can return! Those conservation officers are now concerned about undersized carp being caught through the ice. Come back Stanley! Bill Graam, one of our founders and the heart and soul of the Yacht Club, has recently recovered from a short illness. Now Bill has resumed his old ways and is providing wise information and advice that is most helpful to the younger set at our weekly meetings at the American Legion Post in Broad Ripple.

Dues! Dues! Dues! Nobles, please assure that your dues are paid for 2007. If you are uncertain if you have paid your dues, contact our secretary-treasurer at Stew0627@aol.com. We need your dues to pay our many assessments, such as the assessment to the Yachting Club of America, which will allow you to have reciprocity with over 2,000 yacht clubs in North America. Do not get on our delinquent list. Send your dues in now! The Yacht Club is one of the largest clubs in Shrinedom and we feel it is the best bargain in town. If you are looking for the Club where the good guys hang out, where fun is the word of the day, then

please contact our secretary-treasurer as the Yacht Club is the club for you.

We still continue to have an informal meeting each Friday at noon at the Robert E. Kennington Post at 6440 Westfield Blvd. in Broad Ripple. Our table grows each week, so please join us for an informal lunch. We have a Stated Meeting each third Thursday at 7 p.m. at the Murat Shrine Center. Please join us for dinner before and attend the meeting.

Please let me know if you have a suggestion for the improvement of the operation of our Club. We seek constructive criticism. Until then, fair winds and following seas.

## Johnson County Shrine Club

Dave Alspaugh

The crocuses are here, the trees are budding, and the air feels fresh and springy. The daffodils are coming up! Even the iris is appearing, and if you listen very closely to the new springy Congress in Washington, you can probably hear the taxes going up. This wasn't an original thought. I saw it recently in the Star, but thought it kind of fit the spring is sprung idea.

April 22 is a big day for the Shrine Club. The Club is sponsoring a trip to the Argosy Casino. There will be two buses – one for the smokers and another for the non-smokers. Twenty-five dollars gets you a seat on the bus. Don't wait too long; the tickets are going fast.

Once again, President John Miller has asked for some help with BINGO on both Tuesday evenings and Saturday mornings. This Club belongs to the members and it is the obligation of all of the members to support the Club. BINGO is one of the ways we can do this, but we need bodies to do it.

Come out and give the few who do volunteer a little bit of help. I can guarantee that you won't even break a sweat helping. There are several ways you can help. You can sell tips, you can empty trash, you can call back the BINGO winners; hey, you can even be the caller. Look at me. I recently became a caller, and if old Dave can do it, anybody can. Please help us out.

Another area of the Shrine Club that can always use some help is our Friday evening dinners. Larry DeVoss and his Lady Jane do one SUPER job preparing the meals. Every Friday night is different. Just look at your monthly calendar to see what they're serving on each Friday. Lady Jane creates quite a variety of meals. Fried chicken, all the spaghetti you can eat, Swiss steak, liver and onions, and on and on. Just stop by the Club on Friday evenings for a great buffet. You may come in as a stranger but you'll not leave as one.



Jeff Kondy called BINGO.



Jane and Past President Larry DeVoss

## Dramatic Cast

Don Olvey

Hello again from your Dramatic Cast.

Let's see now, it's the end of February so this must be the article for the April issue of the Murat Magazine.

It can't be March's article because I did that one in January. The real sad part about this is that it is starting to seem normal.

I can understand why the Nobles who have already taken their turn writing the Cast articles have such a contented smile every time they see my glazed look. When I look their way and start to say something, the response is always the same: "I did it for X number of years." Guess that means they don't want another go. Oh well.

By the time this hits the streets, the Dramatic Cast's Brass Hat Dinner and Potentate's Roast will be history. Cast President Noble Tim Lloyd has this event well planned, so I am sure it will be as much fun as all of the others have been. Every Noble should try to join us next year.

This fun event is also open to non-Cast members and is a great evening. Let a Cast member know you are interested and he will help you contact our second vice president who will be glad to make your reservation and take your money.

The Dramatic Cast helped man the circus doors once again this year under the outstanding leadership of our circus door chairman, past Cast President Noble Larry Davis. I know recruit-

ing help and scheduling coverage for the doors is not an easy job, but it is amazing how well it always seems to work out.

The circus is one of my favorite events and even though the days are long, it is very rewarding to see the excitement of the kids and adults when they come into the building, see our clowns, and hear all of the noise. Great stuff! The Thursday morning performance is harder for me but once we get started and those very special folks start coming in and I see the same excitement and anticipation, it really makes me proud to be associated with such a great organization as the Shrine.

Since this is April, I guess some of our Snowbirds are probably packing up and getting ready to head this way. The last couple of winters have been so nice here that we have been able to tell them about how good we have had it. Don't think we can do that this year.

Keep the Nobles who are under the weather in your thoughts and prayers. Be sure to include their family members and those who may have recently lost a loved one.

Don't forget to include our service men and women who are helping to protect this great country.

Shriners – Having Fun and Helping Kids.

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# Knights of the Sea

## ANNUAL INITIATION

Thursday, May 17, 2007

at the Gatling Gun Club  
Cocktails beginning at 5 p.m.  
Dinner at 6:30 p.m.  
Price: Only \$25

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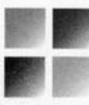
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February presented many opportunities to shed some extra pounds by shoveling snow. Mother Nature must have been upset with Indiana and its Nobles. Do you think it's "Global Warming"? It gets frustrating to snow-blow or shovel your driveway and have somebody's plow build a wall of snow at the end of one's driveway. Mailpersons' little trucks came back to the post offices half empty, or maybe half full, as many mailboxes seemed to disappear.

Well, anyway, trying to get back to some form of reality because of meeting cancellations and rescheduling, plus whatever needed attending to; the sun might shine on us after all.

With Madison County's Potentate's Party behind us, Illustrious Potentate Jerry Markovich was presented a painting of the walking nobleman holding a Shriner child. After introducing his Divan and aides, he was made an "Honorary Member" of Madison County's 2007



Desert Patrol. As the evening progressed, all had a lot of fun. Also, special thanks go to Jim Swain who served as master of ceremonies.

Ladies, mark this date in your event calendars – April 28 is our famous "Style Show." You don't want to miss this one.



Madison County would like for one and all to come and see our dining & lounge facility. WE ARE A SMOKING FACILITY.

The first and third Friday is Chicken night.

The second and fourth Friday is Fish night.

The fifth Friday may be Spaghetti or Chicken & Noodles.

This is all you can eat with sides and tea, lemonade, or coffee for an incredibly low price of \$7 per person. Serving hours are from 5:15 to 7:15 p.m. Also, canned beer for \$1.50 at the bar.

We serve daily noon lunches Monday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in our quiet and relaxing dining area. Come and see us about rental rates for any event you may need. We have a lot to offer at a very competitive price.

Please feel free to view our website, [www.madisoncountyshrineclub.com](http://www.madisoncountyshrineclub.com), to see upcoming events and dates, plus pictures of past events for your pleasure.

Till next month ...

## 2007 Murat Ringmaster's Banquet



Nobles and Ladies,

Thank you very much for volunteering your time at the 2007 Murat Shrine Circus. Your help and support have made this a successful circus.

The Ringmaster's Banquet and awards presentation will be held in the Arabian Room of the Murat Shrine on Saturday, April 14, 2007. There will be a cash bar beginning at 6:30 p.m. followed by a buffet dinner at 7 p.m.

Those who have worked two or more shows may attend free. For anyone who did not work at least two shows, the cost is \$20 per person, payable in advance at the Shrine office. Please RSVP by calling Sherri at the Shrine office, (317) 635-2433, no later than Friday, April 9.

Nobles, it's official; SPRING has arrived! The first robins are perched upon the window sill and the snow-storm of February is all but a memory.

I would like to thank all of the Nobles who came out and worked at the circus in March to make it such a success. And special thanks to the officers and members of NexGen for all of their help and support.

Just a reminder, the Scottish Rite Convocation is April 20 and 21.

If you are a Noble under the age of 46, please come out and join us for dinner at the Oasis the second Tuesday of each month. We gather around 6:30 p.m. and then adjourn to our meeting at 7 p.m. Hope to see you there!

B.L.I.N.G., "Our Bodacious Ladies



NexGen members honor OFE Noble Jerry Miller at the New Year's Eve Party.



NexGen at the Indy Ice

In NexGen," creates an opportunity for our ladies to get together. My Lady Annette has a BLING day planned for Saturday, April 21. If you are interested, call her at (317) 881-5397 and let her know.

May God bless all of you!



The Officers (?) of NexGen made Noble John Blaydoe an OFE at NexGen's Halloween Party.

## 5th Annual Grand Master's Motorcycle Rally

to benefit the Indiana Masonic Home Transportation Fund

**Saturday, June 2, 2007**

Leaving from Indiana Masonic Home, Franklin, Indiana

(Rain or Shine Event!) **Schedule of Events**

Registration and Breakfast at IMH Shelter House	8:00 am thru 10:00 am
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.



Deputy Grand Master Duane Vaught encourages your active support for the Indiana Masonic Home Transportation Fund. Each year the Home Bus makes hundreds of trips to help our residents be able to shop, take in the sights, attend a Scottish Rite play, visit the doctor, pick up prescriptions, and so forth. Without this valuable service, many of our Home residents would be "home-bound".

**DIRECTIONS** - Proceed on I-65 to the Franklin exit (Exit 90). Proceed West on 44 West and turn left on Branigan Boulevard. Follow Branigan Boulevard, past Franklin College straight into the Masonic Home Arch.

Find a flyer with an entry form to sign up ahead of time, or just show up at 7:30am thru 10:30am for registration and a delicious home cooked breakfast served.

Ride information will be distributed at the Masonic Home launching point.

Launching Point for Rally is located behind the Indiana Masonic Home Medical Center Shelter House

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# CLIFF'S NOTES

How quickly the New Year has gotten into full swing. The Little Pig and Ladies Night Out was topped off with a band in the Oasis. What an evening!

March started with a busy four-day weekend and another successful Murat Shrine Circus. This event is an enormous undertaking, but at Murat we have help from the best volunteers who know how to make things happen.

And then we smoothed right into Murat's social event of the year – the Potentate's Ball. Another great event! I hope you didn't miss it.

The year is off to a fast start! Don't miss any of it.

### Gaffes from ever popular Church Bulletin:

1. Fasting and Prayer Conference includes meal.
2. Our youth basketball team is back in action Wednesday at 8 p.m. in the recreation hall. Come out and watch us kill Christ the King.

Can you tell in the Contribution Photos which Noble forgot his fez and had to borrow one?

### More Gaffes:

1. Low Self-Esteem Support Group will meet Thursday at 7 p.m. Please use the back door.
2. Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things you have around the house that aren't worth keeping. Bring your husbands.

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

See you at the Oasis aaaannndddd Keep on Rockin!!! 🎵



Looks like Noble Dick Abdon turned on the charm for Ladies Margie Zaring and Linda Abdon.



And there is always lots of dancing at the Oasis.

## Southeastern

Ed Johnson

April means one thing in Southeastern Indiana; it's time for some STEAK! Our Club will be firing up the grill for our first steak dinner on the 20th of April and we would love to have you all down. The menu includes steak, chicken or a steak-burger along with soup, salad, vegetables, rolls, drinks and dessert. Mark the following dates on your calendar for this year's dinners: April 20, May 18, June 15, July 20, August 17, September 21, October 19, and November 9.

Guests who attend the steak dinners will also get to enjoy our newly remodeled dining room. A new ceiling, lights and fans have been added to improve the appearance and atmosphere of the room. We are also adding a tray rack to our serving line to make service easier for our guests.

On May 20, the Club will be taking a trip to the Lexington hospital to tour the facilities. A luxury liner bus has been chartered to take the entire group together so the trip should be fun as well as informative. The cost for the trip is only \$25 for a couple or \$15 for an individual and will depart from the Shrine Club in Dillsboro. Seats are limited so please make reservations early, contacting President Wolfe at 689-1976.

Our Club ceremonial has also been scheduled for 2007. Make sure to keep August 4 open on your calendars so you can come join the fun. Also remember to encourage your friends who are already Master Masons to join the Shrine. Our goal for this year is to take in 27 new Shriners at our Club. You can help us achieve that goal!



Nobles Noel Houze and Ed Wolfe pose for a picture with some notable guests at the last steak dinner of 2006.

# 2007 Murat Shrine Golf Schedules

*(Note: Murat Golf Outings are Stag)*

## **APRIL 25**

Mini-Mystics "Charlie Griffith Memorial Golf," Hickory Stick Golf Club, Shotgun Start at Noon. \$65 each, 4-person Scramble. Includes: Prizes, Zem-Zem on Course, and Dinner at the Johnson County Shrine Club after Golf. Contact: Joe Inabnitt, 1856 Broadleaf Ct., Greenwood, IN 46143, (317) 730-1300.

## **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, 11 a.m. Shotgun Start. 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, all at Rocky Ridge G.C.

## **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, and Special Prize for first Hole-in-One by Lockhart Cadillac. Contact: Don Melvin, Murat Shrine or e-mail [dkmelvin@insightbb.com](mailto:dkmelvin@insightbb.com).

## **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, Carl Gentry and Harry McClintic.

## **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.

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

## **Whitewater Shrine Club**

Chris West

The Club is about to start one of the most ambitious and productive years ever. We plan on doubling our membership this year, donating a record amount from our Club to the hospitals and becoming a group that really has fun together. How, you ask, are we going to do this?

First of all, membership will be a priority that we are addressing with a membership (rally) dinner and by being more active in the community and surrounding communities. We believe people want to join active and positive organizations. Our membership (rally) dinner is scheduled for early April. We plan to be more active through parades and by being involved in more events than ever before. We are led by Bobby DeV Vaughn, a president who will work tirelessly to help bring in new members and run one of our concession stands, making his world's best carmel corn. We also know that no one man can do it all by himself, and the Club is rallying around the idea that more members means more fun.

Secondly, we are beginning our fundraising earlier this year with the Lion's Club Home Show April 18-21. We also will have concession stands at Connersville's Party on the Square, two weekends of A Day Out with Thomas the Tank, July 4th celebration, the Fayette County Free Fair, Canal Days at both Cambridge City and Metamora, and last but not least, we are reviving our Haunted House the last two weekends of October. We are also looking at one more possible fair and numerous other events. We also plan on having two to three paper drives this year. As you can see, this is a very active schedule that really shows our Club's goal of record fundraising.



## Chanters

Gayle Byers

### April Auditions

The spring thaw is here, Snowbirds are back from the warmer climes, circus animals are back in their cages, the 2007 Potentate has been feted in numerous venues, and we are well on the way to thoughts of summer parades and the Imperial Session! So, naturally, it is time for the Chanters to focus on membership and recruitment. Here are the criteria:

### Membership in Murat (or willingness to petition)

- Ability to take direction (from the Director, officers, past-pasts, and other non-official pundits)
- Ability to have a great time (it isn't just singing, you know)
- Ownership of a blue blazer and maroon tie (or other clean clothing)
- Desire for at least Monday evening camaraderie in the Oasis Lounge (or as some of our membership call it, vocal conditioning)
- Ability to drive at night (or have appropriate designated driver)
- Financial solvency (the annual dues are pretty cumbersome)
- Have a thespian proclivity (and even better if you like to dress in drag)
- Possess a tenor or bass/baritone voice range (sopranos and altos present an issue for our arrangements)
- Capacity to take harassment/input/advice/criticism from numerous Past Potentates, Past Presidents, Past Officers, and other self-appointed historical authorities with longevity in the Unit. (names withheld)

As you can see, the requirements are strenuous; however, we have been known to bend the rules a bit for Shriners who a) have beautiful, melodious voices, b) have theatrical talent and comedic leanings, c) can sell circus ads, d) won't spend more than six months in Florida, and e) generally, are willing to have a great time promoting Shrinedom.

Prescreening will take place any Monday night from 4 p.m. until 7 p.m. in the Oasis Lounge (Dutch treat). Voice placement arranged to suit your particular tessitura. Bring a sense of humor!

Don't be afraid to join the fun!

## Clowns

Charles "Wrongway" Howard

### FUN!!!! FUN!!!! FUN!!!!

Now that the circus has come and gone, we now begin looking towards the parade season that will be fast approaching. We'll be cleaning our costumes, powdering our noses, and spreading the good cheer and word of the Shrine throughout the land. And now, a bit of wisdom from yours truly:

Q: How do you keep a man from reading your e-mail?

A: Rename the mail folder "Instruction Manuals."

One day a clown, Cosmo, decided to wash his sweatshirt. Seconds after he stepped into the laundry room, he shouted to his wife, "What setting do I use on the washing machine?"

"It depends," she replied. "What does it say on your shirt?"

Cosmo yelled back, "Indiana University."

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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# Mini-Mystics

Dave Alspaugh

Spring is sprung and the grass is ris; I wonder where the birdie is? Being April, the Mini-Mystics are hoping they're all at Hickory Stick Golf Course. April 25, the annual Mini-Mystic Golf Outing will take place. Sixty-five dollars gets you a round of golf, practice on the driving range, Zem-Zem on the course, and dinner and prizes afterwards at the Johnson County Shrine Club. I'm sure we can find you room. Contact any Mini-Mystic for information.

Back in February, several of our Mini-Mystics and their mates waved good-bye to Indiana and the snow and cold. With their miniature cars in trailers and their autos packed for the 1,200-mile trip south, they were off.

Their goal was to reach Ft. Myers, FL, to take part in the Edison Electric Light Parade. Each year at this time for the past four years, the Mini-Mystics have opened their parade schedule with this parade. Joining them this year was our Potentate,



Group in front of Araba Temple in Ft. Myers.



Ray "Dead Parrot Wings" Miller (you will need to ask Ray).

Jerry Markovich, and his Lady Dianah, the Corvette Club, the Police Club, and the 500 Club. The Murat Temple and Johnson County Shrine Club were well represented.

With all the activities at Ft. Myers, it was very busy. Several members took part in a visitation to the Araba Temple at Ft. Myers, involving lunch and a short program on Wednesday. Thursday found 11 members, including a few of "Snowbird Toddy Inabnitt's" friends, venturing to a golf course in Naples for a round of golf. Not a lot of fun with the cold and rain. Yes, it rained the entire 18 holes. Afterwards, everyone hurried back to Ft. Myers for a cocktail party and dinner. It was great food and a wonderful evening with our Shriner friends.

Friday involved another visitation to the Sahib Temple in Sarasota. This visit was much the same as the visit to Araba Temple.

Finally, Saturday dawned and it was time to prepare for the parade. The Mini-Mystics were shocked to find upper 30s to low 40s temperatures. Going to the Araba Temple, the Mini-Mystics were dressed in sweatshirts, jackets, and anything else they could find to keep warm.

All the Clubs prepared their vehicles. Gas tanks were topped off, and at 2 p.m.,



"In Memory of Ralph Simpson."

we went to the staging area. Then it was back to the motel to dress for the parade and eat. At 5:30 p.m., buses pulled out of the Temple for the parade. It was a great parade with no breakdowns in any of the Clubs we represented.

After the parade, we loaded our vehicles for the return to Franklin, then went into the Araba Temple for a late supper. It makes a nice way to open our parade schedule.

Returning to Franklin, the Mini-Mystic family received sad news that Ralph Simpson was in the hospital. Sadly, that evening the Supreme Architect called Ralph home. The Mini-Mystics family will miss Ralph's leadership, and we only ask that you join us in prayer for Ralph's family.

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# Ladies Oriental Shrine of North America, Inc.

Betty J. Rathbun

The newly installed High Priestess of Tarum Court No. 14, Carol Staab, Past High Priestesses, officers and several of the Nobles are preparing to attend the

90th annual Grand Council Session being held in Casper, WY, May 20-25, 2007. The newly elected Second Ceremonial Lady is Barbara Smith. The

first Stated Session with the 2007 officers took place March 6 in the Corinthian Room of the Murat Shrine Center at 7 p.m. The Sewing Committee met March 14 at the AMVETS in Egleddale Plaza and enjoyed dinner.

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## Highlanders

Joe "Wee Piper" Ketterman

### Hello Nobles!

The Highlanders had quite a work-out in March. St. Patrick's Day was a great success, with throngs of revelers awed and amused by the tunes and antics of the band. The following weekend we traveled north to the Orak Temple to entertain at their 30th anniversary Tartan Ball. A good time was had by all!

### HAGGIS

The 248th birthday of Scottish poet and lyricist Robert Burns was observed late in January. This evening is celebrated worldwide with music, dancing and a meal including Haggis. Haggis is traditionally served with "neeps and tatties" (turnip and potatoes), each of these being mashed, separately. Cock-a-leekie is the soup de jour.

The Haggis is 'piped in' to the celebration to "A Man's a Man for a' That," a poem/tune that Burns wrote. The Haggis is carried on a silver tray by a Bardsman who dances in front of the piper.

Just what is Haggis? A common reply to the question is Haggis is a small three-legged Scottish Highland creature, which has the limbs on one side shorter than the other side. This means that it is well adapted to run around the hills at a steady altitude, without either ascending or descending. However, a Haggis can easily be caught by running around the hill in the opposite direction.

Haggis is also used in a sport called Haggis Hurling, throwing a Haggis as far as possible. The present World Record for Haggis Hurling has been held by Alan Pettigrew for over 21 years. He threw a 1.5 lb. Haggis an astonishing 180 feet, 10 inches on the island of Ichnmurrin, Loch Lomond in August 1984.

Haggis juggling is an unusual competition that takes place at the Scottish Juggling Convention each year, with

competitors competing for how long they can juggle three, four, or five large Haggis.

But really, what is Haggis? Haggis is a traditional Scottish dish. Although there are many recipes, it is normally made with the following ingredients: sheep's 'pluck' (heart, liver and lungs), minced with onion, oatmeal, suet, spices and salt, mixed with stock, and traditionally boiled in the animal's stomach for approximately an hour. It somewhat resembles stuffed intestines (pig intestines otherwise known as chitterlings), sausages and savoury puddings of which it is among the largest types. Most modern commercial Haggis is prepared in a casing rather than an actual stomach.

Since many countries' food safety laws outlaw some of the ingredients in Haggis, expatriate Scots and Scots' descendants overseas have been known to engage in 'Haggis smuggling' to obtain true Scottish Haggis. At least one American company produces haggis for the U.S. market. The Caledonian Kitchen produces both a Highland beef and vegetarian haggis, or Can O' Haggis.

So there you have it, everything you ever wanted to know about Haggis.

### BECOMING A HIGHLANDER

The band is always looking for new members. Some 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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## Railroad Club

Raymond E. Gotshall

The Murat Railroad Club's March 27 meeting was highlighted by a presentation by Joe Lockhart who showed us his latest addition of his "suitcase railroad layouts." This one was really great! Hard to imagine how Joe can design, plan, construct and operate a small railroad in such a confined area as a "suitcase." You had to be there to believe it. And if you are a member of the Murat Railroad Club, why weren't you there? And if you're interested in railroads and you're not a member of the Club, why don't you just come on up and join us for some fun and fellowship.

President and Chief Engineer Bobby Crawford announced that Nick Noe, one of our own Murat Railroad Club members, will be our speaker at the April 24 meeting. Nick will give us an update, and possibly a preview, of rail passenger service in Indiana and the Midwest. Don't you just wish we had some of those nice passenger trains running now? Be sure to come down and hear the latest from Nick. Visitors are welcome.

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

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.

Greetings and notes from Maharanee Betty Huckeba! We are four months into 2007 and as they say, "Time flies when you are having fun." Thanks to everyone for your support so far this year – for me personally and for supporting the Shrine Guild and our hospitals. Smyrna will be busy in April, May and June. Please mark your calendars for the following events.

## APRIL

Wednesday, April 4 – Guild Night – 5:30 for games and appetizers. Dinner is usually served between 6:30 and 7 p.m. Please make reservations with Tammy Priest so we will know how much food to prepare. You can do so by leaving a message for her (862-0551).

Tuesday, April 24 – Please note, the Imperial Inspection will be held at 5 p.m. Dinner will be at 5:30, with the Board Meeting and Stated Meeting immediately following. All Smyrna members are encouraged to attend this important evening and support our very own Elaine Thrasher as Imperial Maharanee. Please make your reservations with Tammy Priest (862-0551).

## 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

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## Honored Ladies

Betty J. Rathbun

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The Honored Ladies of Murat Shrine Center met on Thursday, March 22, in the Corinthian Room of the Shrine Club. Lunch was served at 11:30 a.m. A short meeting followed with a program on gardening.

Any lady who is a widow of a Shriner is eligible to be a member of this group. We have a lot of friendship and fun.

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 at 6:30 and Stated Meeting at 7:30 p.m.

## JUNE

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

Saturday, June 9 – Ceremonial for Smyrna members to be held at the Gun Club. Watch for details and ticket information.

Saturday, June 16 – PARTY TIME – Smyrna will be having a summer party in honor of all Divan ladies – past and present. Please mark the date and watch for details.

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

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.

In addition, Dianna Craft is cheer chairman this year. Please contact her with any Smyrna member news at 882-8587. If you are interested in becoming a member of Smyrna Shrine Guild, please contact any member or officer.

Happy Easter and Happy Spring!

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## Kentucky Colonels

Dennis Scott

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CIRCUS SUMMARY – Thanks to all the Colonels and their ladies for working the circus. This year we did something a little different by not only distributing the Paper Crusade papers, but handing out our hospital literature. Again, this was a great opportunity to inform the general public about our hospitals and the kind of care the children of Murat receive. The new papers should be ready sometime later in March so we can schedule a day and place for the Club to participate in the annual Paper Crusade.

PAPER CRUSADE – When the weather breaks, the Club will choose a place and time to hand out papers. In the past, we were at a Marsh supermarket, but this year, we can contact any business we feel would be a good place to reach as many people as possible. Look for a business in your community that may be willing to give us some space for a couple of days. The chairman of the Paper Crusade this year is Colonel Paul Schneck.

If you have a place in mind, please contact Paul.

HOSPITAL DAYS – The annual hospital visitation days are coming up soon. Please keep in mind the Lexington Hospital day on Sunday, May 20. The Chicago Hospital day will be on June 3. This would be a great opportunity for anyone who has not been to our hospitals to see firsthand the quality of our hospitals and the kind of care our patients get. There will be tours through the hospitals, good food, entertainment, and speakers – all followed by a parade for children and adults alike.

WELCOME – Congratulations and welcome to our newest Colonels. At our February meeting, Colonels Larry Sutherlin and Charles Crabtree were voted in as new members.

DINNER MEETING – Our May Stated Meeting will be held at the Athenaeum. 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. The particulars will be discussed at our April meeting and a possible mailing will be sent.

Please join us every first Wednesday of the month around 5:30 p.m. in the Mecca Room for dinner followed by our Stated Meeting at 7 p.m. See you there.

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## **Caravan Club**

Jay Warmouth

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Sure glad the nasty weather is past. We are still holding attendance at about 30 but would like to see more of you. Remember, all Shriners in good standing are members of the Caravan Club. There are no dues or duties – just join us for lunch every Thursday at noon at the Temple. It's only \$8 and you get six or eight salads, three or four entrees, dessert and drink. I have door prizes for about half of the attendees, and we have a 50-50 drawing and an interesting speaker. This is the place to catch up on Temple news and the welfare of your buddies. Guests are welcome and you can get Mom out of the kitchen. Come on down and join us.

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## **Montgomery County**

Donnie Jessie

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Hello Nobles,

Wow! The circus was great. We had as much fun as the 160 some fourth graders and their parents we took from Montgomery County. The Murat did it again; they put on an excellent arrangement of entertainment. The Nobles of Montgomery County want to thank Mike Cloncs, former president 2005 of the MCSC. Thank you Fred Baker for all of your efforts getting sponsors – you do it every year, and Noble Kevin Rhodes for all of the leg work keeping our Club in contact with Murat. Our Potentate, we are proud of you. President Mike Utterback always helps to make every event a success. There are too many Nobles to mention to continue. Thanks to all of the bus drivers, the chaperones, and our local County Market for the great deal on the sack lunches. We cannot say enough to everyone who helped make the circus another successful event. It is definitely an amazing feat. Bring on 2008.

The MCSC wants to welcome and remind all Nobles across the state about our annual countdown at the Eagles Lodge in Crawfordsville, April 14. We will serve pork loin dinner at 5 p.m. The countdown will follow dinner. There will be many activities to keep everyone entertained. The live band starts at 8 p.m. and plays country and rock. If you want to purchase a ticket, contact President Mike Utterback or Noble Kevin Rhodes.

Thank you Nobles and good luck on all the Club's events.

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## **Daughters of the Nile**

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Ruth Ann Kelly

The much anticipated month of April has finally arrived. Now is the time to say good-bye to the cold winter season and gladly welcome the "Coming of Spring." It is nice to see the new leaves on the trees, luscious green grassy lawns, and fragrant spring flowers emerging through the soil and on the trees and shrubs. Who in their right mind doesn't look forward to smelling the scent from the lilacs, honeysuckle, crocuses, and daffodils?

Koran Temple's newly elected Queen Cathy Rose commented, "My much anticipated installation on Sunday, March 18, in the Arabian Room at the Murat Centre was beautiful and one I shall remember forever." She congratulates the newly elected and appointed officers for accepting their offices this coming year, thanks the Units for their performances, and appreciates the Past Queens and members who had any part in the day. "My sincere thanks to everyone who participated in my beautiful installation. I was honored to have many Nobles, family and friends share this special day with me. A special kudos to Past Supreme Queen Hulene 'Mickey' Fitzpatrick, El Mejdel Temple No. 4, Denver, CO, for being my installing officer."

At the "Homecoming" for Supreme Queen Alyce Thomas, Athaliah Temple No. 114, in Orlando, FL, Queen Cathy Rose, Past Queen Carol Rose, Junior Past Queen Dorothy Abel and her Noble "Bud" represented Koran Temple by attending this event. The highlight of homecoming was the presentation of the Shrine statue "Walking Tall" from the Nobility of Bahia Temple in honor of Past Supreme Queen Alyce's husband, Bruce, who passed away prior to her installation in June of 2006. Everyone was appreciative of the Shriner memorial presentation.

Welcome to our two new members who were initiated at our "White Rose Ceremonial" on February 17. Koran Temple is pleased to have Marsha Abel and Melinda Abel join our beautiful organization.

The April 4 Stated Meeting will honor our 50- and 25-year members. Margaret Degner will receive her gold pin for 50 years of membership in Koran Temple. This is an outstanding accomplishment for any woman to attain. Twenty-five-year silver membership pins will be awarded to the following ladies: Past Queens Louise Austin, Virginia Galyean, and Elizabeth Mathis. Completing the list of eight will be Violet Mock, Helen O'Grady, Mary Owens, Sandra Scott, and Grace Wright. This means the above ladies have a total of 250 years of membership and service to Koran Temple No. 30, Daughters of the Nile. Congratulations to each of these ladies for attaining this high award.

The Nylettes of the Oasis will be in charge of the social hour following the Stated Meeting. On Wednesday, April 18, sewing will be held in the Trowel Trades Building from 10 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. at a cost of \$3. Hostesses for the luncheon will be Past Queens Vera Williams and Jeanette Roberts.

The membership chairperson will be Past Queen Manuella Jefferson. You may contact her by calling (317) 844-6222. Any lady related to a Master Mason is eligible for membership into Daughters of the Nile. Any member may secure a petition for membership from either Past Queen Manuella or our recorder, Past Queen Betty J. Rathbun, (317) 846-2800. Invite that special lady into our group.

Past Queen Jane Ann Buchanan will be in charge of our charitable giving for this year. See or call her at (317) 844-0531 for a list of available offerings that can be purchased through the Convalescent Relief Fund.

Just a reminder: The 91st Annual Supreme Session will be held June 10-14, 2007, in Springfield, MA. Contact our recorder, Past Queen Betty J. Rathbun, at (317) 846-2800 for the registration packet and necessary information.

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## Corvette Club

Ken Herald

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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. On the other hand, Jack Corman stated he is 50, but I'm thinking more like "65." (Just kidding Jack.) Jack Corman was our Corvette Club president in 2006.

It is not too late to reserve your rooms for the Kerbela Fun Fest at 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 Sherrie at 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.

"Bit of Trivia" – Did you know that 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.

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, 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.

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## Transportation Club

Dennis Scott

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CIRCUS – "Ladies and gentlemen and children of all ages" was the cry heard March 1 through 4 at the annual Murat Shrine Circus. What can be added to that are children and adults with physical challenges. Yes, the physically challenged individuals, whether they are young or old, are a big part of the mission of Murat to entertain and improve their lives. Members of the Transportation Club play a major role in making this happen.

Thanks to all who volunteered to work the circus no matter what your role was.

Don't forget, for those who worked at least two performances, you are entitled to attend the Ringmaster's Banquet on April 14.

HOSPITAL DAYS – The annual hospital visitation days are coming up soon. Please keep in mind the Lexington Hospital gathering in mid-May and Chicago the first part of June. If you haven't been to one or both of these events, you have missed something special. There is always plenty to do with entertainment, tours, good food, activities, etc.

More information will be available soon.

SAFETY MEETING – The April Transportation Club Stated Meeting will include a safety meeting for the drivers. All drivers must attend at least one safety meeting a year to be eligible to continue driving our hospital vans. Good information on the dos and do-nots of the highway are presented by our Safety Committee.

2006 TRANSPORTATION SUMMARY – Listed below is a summary of the hospital trips taken last year:

NUMBER OF TRIPS:	212	Up 15% from 2005
NUMBER OF PATIENTS:	237	Up 16% from 2005
FOOD COSTS:	\$1,115	Up 9% from 2005
FUEL EXPENSES:	\$8,785	Up 18% from 2005
IMPROVEMENT IN A CHILD'S LIFE:		PRICELESS

Congratulations to all the drivers for keeping the costs under control.

ROSTER MAILINGS – The Club is considering mailing a membership roster to all members as part of their routine communications. If you have an email address and wish to include it in your information, please contact the secretary so it can be included in future roster printouts.

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## Reception Unit

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Greg Miller

The big snowstorm caused our February Stated Meeting to be canceled. By the time you read this, the circus will be over, the Potentate's Ball will be over, and our annual spring President's Party honoring this year's President Bill Rasner will be over.

The members of the Reception Unit serve as ushers at the circus. We have many duties at the Potentate's Ball, including greeting the Potentate, Divan and guests at the theater door, working the coat room, assisting with seating at the Ball, and handing out the Potentate's gifts to the attendees.

The theme for this year's spring President's Party on March 31 was "Tropical Hawaii" with the guests dressed in Hawaiian shirts and other garb. You will have to ask me to see the pictures if you want to know what President Bill wore that night. Oh man, did he get in the spirit of the night or what?

May is a busy month for the Reception Unit with Kerbela Fun Fest May 9-12 at Pigeon Forge and the arrival of the Imperial Potentate at the end of the month for the Indy 500.

We are always looking for new members who wish to join a hard-working, ever present Unit. Please see any Reception Unit member for membership details. We're the guys in the camel colored coats, white shirts, black pants and black ties.

The members of the Reception Unit are always "thinking positive" and looking for more ways to assist our wonderful fraternity.

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## Police Club

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Joshua Barker

By the time the April issue hits the newsstands, the Murat Shrine Circus will have logged yet another successful year into the books. I thank all Police Club and Motorcycle Drill Team members who donated their time to ensure that things went off safely and successfully, despite Mother Nature supplying us with rain and cold temperatures. The circus, as always, was a great time for all. The children, both young and old, enjoyed the big cats, elephants, and music under the big top.

As always, the hard work will pay off and I look forward to joining you at this year's Ringmaster's Banquet. All those Nobles who volunteered for at least two performances qualify for this treat.

The Police Club also bids farewell to First Vice President Mick Reddick. Mick is retired from the Marion County Sheriff's Department and has accepted a job with a police department in Phoenix, AZ. This is a great opportunity for Mick to put his knowledge and experience to great use, and he is excited to get started at his new post. Mick will be truly missed as the Club's First Vice, but I know I speak for everyone when I wish him a safe journey and the best of luck in his new assignment.

GET WELL SOON ED!!! Our thoughts and prayers are with Drill Team Commander Ed Jacobs as he continues his recuperation following a nasty spill on the ice resulting in a severely broken leg. After a short stint in the hospital, Ed is back home and doing well. Drill Master Steve Mellene has taken on Ed's duties during his absence, and I look forward to working with him as he takes on the challenge.

2007 has been a great year so far and there is still so much to look forward to. Don't forget the regular business meeting on the first Tuesday of the month; I look forward to seeing you all there.

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## Murat Firemen's Club

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Tim Whitaker

The circus is over and President Sendmeyer wants to say thank you to all of our members who worked at the circus. For those members who worked at least two shows, we look forward to seeing you at the Ringmaster's Banquet.

The Potentate's Ball is also history and Potentate Jerry Markovich was installed in a grand manner with his motto of "Think Positive."

We want to also thank our Illustrious Sir and his Divan for hosting the Florida Visitation in Florida. It was nice to see so many Hoosiers breaking bread together in Ft. Myers where the ladies joined us. It was also nice to play a round of golf in Naples with Shriners from Johnson County and then enjoy a nice evening with Brothers Bob and Linn Conner at their country club home. They were very gracious hosts!

Congratulations Bob Borgmann on celebrating your 80th birthday and F. Ed Pierce on celebrating your 79th! Both are still very active in our Club and other Shrine events.

We look forward to seeing many of you at the upcoming Scottish Rite Convocation on April 20 and the York session on April 25.

If you know of someone in either body taking their degrees, it would be a great time to invite them to join the Shrine. Let's support Potentate Jerry attain his goal of "407 in 07."

Well the winter blahs are behind us and spring is in the air. So take the family out to the many Easter events planned and get into the swing of things. Get those golf clubs out of the closet, fishing poles out of the barn, parade shoes out and dust them off, and get ready for some warm, fun-filled days.

We hope to see each of you at the next Shrine event, Master Mason raising or other Masonic related activity. Until then, stay safe and get ready for another busy summer in Murat.

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## Horse Patrol

Sam Thompson

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If you have a well-behaved horse (crowd and noise broke) and would like to ride with the most elite group of horsemen in Shrinedom, please give us a call. We would like to rebuild our ranks.

We have lifted the policy of only having Palominos and silver saddles. If you have a good show saddle (clean, good shape), we are asking you to join our group.

Our first big ride of the season has always been the 500 Mile parade, or at least the last 49 years; we hope to make our 50th parade this May. We also participate in the Imperial Sessions and Great Lakes and various local events.

Come join us for our trail rides and campouts. I'm sure you will have a great time. Contact Sam Thompson, cell (317) 201-5766, home (317) 257-4202 or email samjthom@sbcglobal.net. Also, Mel Bridgewater, home (765) 963-3100, cell (765) 438-7107 or email horsey@bluemarble.net.

Yours in the faith ...

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## Band

Leonard Hull

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This year, supporting this 107-year icon will be an air calliope renovated by band members and displayed in honor of Past Potentate Cecil Byrne who entrusted the instrument to the band for security, repair, renovation and storage. Also on display is the second largest Shrine bass drum after renovation, the prototype of the world's largest 8' Purdue University drum. Both were created by the Leedey Drum Co. around 1912.



A booming 95 years.

Projecting the start of the great Shrine Circus, starting later today I carve out April's 2007 magazine article. I'm encouraged, anticipating 40 to 50 musicians for six performances as indicated by rehearsal attendance. Yes, we'll have help from a few non-members but the impact, as in years past, will be a keynote for prospective band growth.

What is a circus without bands? What is a parade without the rhythm and pulse of a stirring march? What are sport events without halftime entertainment and military displays without the "Stars and Stripes Forever"? Bands originate in the home of an individual, whether through example or just encouragement. Then on to grade school where pre-teens with triangles, sticks, bells and tambourines accompany recorded music until they select a musical instrument to further their interest. Then continue through high school and college, not necessarily to become professionals, but to enjoy the association with like interests and the feeling of accomplishment. These contacts, associations and habits formed by sharing a musical experience are non-ending. The friendships and associates sharing music as a background are the future leaders of tomorrow. These are not your drug addicts or flag burners but citizens who will mold and defend this great country tomorrow.

I'll feel comfortable with these youths as we elders leave a void to be filled.

The Murat Band rehearses nearly every Wednesday in the Corinthian Room at 7 p.m. We rehearse for one and a half hours. Guests are always welcome. If you have ever played a band instrument, oil up the valves, grease up the slides, and as they say on the Price is Right, "Come on down."

The band, chartered over 107 years ago, is the oldest unit in the world's largest Shrine. Be a part of history. We're a happy family bunch. We'll make you welcome.

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## Mobil Nobles

Jim Ennis

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This photograph records Roger and Jess of our Murat kitchen staff accepting the pig which they prepared for our Little Pig Dinner and initiation in honor of our newest Outer Guard, Jim Priest. This is where it all begins. This event has grown over the past 25+ years to involve several Units and Clubs of our Shrine Center. Our Highlanders band has actively participated in this event. This was very special to Jim Priest as he played the drums for several years with the Highlanders.



The buffet served by our kitchen staff was the best quality in several years. Initiation proceeded in the tradition it has continued over the years.

We moved into March by providing a buffet for our Shrine Circus volunteers who make the circus possible. Our Unit kept the food moving and warm for nine performances over the four-day period of March 1-4. This required the coordination of our members and their ladies. Our ladies were the backbone of this operation. Thank you, ladies. This part of our Unit, being a family unit, included our grandkids.

Our March Stated Meeting was held on the second Friday, which was the 9th. We started with dinner with our ladies in our Oasis. This was quickly followed by the Potentate's Ball the next evening.

Now we will slow down and catch our breath.

Our April Stated Meeting will be on Friday the 13th starting in the Oasis. Bring your lady and kid(s) and join us.

"We are everywhere."

## Mini-Cycle Club

Russ Butters

The circus is over now and it's time to start thinking about parade season once again. As of this writing, we only have three parades in so far.

Most of the members are having their mini-cycles polished and parts newly chromed.

By next month, the Snowbirds should be back from Florida.

Any Shriner who would like to join our Club, we meet on the first Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. at the Murat Center. We will start practicing in May on Tuesday nights at the north parking lot around 6 p.m. We do around 25 parades each year in Indiana and out of state.

To all Shrine Clubs: If you know of any parades in your area, please contact our parade chairman with the information at (317) 831-4683.

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

**You are cordially invited to join the...  
MURAT MINI-CYCLE CLUB**  
We are a "family-oriented" motorized parade unit.

**The Fun Club**

PHONE 831-4683 OR 882-0482

FOR INFORMATION  
Russ Butters • Dale Dougherty



## El' Ameen Nabeel

Leonard Hull

Are you qualified? Have you contributed to your Shrine uniform body 20 years? Have you participated in five Shrine Imperial Sessions with said body? If so, ask your Unit secretary for forms to be installed in El' Ameen Nabeel (Ever Faithful Nobles), highest honor veteran unit. There are no dues, just two grand feasts a year and the gold medallion on red piping that identifies your devotion to this great philanthropy.

I extracted, in part, a quotation I intercepted recently, saying: "The majority of us lead quiet, un-heralded lives as we pass through this world. There will most likely be no ticker-tape parades or monuments created in our honor.

"But that does not lessen our possible impact for there are scores of people waiting for someone just like us to come along – someone who will live a happier life mostly because we took the time to share what we have to give.

"Too often we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word – all of which have the potential to turn a life around. It's overwhelming to consider the continuous opportunities there are to make our love felt."

As we approach the spring season, I reminisce to an unspoken treasure about our lost 'Brother' Will Rogers, written by his son Will Rogers, Jr.

"Live in such a way that you would not be ashamed to sell your parrot to the town gossip," my father once said. If Will

Rogers had a rule to live by, maybe that's the one. Anyway, it's one I remember best. Many of his words are still repeated often. However, his heritage to his children wasn't words or possessions but an unspoken treasure, the treasure of his example as a man and a father. More than anything I have, I'm trying to pass that on to my children. I would like the treasure of my father's past and the best of my present to merge with their future."

So it is with every "Ever Faithful Noble" to make the world say, "I'm glad I

got to know you."

Next El' Ameen Nabeel dinner meeting April 18.



Sell your parrot.

**Charlie Griffith Memorial  
Golf Outing**

**Johnson County Mini-Mystics**

**APRIL 25, 2007**

**Shot gun start @ NOON**

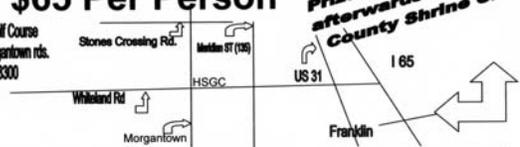
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**Prizes, Beer, and Dinner afterwards at Johnson County Shrine Club!**

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3rd Player Name & Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_  
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# Contributions

Photos by Dennis Wood, Murat Camera Club

(February 2007)



Brad Coats, Joseph Kielur and William Lane were made Nobles at Murat at the February Stated Meeting. Nobles Coats and Lane were caught for a photograph at the end of the meeting.



Chanters President Greg Edwards is joined by Charter Director Gayle Byers and fellow Chanters Ted Crosley, Carl Gentry, Duane Davis, Doug Fegenbush, Cliff Lewis, Dick Abdon, Bethel King, Ed Adams, Tim Murphy, and Bob Foltz in presenting Potentate Jerry Markovich with a \$426 check for the Murat Transportation Fund. This donation comes from a free-will offering taken at the Charter's annual performance at Trinity Methodist Church in Lapel, IN.



Potentate Jerry Markovich accepts a Stone Belt Shrine Club check in the amount of \$200 from Club President Roger Keller and Noble Bill McKee for the Shriners Hospitals. The check reflects contributions made by Noble Sondley A. Littrell in the amount of \$100 in the memory of Donna Jean Littrell and Noble Edwynn D. and Donna Nolan in memory of their parents.



Imperial Sir John Cinotto presents Past Potentate Bill Wimmenauer with a plaque from the Shrine Imperial Headquarters to commemorate Bill's support of the Shrine East/West Football Game.



Outer Guard Jim Priest is the lucky winner of a \$100 gift certificate from Fabric Care Center at the February Stated Meeting. Presenting the prize is Potentate Jerry Markovich and Fabric Care Center's Manager James Belt.

## Hillbillies

At the March meeting, the following officers were elected to lead Clan 14 for the year 2007: Front row (L-R) Ed Ellis, Guardian of the Still; Ivan Skaggs, Keeper of the Cob; back row: Kent Smith, Sr., Treasurer, and Fred Schowengerdt will be the Rabban for another year. (Photo by Harold Summers)

This is what you have been waiting for all winter – the Hillbilly calendar for 2007.

### 2007 Activities Hillbilly Clan #14

Arabian Room • Music 6:30 p.m. • Meeting 7:30 p.m.

JAN	No meeting
FEB	No meeting
MAR 5	Hillbilly Meeting
APR 2	Meal & Band (Gun Club)
APR 19-21	Hillbilly Days, Pikeville, KY
MAY 7	Hillbilly Meeting
JUNE 2	(Sat.) Auction/Pitch-in (Gun Club)
JULY	No meeting
AUG 6	Meal & Band (Gun Club)
SEPT	No meeting
OCT 1	Meal & Band (Gun Club)
NOV 5	Initiation/Bring a Flatlander
DEC	No meeting

Fred Schowengerdt, (317) 888-6620  
Band booking number:  
Loretta Smith, (317) 831-3115, ext. 256



April Showers bring ... oh, you know the rest. Spring is just around the proverbial corner and boy is Tarum ready for it. It has been a long winter here at the Club, but we survived it. There are several things on tap for the coming month. President Larry and Ladies President Sharon have set Saturday, April, 21, for our annual spring clean-up at the Club. We need everyone who can to come help with the chores. We will be cleaning inside and out. Of course, lunch will be provided. There is a rain date of April 28 just in case.

The ladies have their April style show and salad bar coming up. Watch your bulletins for the date. We are in the planning stages for an open house in June. This should be a fun day. The ten-

tative date is June 16. We will keep you posted.

Tarum sent a contingent to the Potentate's Ball in March and all who attended had a great time. We also had several members attend the circus and, of course, they had fun. The children who went had the best time of all. President Pippin has been adding some new twists to the Friday dinners. If you haven't been to dinner for awhile, come out and see what kind of surprises the president has up his sleeve. The Club will be having another beer tasting event on April 14. Ross Keasling has been putting these functions together and they keep growing. This will be the third one. The beer tasting consists of trying about 20 different beers. There is a beer expert

on hand to tell us about the different brews. If you would like to attend, let Jeff Dickey know or President Pippin. There is a charge for this event. Just so you know, we only sample small amounts of the different beers.

The upcoming summer season looks to be an exciting one. The pool will be open, weather permitting, Memorial weekend, so get your pool pass and come take a dip. See Mark Greulich for pool passes. The Richmond Masonic Family breakfasts are growing all the time. If you haven't been yet, you are missing a great breakfast. They are held on the first Saturday of the month. Remember, at least once per month, attend the Masonic organization of your choice. We all need you.

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# The Case for an Annual Fund for the Hospitals

PHIL THRASHER, PP

**W**hy do men join the Shrine? In a recent survey, 82 percent of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine indicated they joined the Shrine because of the Shriners Hospitals for Children. While this may not have been the case in decades past, times have changed and today membership in the Shrine is becoming more and more directly connected with the Shriners Hospitals for Children.

While it is true that we do not have a Shriners Hospital in Indianapolis, we have three that are very close: Cincinnati, Lexington, and Chicago. Annually, we maintain approximately 1,100 children as outpatients at these three hospitals. It is also true that although Shriners and their families and friends annually contribute approximately \$250,000,000 to the Endowment Fund of Shriners Hospitals for Children, the budget to keep the hospitals operating and up to date is \$650,000,000, and climbing. The Board of Trustees is forecasting that we need to increase the principal of the Endowment Fund by over \$4,800,000,000 by the end of 2014, which is only eight more years, but because we are spending all of the returns from the Endowment Fund, it is no longer growing on its own. Since more and more candi-

dates are becoming Shriners because of the Hospitals, we need to keep the Hospitals alive and well in order to keep our Fraternity alive and well.

How can we do that? First, by becoming personally aware of the issues. Then, by communicating the issues to the Shriners in our Units and Clubs. Third, by direct contributions from you and your fellow Shriners. Fourth, by contributions from non-Shriners, such as widows of Shriners, and local and regional charities and local and regional businesses that wish to help children. We will be conducting some basic information seminars on Shriners Hospitals and the various levels of gifting at the Murat Stated Meetings and through articles in this magazine. We will be visiting your Clubs and Units to provide more information. We will also be contacting the major businesses and other charities in Indiana in an effort to tell the story of Shriners Hospitals, encouraging large and continuing gifts, and encouraging support in our charitable fund-raising efforts.

How can you help? First, by signing up for the quarterly gifts that are available through the Annual Gift Program. Simply select the amount you can afford, select the quarterly option, and insert your cred-

it card number. You may easily sign up via the internet at <http://support.shriner-shospitals.org/site> or fill in and mail the coupon attached to the Annual Gift ad in this magazine. Forms are also available from the Murat Office, 635-2433. You will then receive an attractive and distinctive lapel pin that will identify whether you agreed to give \$25 (bronze pin), \$125 (silver pin), \$250 (gold pin), or \$625 (gold pin with a diamond) per quarter.

Second, you may help by volunteering to be the donor relations coordinator for your Unit or Club. The donor relations coordinator will be responsible for identifying the Shriners who have signed up for the Annual Gift Program (from a list that will be provided to you by Shriners Hospitals) and for distributing materials from time to time. If you are interested in being the donor relations coordinator for your Unit or Club, please contact the Murat Fraternal Office at (317) 635-2433 or Phil Thrasher, P.P., at (317) 686-4773 or [thrasher@indiana-attorneys.com](mailto:thrasher@indiana-attorneys.com).

With your help as a donor relations coordinator, we can make the Shriners Hospitals system stronger than ever before, and keep our promises to the thousands of children already in our care. Call now.

## 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:

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Temple: \_\_\_\_\_ Shrine Membership # \_\_\_\_\_

Hospital: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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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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- My Annual Gift check is enclosed. Amt: \$ \_\_\_\_\_
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Cardholder's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ (please print)

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- Please send me information about planned giving.



# News from SHC – Chicago

Welcome to the first installment of monthly statistical news from Shriners Hospitals for Children – Chicago. We have added a page to our monthly story to help keep you better informed about the work of the hospital. Please share this information with your fellow nobles, family, friends, and anyone who might be interested in providing the best in medical care to children at no charge. We hope to get this information into the hands of all in leadership at the Shrine Centers, the PR chairman and Child Care Coordinators, Drivers, clubs and units, the news media, parents, and donors and potential donors. To add someone to the monthly mailing list, simply email ewachspress@shrinenet or call 773 385 5420.

## Wellness Program

In late 2006, Shriners Hospitals for Children – Chicago initiated a formal Wellness Program for patients. Overweight teen patients committed to adopting healthier lifestyles with supportive families are invited to join.

Patients accepted into the program first undergo a variety of physiological tests, including assessments for blood sugar, cholesterol, triglycerides, bone density, body fat, lean tissue, individual muscle strength, resting calorie rates and calorie usage during various types of exercise. Utilizing the sophisticated Cosmed system, a kinesiologist and a biomedical engineer determine the exercises most effective in consuming oxygen, and thus burning calories, for each.

Testing is followed by a highly-structured, three to four-day inpatient admission to jump-start a wellness regimen sustainable over time. Led by dietitians; recreation, physical, and occupational therapists; social workers; nurses; a kinesiologist and a psychologist, the inpatient portion of the program, first offered from January 3-5, 2007, includes intensive educational and participatory sessions and exercises for replacing unhelpful habits and behaviors with positive habits. The hospital admission is followed by monthly evening sessions for participants and their families with hospital staff.

Our first “class” of five patients in the Wellness Program is enthusiastic about what they have accomplished so far. They’ve all lost weight and feel better. They’ve also created their own support network for healthy living, emailing and calling each other for support. We believe their commitment to healthy living will make their treatment for disabilities at Shriners even more effective.

## By the numbers

January at Shriners Hospitals for Children – Chicago was a busy month, a promising start for 2007 (% change from January 2006):

<b>Admissions</b>	168 (+25.4%)
<b>Average daily census</b>	20.58 (+49%)
<b>Surgeries</b>	135 (+20.6%)
<b>Spine Surgeries</b>	24 (+100%)
<b>New Exams</b>	145 (+17.9%)
<b>Outpatient Visits</b>	1139 (+1.5%)

## Patient applications approved by Shrine Center

2006 (2005)	
Beja.....	15 (15)
Elf Khurafeh.....	95 (74)
Kaaba.....	30 (28)
Medinah.....	546 (519)
Mizpah.....	102(108)
Mohammed.....	89 (67)
Moslem.....	65 (76)
Murat.....	48 (44)
Orak.....	103 (105)
Saladin.....	81 (68)
Tebala.....	118 (87)
Tripoli.....	35 (36)
Zenobia.....	26 (21)
Zor.....	28 (28)
Other Centers.....	243 (207)

For more information, contact the Public and Community Relations Department at 773 385 5420  
March 2007



## Flying Fezzes

Patrick DeCallier

Jimmie Carter had a special presentation on "Short Field Takeoffs and Landings" at the meeting.

Deo Carter and Jim Stoutner went to Florida to attend a couple of special Shrine functions.

The Flying Fezzes meet the second Monday of the month, and you do not have to be a pilot to be a member.

*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 Jerry Markovich and Imperial Potentate Nicholas Thomas. 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.

## Sports

Wes Kidwell

As I am writing this article, the Shriners League at Western Bowl only has four more weeks to bowl in this year's schedule, so by the time you read this, the bowling season will be over. Therefore, if any big scores are shot in these last four weeks, I will have to report them in another article later.

The Palominos, which have led since the beginning of our season, are safely out in front, followed by the Gatling Gun team, the Zor and the Mirages. They also have the high team handicap of 3427 followed by the Mirages' 3329. High game handicap is the Cast team with a 1227 game followed by the Gatling Gun with 1197. The individual with a high series handicap went to Mac Fesenfeld with an 809, followed by John Ervin, Jr. (776) and Herb Arthur (764). High game handicap went to Bill Blakey (301), Jason Kreie (298) and Ed Board (298). High series actual went to Mike Percy (720), Chuck Sampson (681), and Ron Reed (665). Individual high average: Mike Percy

(211), Jeff Gehle (197), John Ervin, Sr. (193), and Larry Sexton (193). High game actual: Steve Wicks (264), Larry Sexton (257), John Ervin, Sr. and Bob Krie at 256. Most improved averages: Tom McLean, 19.93 pins; Ray Muir, 17.41; Lee Kassing, 14.95; and Randy Hall, 14.24.

The teams are now looking forward to the roll offs for the Potentate's Trophy. But there will be a wait until the teams at the other establishments finish their schedules. On March 15 a team of Shriners composed of Larry Owens, Ken Whisman, Wes Kidwell, Gerald Harvey and Bill Bolander will bowl at 2:30 in Reno, NV, on lane 41-42. Named the GIBA veterans, they will help Kidwell celebrate his participation in his 83 ABC tournament and perhaps his last as he will not be attending the 2008 tournament at Albuquerque and has turned the team over to Bill Bolander.

In basketball, our Indiana Pacers are having trouble whether they are scheduled to appear in a basketball

court or federal court. However, they have made some good trades and are winning some good games. Our Indianapolis Colts are still celebrating their Super Bowl win and are transporting their winning trophy throughout the state, under heavy guard, of course. They also have had some problems as Dominic Rhodes, one of our heroes of the Super Bowl, also has some legal problems which may affect his free agent status. The ice hockey team has shown some life in the USHL with back-to-back wins – 4-1 over Green Bay and 3-0 over Ohio. Some of our golfers had a chance to try out their clubs during the Florida visitations; however, it was rather cool for golf but better than the snowdrifts back at Indy. The golf season and the baseball season are not far away. Our Indians are getting some youngsters from Detroit to adapt to Major League play. Some of the Major League players are still under suspicion of steroid use and their problems are being heard in Congress.

# Ceremonial Roadshow

ART BORTON

Now that we have gotten through the worst of the winter weather, the Potentate's Ball has been a success, and we have all survived another St. Patrick's Day, it is time to get serious about membership.

As our new 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, and to achieve this goal, we are handling our membership campaign differently this year. The following is a brief outline of our membership plans for 2007.

- One Temple Hot Sands Ceremonial on December 8, 2007. Satellite Full Ceremonials at Outlying Clubs, scheduled as they gather a group of 20 candidates.
- Short Form Ceremonials at Outlying Clubs' scheduled monthly meetings by Divan members for

the Nobles who may be too busy to travel to a Murat Stated Meeting.

- Short Form Ceremonials held before the Murat monthly Stated Meetings will be held for the creation of new Nobles, if prescheduled with our
- A membership chart with four sections will be displayed at the Shrine consisting of the New Shriner's name, Top-Line Signer, and the Club or Unit to be credited.
- Drawings will be held at the completion of each section with the winner having their dues paid for the next year.
- Completion of 100 new members – one name will be drawn; 200 new members – two names will be drawn; 300 new members – three names will be drawn; 407 new members – four names will be drawn. The winner's name will be returned to the pool after each drawing, creating the possibility of winning multiple times.

- The Club or Unit credited with the most new Shriners at the completion of each section will also be rewarded!

To meet this goal we must bring in 1.12 new petitions per day.

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 a different year, 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."

## Gun Club

Herb Arthur

It sure has been a cold winter and we are so ready to wish it go by.

By the time you read this article, the Shrine Circus will have passed and we should have done our part to participate at various performances.

Those who braved the bad cold and slick conditions to attend the Past Majors and Veterans free dinner were surely appreciated and had a good time. Those who couldn't make it

were surely missed.

Among those we had not seen for a while were Past Majors Oral Ratliff and Don Stansberry. It sure was great to have them in attendance.

The Unit has decided it would like to attend the Imperial Session in Anaheim, CA, and we are making preparations to do so.

We also are very happy that the Gatling Gun Club has decided not to negotiate the further sale of the prop-

erty at the present time. It is very important that we get behind the Club and help it survive.

Remember, the Unit meets at the Gatling Gun Club every Friday evening for practice (at 709 N. Illinois St.) at 8 p.m. We need you to help us. Participation in a Shrine Unit is where fun in Shrinedom makes you proud to be wearing the Fez.

# Research Projects at Shriners Hospitals

GORDON J HUSK

This year's budget of \$721 million has been approved for the 22 Shriners Hospitals for Children. Included in the budget is \$37 million for research. Elsewhere in this issue, a full page has been devoted to describing some of the research projects. Some of the results of those projects have helped revolutionize medical care, and those results have been freely shared throughout the world. Some outcomes from the research may be described as life-changing and potentially life-saving.

All 22 hospitals engage in research projects. Murat is regularly served by the Cincinnati, Lexington and Chicago hospitals, where meaningful research is conducted. In addition to the usual clinical and laboratory research at the Chicago hospital, nurses are conducting research projects. Recently, four nurses presented an excellent description of the following projects:

**Implementing Evidence-Based Practice in a Pediatric Orthopaedic Hospital:** This project is defined as "The conscientious, explicit and judicious use of current best evidence in making decisions about the care of individual patients" or "Integrations of best research evidence with clinical expertise and patient values." The project is ongoing and the approach is to (1) formulate a question to address a health problem, (2) engage in systematic search for research evidence, (3) appraise the validity, relevance and applicability of the evidence, (4) integrate the evidence

with other information that might influence care, (5) implement Evidence-Based Practice (EBP), and (6) evaluate the outcome.

Permission was used to utilize a research tool designed by Dr. Pravikoff, and the Institutional Review Board approved the project. Several questionnaires were designed, completed and evaluated to determine current knowledge, sources of information and validation of research. Nurses at Shriners Hospital-Chicago indicated 55.8 percent obtain information from the hospital librarian, as compared with 14.7 percent shown in a national survey of hospitals. Other validated research is showing benefits, which is helping provide prompt, beneficial care.

**Prevention and Management of Pressure Ulcers:** Pressure ulcers, commonly called bed sores, sometimes occur without early detection in the cases of patients with immobility or insensate skin (spinal cord injury or multiple myeloma). This project is designed to study prevention and treatment.

The project studies the optimum time between turning a patient to prevent pressure ulcers, other methods of prevention and early intervention when ulcers are detected. Of necessity, families are involved in the studies, since young patients may tend to disregard an early sore. The project stresses the need to educate patients and parents during rehab and to continue after the child returns home.

The Clinical Outcomes Study and Advisory Board "COSAB" awarded a grant to these nurses for a 2006 planning grant and a 2007-2008 full grant funding. A significant reduction in incidence rate has been shown from 2005 to 2006. A Rapid Response Team has been assembled to investigate, intervene, treat and assess.

**Reduction in Hospital Acquired Urinary Tract Infections in Children with Neurogenic Bladder:** A study has been made of patients who must self-catheterize, due to paralysis. The goal is to help patients practice proper procedure, which will help reduce UTI's. If the results of this study bring about significant UTI reduction, the practice will become policy.

**Protecting 5 Million Lives From Harm:** The Chicago hospital has joined an ongoing, national campaign which has been credited with saving about 122,330 lives in the 2004-2006 campaign. Thousands of hospitals have partnered with the Institute for Healthcare Improvement. The current campaign runs from December 2006 to December 2008. Infection control is a large part of this project.

This is an abbreviated summary of four important research projects. We thank Nurses Terry Aiello, Kathy Hickey, Pat McGovern and Kim Romberg for the excellent and detailed presentation to the Hospital/Shrine Relations Committee.

# Shriners Hospitals Research Program to Emphasize Results

**S**hriners Hospitals for Children's Corporate Director of Research Programs Zakir Bengali, Ph.D., brings a new focus and energy to the organization's research efforts. Dr. Bengali, who came to Shriners Hospitals from the National Institutes of Health in June, is streamlining the program, making it more efficient and able to improve the lives of children more quickly.

"Even though research must be a painstakingly slow, deliberate process, we want to be able to move research from the laboratory bench to our patients' bedsides – or, from the theoretical to the practical – as quickly and efficiently as possible," Dr. Bengali said. However, it's important to understand the intricacies involved. For example, "The human hand alone is more complex than the space shuttle," Dr. Bengali said.



*Zakir H. Bengali, Ph.D., was appointed corporate director of research programs in June 2006. Previously a program officer for the National Institutes of Health (NIH), Dr. Bengali is now responsible for oversight of Shriners Hospitals' \$37 million clinical and basic research program.*

## Commitment to Research

Shriners Hospitals' research program has internationally renowned scientists, as well as affiliations with several notable universities, including Harvard, McGill, University of Texas Medical Branch and the University of California. The ability to collaborate with outstanding university research faculties greatly enhances possibilities for Shriners' researchers. In addition, Shriners' clinical research efforts are strengthened by the work of outstanding, world-renowned orthopaedic and burns surgeons, as well as a unique patient population, who provide a wealth of knowledge and insight.

Shriners Hospitals' commitment to formal research has grown from an initial annual allocation of \$12,000 in the 1960s to \$37 million for 2007. All 22 Shriners Hospitals for Children and the research centers are involved in research in some way, and more than 140 basic and clinical research projects are underway. These projects focus on pediatric orthopaedics, burn injuries, spinal cord injuries, and cleft lip and palate.

Some research projects in process that may one day

benefit children around the world include:

- Studying the effects of specific proteins in bone growth.
- Determining ways to control cell proliferation in both embryonic development and cancer.
- Learning how to enhance the central nervous system development process to optimize spinal cord and brain repair after a pediatric injury or illness.
- Following the effects of different treatments, with and without steroids, on patients with Duchenne muscular dystrophy to determine which treatment best maintains their ability to walk.
- Evaluating the effectiveness of propranolol, a medication for high blood pressure, in decreasing the resting heart rate of burned patients. A decrease would give the body an opportunity to rest, and therefore lessen the loss of muscle mass, restore fat mass and decrease overload on cardiac and skeletal muscles.

Basic research is very important and will always be the engine driving all research programs. It is the first step of a lengthy process, involving several stages:

**Basic Research:** Explores the basic mechanisms of normal and diseased states in life.

**Translational Research:** Applies ideas, insights, and discoveries generated through basic scientific research to the treatment or prevention of disease or injury.

**Clinical Research:** Evaluates how well new medical approaches work in people. These studies test new methods of screening, prevention, diagnosis, or treatment.

## Decades of Success

Shriners Hospitals have been leaders in pediatric orthopaedic and burn research for the past three decades, significantly adding to the progress that has been made by:

- Developing cultured skin and improved wound-healing techniques for severe burns.
- Developing effective treatments for X-linked hypophosphatemia and osteogenesis imperfecta.
- Refining the use of functional electrical stimulation to help some children with spinal cord injuries, as well as those with cerebral palsy, to stand, walk and use their hands more effectively.
- Discovering that a mutation in the gene for fibrillin causes Marfan syndrome.
- Improving the survival rate and quality of life for persons with severe burns.

"Research, with its ability to improve lives, is the most exciting job one can have," Dr. Bengali said. "We are living in the Golden Age of Medical Research; breathtaking discoveries are being made every day."



# Florida Visitation

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# Facts Figures



In 2006, Shriners Hospitals approved 27,819 new patient applications and cared for 128,578 patients. In 2006, Shriners Hospitals for Children provided the following:

- 228,261 radiology procedures
- 296,859 outpatient, outreach and telemedicine visits
- 67,735 orthotic and prosthetic devices
- 24,627 surgical procedures
- 469,469 physical therapy treatments
- 227,857 occupational therapy treatments

Over nearly 85 years, Shriners Hospitals for Children has provided expert, innovative medical care at no charge to approximately 835,000 children with orthopaedic conditions, burn injuries of all degrees, spinal cord injuries, and cleft lip and palate. Founded by Shriners of North America in 1922, this network of pediatric specialty hospitals has grown to include 22 hospitals located across the U.S., as well as in Canada and Mexico.

The Shriners Hospitals specializing in orthopaedics are dedicated to providing medical and rehabilitative services to children with congenital deformities, problems resulting from orthopaedic injuries, and diseases of the musculoskeletal system. Some of the most commonly treated conditions include clubfoot, limb deficiencies and discrepancies, scoliosis (curvature of the spine), osteogenesis imperfecta (brittle bone disease), juvenile rheumatoid arthritis, and orthopaedic problems related to spina bifida, cerebral palsy, dwarfism and muscular dystrophy.

In addition to treating orthopaedic conditions, the hospitals in Chicago, Philadelphia and

Sacramento, Calif., provide spinal cord injury rehabilitation.

The Shriners Hospitals that specialize in treating burns, located in Boston, Cincinnati, Galveston, Texas, and Sacramento, have been leaders in burn research and treatment since opening in the mid-1960s. Medical treatment, including physical rehabilitation and support services, is provided for patients with burn injuries, related scarring and smoke inhalation.

In 2005, care for treatment of cleft lip and palate was added to Shriners Hospitals' treatment disciplines. This comprehensive care includes lip and palate repair, nasal reconstruction, jaw surgery, dental procedures, and audiological, speech and psychological services.

Shriners Hospitals' total budget for 2007 is \$721 million, of which \$655 million is designated for operating expenses (including \$37 million for research) and \$66 million is earmarked for building and equipment expenditures. During the nearly 85-year history of Shriners Hospitals for Children, it has cost approximately \$8.2 billion to operate Shriners Hospitals, and over \$1.76 billion has been spent on construction and renovation.

# COMING EVENTS

## APRIL

- MON. 2** **DEADLINE FOR MAY MAGAZINE**  
**THU. 5** Caravan Club – Darnell Hillman-Pacer Sports  
**FRI. 6** Band Night — Night Deposit Band  
**SAT. 7** AASR Easter Cathedral Hour (7:30 p.m.)  
**THU. 12** Caravan Club – Terry Bradley  
 Baxter YMCA  
**SAT. 14** Ringmaster's Banquet  
**MON. 16** Divan Meeting, Board Meeting  
**Stated Meeting 7 p.m.**  
**THU. 19** Caravan Club – Linda Camody  
 Better Business Bureau  
**FRI. 20 - SAT. 21** Scottish Rite Convocation and Reunion  
**FRI. 20** Band Night — Joe Friday Band  
**WED. 25 - FRI. 27** Grand York Rite Session  
**THU. 26** Caravan Club – Chris Schaler  
 Programming, Plasma and LCD's  
 Ladies Card Party

## MAY

- MON. 1** **DEADLINE FOR JUNE MAGAZINE**  
**THU. 3** Caravan Club – Lady Dianah Louks  
 Ladies Activities  
**THU. 10** Caravan Club  
**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  
**FRI. 25** Band Night – Dwight Edwards Blues Band  
 Jeff Brown (Lounge)  
**SAT. 26** 500 Parade  
**SUN. 27** 500 Race  
**THU. 31** Caravan Club

## JUNE

- FRI. 1** Band Night – Boomers Revenge  
**SAT. 2** Grand Master's Motorcycle Ride  
**THU. 7** Caravan Club  
**THU. 14** Caravan Club  
**MON. 18** Divan Meeting, Board Meeting  
**Stated Meeting 7 p.m.**  
**THU. 21** Caravan Club  
**THU. 28** Caravan Club  
**SAT. 30** Imperial Session, Anaheim, California

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***Let's Keep on Rockin'!***

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

<b>April 6 • 8 p.m. to midnight</b> Night Deposit Band	<b>June 1 • 8 p.m. to midnight</b> Boomers Revenge
<b>April 20 • 8 p.m. to midnight</b> Joe Friday Band	<b>August 24 • 8 p.m. to midnight</b> Easy Does It Band
<b>May 25 • 8 p.m. to midnight</b> The Dwight Edwards Blues Band (Arabian Room) Jeff Brown (Oasis Lounge)	<b>September 7 • 8 p.m. to midnight</b> American Cheese