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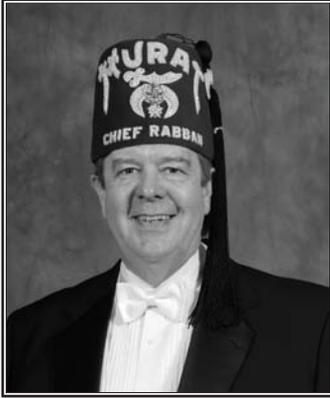
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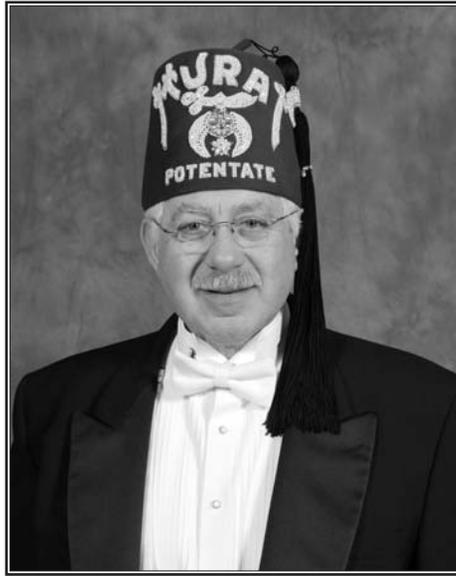


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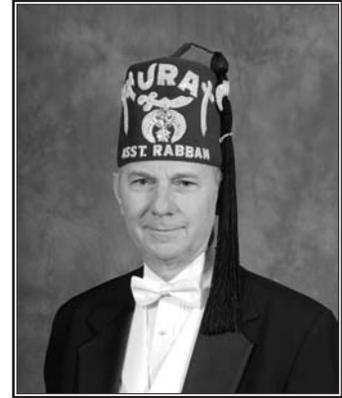
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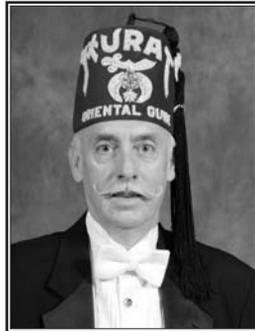
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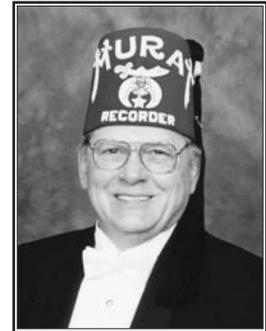
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POTENTATE MESSAGE

From the Potentate

Well, it is race time in Indy again and you know how I feel about racing! We are hoping for great weather as we entertain our Imperial guests and our Grand Master of Indiana on Race Weekend. As you know, you will have two opportunities to greet and meet Imperial Sir Bernard Lemieux.

On Friday, May 23, we are having a dinner dance in the Arabian Room. Social hour will be at 6 p.m., with dinner at 7 p.m. It is Band Night and the band will begin at 8 p.m. See the ad in the magazine for more details.

The second opportunity will be Saturday, May 24, 500 Parade day. After the parade, the Oasis Lounge will be open for a parade afterglow, and Imperial Sir Bernie will be joining us for refreshments and light snacks.

The Grand Master for 2008-2009 is one of our own, Jeffery P. Zaring, P.P. We look forward to having Jeff and Margie join us for the 500 festivities.

Nobles, your Divan is still visiting Units and Clubs. We welcome your invitation to attend your various functions. We have many visitations and we will try to attend as many as time allows.

Membership is the primary effort we must focus on at Murat. Bring a friend to Band Night and join us for an evening of food, fun and fel-

lowship. If each noble sets a personal goal to bring in one new member, just think how this would help our membership! If you know of a noble who has not paid his dues, please remind him of how much we need him. The purpose of the Shrine is the hospitals for our children. We must keep our membership viable if we are going to continue to help the hospitals.

The next ceremonial will be July 12, and this will be a full ceremonial. It is not too early to

sign up a prospective noble.

A few reminders: Paper Crusade dates are June 20 and June 21.

Meet Us in St. Louis ... for 2008 Imperial Council Session, June 29 – July 3. If you are planning to go, you need to contact Sherri in the office. If you don't want to drive, there is a bus leaving Murat on Sunday and returning on Thursday.

"Nobles ... Create in 2008." Do it for our children in our Shriners Hospitals.

Yours in the Faith,

Ronald M. Elliott
Potentate 2008



From the Recorder

Gordon J Husk

As usual, the month of May offers a wide variety of opportunities for fun and fellowship. That includes your entire family, neighbors, friends and potential Shriners. This would be a great time to include your Masonic or non-Masonic friends in activities that may inspire them to join you in the joy of being a Shriner.

This magazine describes the May events in detail. Read about those events and share the information with others. An evening with the Imperial Potentate promises to be memorable, as would the 500 Race festivities and the other "good time" functions.

During the Imperial Potentate's visit, the annual memorial service will take note of those nobles who have passed to the unseen temple since last year. This will be the sixth year for this respectful remembrance, and the surviving family members have often expressed their gratitude for the service.

Lydia Doesn't See It As "Going to the Hospital"

GORDON J HUSK

Mark and Sara Farmen have two beautiful daughters. Abigail is an 11-year-old tomboy, and 9-year-old Lydia is the "beautiful princess." Lydia was born with spina bifida and has had 16 surgeries, requiring several hospital stays.

Sara grew up in Owen County and went to the Lazy Days Parade each year, and always saw Shriners in the parade. Last year, Lydia's physical ability began to decline and her parents sought medical help. Sara says, "No one could give me any information. Basically, I was told she would have to use the wheelchair when she decided she didn't want to fall anymore. I could not accept that. I remembered the Shriners from my childhood days. We made an appointment to go to Shriners Hospital in Lexington, where Lydia was seen by Dr. Janet Walker."

Last November, Lydia had surgery in a local hospital to correct a tethered spinal cord and insert a shunt to relieve a syringomyelia (a spinal cord fluid collection commonly called "syrinx"). Following that surgery, Lydia could not walk or sit up. Sara says, "With our neurosurgeon's blessing, I called Dr. Walker at the Shriners Hospital and she quickly scheduled an appointment." Dr. Walker suggested inpatient rehabilitation for Lydia. For one week during each of the three months from December through February, Lydia was given intensive rehab. Sara says, "By the end of the February session, Lydia was walking with forearm crutches, better than she had ever walked before. I am convinced she is walking because of the



wonderful people at Shriners. Lydia asks when she is going back. She doesn't see it as going to the hospital. She sees it as hard work, but lots of fun. That is huge for a little girl who spends so much time in hospitals. She does not feel the anxiety at Shriners that she feels when going to other hospitals."

Lydia attended a Montessori school until she reached the program's maximum age, and is now home-schooled, since she has some learning disabilities. Sara sought advice from the school teacher at Shriners Hospital and she values the help she received. Lydia's favorite school subject is math, and she enjoys reading to her mother at bedtime. We arranged for Lydia and her family to attend the Murat Shrine Circus. Sara told us, "We had a wonderful time at the circus! The girls loved it. The

other day, Lydia was on the swing set with her arms up high, and she said she was pretending to be the girl on the horse. It was very cute."

Two years ago, a service dog named Doppler came to Lydia from Canine Assistants (www.canineassistants.org) in Alpharetta, GA. He is Lydia's faithful companion who picks up items she has dropped, carries things for her, goes to get Sara when Lydia needs help, and stays with Lydia if other children run off without her. Sara says, "He is a blessing to all of us."

Sara adds, "If there is ever anything we can do to assist Shriners, let us know. We are so blessed to be a part of such a wonderful organization. I have no doubt Lydia would be using a wheelchair all the time if we had not found the wonderful help at your hospital. Lydia has become so much more independent since the rehab visits. They worked hard to help her become more independent. They also advised me how to organize our house to better suit her needs. It may take Lydia 10 minutes to tie her shoes, but she is doing it, and she is proud of herself! I am proud of her, too. Thank you from the bottom of my heart for all you have done for Lydia. The physical and occupational therapists are top-rated, and I cannot say enough good things about the doctors and nursing staff. Even the food is welcoming. Shriners have been our 'light at the end of the tunnel,' and I ask that you pass on my thanks to all Shriners. I hope to someday meet you and shake your hand, and let Lydia give you a hug."

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March and April are behind us and hopefully the warm, sunny days are upon us. March began with the Firemen's Club Potentate's Reception. Thanks to all of the Club members and their wives for a wonderful evening and for our fire helmets. Also in March, we attended dinners at Stone Belt Shrine Club, Madison County Shrine Club, and Bartholomew County Shrine Club. We had a nice time visiting the outlying Clubs and we appreciate their hospitality.

The first week of April was very busy. It began with the Ladies Card Party and Luncheon. The Divan ladies and I would like to thank all of the ladies who attended and we hope you enjoyed the day. Ladies began playing cards at 9:30 that morning and the last group of ladies left at 3:30. We had some serious card players, but there was a lot of laughing and talking going on! I'm glad The Ice Cream Sundae Bar was a big hit with everyone.

The rest of that week's activities included Smyrna Shrine Guild's Viva Las Vegas Party, Madison County's Luncheon & Style Show, and the Ringmaster's Banquet. It was a busy week, but it was full of fun and fellowship.

We cruised through the rest of April ... in Hawaii. By the time you read this, we will have just returned from the Potentate's Cruise to Hawaii. We had 41 nobles and ladies on

board. We spent two days in Honolulu and then we cruised the islands for seven days. It was quite an adventure!

It appears that many things have been scheduled for the month of May.

It begins with our annual trip to Pigeon Forge for the Kerbela Fun Fest. We always have a good crowd from Murat and everyone seems to have so much fun.

The Cincinnati and Lexington Hospitals will be having their Open Houses the middle of May. The Cincinnati Shriners Hospital is celebrating 40 years in their current facility.

May in Indy means the Indianapolis 500 and that also means the Imperial Potentate will be visiting. If you would like to meet Imperial Sir Bernard Lemieux, there will be a dinner on Friday and an afterglow on Saturday after the parade. More details can be found in Ron's article.

Imperial Session in St. Louis will be here soon. It is June 29 - July 3. We hope to see many of you there.

Ladies, thank you for all that you do for the Shrine. Ron and I really appreciate your support. I hope you will continue to join us and participate in some of our activities this year.

Remember to Live Well ... Love Much ... Laugh Often
Happy Mother's Day and I'll see you soon!

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Dinner with the Imperial Potentate

BERNARD J. LEMIEUX, M.D.

May 23 - Arabian Room

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All dinners include dinner roll, salad, twice baked potato, Parmesan roasted tomatoes. Dessert will be Chocolate Zucotto.

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Tickets may be purchased at the Fraternal Office after April 14
Price is \$25.00 per person

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July 17



Potentate's Golf Outing

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Reception Unit

Greg Miller

Saturday, March 22, 2008 ... a date that will live in infamy. That's when about 80 members of the Reception Unit, Imperial Sir John Cinotto, Illustrious Sir Ron Elliott, several members of the Divan, and many guests were witness to my "arrest."

It turns out that I was "guilty" of heading a Unit that was running a Las Vegas style casino in the Corinthian Room of Murat Shrine, all without a license, but most definitely with good taste and lots of flair.



Seriously, the real "culprits" were Vice President Joe Stoutner, his Lady Sharon, and the members of the Reception Unit Spring Party committee. These folks went above and beyond to provide me one heck of a good time.



I was well roasted by Murat Chaplain Tim Murphy (about well done I would say). Tim also did a great job as emcee for the evening.

We were entertained by several members of the North Montgomery High School advanced choir, including my son, Nick, who performed a praiseworthy solo and made his mom and dad very proud.

By the time you read this message, we will be ready to shove off to Pigeon Forge for the 2008 Kerbel Shrine Fun Fest. Laura and I look forward to seeing you there.



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Ron Brown

When you are reading this, we will be starting the parade season that so many of us enjoy. It has been a long, cold winter and we all are looking for a nice spring and summer. Now for business. We just had our April meeting and attendance was great. I know when the meetings fall on the first of the month, so many forget, so thanks for showing up. Items discussed were different clubs' meetings and events. One that was top on the list was the visit from the Imperial Potentate in May. He is to arrive on May 21 and our Potentate, Ron Elliott, would like our drill team to escort the Imperial Sir from the airport to downtown. Any one who can help, please contact me or President Simpson so we can show our respect for him coming to our city. There will also be a dinner and dance in his honor on May 23. Please take time to come and bring your lady – let's show off our Murat Shriners. Randy West, secretary/treasurer of the Police Club, wants everyone who has not paid their dues to submit these ASAP. Please contact Randy or any officer; we will get it turned in for you. We also talked about buying new jackets for the Police Club; the final price and choice will be made at the May meeting, so show up and buy one. Our drill team practice has started and the information on this and many items will be on the HOTLINE. Call (317) 252-9027. All practice, parade and Club information is changed almost daily to keep you informed. Our departed noble and fellow club member, Denny Micks, passed away in March and his lady, Vicki, would like to thank all nobles who were able to attend his memorial and for their generous donations. If you were not able to donate yet, please see Drillmaster Steve Mellene or any officer. The need is great and we need to help our brothers. Just a reminder, our meetings are the first Tuesday of each month. So please come join us, buy a bike, and ride so our children can walk. See you at Kerbela May 1-4.

Flying Fezzes

Patrick DeCallier

Charles Howard was our guest speaker and he talked about his life in the U.S. Army. He joined at 17 and retired at 37. Then he became a federal civilian employee at Ft. Harrison. Mr. Howard is also a Murat Shrine Clown. He likes being a clown so he can laugh at least once a day.

In our business meeting, our president thanked everyone for their efforts in helping out at the Shrine Circus and manning the novelty booth the Club was assigned to handle.

Members are also making plans for their upcoming parade schedule which will include "Victory Days" at the Columbus Airport in October.

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JUNE 14

- 3:00 p.m. Registration
- 3:30 p.m. Mark Master
- 4:45 p.m. Past Master
- 5:15 p.m. Most Excellent Master
- 5:45 p.m. Introduction of Distinguished Guests
- 6:15 p.m. Dinner
- 7:15 p.m. Royal Arch
- 9:00 p.m. Royal Master
- 9:30 p.m. Short Form Shrine Ceremonial

JUNE 21

- 3:00 p.m. Registration
- 3:30 p.m. Select Master
- 4:30 p.m. Order of the Red Cross
- 5:30 p.m. Order of Malta
- 6:30 p.m. Dinner
- 7:30 p.m. Order of the Temple

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I apologize for the missed article last month. The flu hit our family hard and I have been playing nurse. The good news is that the calendar was previously published through the month of May. Now May is here and hopefully some great weather! Good-bye and good riddance to the flu bugs. I am sure we all look forward to new energy for the busy spring scheduled events. I hope everyone is on the mend and I look forward to seeing you all.

NOTE FROM MAHARANEE SUSIE BROWN:

Happy Mother's Day to all the Smyrna "moms." I am looking forward to nicer weather and all the outside activities. Thanks for all your help this year!

MAY CALENDAR

Wednesday, May 7 – Guild Night: 5:30 p.m., Gatling Gun Club. We will be having a purse auction. This is always a fun event. Dress up those old purses and let's see what we find!

Tuesday, May 27 – Stated Meeting: 7:30 p.m., Murat.

JUNE CALENDAR

Wednesday, June 4 – Guild Night: 5:30 p.m., Gatling Gun Club. We will be celebrating Smyrna's 58th birthday. Wear your Purple, Yellow and White!

Tuesday, June 24 – Stated Meeting: 7:30 p.m., Murat.

Saturday, June 7 – SMYRNA CEREMONIAL: 10 a.m., Gatling Gun Club

Friendly Reminder: Smyrna is dark in July and August.

A quick rule of thumb: Guild Nights are held the first Wednesday of each month beginning at 5:30 p.m. at the Gun Club, and Stated Meetings are held the fourth Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at Murat. Make your reservation by contacting Guild Night Chairman Melanie Close @ 859-9617 and leave a message. Reminder: Dianna Craft is our cheer chairman. Please contact her with news regarding our Smyrna membership and their families so we can communicate the news in a timely fashion. Her number is (317) 882-8587. If no answer, please leave a message.

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Railroad Club

Raymond E. Gotshall

The Railroad Club installation and ladies' dinner on March 25 was a great success. Former president and chief engineer (The Big Gun) went out with a big bang as he assigned and certificated all Railroad Club members with a railroad/locomotive related nickname. Newly installed President and Chief Engineer David Kaufman (Ash Cat) was duly impressed. An enjoyable time was had by all. Big Gun and Ash Cat wish to thank Dave Beck (Hi Wheeler) and his unnamed committee for organizing the dinner and other arrangements to make this installation and ladies' dinner party a success.



Jeff Zaring, Past Potentate, now called "Stem Winder," performed the installation honors.

President Ash Cat has some interesting meetings and trips planned so Gray Ghost, Center Sill, The Super, Number Dummy, Low Water, Road Warrior, Broken Rail, Sand House, Hot Box, Train Wreck, Low Water, Cinder Dick, Side Rod, and the rest of you continue to come out and support Ash Cat.

Put aside Saturday, August 16, 2008, as the Murat Railroad Club Picnic at The Foxes Den, Johnson County Park, Camp Atterbury.

The Railroad Club is looking for some members who are interested in model railroading, Big Boy railroads, trips to railroad related facilities, etc. Join up and you will get a nickname. If this interests you, come up to one of our meetings on the fourth Tuesday of most months. 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 in the Murat Shrine. We are unique. Come join us in fun and fellowship

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

Johnson County Shrine Club

Dave Alspaugh

As May starts, let me apologize for the past two articles in the magazine. We write these articles future tense. Therefore, for the May issue, articles are submitted by April 1. Therefore, the members of our Shrine Club have probably found my last two issues rather confusing!

For instance, I had mentioned how much our ladies enjoyed their new remodeled restrooms. Unfortunately, though completed, they weren't working properly. So, the only thing that was correct was the appearance, not the use of.

Since then, I can safely report, the officers/board of directors of the Club have, basically, started over. The stalls, fixtures, etc. were removed. The floor was torn up and the problem drain lines were tackled. New drains were then installed. Finally, the floor was re-poured, sprayed again, and fixtures re-installed. The stalls were set and ... at last, our ladies at the Club, as well as our BINGO Ladies remodeled rest- patrons, and other lady guests have a new and working room facility. If you're real quiet, you can probably hear some of the comments ... "Thank the Lord," "It's about time!" and "Hallelujah!" These reported facts are in place – no more apologies.

This past month, the memory of Ralph V. Simpson came back to the halls of the Johnson County Shrine Club. After Ralph went to the unseen temple, we were given the building at the fairgrounds where we serve meals during the Johnson County Fair. Ralph was a big part of both the Shrine Club and the Mini-Mystics, and is deeply missed by all. This past month, we replaced the temporary sign over the large entry door with a new permanent, electric lighted sign. Everyone coming into our building or those simply walking by will certainly see it. The sign reads "Ralph V. Simpson Memorial Building" with Ralph's two favorite organizations noted; the Masonic Lodge and the Johnson County Shrine Club. This will keep Ralph's memory fresh for years.

Writing in the future limits me reporting how many of our members "broke the bank" at our April trip to the gambling casino at Caesars in Albany, IN. Both a smoking and non-smoking bus was chartered to make the trip. I will let everyone know in the next issue if President Ray Miller did better than his last trip.

Mentioning our president, Ray once again has asked for "HELP" with our BINGO. It seems there are only about 10 people in our entire Club that show up on a regular basis to help. If only three or four new people would surprise us, it would help make our BINGO a bigger success. We usually have "callers"; it's the "extras" that we need: someone to sell extra game cards, help serve lunch, call back BINGOs, and, of course, clean up. As I've stated before, "Come on people, it's not rocket science!" Remember Tuesday evenings at 7 p.m. and Saturday mornings at 10 a.m. Enough preaching ...

See ya'll next issue.



Ladies remodeled rest- room



Ralph V. Simpson Memorial Building



Ralph V. Simpson sign



BINGO Caller

Mini-Mystics of Johnson County

Dave Alspaugh

Being May means the roar you hear might be the Mini-Mystics warming up the little Corvettes for the Kerbela Fun Fest at Pigeon Forge, TN. Several Club members are making preparations to attend the festivities. The Murat Shriners will be staying at the Music Road Inn. Several of the temple parade units will be there: the Corvette Club, Mini-Mystics, Mini-Cycles, Reception Unit, antiques cars, etc. May 1-4 should be a busy time in the Smokies. The parade will be on Saturday morning in downtown Pigeon Forge. Who knows, maybe Dolly will come out to see us.

Our parade schedule is starting to get busy. At this time, the Mini-Mystics team will have taken part in the Beech Grove Little League Parade during the month of April. Kerbela opens the month of May, then June, July, and August become a zoo of many parades. There will be a parade almost every weekend, sometimes two on the same weekend. For instance, June 14, we'll be in the Red Skelton Parade at Vincennes on Saturday morning; then we head home to get ready for the Railroad Day's Parade at North Vernon on Sunday the 15th. We should take part in something like 25 parades or so.

In fact, drive over to St. Louis on July 1, and you can catch the Club performing in the Imperial Parade. It's an evening parade with quite a few of the Mini-Mystics making the trip.

During our March meeting of the Mini-Mystics, we had the honor of celebrating a birthday. Bob Rash, an original Mini-Mystic's driver from the day the Club was organized back in the '60s, celebrated his 89th birthday. The Club presented him with a cake and a funny card that he can explain to you. Bob said he had such a good time, that he can't wait for his 90th. Can you imagine, 89 years young and still taking part in parades by driving our wrecker. You'll have to ask him about towing in Lee Langlotz at the Persimmon Festival Parade in Mitchell last year. They got lost coming back to the place where we started. We were about to send out a search party. Bob, we hope we were able to make your 89th the best birthday!

Recently, we had our annual Mini-Mystic golf outing at Hickory Stick Golf Course. Once again, writing in the future, I can't tell who the winners were or any details, but I can guarantee where there are Shriners, Zem-Zem, and a golf course, a good time was had by all. Incidentally, a recent study was done on Shriners and the average American golfer. The average golfer walks about 900 miles a year. Another study found that Shriners and other average golfers drink, on the average, 22 gallons of beer a year. That means Shriners and other American golfers get about 41 miles to the gallon. Kind of makes you proud, don't it?

See you next issue.



Music Road Inn in Pigeon Forge, TN



St. Louis skyline



Bob Rash driving the wrecker



Bob Rash celebrating his 89th birthday

Arab Patrol

Jim Monroe

The Patrol is getting ready for the summer parade season; all of the dates and times have not been set at this time but will be coming very soon. The Patrol will be having a Knights of Venus golf outing at the Oak Tree Golf Course on June 12. The fee is \$70 per person and \$75 to sponsor a hole. Anyone who would like to play or sponsor holes, please contact Bill Sparks at 372-5331. The golf outing has always been a big success in the past, so make plans to come out and join in the fun.

The Patrol Picnic will be September 13 at Five Points Conservation Club at 4444 Five Points Road. For anyone who has not attended a Patrol Picnic, there is always plenty of great food prepared by the best chef money can get ... or maybe he is a Patroller and does a great job for free. That would be Captain Mike Long, and he will have a lot of help as we will have a great time and great fellowship with all of the Shriners and their families and friends. For those who have attended before, make plans because you know what a great time you always have. Anyone interested in joining a fun and active Unit, we meet the first Friday of the month at 7:30 p.m.

Southeastern Indiana

Ed Johnson

Attention all nobles! If you belong to the Southeastern Indiana Shrine Club but are not active, now is the time to get involved. Between steak dinners, parades, open houses and paper crusades, there are a lot of ways to get involved. Come out and join us for an open house dinner at 6:30 on the fourth Friday of the month. There is always a good meal and fine fellowship. If you are not a member of our Club but would like to be, we would love to have you come join us. We are a very active club, and membership in our parade unit (the Crescent Patrol) is automatically included in your Club membership. There are many fine nobles who would be willing to help you get started in our Club activities. Come see what we have to offer!

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Legion of Honor

Bob Watson

Greetings, long time no talk. Sorry for the long silence. My how time flies. Since the Legion of Honor went dark last summer, we have been keeping very busy. We have elected and installed our officers for this year and they are as follows: Commander, Bill Moore; Executive Vice Commander, Bob Watson; Chief of Staff and remaining Captain of the Color Guard, John Cheeley. Ron Bolyard keeps his position as finance officer, being ably assisted by Bruce Hall. Ron is also our adjutant. Quartermaster is PC Larry Hern and sergeant at arms is PC Lloyd Hern.

The Legion of Honor is planning an excursion to Washington, D.C. again this year. The trip is planned for November 6-9, the weekend before Veterans Day. If you have never been to our nation's Capitol, you're missing a real treat. There is so much to see and do. Details are still being worked out at this point, so stay tuned and I will share those details with you as we get closer. If you're interested, contact one of our officers to get your name on the list.

If you're an honorably discharged veteran of our armed services, or are currently serving in our armed forces, including the National Guard, we would love to have you in the Legion of Honor. We meet on the fourth Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m.

Remember, "It is an honor to belong to the Legion of Honor."

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Band

Dave Heckman

Here it is, May already, and the Band is starting the month and the season with the parade at Pigeon Forge for the Kerbela Fun Fest. This has almost become an annual trek for the Band and "Worden's Wagon." Those who attend always have great fun, and after being closed in all winter, "springtime in the Smokies" is a great way to begin anew.

We've already played several concerts this year and plan quite a few more besides the parades, almost on a monthly basis. We just performed one at the Regency Place of Greenwood retirement community on April 23. Our visits to the different nursing homes and retirement communities around the metropolitan area always seem to be a big hit with the residents and guests. The management company for this location has several others and was so pleased with the response of their guests, that they are working out a schedule for us to perform at the other ones as well. Be sure to check out the "Band Notes" for the details.

We played six successful performances at the circus again this year, along with the calliope being played by retired member Doyt Cassel who returned to help us out. It was good to see him there. A number of us later attended the annual "Ringmaster's Banquet" for all who worked three or more performances at the circus.

Major events coming up include the Annual Imperial Session and Parade in St Louis, MO, this summer and the Great Lakes Shrine Association Session in Cincinnati, OH, in September. We plan on having "Worden's Wagon" at both sessions so the Band will have transportation in the parades. Why don't you plan on joining us? There is always room for one more. We rehearse most every Wednesday at the Shrine at 7 p.m. unless we have a concert. Call our secretary, Gary Selig, at (317) 815-5825 to be sure. Better yet, call our "Hot Line" at (317) 767-3983 and leave a message and we will get back to you with information.

2008 Murat Shrine Golf Schedules

(Note: *Murat Golf Outings are Stag*)

MAY 8

Shelby County Shrine Club, Timbergate Golf Course, Edinburgh, IN. \$65, 12:30 p.m. Shotgun Start, Fla. Scramble. Includes: Golf, 1/2 Cart, Range Balls, Comp. Beverage Cart, Dinner and Prizes. Contact: Bill Rasner, (317) 339-0606.

MAY 29

Madison County Shrine Club, Meadowbrook Golf Course, Anderson, IN. \$65. Includes: Green Fees and 1/2 Cart, Zem-Zem on Course, Prizes and Dinner at Madison County Shrine Club at 5 p.m. Contacts: Curly McNally, Dick Dawson, Tim Limbrock, Don Melvin, Bruce Skinner and Scott Schuster.

JUNE 8

Tipton County Shrine Club, Tri-Pods G.C. \$40, 2 p.m. Shotgun Start, Three-Man Best Ball. Includes: Golf/Cart, Zem-Zem and Dinner & Prizes. Contact: Jim Snodgrass, (765) 438-1234 or j.snodgrass@insightbb.com.

JUNE 14

Reception Unit Golf, TBA. \$65. Includes: Golf, Zem-Zem on Course, Prizes and Dinner after Golf. Contact: Bill Rasner, (317) 398-0105, ext. 12.

JUNE 19

Knights of the Sea (Clandestine Org., Non-Shrine), Oak Tree Golf Course, Plainfield, IN. 8:30 Sign-In, 10 a.m. Shotgun Start. Contact: Bob Dancy, (317) 788-9530.

JULY 17

Murat Potentate's Golf, Winding Ridge Golf Course, East 56th Street, Indianapolis, IN. \$62 each, 12 Noon Shotgun Start Scramble. Includes: Green Fees, 1/2 Cart, Zem-Zem on Course, Prizes and Dinner at Winding Ridge after Golf, with Special Prize by Lockhart Cadillac for first Hole-in-One on designated Par 3, and many other surprises. Contact: Murat Shrine Golf, 510 N. New Jersey St., Indianapolis, IN 46204, Attn: Don Melvin, Golf Meister.

JULY 26

Montgomery County Shrine Club, Rocky Ridge Golf Club, Darlington, IN. \$65 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. Contacts: Bob Chezem (765) 362-7112; Greg Miller, (765) 362-5755, Mike Utterback, (765) 362-3357, Edd Consoer, (765) 362-6978.

AUGUST 2

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

AUGUST 7

Chanters Outing, Greenfield Country Club. \$55 per man, 9:30 a.m. Shotgun Start, Team Scramble with Bankers Handicap. Includes: Small Buffet Lunch with Prizes after Golf. Contacts: Andy Barbera, Carl Gentry or Harry McClintic.

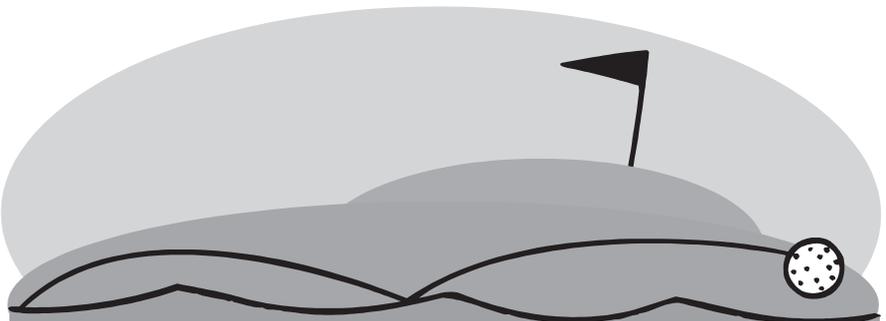
AUGUST 14

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

SEPTEMBER 11

Johnson County Shrine Club, Hickory Stick Golf Course. \$65 each, 12 Noon Shotgun Start, Four-Person Scramble. Includes: Green Fees, Cart, Zem-Zem with Prizes & Dinner after Golf at Johnson County S.C. Contact: Bill Sparks, Chairman

Notice: To have your Golf Outing in Murat Magazine, send to Murat Shrine Golf, Attn: Don Melvin, 510 N. New Jersey St., Indianapolis, IN 46204, email: dkmelvin@insightbb.com.



April showers bring May flowers. Tarum doesn't need April showers as the ones in March were enough. The Club roof has developed a few more pesky leaks; however, they are not as bad as they could be and we should have them sealed back up soon. As April comes to a close, we will be getting the pool and grounds ready for the summer season. If you can devote some time and help with this yearly job, please let us know. Oler's Pools have been made aware of the pool liner coming loose and will get this taken care of. If you have not bought your pool pass and are ready to do so, they can be purchased any Friday evening at the Club. So come down and get your family pass, have some dinner, and visit with your fellow Club members.

The Club will be getting busy in the coming weeks. We have several pool and grounds rentals scheduled, and a few building rentals and wedding receptions are on the calendar. The pool rentals are filling rapidly so if you want to rent it for your family reunion, birthdays, or celebrations, contact Jeff Dickey. Stag Nights are getting more attendees and it is no wonder. President Mark has been cooking a great dinner for us. Never have I seen "hot dogs and fried bologna" look and taste so good. See Radar Whalen to find out how good they

are. Seriously, though, if you have not been to Stag Night for a while, come down. The food is good, but the camaraderie is the best part of the night. Thank you John Anderson for the ribs. Stag Night is the third Thursday of the month starting at 6:30 p.m.

Some things to remember. Richmond's Masonic Family has their first Saturday of the month breakfast. Don't miss this. The food is great and you will be helping all of the Masonic organizations in Richmond. Bring your friends and enjoy your meal. Tarum holds their monthly meeting on the first Monday of the month starting at 7 p.m. Come to the meeting and let us know what you think of Tarum and what you would like to see the Club do. Remember, you have a vote in what the Club does. The Tarum ladies hold their meeting on the first Thursday of the month starting at 7 p.m. Ladies, please come out and have a voice in what projects and events the ladies are doing. New ideas are always welcome. Finally, remember that all of Richmond's Masonic organizations need you. Tarum is only one part of the family. We all joined for a reason. Decide which part of the Masonic Family you want to be an active participant in and just do it.

See you at Tarum.



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Noble Frank E. Capler, Sr. presents a \$300 check to Potentate Ron Elliott for the Murat Van Fund. This money was raised by Noble Frank from the sale of cashews and mixed nuts.



Potentate Ron Elliott accepts \$2,500 for Shriners Hospitals for Children from Montgomery County Shrine Club. The presentation on behalf of the Club is made by Nobles Al Harris, Greg Miller, Wayne Smith, Jim Byers, Bob Chezem, Edd Consoer, Mike Utterback, Jerry Stevenson, Charlie Homsher, Tom DeBusk, Don Melvin, Bob Vanderkolk, Phil Thrasher, P.P., and Kevin Rhodes, High Priest and Prophet.



Past Potentate Phil Thrasher joins Potentate Ron Elliott in the presentation of plaques for the Club or Unit producing the most new annual voluntary contributors under the Donor Relations Program. Representing the first place Director's Staff are Mike Adams, Bob Bland, Rex Mardis, and Gene Yeager. The first place winner for Shrine Clubs is Montgomery County.



"Plaque Program Honorees"



Shelby County Shrine Club: Bill Johnson, Jim Ross, and Outer Guard Bill Rasner. Paul Schneck of the Kentucky Colonels assists Potentate Ron Elliott in the presentation of the Plaques.



Southeastern Shrine Club: Ed Wolfe.



Potentate Ron Elliott and Recorder Gordon Husk present hospital driver Buddy Antle with a driver's jacket commemorating 100 hospital trips.



Legion of Honor: John Cheeley, George Choung, Bob Watson, Ron Bolyard, Bill Moore, Leroy Callahan, Bruce Hall, and Phil Greenwood.



Individuals being honored with their own plaques are Bill Rasner, Bucky Everhart, and Garvey Piercy.

It's time to look forward to summer as the school year ends and children and grandchildren are looking for something to do. Make plans now to have some fun with your family this summer. Before thinking of summer plans, however, consider doing something special to celebrate Mother's Day. Whether your own mom is with you or not, think of something special to do for an important woman in your life to celebrate this wonderful day.

Have you made your reservation yet for the 92nd Annual Daughters of the Nile Supreme Session to be held in Seattle, WA, June 15-20? Hatasu Temple No.1 is the host temple for this event. "Let a Smile be your Umbrella" as you

join Supreme Queen Muriel Knapp's class of reigning queens, "Muriel's Parasol's," who will welcome you to this great northwest city. If you still need to register, contact Betty J. Rathbun, PQ at (317) 846-2800 as soon as possible.

Calendar Reminders: Sunday, July 27, 2008, is the official Supreme Queen's visitation to Koran Temple No. 30. It will be held in the Corinthian Room of the Murat Shrine. There will be a Supreme Appointee's luncheon on Saturday, September 20, in the Tunisian Room of the Murat Shrine. Further information regarding these events will be in the June magazine.

Please extend your sympathies to the family of Past Queen Helen Brace

who died last month. She was initiated into Koran Temple No. 30, Daughters of the Nile, in 1966. She was queen in 1972-73 and was a member of the Koran Kordettes, playing the glockenspiel. She was also an active member of the Koran Koraliers, serving as president this year. She was also decorating chairman for installations, banquets and ceremonials for many, many years. Her daughter, Cindy Keeler, and granddaughter, Tiffany, were both initiated in the "White Rose Ceremonial" this past February, making three generations of her family in our organization. During Helen's membership, she was also honored with a Supreme Appointment. This very active member was also a participant of the Past Queen's Club. She will be greatly missed.

Queen Cheryl Kuritz's advisors are Past Queens Frances Marshal, Tina B. Lee, Ruth Ann Kelly, Dorothy Tinch and Elizabeth Mathis. These women look forward to assisting and aiding Queen Cheryl during her reign.

Do you know of someone who would like to join us in Koran Temple No. 30? If so, contact Manuella Jefferson, PQ at (317) 844-6222, Faye Crabtree at (317) 894-6583 or Pam Herther at (317) 398-4709.

Stated Meetings are April 2 and May 7 in the Corinthian Room. Sewing sessions are April 16, May 2, June 18 and July 16 in the Mediterranean Room.

Thought for the month: Remember that for every minute you spend in anger you are wasting 60 seconds of happiness. We wish to correct the following officers published in last month's magazine: Chaplain, Erma Wilson; Zenobia, Dorothy Abel, PQ; and Zuliema, Joyce Gayton.

Murat Shriners Business Connection Christopher Planeaux

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

Our Texas Hold'em Tournament now rests behind us – and what a great time all had. We raised over \$2,000 for our scholarships. We deeply appreciate and thank the efforts of Nobles Roger Black and Don Richards. Our next endeavor will be the Annual Gold Outing in August (please see the ad in this issue), headed by our own Randy Nail.

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

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

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

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

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



Firemen's Club

Tim Whitaker

Welcome, nobles, to the May edition of the Murat Magazine.

I know it is in the past, but I must once again thank the members of our Club for showing up and volunteering at the 2008 Murat Shrine Circus. We had a total of 22 members and one member's son show up and participate in the circus this year. And, we averaged between nine and 18 members per performance. Those persons working were: Floyd Sendmeyer, Jim Ashley, John Aldrich, Chris Lawson, Mark Ball, Harold Pierce. Ed Pierce, Joe Kresbach, Bob Borgmann, Jim Harlan, Joe Olofson, Gerald Blazek, Lewis McQueen, Jim McMahan, Randy Adams, Tracey Badgley, George Day, Jerry Lance, Kevin Buchanan, Jerry Sparks, Lynn Smith, yours truly, and Scott Elliott. We had a great turn out – thank you!

At the Friday night 7 p.m. performance, the show was designated as Public Safety Night and we honored our Illustrious Potentate Ron with some gifts from the Indianapolis Fire Department, State Fire Marshal's Office representative, Assistant Fire Marshal Jim Bennett, and many support groups from within the fire and police community. I would like to thank the Fire and Police Clubs for their participation at Center Ring. We had a good turnout by public safety personnel in the audience, and we believe everyone had a good time. Thanks to all those who assisted in the program and for working at the circus. Our circus was once again a "SAFE CIRCUS," having only one serious injury. That injury was to a noble working at the circus. Our Club once again supported the Bicycle Program and we provided safety helmets to all the winners. Finally, I would like to thank Ted Crosley for stepping up and serving as the director for 2008. Ted did a wonderful job in the absence of our longtime director, Larry Selig, who passed away a short time before this year's circus. GOOD JOB TED! And, to our new 2009 director, Andy Clayton, "We look forward to your leader-

ship and enthusiasm as we prepare for the 2009 Murat Shrine Circus."

May is a busy month for Murat with the 500 Mile Race, visiting dignitaries, and all of the hustle and bustle of May activities. Be sure to check your

Murat Magazine for the latest events and try to support your fellow nobles. It is also a great time to make your arrangements for attending the Imperial Session in St. Louis during the end of June. We hope to see all of you there!

Corvette Club

Rod Kyle

Greetings nobles and ladies!

May is finally here and that means the grass has gone from dingy brown to bright green, the trees are budding, and the flowers are starting to bloom. May is a great month with the weather starting to be consistently warmer and the sun showing its presence more often. We in the Corvette Club anticipate this month knowing that now is the time when the car covers are removed, the engines come to life and the Vettes come out to play.

When this article is printed and distributed, the first event that kicks off our parade season will be over. It seems as though it takes forever to arrive and then it's gone in a flash. As we all know, Kerbela is always a great event with so many Units and Clubs participating. This year was no different and the Murat Shrine, as always, was very well represented. Thanks to all those who were present and we look forward to seeing you in the rest of this year's parade season.

The April meeting was well attended and many discussions took place, including finalizing our 2008 parade schedule and some of the upcoming events that we are planning to attend. This year we have discussed caravanning to at least one of the Shriners Hospitals for a visit and tour as well as combining this with a "Cruise In" that same weekend. This would be an outing that every Shine member may want to consider in joining us to visit one of these great facilities. Details of this event will be published when finalized, so please plan to join us for this weekend of fun and fellowship. As stated many times before, there is no requirement that you own a Corvette to join this Club, just a desire to share some time and have fun with a great group of nobles and their ladies.

Our next meeting is Thursday, May 8, beginning with dinner and fellowship at 6:30 p.m. in the Oasis Lounge and meeting at 7:30 p.m. If you cannot attend on the 8th, we meet the second Thursday of every month, so please come and join us. In the meantime, if there are any questions regarding how to get connected with the Corvette Club, please contact one of the members or call the president, Ken Herald, at (317) 422-9107 or vice president, Rod Kyle, at (317) 745-1467.

Corvette Trivia:

Some folks take pride in owning an original or one-of-a-kind item. Well, if you are seeking the rarest Corvette, then that would be one of the first two 1953 Corvettes off the line with VIN #1 or #2. It has been rumored that these first two cars have been destroyed; however, there are no records proving this and there were no witnesses to verify the destruction. Happy hunting and don't leave home without your checkbook.

Another biannual meeting has passed and another fine dinner has been eaten. I do not know how long the XX-V has been meeting at the Gatling Gun Club, but they made a fine choice to do so. The meals are great and the camaraderie better. Members of several Units and Clubs, including the Murat Gun Club, the Band, the Patrol, the Police Club, the Firemen's Club, and a few others, which had been around since 1923, formed the group in 1948. Back then, to be eligible, an individual had to belong to a parading unit for a minimum of 20 years and have attended at least five Imperial Sessions to parade. Today, many more Units and Clubs have been added to Murat and the eligibility

requirements have changed slightly. An individual must still belong to a Unit or Club for 20 years and attend five Imperial Sessions, but not necessarily be in a parade unit. There is always a way to be in a parade or to work in hospitality, etc. Not every Club has a parade unit today, however. Recent bylaw changes have made an additional 33 Clubs and Units of Murat eligible for consideration, and their members potential members of El' Ameen Nabeel. What about you? Have you checked with the secretary of your Unit or Club to see if you now qualify? After 60 years there are no charter members left, but there are quite a few fellows who knew them. How many members of your

Club or Unit are members today? Why not you? Our next meeting is not until October 16, and that leaves plenty of time for you to plan for this year's Imperial Session at St. Louis, MO, as well as time to verify your eligibility to join us. Call Earl Moore for further details. He can be reached at (317) 899-2751 or (317) 946-9786, or email to williammarry@aol.com.



Ladies Oriental Shrine

Nancy Gillie

Congratulations to our two new members who were initiated into the Ladies Oriental Shrine of North America on February 23 under then High Priestess Carol Staab. We extend a warm welcome to Starr Piercy and Christina Surface who joined our organization on the 57th birthday celebration of Tarum Court #14.

Thanks to every lady who assisted our nobles at the Murat Shrine Circus. Your help with registration and other duties made this yearly event a huge success. Finally, to those ladies who marched in the parade on Saturday and Sunday, thank you for promoting our Ladies' Shrine organization to everyone attending the circus.

My elected officers for the 2008-2009 year include the following ladies: High Priestess, Nancy Gillie; Princess, Sue Calvin; Associate Princess, Sandra Scott; Recorder, Leslie Condre; Treasurer, Kay Kessler; First Ceremonial Lady, Barbara Smith; and Second Ceremonial Lady, Judith Taflinger. Thanks to each of you for your service and dedication to our organization and the children in the hospitals.

Our Court's sewing group meets on the third Wednesday of each month, with the exception of May, July, August and December, in the Mecca Room at the Murat Shrine. If you are willing to cut, glue, stuff or sew, we need your help in assembling the various projects throughout the year. Contact Chairman Sandra Scott at (317) 215-4852 if you have any questions concerning sewing.

Can you think of anyone who would be interested in joining Ladies Oriental Shrine of North America? If so, contact our membership chairman, Barbara Smith, at (317) 846-1650 and ask her for a Petition for Membership. We need new candidates for our Grand High Priestess, Lady Judith Cline's visitation on Thursday, August 7. Let us try to have a large group of new candidates for her visit to our Court.

Court meetings are held at 7 p.m. in the Corinthian Room of the Murat Shrine on the first Tuesday of the month except July and August (except for our Grand Visitation on August 7). Place these future meeting dates on your calendar: May 6 and June 3.

The 94th Grand Council Session of the Ladies Oriental Shrine of North America will be held in Orlando, FL, the week of May 18-24. Have a safe trip, and I hope to see many of our ladies in sunny Florida.

Veteran Car Club

Bill Arterberry

Spring has finally come, the birds are back, and the old cars are uncovered, fluids checked, started and backed out of their winter stalls. Oh happy days for an old car buff. Our new president, Danny Thomas, is in full swing lining up parades and places for us to tour. You could be with us in our adventures. Come join in the fun and fellowship.



As promised, Danny had a guest speaker at our last Stated Meeting in March. JB (John Bryant) from Shelbyville, IN, spoke about his family's experiences with the Shriners Burn Hospital. His daughter had hot caramel spilled over her body at the age of 4 years. He had nothing but praise for the care and treatment she received. She is now 38 and married with a family of her own. We all know of the great work our doctors in our hospitals do. It is always nice to hear firsthand of their good deeds.

Gentlemen, start your engines! The March meeting was held with 17 members present. 500 members, this

was a good informational meeting. President Ed is cracking the whip on turning this Club around. As mentioned,

good information was brought out to the members and a good discussion was enjoyed by all present. Topics were 2008 parades, Club blanket insurance policy, and a current letter to be sent by President Ed about the Club. Please respond to Ed's letter; he does not care how you do it – call, e-mail, or write to him. 500 members, this information is most important so please respond.

Stone Belt Shrine Club

Daniel E. Furlong

As I write this, the sounds of spring resound around the Club. The roar of our high powered mini-cycles as they are put through their paces in practice is a sure sign of a rapidly approaching parade season. According to Mini-Cycle President Tom Staley, P.P., "This year promises to be as active as last year, when the Mini-Cycles appeared in 17 parades around southern Indiana."

The Mini-Cycles aren't the only ones getting ready for summer. Our Hillbilly Clan 14, Outhouse 16, is getting geared up for the annual trek to Pikeville and celebration of its Hillbilly Days. This year promises to be as entertaining as those of the past. Hillbilly President Pa Rabban Mike Bastin is busy making the detailed plans for the pilgrimage.

The introduction of a \$50 door prize to our Friday night family dinner has created a lot of excitement. Each person dining with us gets a free ticket for the drawing, which takes place at 7:30 p.m. each Friday night. Come out and enjoy a great dinner and leave as a winner.

This year's President's Trip was a big success, with 22 Club nobles, their ladies, families, and guests cruising down to Central America. The tour of the Panama Canal was one of the highlights of the cruise. President Bill McKee said after returning, he couldn't take cruises too often as the quantity of food would ruin him. The others all seemed to agree.

Since I last reported in this magazine, we have had the privilege and honor of hosting our Illustrious Potentate, his lady, and many members of the Divan and their ladies at our annual installation of officers and board members. A large crowd enjoyed a great evening of food, music and fraternal camaraderie. During the ceremonies, President McKee presented checks from the Club totaling \$3,000 to the Potentate – \$1,000 to go to each of the three hospitals (Chicago, Lexington and Cincinnati) we support.

On May 17, the Stone Belt Shrine Club will hold a Blues Night. Sponsored by the Mini-Cycles, Noble Paul Crawford has put this together. Music will be provided by Built for Comfort. The doors open at 6:30 p.m. and the band starts at 8 p.m. The kitchen will be open for sandwiches, appetizers, etc. Entrance is \$5 per person or \$8 a couple.

One last reminder, on June 1 the Hillbillies will host their annual Bean Dinner. It is always a great time, with lots of good old downhome cooking, music, door prizes, and who knows what else to expect.

President McKee has issued a call for assistance at the Monday game night activities. To quote one of Murat's other county clubs, "This is not rocket science or back breaking labor – it's card playing. Donate three or four hours and help those who are here on a regular basis. Believe me, you will be accepted with open arms." Remember, if you are not holding up your part of our activity, someone else is carrying your load.

Finally, President Bill has issued another invitation/request. We have a membership of just over 200 nobles. Our recent Stated Meetings have had an attendance of just over 20 nobles. It doesn't seem unreasonable to expect an attendance of something better than 10 percent of the membership at Stated Meetings. With the talent we have among our membership, our Club should grow continually. It has not. Come out and give us the benefit of your ideas. You will be heard. Thanks!

At this writing, Jim Montgomery, our parade chairman, has all parades through May approved and is working on more parade requests coming in. And speaking of parades, each current member will be receiving a copy of the policy of the temple's status on insurance coverage of parading units. This will explain the blanket policy we were discussing at the February meeting. It should clear up any confusion on our insurance. However, each individual must carry their own and be on file with the parade chairman.

Other topics: At this writing, the best we can determine is that there are about 12 cars for sale. Call me for a list and bottom dollar price. Also, in other business, Roger Stafford, Chuck Gilson and I began working on updating a new directory. Much more work is needed before we go to print. Larry Devoss has received our approval for our parking place at 11 & Penn for the 500 Festival Parade. An inspection of cars was held at Bruce Raymond's shop on April 12 to make sure all parading cars are in A-1 shape and safe. After a long winter, it was good to see the cars out roaring again. Well, 500 members, that's it for this month. Please, please, if you have any information to pass on to the membership, give Tim Plank a call at 466-8383 so he can get it on the info line. This is the Club's major communication source.

Final update on Dan Price: He is home and doing well and being ornery as ever.

Basketball is turning to football, and bowling is changing to golf. The bowling season is finishing and we find a repeat in the league winners. The powerful Murat Palominos have secured first place for the second time in two seasons. Herb Arthur's team of Don Keith, John Ervin, Jr., Ray Chapellow, John Nolan, and Ralph Parsley has a repeat win of the league with two weeks to go. The Scimitars' Chuck Sampson, Ed Barnard, Harold Pierce, Ray Muir, and John Ervin, Sr. finished a close sec-

Madison County Shrine Club

Mark E. Nugent

March was a slow month for us this year in the way of events, but we did have a Past Presidents Breakfast on March 30. Breakfast was good and the fellowship was even better. Thanks go out to Noble Rip Payne, P.P. and his committee.

Our "Madison County Ladies Club" had their annual style show April 5 with almost a full house, plenty of champagne, and many baskets raffled. They had a great time.

The Madison County Shrine Club golf schedule is now out for reservations. It is to be held May 29 with prizes and dinner at the Club at 5 p.m. Spring is here; get those clubs out and get ready to play.

The Mother's Day buffet is Sunday, May 11. Plan to attend and bring the whole family. After all, if it were not for mothers, well you know how it goes. Please call ahead in order for the kitchen staff to be well supplied for that date.

Men's meetings are on Wednesdays, with Stated Meetings being on the second Wednesday of the month. Bring a friend or come alone and find many brothers and friends there.

The car show is in June this year. More information will be forthcoming or you can call the Club.

Masonic brothers and Shriners, have fun and help kids!

ond place. The Gatling Gun team of Bob Kreie, Ron Johnson, Bill Williams, Rolley Ferguson, Tom Weir, and Ed Board finished third. The Palomino team also had the high game actual of 1048. The high game handicap was 3482 by the Zor team. The teams are looking forward to meeting other Shrine teams in the area for a race for the Potentate's Trophy. The games will be bowled at Western Bowl.

The basketball final four is being played at four different locations. The East, with North Carolina the winner at Charlotte, NC; the Midwest at Detroit with Kansas; the West at Phoenix with UCLA the winner; and the national championships at San Antonio between Kansas and UCLA at San Antonio April 7.

Auto racing got off to a good start for the season at the Homestead, FL, track with Scott Dixon winning.

IU has a national winning swim-

mer in Ben Hesen.

Spring football practice at Ball State, April 12 at noon; Indiana, April 19 at 2 p.m.; Notre Dame, at 1:30 p.m. Tickets are free except at Notre Dame, tickets are \$15; kids are \$8 and \$10; Purdue, April 19 at noon, tickets are free.

For those diehard Pacers fans watching the playoff picture, even if the Pacers make the playoffs, it will mean sudden death in their next appearance against the Celtics. Join the Cubs' chant, "Wait till next year."

The ice hockey team was defeated by Des Moines 6-4.

The Indianapolis Colts are back for important off-season workouts. Coach Tony Dungy sent a letter to the players urging them to take advantage of the time to improve themselves. It is expected to be taken seriously by most of the team.

Gun Club

Herb Arthur

It is so great to know that the cold winter weather is behind us and we are looking forward to the Imperial Session in St. Louis. The Gun Club Unit is committing to parade at the convention. If you are a Shriner who has never participated at the Imperial Session, here is your chance to really enjoy being a Shriner and rubbing shoulders with nobles who you will look forward to seeing next year at San Antonio, TX. Murat Shriners will pick up part of your stay at the Adams Mark Hotel, which is located near the famous St. Louis Arch.

The Murat Gun Club is going to help the Gatling Gun Club with their cookout on the back patio on the 500 Mile parade day. They will have hamburgers, hot dogs, brats, cheeseburgers, sausages, chips, salads, and trimmings at a very reasonable price to the general public. You may enter at the back gate at 709 N. Illinois St. We will have the cookout during the entire parade and as long as we have customers. If you are a Gun Club member, we could use your help. We also have member applications for all Masons and Shriners.

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Montgomery County Shrine Club

Donnie Jessie

Hello nobles, how is everyone? I bet a lot of you have been on the golf course a few times already. About time isn't it? That was one circus of a winter. Hello spring.

We have some unfortunate news. Noble Eric Johnson died earlier this year. All of our condolences go out to the family. He was a noble for a long time. John Fischer is now a 50-year member of the Scottish Rite. Congratulations.

Our MCSC Golf Outing is again at the very nice Rocky Ridge Golf Course, July 26.

Our onion sales were great. Thank you Jerry Stevenson, "Big Al" Stan "The Onion Man" Harris for leading the way. "Big Al," with his special onions, was a huge hit at the local barber shop.

We want to thank the Eagles of Crawfordsville again for supporting the MCSC and our Countdown. It was a great night. We are working to top our donation numbers of last year.

Good luck to everyone and your events. We will be swinging with you sooner or later this summer.

MURAT PAPER CRUSADE

Friday, June 20, and
Saturday, June 21, 2008

Can you devote a little time to help a child?

Please sign up with your Club or Unit to help pass out papers.

By now, a location has been selected and your Club or Unit should be ready to pass out papers.



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Join us at our annual Open House at Shriners Hospitals for Children – Chicago

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- **Illinois Child Identification Program**
Provided free of charge by Paul Revere Masonic Lodge

- **Hospital Tours**
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Medical play and medical art, historical toy collection, huge miniature train displays, facepainting and games

- **Entertainment**
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- **"The World's Shortest Parade"**

Schedule

10 am IL CHIP opens
11 am Tours and Lunch
1 pm Program
2 pm Parade



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August 14, 2008

White County Shrine Club Golf Outing

Tippecanoe Country Club
on Lake Schaffer in Monticello, IN

**\$55 Includes: Golf, Cart and Prizes with
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**Contact: P.P. Bob Hancock for Tee Times.
(317) 501-1969 or (317) 844-2616**

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Don't miss the opportunity to join in the fun, fellowship and philanthropy of the VCM at the State Fair.

The generous donation of your time will help the VCM increase our contributions to the Shriner's Hospitals for Children, the Transportation Fund, and other related funds.

Please complete the form below and:

- 1) Fax the form to (317) 257-5159 (or)
- 2) Mail the form to Sam Thompson, 7210 Steven Lane, Indianapolis, IN 46260 (or)
- 3) Bring the form to our Sign-up Party on June 28 at the Gatling Gun Club, 4-8 p.m. (or)
- 4) e-mail the dates & shifts you are volunteering to samjthom@sbcglobal.net (or)
- 5) Phone Sam Thompson @ (317) 201-5766 with your preferred dates and shifts.

STATE FAIR VOLUNTEER'S SCHEDULE

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Phone: () _____ E-mail: _____

(Please circle the shift(s) that you will work)

JULY	DAY	SHIFT		
31st (Set-up)	Thursday	9am - ?		
AUGUST	DAY	SHIFT		
1st (Set-up)	Friday	9am - ?		
2nd (Pre-Fair Food Service)	Saturday	6am - 2pm		
3rd (Pre-Fair Food Service)	Sunday	6am - 2pm		
4th (Pre-Fair Food Service)	Monday	6am - 2pm		
5th (Pre-Fair Food Service)	Tuesday	6am - 2pm		
6th	Wednesday	6am -11am	11am - 5pm	5pm - Close
7th	Thursday	6am -11am	11am - 5pm	5pm - Close
8th	Friday	6am -11am	11am - 5pm	5pm - Close
9th	Saturday	6am -11am	11am - 5pm	5pm - Close
10th	Sunday	6am -11am	11am - 5pm	5pm - Close
11th	Monday	6am -11am	11am - 5pm	5pm - Close
12th	Tuesday	6am -11am	11am - 5pm	5pm - Close
13th	Wednesday	6am -11am	11am - 5pm	5pm - Close
14th	Thursday	6am -11am	11am - 5pm	5pm - Close
15th	Friday	6am -11am	11am - 5pm	5pm - Close
16th	Saturday	6am -11am	11am - 5pm	5pm - Close
17th	Sunday	6am - 11am	11am - 5pm	5pm

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The Mission of the Shriners is to be:

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Committed to providing attractive, quality programs and services for its members, their families and friends in a spirit of fun, fellowship and social camaraderie

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Events:
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Lunch:
 11 am - 1:30pm
Arch Program:
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Brass Band Performance:
 1:30pm - 2pm
Program: 2pm

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6th Annual Murat Memorial Service

Honoring the memory of all Nobles who have passed
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**Murat Shrine
Arabian Room
Thursday, May 22, at 11 AM**

Memorial Services will be given by the Rev. Dr. William M. Schwein. The ceremony will also include remarks by Potentate Ron Elliott and Imperial Potentate Bernard Lemieux. 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.



Celebrating 40 years of Pediatric Burn Care...

Save the Date . . .

Saturday, May 17, 2008
 Noon - 4:00 pm

**Cincinnati Shriners Hospital
Spring Open House
40th Anniversary and
Patient Reunion**

- 2:00 pm - Special Recognition and Presentations
- Light lunch and refreshments provided
- 40 years of burn care exhibit

Please R.S.V.P. by May 1, 2008 to
(513) 872-6030

**3229 Burnet Avenue
Cincinnati, Ohio 45229**



The following hotels are close to the hospital.

Neighborhood Hotels
 Kingsgate Marriott 513.487.3800
 Vernon Manor 513.281.3300
 Quality Inn Norwood 513.351.6000

Downtown Hotels
 The Cincinnati Hotel 513.381.3000
 Hilton Cincinnati 513.421.9100
 Hyatt Regency 513.579.1234

Northern Kentucky Hotels
 Comfort Suites 859.291.6700
 Embassy Suites 859.261.8400
 Marriott Resort 859.261.2900

**There are no blocks of rooms, so
please make your own arrangements.**

Shriners Hospitals for Children in
Lexington is celebrating their
Hospital Day on Sunday, May 18th
For more information call
(859) 266-2101

AN EXCERPT FROM GENERAL ORDER NO. 1: FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES

It is natural to associate the fez with Shriners Hospitals for Children. Because of this, meticulous attention must be given to all fundraising activities, including circuses, to make certain that such activities comply with the law of the land and that a contributor is not led to believe that his money will be used for the Hospitals when all or a portion thereof will be used otherwise. The integrity of our charity and of our fraternity must remain above reproach.

Your specific attention is called to the following fraternal and charitable bylaws:

§335.3 USE OF NAME "SHRINERS HOSPITALS FOR CHILDREN." The use of the name "Shriners Hospitals for Children" or reference to the Hospitals in connection with any fundraising activity by a temple or Noble without the written consent of the Imperial Potentate and the Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Hospitals is prohibited.

§503.10 The use of the name "Shriners Hospitals for Children" or reference to the Hospitals in connection with any commercial product or business enterprise is prohibited unless the written consent of the Board of Directors and Trustees has been first obtained.

Now, therefore, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

1. Fundraising for Fraternal Purposes:

- (a) No Noble (in his capacity as a Shriner), club, unit, organization of Nobles or affiliated or appendant corporations shall engage in any fundraising activity without the express written consent of the potentate of the temple having jurisdiction thereof.
- (b) There can be no representation, express or implied, that the proceeds will be for the benefit of Shriners Hospitals for Children.
- (c) The temple potentate shall carefully examine all phases of the advertising, promotion and solicitation to determine that it complies with §335.3 and §503.10 of the fraternal and charitable bylaws.
- (d) The temple potentate must approve the terms and provisions of any contract for a fundraising activity after receiving the advice of the temple attorney, and additionally, as may be required by the temple bylaws.
- (e) A copy of the temple potentate's written consent shall be mailed to the Executive Vice President, Imperial Council. Further, such written material pertaining to the fundraising activity, as requested by the Executive Vice President, Imperial Council shall be promptly mailed to him.

2. Fundraising for Charitable Purposes:

- (a) No Noble (in his capacity as a Shriner), club, unit, organization of Nobles or affiliated or appendant corporations shall engage in any charitable fundraising activity other than for Shriners Hospitals for Children, and said activity shall not be in the jurisdiction of any other temple. Permission therefore must be first obtained in writing from the temple potentate. The temple potentate must then obtain written permission from the Chairmen of the Boards of Directors and Trustees. This request for written permission shall be sent to the Executive Vice President, Imperial Council, P.O. Box 31356, Tampa, FL 33631-3356.

However, a joint charitable fundraising activity with another §501(c)(3) charity may be authorized provided that a minimum of 50% of the net proceeds are for the benefit of Shriners Hospitals for Children, and the Chairmen of the Boards of Directors and Trustees determine, on a case by case basis, that it is in the best interest of Shriners Hospitals for Children and they grant their written permission for the activity.

- (b) 100% of net proceeds (as defined in the Charitable Fund Raising-Approval And Reporting provisions of any existing General Order) from charitable fundraising must be given to Shriners Hospitals for Children except for such portion thereof as may be permitted to be retained for the temple Shrine Hospital Patient

Transportation Fund, pursuant to the Special Purpose Funds provisions of any existing General Order. Provided, however, if the Chairmen of the Boards of Directors and Trustees determine for good cause shown, that the law of the land requires that a portion of the net proceeds must be distributed locally, then they may, if they determine it to be in the best interest of Shriners Hospitals for Children, grant their written permission for such distribution.

- (c) The temple shall report the result of each charitable fundraising activity within sixty days of the activity, pursuant to the Charitable Fund Raising-Approval and Reporting provision of any existing General Order.
- (d) This section shall not apply to activities exempt under §335.4(b) of the bylaws of The Imperial Council.
- (e) Each independent corporation or entity that receives the permission of the Chairmen of the Boards of Directors and Trustees to raise money for Shriners Hospitals for Children, and which does not have its financial statements audited pursuant to §334.5 & §337.8 of the bylaws of The Imperial Council, shall have its financial statements audited by a certified, chartered or licensed public accountant and shall submit such audit report to The Imperial Council within 120 days of the activity.

3. Statement of Purpose and Disclosure:

- (a) Every fundraising activity must contain factual information on its solicitation material, tickets, programs and documents, including all electronically transmitted materials, regarding the use of the proceeds.

Examples:

"Proceeds are for the benefit of (_____) Shriners (_____) Shrine Club) activities."

"Proceeds are for the benefit of Shriners Hospitals for Children."

- (b) Every fundraising activity which is not entirely for the benefit of Shriners Hospitals for Children shall prominently state on the solicitation material, tickets and documents that "payments are not deductible as charitable contributions."
- (c) There must be compliance with the Revenue Act of 1987 provision of any existing general order by U.S. temples.

4. Compliance with Applicable Laws:

It is the responsibility of the temple potentate, after receiving the advice of the temple attorney, to determine that there is compliance with all applicable laws in its jurisdiction for the temple's fundraising activities.

5. Financial Records:

- (a) The temple shall maintain detailed financial records pertaining to all fundraising activities involving Nobles, clubs, units, organizations of Nobles or affiliated or appendant corporations. Details of all revenues and expenditures shall be maintained in such financial records.
- (b) The temple must retain such detailed financial records for a period of seven (7) years.
- (c) There must be compliance with *Financial Reporting on Charitable Funds and Activities* provision of any existing general order.

6. Notification to Nobility:

A copy of the *Fundraising Activities* provisions of this General Order shall be printed in the temple publication at least once every calendar year. If there is no temple publication, then a copy shall be mailed to each Noble in the temple not later than the last day in March of each calendar year.

7. Discipline:

Any officer, Noble or temple which violates a provision of *Fundraising Activities* is subject to discipline pursuant to the bylaws of The Imperial Council.

Your Charity at Work at Home

BY PHILIP C. THRASHER, P.P., MURAT DONOR RELATIONS CHAIRMAN

Your charity, the Shriners Hospitals for Children, recently adopted a very ambitious budget exceeding \$800,000,000 for the current fiscal year. Luckily, there is a large endowment fund from which to withdraw most of that money. However, the endowment fund is not large enough, especially in this low-interest rate environment, to cover all of the expenses. That is where our work "at home" can, and must, make up the difference.

Donor Relations Committee: As you may recall from previous articles, the Murat branch of the Imperial Donor Relations Committee has divided into several operating committees, and we are pleased that the following nobles have agreed to serve as the chairmen:

- 1. Major Donors.** Chairman, Gary W. Lewis, P.P. Phone (317) 885-0114. This committee will work with high net-worth individuals who would be interested in donating \$5,000 or more to SHC. If you know such individuals, please call Gary and pass on the referral.
- 2. Foundations.** Chairman, Michael R. St. Pierre, P.P. Phone (317) 632-9431. This committee will work with central and southern Indiana foundations, submitting grant applications and meeting with boards of directors, in search of donations to SHC. If you are acquainted with anyone currently serving on a board of directors of a foundation, please call Mike and pass on the referral.
- 3. Corporations.** Chairman, Randolph Nail. Phone (317) 578-0001. This committee will contact the Wal-

Marts, Targets, Starbucks, Lowes, Home Depots, and other corporations in central and southern Indiana for donations to SHC. If you have a connection within one of the above corporations, or if you are aware of other corporations that have funds available for donation, please call Randy and pass on the referral.

- 4. Voluntary Annual Gifts.** Chairman, Joe Stoutner. Phone (317) 881-7041. This committee will continue the work of asking all Murat nobles to become an annual donor to SHC and spreading the word about SHC throughout all Units and Clubs. Joe will need a representative in every Unit and Club, so if you would like to be Joe's representative to your Unit or Club, please call him.
- 5. Speakers Bureau.** Chairman, Jerry Lance. Phone (317) 271-6723. This committee has the task of providing good speaking ambassadors of SHC to every other organization in our jurisdiction that needs a 10- to 20-minute speech. Typically, this will be a breakfast, lunch, or dinner speaker. The groups may be veterans' organizations, church groups, ladies groups, business networking groups, and so forth. This is important work, for we need to break out of being "the best kept secret" and become "the best told secret." In the long run, the Speakers Bureau will be responsible for much of our upsurge in fundraising for SHC. If you would like to be one of our

ambassadors, please call Jerry as soon as possible.

- 6. Telemedicine Clinic.** Chairman, Don Richards. Phone (317) 576-9100. This is our effort to bring a part of SHC to Indianapolis in the form of a clinic where kids may be examined without needing to go to Chicago, Cincinnati, or Lexington. If it works well, we will be able to serve more kids at a lower cost in transportation, manpower, and time away from home for the kids. It will also provide a great public relations and donor relations opportunity for people to see what SHC really does. If you are acquainted with anyone on a board of directors of a local hospital, please call Don and help him connect with that individual and board.
- 7. Donor Appreciation.** Chairman, Larry Jefferson, P.P. Phone (317) 635-2433. This committee will host the first annual Donor Appreciation Dinner at Murat Shrine Club in 2009. All Major Donors, Foundation Donors, Corporate Donors, Donor Relations Committee volunteers, the Murat Divan, Imperial Officers, the press, and local dignitaries will be invited, together with speakers from SHC and a small number of representative patients who have been under Murat sponsorship during this time. It should be a grand affair and one at which you will want to attend. We are also in the process of becoming better at collecting information on recent gifts to SHC that otherwise would have gone unrec-

ognized by Murat Shriners. If you would like to be a part of recognizing our donors, please call Larry.

With the help of the directors of development from Chicago, Cincinnati, and Lexington, each of our chairmen and their hand-picked volunteers will be undergoing specialized training in their respective fields of endeavor so that they may represent Shriners Hospitals for Children, and Murat Shriners, in the best light possible when they meet the public and tell our story. That training will start April 28 and 29, and may be extended or repeated as necessary.

Here is the main point of this article: When one of the above chairmen

asks you to participate in his work, please give him your favorable consideration. Help all of us make Murat a success by making the Shriners Hospitals for Children a success. The two goals are essentially the same for all Shriners because we are all members of a great fraternity and a great charity. One can no longer exist without the strong support of the other. So, let's all remember that being a Shriner is being a strong supporter of SHC, and helping SHC succeed will bring dividends to Murat and the Shrine.

And, while you are thinking about it, remember also that the Shriners Hospitals for Children have become the main attraction for men to become

nobles of the Mystic Shrine. We must make them aware of the good work that our Hospitals do every day, and then give them a chance to participate in that fine work. But, first they must be nobles. So, when you offer a man a petition for membership, offer him an opportunity to do something good for our kids. It will help him, you, and all of us. If you would like more information on how you or your candidate for membership can participate in this great undertaking, please call me at (317) 686-4773 or write to me in care of Murat Temple, 510 N. New Jersey St., Indianapolis, IN 46204.

Murat Shriners Business Connection 2008 Scholarship Golf Outing

TUESDAY, AUGUST 5 • 1 PM SHOTGUN START

“THE FORT” GOLF COURSE

6002 North Post Road, Indianapolis, IN 46216
(just minutes from downtown)

COST: \$95 PER GOLFER / \$30 “DINNER ONLY”
MAKE YOUR OWN TEAM!! CASH PRIZES!!

Includes: Green Fee, Gift Bag, Golf Cart, Driving Range, Group Lessons, and a Catered Dinner (Chik-Fil-A’s famous Chicken Dinner with all the Fix’ns)

Prizes For
1st, 2nd, 3rd
Last Place
Longest Drive,
Closest to Pin

Mulligans
Available
Raffles
Payment by July 10

Limited to first
144 Entries
Non-Shriners
Welcome
Payment by July 10

The Golf Committee
actively solicits items
and donations for
prizes. Greens and Tees
available for \$100 each.
Name and Business will
appear on sign.



NET PROCEEDS WILL BENEFIT COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS FOR CURRENT AND FORMER SHRINERS HOSPITAL PATIENTS

Team		Sign-up:	Price
Murat Shriners Business Connection	2 Name / Phone / E-mail (if known)	<input type="checkbox"/> Single	\$95.00
Golf Chairman	3 Name / Phone / E-mail (if known)	<input type="checkbox"/> Twosome	\$190.00
Randy Nail: 317-578-0001	4 Name / Phone / E-mail (if known)	<input type="checkbox"/> Threesome	\$285.00
E-mail: nailnow@msn.com		<input type="checkbox"/> Foursome	\$380.00
Registrant		<input type="checkbox"/> "Dinner Only"	\$30.00
Name _____		<input type="checkbox"/> Hole Sponsor	\$100.00
Address _____			
Phone / E-mail _____			
	Return this form with payment to: Randy Nail Residential Mortgage Group 6081 East 82nd Street Indianapolis, Indiana 46250		
		Amount Enclosed _____	
		Make Checks Payable to: "Murat Shriners Business Connection"	



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Grand Master's One-Day Class

"All the Way in One Day"

Hosted by Murat Shrine Center

*In honor of the Most Worshipful Grand Master of
Masons of the State of Indiana, Jeffery P Zaring*

Saturday, Oct. 18, 2008

Following the conclusion of the Master Mason degree, the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, Valley of Indianapolis, will be opening and conferring the fourth and fourteenth degrees.

After the AASR concludes, the Illustrious Potentate will open Murat Temple for a Ceremonial.

Note: All Candidates for the degrees of Symbolic Masonry will need to have a mentor present who can vouch for their eligibility. The mentor will need to bring the apron, Bible and Monitor for each of his candidates. As a reminder, candidates for this class must have been elected prior to October 18, 2008.

Schedule of Events

7 AM

Registration of all Candidates
Coffee and doughnuts available

8 AM

Symbolic Lodge opened and
conferral of the Entered Apprentice

10 AM

Break, followed by the
Fellow Craft degree

12 PM

Luncheon Buffet served
Cost is \$10 per person.

1 PM

Lodge resumes Labor and conferral
of the Master Mason degree.

3 PM

Scottish Rite confers the fourth
and fourteenth degrees.

4:30 PM

Murat Shrine Ceremonial

The Old Carp has been pulled to the surface as the first of May has arrived to render my review of the Fish Fries around central Indiana. Right now this Old Carp is water logged from all the rain we had in March.

Last year Suzy and I attended a Fish Fry about every weekend, and we discovered that many Fish Fries do something unique to get people to attend. As an example, Hamilton Lodge does the Fried Biscuits, Bridgeport Lodge has Homemade Apple Dumplings till they run out, Castleton Methodist Church has games for the children, and McCordsville Methodist Church has about everything for sale from the local craft shops. The one we like best is Keystone Lodge hour-long concert by the Murat Shrine Band.

Last year we found a Fish Fry in Boxley, IN. Now where is Boxley? You go north on 31 to

266th Street, then go west till you come to a fork in the road, turn left about four blocks and you are there. It is a small Methodist church; there are no tents, just tables and chairs surrounded by corn-fields. They serve Perch for the fish, all you can eat fried onion rings, and they bring your second helping to you.

This year Southport Lodge is building a shelter house south of the Lodge for their Fish Fry and other activities.

May I have a drum roll please! Now for the record, the BEST FISH SANDWICH TWO YEARS IN A ROW is Pleasant Grove United Methodist Church at Meridian and 111th Street. The following is a list of Fish Fries I am familiar with:

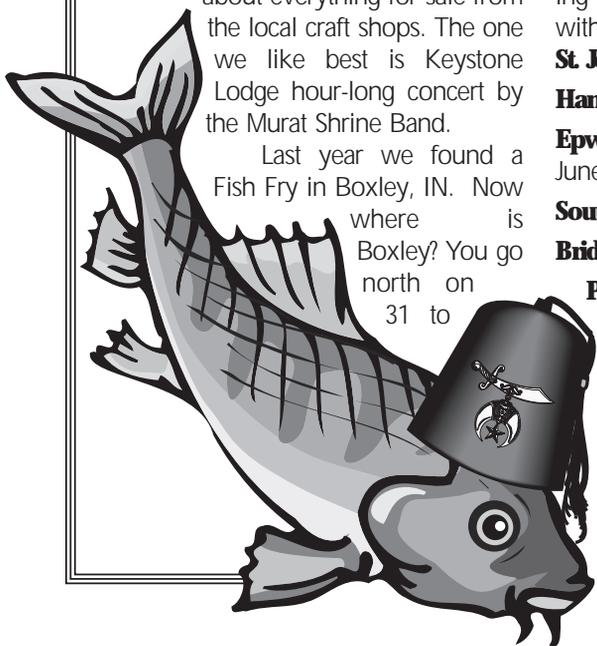
- St. John's Lodge** – Columbus, IN – May 3
- Hamilton Lodge** – May 29-30-31
- Epworth United Methodist Church** – June 12-13-14
- Southport Lodge** – June 19-20-21
- Bridgeport Lodge** – June 20-21
- Pleasant Grove United Methodist Church** – June 20-21

- Keystone Lodge** – June 26-27-28
- Christ Methodist Church, Westfield** – July 11-12
- Boxley United Methodist Church, Boxley** – July 11-12
- Lighthouse Tabernacle Church** – July 18-19
- Millersville Lodge** – September 11-12-13
- McCordsville United Methodist Church** – September 12-13
- Fist Methodist Church, Noblesville** – October 3

Now if this is not enough, the Madison County Shrine Club has all you can eat Fish Fries the second and fourth Friday each month all year. I am sure there are many more so let me know.

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

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



The Old Carp Fish Fry Review

It is the mission of Shriners Hospitals for Children to:

- Provide the highest quality care to children with neuromusculoskeletal conditions, burn injuries and certain other special health care needs within a compassionate, family centered and collaborative care environment.
- Provide for the education of physicians and other health care professionals.
- Conduct research to discover new knowledge that improves the quality of care and quality of life of children and families.

This mission is carried out without cost to the patient or family, and without regard to race, color, creed, sex or sect.



Shriners Hospitals
for Children™

MISSION STATEMENT

Shriners Hospitals Joint Board Approves 2008 Budget

This year, Shriners Hospitals for Children's commitment to providing quality health care has a larger price tag.

The 2008 budget of \$826 million is an increase of \$105 million over last year's figure. The larger number is indicative of the continuing escalation of health care costs, the need to offer competitive salaries in order to attract and retain the best physicians, a commitment to having excellent facilities and the importance of implementing the latest, most effective medical and information technologies.

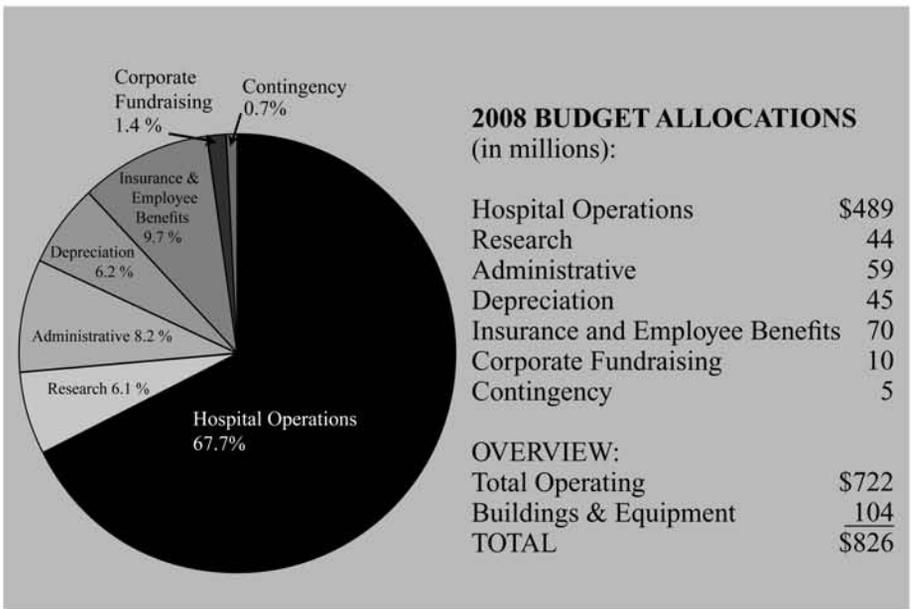
As has been true for 85 years, all treatment and services at Shriners Hospitals will be provided at no charge to patients or their families. This means that, in 2008, it will cost Shriners Hospitals for Children \$2.26 million per day to provide the best medical care possible.

"Despite the expense, Shriners Hospitals for Children remains completely confident we will continue to provide the best possible medical care to children, at no cost, far into the future," said Ralph Semb, Chairman of the Board of Trustees.

"The 2008 budget reflects our total commitment to our mission of providing the highest quality care for our patients, providing educational opportunities for health care professionals and conducting research to discover new knowledge to improve the quality of life for children around the world," said Semb. "In 2008, this commitment will cost \$26.19 every second of every minute of every hour throughout the year."

\$678 million of the budget is designated for the hospital operating budget, which includes patient care, teaching, administrative expenses, depreciation and the daily expenses for all 22 Shriners Hospitals. In addition, \$44 million has been earmarked for medical research.

The budget for building and equipment expenditures has been increased to \$104 million, representing a continued commitment to renova-



tion and new construction, as well as electronic medical records and other technological improvements. Also included in the buildings and equipment category is approximately \$1.94 million to continue efforts to make the hospitals more energy efficient, especially electrically. This year's efforts will focus on the Cincinnati, Chicago, Canada and Shreveport Shriners Hospitals.

The major construction projects included in this year's plans are:

Chicago – Renovation and expansion of the motion analysis laboratory.

Galveston – Completion of a 16-room parent center.

Honolulu – The construction of phase one of the replacement hospital has started, with the final phase of construction scheduled for completion in 2009.

Los Angeles – Negotiations for property on which to build a replacement hospital continue.

Philadelphia – The renovation project is in the design stage. There are numerous design and construction phases, with the first phase scheduled to be completed by late spring 2008. A new same-day surgery suite, a new radiology suite and new outpatient facilities will be created.

Portland – The addition/renovation project is in the design development stage. This project consists of new inpatient rooms, new operating rooms, and expansion/renovation of the outpatient area.

St. Louis – Designing a replacement hospital is in the beginning stages.

Shreveport – Completion of additions and renovations to the outpatient area is scheduled for spring 2008.

Twin Cities – Renovation of the orthotics and prosthetics area.

For more information, visit www.shrinershospitals.org



Shriners Hospitals
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Welcome New Nobles!



CREATION DATE	NAME	TOP-LINE SIGNER	UNIT/CLUB
January 31, 2008	Robert Fitzpatrick	Ed Wolfe	Southeastern IN SC
January 31, 2008	Patrick N. Carter	Jay Dean	None Listed
January 31, 2008	Anthony W. Sandlin	Douglas Whitcomb	Band
February 5, 2008	Leonard M. Barkdull	Jack Simpson	Police Club.
February 12, 2008	Kenneth E. Deitrich	William Michael	Logansport SC
February 12, 2008	John R. Grant	Mark Baker	Logansport SC
February 19, 2008	John D. Moore	Larry Leap	Boone Co SC
February 19, 2008	Christopher L. Hollis	Larry Leap	Boone Co SC
March 2, 2008	James M. Hamid, Jr.	Ted Crosley	Chanters
March 8, 2008	Donald B. Amos	Greg Miller	Reception
March 8, 2008	Dwaine T. Balay, I	Frank Capler	Police Club
March 8, 2008	Robert W. Cahoon	Ron Elliott	Firemen's Club
March 8, 2008	Donald L. Dawson	R. Jack Hopper	Reception
March 8, 2008	James I. DeLashmit	Paul Smith	None Listed
March 8, 2008	Harvey Epperson	Greg Miller	Reception
March 8, 2008	Dale W. Smith	L. David Frazier	Transportation
March 8, 2008	Shon J. Hough	Mark Genung	Chanters
March 8, 2008	Jason T. Keller	Robert McGee	Patrol
March 8, 2008	John L. Koren, III	Greg Miller	Reception
March 8, 2008	Ryan J. Matkins	Kenneth Matkins	None Listed
March 8, 2008	Richard E. Parker	Kenneth Matkins	None Listed
March 8, 2008	David B. Pearson	George Choung	Legion of Honor
March 8, 2008	Larry C. Rogers	Ron Elliott	Firemen's Club
March 8, 2008	Daniel W. Scott	Greg Miller	Reception
March 8, 2008	Jack M. Workman	Gerald Williams	Kokomo SC
March 10, 2008	John H. Lovins	William Neal, Jr.	Southeastern IN SC
March 12, 2008	Kevin Hedger	Gerald Morehouse	Logansport SC
March 12, 2008	Thomas L. Lane	William Michael	Logansport SC
March 17, 2008	Jeremy D. Lambert	James Jones, Sr.	Madison Co SC
March 17, 2008	Jay D. Pitcher	Paul Crawford, II	Stone Belt SC
March 17, 2008	David J. Vesper	Jerry Evans	None Listed

Where Do We Stand Now On Membership?

ART BORTON

Last month, I received an e-mail from the Imperial Potentate, Bernard J. Lemieux, regarding the Shrine's efforts on growing membership. Membership has been in a declining mode for several years now, and it is a continuing problem for all temples.

Right now, membership is dropping in all age groups, and overall, the Shrine has only 380,000 men as members. Of the 380,000 members, 170,000 of these are over 70 years of age, and more than 71,000 are over 80. I have not seen the actual breakdown on these statistics for Murat, but I am sure they follow the national averages. This really highlights the need to get more members and to make sure we are including them in our activities.

April brought on the introduction of our calling committee to contact members who were behind in their dues payments. Our successes will be discussed in a future article.

We continue to need to recruit new members. We are down to three opportunities to create new Shriners at our ceremonials. Traditional Hot Sands ceremonials will be on July 12 and December 13, both here at Murat. We will have an All the Way in One Day class on October 18, which will include the three Blue Lodge degrees, two Scottish Rite degrees, and the first section of the Shrine Initiation. This will be held at Murat as well. Remember, it is not too early to start working with your non-Masonic friends to get them accept-

ed by the Blue Lodge and then prepare them for joining the Shrine.

Remember, if your Unit or Club has 25 or more candidates, we will put on our Ceremonial Road Show and bring the degree work to you at your Club location.

We are rapidly approaching the midpoint of this year, and our need for strong membership efforts continues. Let's all continue to Recruit new members, Restore the members who have strayed away, and Retain the members we currently have. Let's all continue to "Create in '08" and help turn Murat's membership numbers in a positive direction.

*The Grand York
Rite Bodies of
Indiana Host
A York Rite
Festival of Degrees
and Orders
Honoring our
Deputy Grand
Master,
And Past
Potentate of
Murat Shriners
Jeffery P. Zaring*

Saturday, August 9 -- Murat Center

PROGRAM

7:00 - Registration

8:00 - Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons of Indiana

12:00 - Lunch Buffet (\$15*)

1:00 - Grand Council, Cryptic Masons of Indiana

2:30 - Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Indiana

5:00 - Festival Banquet (\$28*)

6:00 - Order of the Temple, Conferred by Levant Preceptory

* Advanced Paid Reservations by August 1.

Correspondence, Questions, and Payments to:

Maria: 317-462-5467

Maria@mitchell-fleming.com

Note: All candidates for the Degrees and Orders of the York Rite must have a mentor present who can vouch for their eligibility and present the necessary credentials. The credentials should confirm the election of the candidate and the receipt of all fees. The mentor will need to bring a Chapter Penny and Malta Jewel for each of his candidates. Candidates for this class must be elected and pre-registered on or before August 1, 2008.

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR Shriners Hospital & Transportation Fund

Crawfordsville Wal-Mart
Mable French
Greg Miller
Stone Belt Shrine Club
Turner & Edwynna D. Nolan
Tarum Shrine, Cans for Kids
Anna Jaegers-Buchanan
Frieda H. Hoffman Rev. Trust

In Memory of Donald Frakes
Gayle & Jane Byers

In Memory of Donna Jean Littrell
Sondley A. Littrell

In Memory of Charles "Pete" Peterson
George E. Tearman
Mr. & Mrs. Gary Johnson
J & E Tire Center, Inc.

In Memory of Sue Jennings Barger
Tom & Ruth Ann Kepler

In Memory of Max Allen
Lois Kenworthy
Janice Cox

In Memory of David E. Laycock
Mrs. Nancy Lantz
Mrs. Eleanor Cass

In Memory of Betty Allen
Eddie Ellis
Eithyel Sandler
Carl B. Spath, MD TTEE
Stanley, Hattie and Garland Moore
Hoosier Hillbilly Clan No. 14
Robert & Joann Caudell
Luba Kazacoff

In Memory of Helen Brace
Robert & Joann Caudell
Harold & Joyce Pierce

In Memory of John Baas
Robert & Joann Caudell

In Memory of Jean Graven, Jr.
Mr. John Lisher
Mr. Harley B. Guynn
Alpha Pi Omega

In Memory of Charles Ramsay
Walter Louks

In Memory of Loren Browning
Boone County Shrine Club

In Memory of Ruby Rynard
Don & Dorothy Endres

In Memory of Tex R. Simmons
Charlotte M. Simmons & Rick & Sherry

In Memory of Joe Rothrock
Stanley & Hattie Moore

In Memory of Douglas T. Hall
W. G. Renn

In Memory of Walter O. Muller
W. G. Renn

COMING EVENTS

(The current Murat calendars for 2008 and 2009 are available at www.muratshrine.org)

MAY

- THU. 1** **DEADLINE FOR JUNE MAGAZINE**
Caravan Club – Shirley Purvitis – Crime Watch
- THU. 1**
SAT. 3
THU. 15 Caravan Club – Sgt. Anthony Emery, Indiana State Police
Peace Officers Memorial Day
- SAT. 17** Cincinnati Hospital Open House
SUN. 18 Lexington Hospital Open House
MON. 19 Divan Meeting, Board Meeting
Stated Meeting 7 p.m.
Grand Lodge Annual Communication
- TUE. 20**
WED. 21
THU. 22 Murat Memorial Service
Caravan Club – David G. Havely, VFW of Indiana
- FRI. 23** Imperial Sir's Dinner with Nobility and their Ladies
Band Night – Shooter Band
- SAT. 24** 500 Parade
SUN. 25 500 Mile Race
THU. 29 Caravan Club

JUNE

- SUN. 1** Chicago Hospital Open House
THU. 5 Caravan Club - "Murat Corvette Club"
THU. 12 Caravan Club - "Murat Hillbilly Band"
SAT. 14 Potentate Ron Elliott One-Day York Rite Class
- MON. 16** Divan Meeting, Board Meeting
Stated Meeting 7 p.m.
- THU. 19** Caravan Club - "Jennifer Hanson, Indianapolis Downtown, Inc."
Paper Crusade
- FRI. 20**
SAT. 21
SAT. 21 Potentate Ron Elliott One-Day York Rite Class
- THU. 26** Caravan Club
SAT. 28
THU. 3 Shrine Imperial – St. Louis

JULY

- THU. 3** Caravan Club
THU. 10 Caravan Club
SAT. 12 Murat Shrine Ceremonial
THU. 17 Caravan Club
THU. 24 Caravan Club
THU. 31 Caravan Club

AUGUST

- MON. 1** **DEADLINE FOR SEPTEMBER MAGAZINE**
- SUN. 3** Masonic Home Festival
WED. 6
SUN. 16 Indiana State Fair

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The Murat Clowns aka Charlie's Chain Gang got the temple grounds ready for new mulch.



A group of Murat Shriners from the Firemen's Club, Hancock County Shrine Club, and the NextGen spread 264 bags of mulch around the Shrine Club for a spring spruce-up. The group was organized by Oriental Guide Charlie Crabtree, building & grounds chairman.
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