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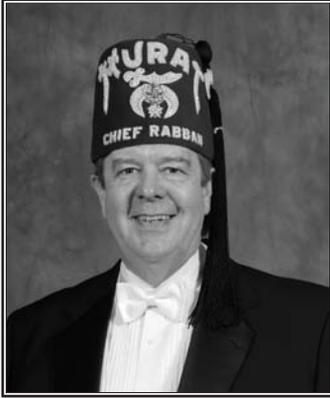


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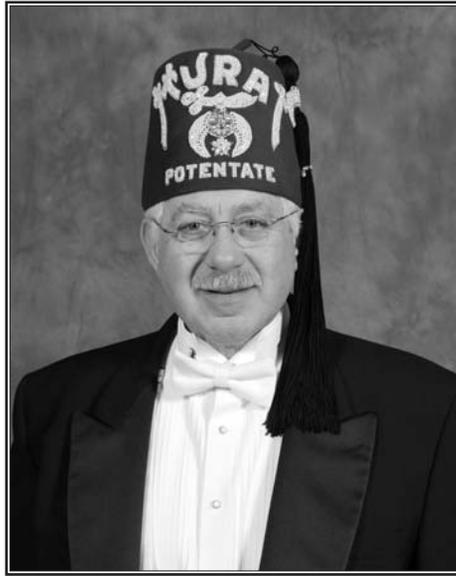


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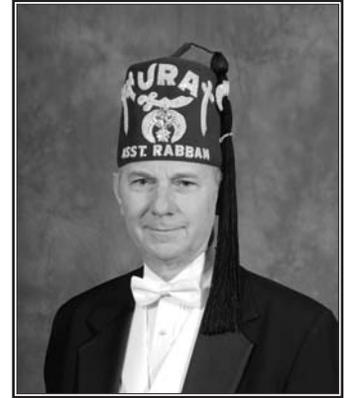
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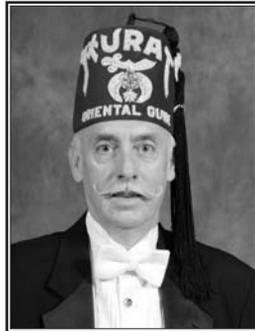
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POTENTATE MESSAGE

From the Potentate

It's hard to believe that we are in November already and the holidays are upon us. Sally Jo and I want to wish you all a very Happy Thanksgiving. It is a great time to be with family and friends.

Murat nobles and the Divan had a very good time in Cincinnati for the Great Lakes session. The weather was great

and the fellowship was even greater. Our nobles who were in competition had a very successful weekend. The Murat Clowns, Highlanders, and the Police Club Drill Team all brought home several awards. I was especially honored to present Don Waters his 2009 president's fez for the Great Lakes Clown Association. Congratulations, Don. I know you will make Murat proud!

Nobles, when you see one of our new nobles who came in on October 18 at our One-Day Class, please say "hi" and make them feel welcome. Please offer them the opportunity to join one of your Clubs or Units. Let's try to get them active because this is the way to keep them.

Membership is still the number one priority. We still have time to get candidates for our December 13 Hot Sands Ceremonial. Get those petitions signed and turned in to the Fraternal Office. Promote our fraternity every opportunity you have.

We do not have just a few members on the Membership Committee; every Murat noble should consider himself a member of our Membership Committee. Murat needs YOUR active support. Remember ... Create in '08.

In order to keep our hospitals and doctors and be able to provide the excellent care that we



are so proud of, we NEED members. The money to operate our 22 Shriners Hospitals come from donation gifts, bequests, income from the endowment fund, and from the assessments paid by every Shriner.

Nobles, you should have received your annual dues notice and some of you have

paid your dues. I want you to know that your Divan has worked very hard this year keeping costs under budget. We have the future of Murat in mind and we are constantly looking for new ways to control our costs.

Please remember that the cost of your Murat dues calculates to about 30 cents per day to make a difference in a child's life. So, please send in your 2009 dues and be a supporter of Murat and our Shriners Hospitals.

I would like to remind you again about our December 13 ceremonial. Join us that day and see our great Dramatic Cast and our award-winning Director's Staff do what they do best.

Finally, please plan to attend the December Stated Meeting and election on Monday, December 15. A free buffet will be furnished that night.

God Bless You, God Bless our Fraternity, God Bless our Country, and God Bless our Colts.

Yours in the Faith,

Ronald M. Elliott
Potentate 2008

About the cover: The three Shriners Hospitals for Children that Murat provides patient transportation to are: Lexington, Kentucky; Chicago, Illinois; and Cincinnati (Burns Center), Ohio. Photos provided by Louise Hoelker, Director of Public Relations, Cincinnati; Wanda Rice, Director of Public Relations, Lexington; and Cathleen Himes, Public Relations, Chicago.

"People Don't Know I Have Any Problems"

GORDON J HUSK

Amanda Faulk was born with serious birth defects. Her spine was bent to a 76° angle. Vertebrae had not completely formed on one side of her spine, and the spinal cord was exposed. Ribs floated freely, since there was no place for them to attach to the spine.

At the hospital where Amanda was first treated, doctors said she would never walk and that she would be observed until she was about 11 years old, when a decision could be made about possible surgery. Amanda was accepted as a patient at Shriners Hospitals for Children. At the Chicago hospital, Dr. John Lubicky concluded she would not be likely to survive to that age unless she had surgery. The unattached ribs posed a serious threat of puncturing internal organs. Amanda could not stand, nor could she sit without help.

During an extremely delicate surgery, Dr. Lubicky removed one of the unattached ribs and used it to encase the spinal cord, then straightened the spine as much as possible. Amanda was fitted with a hip-to-neck brace.

At age 3, Amanda attended an Easter party at Murat. As she entered the room with the aid of a tiny walker, the crowd murmured. She circulated through the room, smiling at everyone she met, winning the hearts of all.

Amanda was blessed to have a doting great-grandmother, Virginia Griffith, who accompanied her on many hospital trips. "Ginny" also taught her the alphabet and at age 3, Amanda could recite the complete alphabet and point out the different letters.

Because children in public school made fun of Amanda, Ginny placed her in a private church school, where she befriended other children with physical



problems. Ginny tells of a deaf boy who was shunned by other children who could not communicate with him. Amanda learned sign language so she could speak with him. A little girl had a hand with no fingers, and other children refused to let her participate in their activities. Amanda walked to her, held the deformed hand in hers, and quietly asked, "Will you play with me?"

Physical therapists at the Chicago hospital work wonders with children. One therapist helped Amanda prepare for surgery. Knowing Amanda was in pain, the lady played a soothing musical tape, placed her hands softly on Amanda's head, gently massaged her neck, then down her body, all the while calmly saying, "The music will push the pain down your body, then out your toes." Amanda was given music tapes

to play at home when she had pain, and she clearly recalls the soothing power of the music and the therapist's voice. Amanda has had many surgical procedures, including a cochlear implant and an operation in 2004 to place rods along her spine.

We recently visited with Amanda, her grandmother Gloria, and her great-grandmother Ginny. They recounted many memories of Amanda's visits to Chicago. Amanda is a sophomore in Ben Davis High School, receives grades of mostly "A" and an occasional "B+" and is in her second year of a college preparatory class where she will have the same teacher through high school. She is a beautiful young lady and still has the sparkling personality that we hospital van drivers remember. When she said she had received her learner's permit and is taking driver's education, I asked, "Is the world ready for this?" Amanda smiled.

Amanda says, "Besides saving my life, Shriners kept me from wearing a big old brace, being in a wheelchair or using a walker. When people look at me now, they can't tell I have any problems." Just as she did when she was very young, Amanda refers to Ginny as "Favorite," and phones her every day. Ginny always thanks the van drivers and has often said, "You can never be fully rewarded for saving the life of this precious little girl."

After the interview, Amanda showed me her first Shriners Hospital T-shirt, pinned to the wall above the headboard of her bed. As she walked me to the door, she hugged me and said, "I love you." Who could ask for any greater reward? Nobles, Amanda's hug was intended for every one of you.

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by all.*

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Happy fall! It's the time of year when the days get shorter, the colorful leaves fall from the trees, the Colts begin to win, and the cooler weather settles in. It is also the time when we begin to get caught up with the Holiday Season. Have you noticed the stores already have their decorations up (and I'm writing this in September!)?

By the time this magazine reaches you, 50 of us will be cruising along the Mexican Riviera on board the Vision of the Seas. I know we will be having a great time seeing the sights, relaxing in the sun, and enjoying the fellowship of our Shrine friends who have joined us on this trip.

November is upon us and the Divan ladies are busy putting the final touches on our Fall Ladies Luncheon. I hope you have marked Saturday, November 15, on your calendars. Tickets are \$25. The Divan ladies have tickets or they can be purchased in the Fraternal Office. The event will take place in the Arabian Room, beginning at 10:30 a.m. Our shopping

boutique will consist of candles, jewelry, specialty food items, hand-painted china, and various craft items. There will also be many baskets and door prizes that you may have an opportunity to win. Following lunch, which will be served at noon, you will have the pleasure of meeting our special guests. Brian and Shanna Howard are patients from the Shriners Hospital in Cincinnati. The twins, who recently graduated from high school, were burned in a house fire when they were 2 years old. They will be telling us their story and how important Shriners are to them. Brian and Shanna are also involved with Camp Ytiliba (formerly Camp Ability), not only as campers, but as camp counselors, mentoring burn injury survivors. For those of you who don't know about Camp Ytiliba, it is a weeklong summer camp for children who are patients at the Shriners Hospital in Cincinnati. A hospital committee selects campers from ages 9 to 16. So these children can go and enjoy camp like others, employees of the

hospital contribute their time and join the campers.

Their mother, Pam, will also be joining us. She said that Brian and Shanna are very excited about coming to Indianapolis to talk to us. Please plan on joining us for a special afternoon and the opportunity to meet two of our "Shrine Kids." That's what we are all about ... helping children. I am so thrilled that they will be visiting Murat.

The Holiday Season is rapidly approaching, so remember to check the magazine for the upcoming holiday events and celebrations. As November comes to a close, it is that time of the year when we celebrate Thanksgiving, count our many blessings, and take time to remember those less fortunate.

Ladies, I hope to see many of you at the Ladies Luncheon on November 15. May you all have a Happy Thanksgiving and eat lots of turkey!

Please remember to Live Well ... Love Much ... Laugh Often.

Dining Specials at the Oasis Lounge

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THURSDAYS:
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and a Pitcher of Beer
for \$10

FRIDAYS:
Ribeye Steak and Shrimp
Combo Platter for \$12

Fall Ladies Luncheon

Saturday, November 15
Arabian Room
Doors open at 10:30
Lunch at noon

Shopping boutique
Lunch
Door prizes
Entertainment

*Tickets will be \$25
and available in the
office.*

MURAT

Children's Christmas Party

Sunday, December 14, 2008

Murat Arabian Room

Guided tours of gigantic railroad display from 11:30 a.m. until 1 p.m.



Party Begins at 1 p.m.

BRING THE KIDS AND ENJOY THIS SPECIAL DAY!

Enjoy the entertainment provided by the Murat Band, The Highlanders, those whacky Murat Clowns, and featuring the magic of Jay McLaughlin.

Enjoy the refreshments and entertainment while you wait for the man himself – SANTA CLAUS AND HIS BAG OF TOYS

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Attention all Murat clubs and units

Your Club/Unit is invited to have your 2009 officers installed along with the 2009 Murat Shrine Divan at a public installation on Sunday, January 4. The installation will be held in the Arabian Room of the Murat Shrine Club. It will begin at 2 p.m. with a reception following.

Your Club/Unit may have already scheduled an officer installation on a different date; however, I would like to see your Club/Unit participate in this public installation also. It will be great to see many Club/Unit officers being recognized publicly.

Even if your Club/Unit does not participate in the public installation, We hope many of you nobles will come to see the 2009 Divan installed.

There will be an invitation with a RSVP in the December *Murat Magazine*.

2009 Public Installation and Reception

Sunday, January 4, 2009

The 2009 calendar of scheduled events is now posted on the Murat Shrine Web site – www.muratshrine.org.

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What a pleasure it is to have the opportunity to write my first article as your new Recorder. I would like to personally thank Illustrious Potentate Ron Elliott for appointing me to the Recorder position and the Divan for their support. I would like to thank my wife Sue for her encouragement and support of my fraternal and hospital duties as associate director at Lexington.

Also, I would like to thank Gordon Husk for his eight years of loyal and dedicated service as Recorder and the countless hours he has spent preparing me for my new challenge. It has been a privilege and honor to be acquainted with Gordon, and I wish him and Marian nothing but the best in their future endeavors.

During the year, I have quickly identified that our Transportation Fund could use a lot more support as the costs of gasoline and maintenance have escalated to record highs. One source that could make an immediate impact and come to the rescue is the Paper Crusade. The local Clubs and Units have done a good job by participating earlier this year, and I would challenge the county Clubs to "step up to the plate" and help us hit a home run. County Clubs have the opportunity to conduct as many Paper Crusades as they wish with prior Potentate approval. Remember, it's all about the KIDS and increased "public awareness" will give you great satisfaction and would be well worth your efforts.

The Murat Web site has been changed to become more user friendly, and several Units and Clubs have submitted information for the site. Since annual election of officers of Clubs and Units will soon be held, this would be a good time to update your information for the Web site. The webmaster has suggested having more photos of Units and Clubs in order to make the site livelier. Please follow the format shown on the Web site information form. If possible, send digital photos by e-mail attachment or provide good hard-copy photos. If you need the Web site information, please contact the Fraternal Office.

Directors Staff

Gerald Frost

Greetings Nobles and Friends,

Do you believe the Holiday Season is here already? Thanksgiving and Christmas are on everyone's mind, and we still have many important functions and events to do before year's end. We are looking forward to seeing everyone before we close this year and to make it a full success, the Directors Staff needs every member's participation, time and efforts.

Congratulations are in order to Mike Glenn and his lady on the birth of an 8.2 lb. baby boy on September 1 named Chase Allen Glenn. According to Mike, he is a future Shriner and Nubian for the Directors Staff. Again, congratulations and welcome to Chase. At our last meeting, we were told that Lady Janet Jones is home from the hospital and up and walking around after her surgery. We wish her the best of health and a fast and full recovery.

Circus, Circus, Circus. Now is the time to start thinking about the 2009 Murat circus. Who will volunteer? Who will you, yes you, be selling circus ads to this year? How many and how large will they be? How many Corporate Sponsors can you set up? Bob Bland will be our representative for next year's circus. He has all the details and info you will need to sell, sell and sell. Now is the time to discuss ads with clients. Remember, they are setting their company dollar budget for 2009 in 2008. Let's get there early this year and secure that funding for Murat Shrine Circus advertising.

Things to think about for the next meeting:

Circus Ads, Circus Ads and more Circus Ads.

Next Directors Staff Annual Meeting date is November 10 at 7 p.m.

The 2009 Officers Elections (same as annual meeting).

Murat Shrine Stated Meeting – Monday, November 17, at 7 p.m.

Full Hot Sands Shrine Ceremonial – December 13, 2008.

Fundraiser Ideas for Directors Staff Treasury in 2009 – bring your ideas.

Membership Recruits for Directors Staff.

In closing, your attendance at all meetings is welcome. Come and enjoy the fellowship of your friends and brothers. Again, please keep me informed as to what you want to see in "your magazine" articles in the future. Contact me at (317) 881-5966 or jwfrosty@sbcglobal.net.

Have a great month. "Shriners ... Having Fun and Helping Kids."

COLTS GAMES AT THE OASIS

Have a "tailgate" party and enjoy the Indianapolis Colts Murat Style!

Come to the Oasis for these Colts "away" games and watch them with your fellow Shriners, family and friends. The Oasis will open on these dates two hours before the start of the game.

SUN Nov 9
Pittsburgh Steelers

SUN Nov 23
San Diego Chargers

SUN Nov 30
Cleveland Browns

SUN Dec 18
Jacksonville Jaguars

It's so hard to believe it's November already. Where has this year gone? Soon enough we'll all be talking about that dreaded four-letter word "SNOW." I don't know about you, but I'm just not ready for that. Oh well, the seasons come and the seasons go. It just means that Shrine activities are kicking into high gear again.

I'm sorry to have to report that the Legion of Honor had to cancel our trip to Washington, D.C. for the wreath-ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, which was scheduled for this month. Unfortunately, we were not able to register enough people to cover our expenses. We needed at least 40 people and we only had 28 confirmed. We will plan again to offer this trip in 2009. Please consider making pilgrimage with the Legion of Honor next year.

Our Color Guard is gearing up for our 2009 International convention to be held in Louisville, KY. At the 2007 International drill team competition, held here in Indy, your own Murat Shrine Legion of Honor Color Guard took first place. We were not able to attend the International this year, held in Colorado Springs, CO, so we're all fired up and ready to "git-er-done" next year.

Speaking of the Color Guard, don't forget we're here for you. If your Unit or Club would like to have us present Colors at one of your functions, contact our Color Guard Captain John

Cheeley through the Shrine Fraternal Office. We would be more than happy to accommodate you if we can.

Last, but not least, if you're a Shriner who has honorably served in our country's armed forces, or are currently serving, we invite you to check out the Legion of Honor.

As always, "It's an honor to belong to the Legion of Honor."

Flying Fezzes

Patrick DeCallier

Mr. Walter Jerrell, a noted Civil War historian, was our featured speaker this month. Mr. Jerrell also brought some historic rifles to show the members. In addition, a Murat "Flying Fezz Bear," complete with goggles, scarf, and member badge, was auctioned off. The lucky winner was Etta McCullough.

The members discussed participation in the Martinsville parade coming up in October. Our "Prez" has invited the participants from the Club to his home for "Zem-Zem" and some chili.

Coming up is the Veteran's Day parade on November 11. For that parade, members will "get things ready" in the Shrine parking lot.

You do not have to be a pilot to join the Flying Fezzes; the Club meets on the second Monday of the month in the Mecca Room starting at 7 p.m.

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Mini-Mystics of Johnson County

Dave Alspaugh

The colorful leaves of autumn are slowly but surely falling from the trees. It's now November, and you can almost smell the turkey cooking. Thanksgiving is only a few days away. After the turkey feast has been cleared away, we'll roll into December, the last month of 2008. Where did the year go?

During the past year, we as citizens of the United States were privileged to be a part of Michael Phelps' march through the Beijing, China Olympics, winning eight gold medals. What an amazing feat! Seeing Michael Phelps with those medals around his neck was exciting. Well, after the Olympics, the Mini-Mystics found a gold medalist in their midst. Yes, at the Miracle Mile Parade on the South Side of Indianapolis, Bob Rash, at 89 years young, added a gold medal to the many awards he has won in his 50 years of Shrine work. Here is a picture of him showing off his medal. Bob is our Michael Phelps.

Late August, the Mini-Mystics



Bob Rash, our Michael Phelps.



Dallas Parsons

appeared at the Indiana State Fair for a parade, where we were blessed to meet one of our "Shriner Kids." Hearing her thank us for all the treatments she had received over the years just made our trip to the fairgrounds that much more meaning-

ful. Well, once again, we were blessed at the Monroe Festival Parade in Monrovia. While we were unloading our little cars and getting ready to stage them for the parade, Shrine Lady Joann Shoup came to me and asked me to join her. We went to a waiting golf cart and were thrilled to meet another of our "Shriner Kids." Freedom Bell, mother of Dallas Parsons, introduced us to her son who was born February 11, 2008. Dallas is being treated at the Shriners Hospital in Chicago. His parents, Shawn Parsons and Freedom Bell of Mooresville, couldn't say thank you enough for the service the Shrine had shown them. After spending some time with Dallas, we presented him with his own Mini-Mystics pin before his mother took him to watch the parade. Two parades and two "special" kids—we really are blessed.

The members of the Johnson County Mini-Mystics want to wish all of our friends a very Happy Thanksgiving! See you in the next issue.

Veteran Car Club

Jim Lasley

We are back at it now and as we look back on the summer, we had quite a time. We paraded from Brown County to St. Louis and for the most part had some of the strangest conditions. In Mulberry, we paraded in the rain (and were promised that during their bicentennial we would have better weather because Max Coffman is going to be the director). In St. Louis and Richmond, we paraded in the dark and at all the other parades, we had great weather except it was hot and the old Packard doesn't like hot weather. Unfortunately, we only won one trophy, but we had fun. We had some sorrow in our Club, but, as always, we will weather the storm.

Looking to the future, we have some good things coming up. President Danny and Gloria Thomas have plans for the Christmas season at the Beef & Boards and reservations are a must. Denny Fields has some plans to go back

to the beautiful West Baden Hotel for a two-day outing and tour. Fred Johnson is planning to take us to the Boggstown Playhouse for dinner and a play in November. It sounds as though the end

of the year is going to be something to remember. Let your friends know what we are doing and maybe they would like to join us for all the activities the Veteran Car Club does.

There are two ceremonials coming up and one will have been by the time we read this article, but the winter one needs candidates—the Potentate has promised free dues for 2009 for the top-line signer who produces three. Of the new candidates, the VCC needs new members also.

Due to the loss of Bud Forth, we are now in need of a secretary. Herschel Murphy has graciously consented to do the job until the 2009 officers are elected. We will have election of officers at the November meeting.

Thanks to Bill Arterberry for the fine tribute to Bud Forth.

**Band Nights
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Oasis Lounge
this fall.
See Coming
Events for
dates.**

*See coming events
on page 31*

Greetings from the Corvette Club.

We have had some great parades and outings these past few months. The Great Lakes weekend in Cincinnati was a huge success this year. There were eight convertibles and one coupe for parade day. We were honored to have past Potentates ride along with us.

We have been very blessed to have so many opportunities and great attendance at all the events and venues this year. We've all had a great time and great fellowship throughout this season. It's hard to believe that the year is almost over. We are looking forward to next year when we plan to introduce some different and fun events to our schedule. Please plan to attend one of our meetings in the near future to hear about the

possibilities for next season.

After the Martinsville parade, we all were invited back to the Heralds for more work duty, just like last year. More yard clean-up before they actually let us have food and beverages. We always end the parade season this way, and the Heralds make sure we all have a good time. Thanks, you two.

Our next meeting is Thursday, November 12, beginning with dinner and fellowship at 6:30 p.m. in the Oasis Lounge and meeting following at 7:30 p.m. If you cannot attend on the 12th, 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 connect-ed with the Corvette Club, please con-

tact one of the members or call President Ken Herald at (317) 422-9107 or Vice President Rod Kyle at (317) 745-1467.

Corvette Trivia:

The "Sting Ray" name was not used on the 1968 Corvette, but returned in 1969 spelled "Stingray."

No Corvettes were painted black from the factory from 1970 to 1976.

"T-tops" does not refer to the shape of the roof, but rather is short for TARGA TOP.

The 1978 Pace Car was black and silver because it photographed well since most magazine ads were still done in black and white.

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Johnson County Shrine Club

Dave Alspaugh

When fall comes, people travel to our area to see the beautiful countryside. Sadly, the season is short. Soon the leaves will start falling and snow flurries won't be far behind. From our household, we would appreciate a winter with NO snow.

With the arrival of November, the Johnson County Shrine Club has seen the Mini-Mystics park their parade cars, along with Bob Kelso with his 500 Club buddies, and Dale Daugherty and his Mini-Cycles group. Some of these folks will head south to become "Snowbirds." The rest of us poor souls will suffer through the snow and cold.

The Shrine Club would like to thank all who made the September 11 Golf Outing at Hickory Stick a success. A good time was had by all ... just ask Duane, Randy, and Brian. They can verify. There was some golf played too! Later, Jim Carter, once again, served up a very good prime rib dinner to wind up the great day of fellowship.

Also during the past month, the Club served a dinner of fried chicken and pork tenderloin with all the trim-



President Ray Miller and Shrine Lady Jessica.

mings to all the membership to thank them for their volunteer work with BINGO, the fair, Casino trips, and any other event requiring help. The free Zem-Zem added to the "thank you."

During the summer, we have had some members missing from the Club. The BINGO players have missed Ron Johnson. Ron has been ill and we wish him a full recovery. Wally Harrison also has been sick. Wally is currently recovering at the Masonic Home. I'm sure he'd appreciate any calls. Hurry and get well, Wally! Ed Andrews also is at the Masonic Home recuperating. Those three faces have sure been missed!



President-elect Mike Percy and Shrine Lady Jackie.

Everyone at the Club wishes them speedy recoveries.

As we near the end of 2008, we'll be saying "good-bye" to our current Club President Ray Miller and Shrine Lady Jessica. As Ray winds up the loose ends, Mike Percy and Shrine Lady Jackie will be getting ready to take over the reins to march into 2009. We want to thank Ray and his wife for a job well done. Good luck to Mike and his wife for a prosperous 2009.

We also want to wish everyone a very Happy Thanksgiving with lots of turkey, dressing, potatoes, and pumpkin pies.

See you next issue.

Shelby County Shrine Club

Randal P. Ellington

Greetings from Shelby County!

On Sunday, August 24, the city of Shelbyville and the Shelby County Shrine Club hosted Illustrious Potentate Ronald M. Elliott, his Lady Sally Jo, and the officers of the Divan at the Bears of Blue River Festival Parade Spectacular. We wish to thank all of the Shrine Clubs that participated in the parade and made it a noble parade! It was a wonderful turnout on such a beautiful day. Without the participation of all the Shrine Units, we would not be able to have such a grand parade for the city of Shelbyville.

At the conclusion of the parade, the Club invited all Murat Shrine Units and guests to the Shelbyville 40 and 8 for an afterglow reception where we enjoyed food, fellowship and the fraternalism that our great brotherhood provides. It was also with great pride that



(Photo courtesy of Noble Joseph Bula)

the mayor of Shelbyville, Scott Ferguson, presented our Illustrious Sir and his lady with a proclamation stating that August 24, 2008, was Ronald M. Elliott and Lady Sally Jo Day in the city of Shelbyville.

We would also like to thank our president, Jim Ross, and Outer Guard of the Divan Bill Rasner; their ladies and the rest of the Shelby County Shrine

Club officers, ladies and members for their help and dedication in making this such a wonderful event.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

November Stated Meeting
Tuesday the 18th

Blue Bird Restaurant, Morristown
Fellowship at 6:30 p.m., Meeting 7 p.m.

December Stated Meeting and
Installation of 2009 Officers
Tuesday the 16th

Occasions Banquet Hall, Shelbyville
Fellowship at 6:30 p.m., Meeting 7 p.m.



Clowns

Adam E. Rude

Hello Murat Shriners! It has been awhile since our last article, so we have a lot of ground to cover. The Murat Clowns started our summer with a large get-together at Terry "Stinky" Boyer's house on beautiful Lake Santee. The clowns and their families enjoyed fishing, boating, swimming, great food, and of course ... a little Zem-Zem.

Last month the clowns hosted our annual "Big Shnoz" event. A great time was had by all. Thank you to everyone who supported the clowns in this great evening of "Clowning Around." Want to be a member of the "Order of the Big Shnoz"? Talk to a Clown Unit member and we can get you signed up for next year. What's the matter ... you SCARED?

The clowns recently hosted an open house barbecue in the parking lot of the temple. The meet and greet went great! Thank you very much to the Divan for their assistance in the barbecue. (Thanks, Ron, for eating all the cookies.)

To close out the summer, the Clown Unit attended Great Lakes in Cincinnati under the leadership of Great Lakes Clown Unit President-elect Don "Cosmo" Waters. The following clowns placed in their respective categories: First Place: Hobo—Rob "Dr. Floppy" Plummer, First Place: Tramp—Chuck "Zero" Shull, and Second Place: Character—Phil "Q-less" Christy. The Unit also received first place in Appearance and Execution for their skit in the parade. Way to go Murat Shrine Clowns!

If you are interested in becoming a clown or learning more about the Murat Shrine Clown Unit, come out to one of our meetings. We meet on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month around 7 p.m. The best place to find us is in the Oasis!



Gun Club

Herb Arthur

It is time to inform the general membership, as well as all others, that the Gatling Gun Club has entered into a contractual agreement to sell the Club. The general membership voted to sell for a set amount of money; that offer has been agreed upon by a local company and earnest money has been presented to our realtor.

Those who have booked events do not need to worry. The board of directors have been looking for other locations in the near downtown area to relocate, and it will likely be after January 19, 2009, before we can relocate.

The Murat Gun Club has always made their home with the Gatling Gun Club and helped to give it support to be able to continue its operations. It is in the best interest of both organizations that this will continue.

The Gun Club, in days gone by, has had a steak or lobster party as an annual event, but the price of shipping, etc. has made it too costly at this time.

The Gatling Gun Club is planning some sort of celebration before the closing of the Club. We will keep you informed; please plan to join us.

Cincinnati Shriners Hospital Happenings

NOVEMBER 2008

With the holidays just around the corner, we wanted to make sure you knew about child life—the playroom of the hospital and often the benefit of thousands of gifts during the holidays.

Being in the hospital for any child can be a very stressful time for the family. A child life specialist helps meet the social and emotional needs of a patient during hospitalization. A child life specialist earns a college degree in studies related to child development, education and/or family development. The child life staff is part of the burn team and participates in patient assessments, team meetings, medical rounds and committees concerned with treating the whole patient.

The specialists plan weekly cooking groups, field trips, recreational and special events for the children. Just this month, the patients went to a pumpkin patch, saw exotic animals from the Cincinnati Zoo, and met Grammy-nominated musician Zak Morgan, who performed a private concert for the patients and families.

The activity rooms are relaxing and safe environments for the children to explore and socialize with other children and their families. Patients who aren't well enough to attend the playroom are seen at the bedside by a child life specialist.

When holding toy drives this year for the hospital, please keep in mind that we can use these toys the most: activity centers, rattles and squeeze toys for infants; blocks, stacking rings, sorting and grouping toys for toddlers; board games and musical toys for preschool kids; art/activity kits and board games for school age children; and paint by number sets, scrap booking material, books or CDs in Spanish, and game boy advance games. A toy brochure is available on our Cincinnati Web site page under "frequently asked questions," visit www.shrinershospitals.org.

Because of the generous support of many groups, we do not need: hospital gowns or dresses, knitted items, infant bibs, pre-op dolls, Barbie dolls, coloring books, matchbox cars, wagons or used toys or stuffed animals.

The playroom and our child life activities are just one example of how we help kids defy the odds!

If you have specific questions on anything related to toy donations, please call Louise Hoelker at the Cincinnati Shriners Hospital at (513) 872-6059.

"Create in '08"

ART BORTON

Now that we are all back in our fall routines and enjoying the changing leaf colors, we need to get back into our Shrine routines and work to generate new members.

As we enjoy the fall sports season, why not include the Oasis in your plans. The Oasis Lounge will be open for all Colts away games. There will be food and beverages available, so come on down and join other Colts' fans and enjoy the game. This is also a great opportunity to bring your prospective candidates to see our Shrine temple and enjoy some of the fun we have when Shriners get together.

As I am writing this, we have not yet had our October 18 "All the Way in One Day" class initiation and ceremonial. From all early reports, this is going to be

a big day. We already have about 25 new Shrine candidates, and we still have better than two weeks to go until the ceremonial. Let's hope for a much larger number for our final count.

November 20, 21 and 22 will bring us the next Scottish Rite Convocation at the Scottish Rite Cathedral. Murat will be well represented at these degrees, and we will have a membership table set up there to discuss the Shrine with these new Scottish Rite members. An afterglow will be held after the Saturday degrees at the Oasis, so bring your new Scottish Rite members over to see our Oasis.

We will then be rounding out the year with another traditional Hot Sands Ceremonial on Saturday, December 13. Start rounding up your candidates now to have them included. Also, all the candi-

dates who have been brought in on the October 18 "All the Way in One Day Class" should also plan to return in December so they can observe the full degree and can be included in the Hot Sands section of the ceremonial. There will also be a Unit Fair at this ceremonial, so it is a good idea to have your Units start preparing for this recruiting opportunity.

Also, don't forget that if your Unit has 25 candidates, we will bring the ceremonial to you for one of our ceremonial road shows. Please advise the Divan or the Membership Committee if we can help you in this way.

Continue to enjoy the fall weather, the various sports activities going on during this time of year, and don't forget to promote Murat as we continue to **"Create in '08."**



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Happy Halloween to one and all from Tarum. Hopefully, everyone was treated and not tricked. September finished on a high note for the Club. The parade went well and the Golden Eagles held their first demolition derby. Well, it was only one car but what a wild ride for the start of the parade. We want to thank all the Units that participated in Richmond's parade. They included Murat's Motorcycle Drill Team, the Corvette Club, Tarum's Fire Department, Tarum's Golden Eagles, and the Veteran Car Club. Tarum played host to almost all of the Units. To those who did not come to Tarum, you missed a great time. The Potentate and members of his Divan enjoyed Tarum's hospitality all day. Noble Mike (Radar) Whalen was in his first parade as a Golden Eagle and it was hard to tell who had the biggest smile—Radar or the kids. Next year's parade will be held on the first Saturday of September. We hope to see everyone here at the Club and then at the parade.

The fallout from Hurricane Ike played havoc with Richmond and Tarum. We lost power on the Sunday before the Ladies Bingo Salad Bar. Quick thinking by President Mark and the generous assistance of Noble Gene Phenis, who provided his walk-in coolers to hold the ladies' food for the event, saved the day. Thank you Gene! To all those who helped with the food sales for Richmond's Art Festival and the Depot Festival, thank you. We could not have done it without you. Events like these help keep Tarum in the public eye and get the word out about our hospitals. Well done.

Finally, November's board meeting will be here before you know it. Tarum has to have officers to run the Club in the coming year. Now is the time for you who have not been an officer to step up and take the lead. Without officers Tarum cannot be a club. So look hard at yourself and decide how you can help the Club. You will get experience as you go, and there will be help available whenever you ask. Please come forward and take Tarum to the next year.

Thanksgiving is just around the corner, so let's be thankful for all we have received in this year and remember those who are less fortunate. Happy Thanksgiving from Tarum.



Ladies Oriental Shrine

Nancy Gillie

Now that the national election is over, everyone can concentrate on the beautiful fall foliage. With Thanksgiving coming at the end of the month, plans will be centered around your family and friends. Enjoy this month of November to the fullest.

At our September meeting, Tarum Court elected Lady Ruby Warmouth to fill the vacancy of our Associate. Due to the health problems of Lady Sandra Scott, she had to resign from her elected position in our Court. She will continue to serve as chairman of the Sewing Committee.

The Ladies Oriental Shrine Great Lakes Unit Meet was held the last weekend of September in Cleveland, OH. Tarum Court's Units, consisting of the Drum Corps, Cast, Desert Caravan, Greeters, and Harp Angels, performed exceptionally well. I was so proud of the performances from our outstanding Units. WAY TO GO LADIES!!

Our LOS pizza sales in October were a huge success! Thanks to the many ladies who took orders, helped assemble and deliver the pizzas to those who supported our project. We could not have done it without everyone's help and dedication. My heartfelt thanks go to Ladies Ruby Warmouth and Ruth Ann Kelly, co-chairmen, who worked so hard to make this such a success.

ATTENTION!! Tarum Court #14 is selling Zoo books! Since we were unable to work the Mt. Comfort Air Show in August, Lady Kay Hinshaw suggested we try selling the 25th anniversary edition of the year 2009 Zoo book. This year the book is really loaded with many extra coupons to commemorate their 25 years of community service. If you know of anyone you need a nice Christmas gift for such as family members, mailman, lawn boy, ministers, neighbors, friends, etc., please contact any LOS member and arrange to purchase one or more of these books for a mere \$25 each. The book is good from now until December 30, 2009. Part of the profit will be returned to Tarum Court as one of Ladies Ruby Warmouth and Ruth Ann Kelly's Ways and Means activities for this year. Ladies, the deadline is December 20, 2008 (this year). Let's make this a huge success.

The Ladies Oriental Shrine has again been asked to assist with the Murat Children's Christmas Party on December 14. We will be passing out candy canes and serving refreshments to those children in attendance. Help is also needed to clean up after the event. I ask that each lady wear their Fez so the children and their parents will become acquainted with our part in helping the Murat Shriners in their work with the children. We need the help of many ladies to make this a success. Contact Lady Ruby Warmouth for additional information concerning this event.

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Police Club

Ron Brown

Both Police Club and Motorcycle Drill Team members ... we all need to be proud of our Clubs. Our Motorcycle Drill Team members and their ladies went to Cincinnati, OH, for the Great Lakes Motor Corps competition in September. The Drill Team was proud to have won first place in their classification and second place in the inspection category. Congratulations to all who went to represent our Clubs. I am sorry that I have had to miss the last couple of meetings due to my new job.

Our Club will again be in the calendar this year; due to time constraints, we will be using last year's photo, but at least we are still represented. Next, President Jack and other members are starting a reverse raffle as a fundraiser. Please see Club officers for details if you were not able to be at the October Meeting. I'm sure I am missing a lot of stuff, but being out of town while writing this leaves me short on a lot of my notes. Don't forget we will be starting elections at next month's meetings. If you have candidates please bring them forward.

October 18 is the next one-day class for Murat and for the Masonic Lodge. Our fellowship needs members, so please do your best to recruit. Thanks to all and looking forward to our raffle. Let's all do our best to sell and remember this helps promote our kids.

VCM

Mark Price

The VCM (Voluntary Contributing Membership) Unit enjoyed a very successful year at the 2008 Indiana State Fair. Our operation of the food booth generated record-setting revenue and, as is always the case, fantastic fellowship. As a result, the VCM will continue our tradition of philanthropy to the Shriners Hospitals for Children, the Hospital Transportation Fund, and other related funds. That tradition spans 57 years and totals more than \$875,000 in contributions.

We sincerely thank all of the volunteers who helped make this a banner year. The generous commitment of time and talent from dozens of nobles, their ladies and friends ensures that the VCM continually meets our charitable goals. We couldn't do it without you! To those who have helped us in the past, we look forward to seeing you again next year. If you haven't yet jumped on the VCM bandwagon, we encourage you to make 2009 the year that you join the Unit that truly "has fun while helping kids."

Our Volunteers' Appreciation Party was held on Saturday, September 27, at the Gatling Gun Club. As evidenced by the accompanying picture, the party was attended by many of our volunteers. During the event, we were privileged to donate \$5,000 for the Transportation Fund to Potentate Ron Elliott.

Congratulations to our 2008 president, Devon Dumford, and Lady Monica. Thank you both for your continued dedication to the VCM!

The 2009 VCM officers, elected at our September Stated Meeting, are: President – Mark Price, First Vice President – Tommy Jacobs, Second Vice President – Jeff Davis, Treasurer – Willie McKinney, and Secretary – Sam Thompson.

To learn more about the VCM, please join us at any regularly scheduled meeting.

We meet at the Gatling Gun Club on the third Wednesday of every month (except December) at 7 p.m. Please contact Secretary Sam Thompson at (317) 201-5766 for membership information.

Southeastern Indiana Shrine Club

Noel Houze

Fall is upon us and we have ridden in our last parade. We'll fry the last steaks of the year November 14. The year sure has gone by fast. As we reflect upon this past year, we all should be proud of our accomplishments as a club. Back in the spring, we spruced things up around the Club with the purchase of new carpet, and we have improved service at our steak dinners with the addition of a hot bar in the annex building. We had another successful golf tournament and our paper drives will be winding down soon—we are hoping to exceed last year's collection totals. We put on our third ceremonial in a row and all the while we were "having fun, helping kids."

Congratulations to Southeastern Indiana Shrine Club past president and current secretary, Noble Ed Wolfe, on his recent appointment as Recorder at Murat Shrine. Ed is a hard-working, dedicated noble and will do us all proud.

THE LADIES OF THE SOUTHEASTERN INDIANA SHRINE CLUB ARE LOOKING FOR RECIPES! We encourage all the nobles and their ladies from Murat Shrine to submit their favorite recipes for a cookbook project the ladies of the Southeastern Indiana Shrine Club are doing as a fundraiser for the Club. They would like as many recipes from as many different nobles and ladies as they can get. Don't be afraid to send in several, and they will gladly accept recipes from nobles and ladies from other temples as well. All you have to do is e-mail the recipes to susanhouze@yahoo.com. Please try to get them in by November 30. The cookbooks should be available sometime after the first of the year, and further details on how to order one will be forthcoming.

ANNUAL PICNIC – This year's picnic had the most attendees in several years. As usual, we had a good time, good eats, and good fellowship with members and their ladies.

PARADES – The warm weather parades are winding down with just a few to go. Among those remaining at this writing are the Great Lakes and Franklin Fall Festival.

Many thanks to all who participated in these most important parades this year. It provides a great opportunity to get the word out about our hospitals.

CINCINNATI HOSPITAL – As you know, the Club collects and delivers can tabs to our Cincinnati hospital that are used to purchase items that make patients feel more at home.

If you have some tabs at home or know of a place that will collect them for us, please get them to Ernie Jackson. Also, several members attended the Cincinnati Board of Governors Transportation Seminar at the hospital in September.

DONATION – The Club presented a check for the Transportation Fund in the amount of \$500 at the September Stated Meeting. As gas and food prices continue to rise, we need to keep our vans rolling.

KIDS' CHRISTMAS PARTY – Chairman Bucky Everhart and his committee have put together an outstanding party for the kids. Several Murat groups are involved and will entertain as well as a highly regarded magician. The party will be held on December 14, 2008. The Club voted to donate \$150 toward the purchase of toys.

LEXINGTON TRANSPORTATION CONFERENCE – Several members attended the annual conference at the hospital in October. The conference is always very informative and provides an opportunity for the drivers to express any thoughts and concerns. Some members received recognition for trips made.

SICK LIST – It was reported that Harold Huffman is still under the weather but is doing better. If you know of another member who is not well, please

let our president or chaplain know.

CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY – Please put on your calendar the Club Christmas party to be held at the University of Indianapolis on December 10. There will be a "white elephant" and the items should be worth at least \$15 and be wrapped. Social at 5 p.m. and dinner at 6 p.m. Cost is \$25 per couple which includes fun and frolic.

WELCOME – Our newest member is Chris Moore. We hope Chris and all

members can join us for our meetings and activities as much as possible. We meet on the third Wednesday of the month at Murat at 7 p.m. in the Mecca Room. Come early and enjoy dinner and fellowship.



Kentucky Colonels

Dennis Scott

PLAQUE PROGRAM – The Plaque Program is going well and several Clubs and Units, as well as individuals and businesses, have made contributions and received their plaque.

Remember, this is a Club project and will benefit our Shriners Hospitals for Children.

We still need to reach those who have not donated as yet and definitely need more businesses to contribute. We ask that all members approach a business you know and see if they would be interested in participating in this worthwhile cause. We have example plaques for your use in the Fraternal Office as well as sales slips. There is still time to get some sold before the end of the year.

OUT AND ABOUT – The October meeting was held at Charbonos Restaurant on the Northwest Side of Indianapolis. These get-togethers are designed to carry on Club business and to treat the ladies to a nice meal at the same time. There were lots of fellowship and good food. Thanks to President Garvie Piercy and his Lady Starr for arranging a good time.

CEREMONIALS – There are two ceremonials this fall to bring in a new member. The first is a one-day class to be held on October 18, 2008, as part of the Scottish Rite Convocation. The second is a full Hot Sands to be held December 13, 2008, at Murat.

We will need volunteers to work the Club and Unit Fair table for the December 13 ceremonial.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS – November is when the new officer line will be elected.

Please try to attend this meeting on November 5 and give your support to our new officer line.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY – Just a reminder to all members that the kids' Christmas party will be held December 14 in the Arabian Room. Bring your children and grandchildren for a fun time. Look for the ad in this magazine for the particulars.

CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY – President Garvie is working on our own Christmas party which will be held on Wednesday, December 3, in the Tunisian Room. This is always well attended, so be sure to get a reservation for you and your lady in early. The particulars will be mailed out in the near future.

Please join us on the first Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m. for our Stated Meeting. We have dinner around 5:30 p.m. and hold our meeting in the Mecca Room. See you there.

2009 Potentate's Ball Saturday, March 21 Watch for details in the *Murat Magazine*

Murat Shriners Business Connection Christopher Planeaux

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

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

MSBC's largest event of the year takes place Saturday, November 15, 2008: our annual Scholarship Auction. The Unit officers and auction committee members will begin distributing flyers and information. We will have both a live and silent auction, hosted by Christy's of Indiana, with a sit-down dinner, entertainment and cash bar. This has become one of the best social events of the year, and we expect media coverage this year.

Our Unit's accomplishments, however, do not stem simply from all 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 provide 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.

Also visit our one-page ad in this magazine.

RV Club

David Maudlin

It is hard to believe that our camping season is coming to an end. We had a campout every month this season from May 2 to October 12. It was a great year from our "shake down campout" at Nashville, IN, and the Zorah 500 Race weekend in Terre Haute in May. In June we traveled to Corydon where they are celebrating their 200th anniversary. July 4th was celebrated at Hickory Hills in Spencer. August was the Masonic Home Festival where we camped at the fairgrounds and enjoyed the hospitality of the Johnson County Shrine Club. A fish fry and pot luck was also in August. September we were back in Terre Haute to enjoy the many festivals, and back to Terre Haute October 10 for the Covered Bridge festivals. There were tons of laughs, lots of festivals, shopping, yard sales and, of course, great food.

We not only had a lot of fun, we also helped the kids. Our Club collects pop tabs for the hospitals. Everyone did a great job for this project with the largest contributor being the Hickory Creek Healthcare Foundation. They donated 779.6 pounds at one time. It takes 938 tabs to make one pound. What a fantastic effort. A special thanks to Barb and John Sword for their leadership of this effort. We also want to thank the Illustrious Potentate Ronald Elliott for his support and recognition of the Hickory Creek contribution. Efforts are underway for them to exceed their donations next year.

We still have the Christmas party and installation of officers on December 16. Then several of our members will become "Snowbirds" for the winter.

If you have an RV (any type) and want to have a great time, please contact Dave at (812) 342-6492.



Smyrna Shrine Guild

Barb Wimmenauer

Message from the Maharanee:

Ladies, I can't believe it is November. I hope you enjoyed the Card Party. I would like to thank Susie Lawson, Vicki Wilson and Bobbie Bertram for all their hard work as well as everyone who pitched in to help. Thanks again, ladies. I went to my first Imperial Convention in September and it was very educational and helpful. If you get a chance to go next year, it will be in Gatlinburg, TN, and will be worth the trip! Upcoming events will include our very own 1-Pound Auction and election of new officers. Congratulations to Virginia Inkoff, our new Imperial Maharanee for 2009. We wish her the best of luck next year. I would also like to extend best wishes to you and your families for a great Thanksgiving and Holiday Season.

In Tolerance, Susie Brown, Maharanee.

November Calendar

Wednesday, November 5—Guild Night: 5:30 p.m., Gatling Gun Club. Don't forget to bring a 1-pound wrapped gift to auction. The auction is always a great time and raises money for Ways & Means.

Tuesday, November 25—Board Meeting: 6:30 p.m. & Stated Meeting: 7 p.m., Murat.

December Calendar

Wednesday, December 3—Guild Night: 5:30 p.m., Gatling Gun Club.

Tuesday, December 9—Board Meeting: 6:30 p.m. & Stated Meeting: 7 p.m., Murat.

Sunday, December 14—Installation of Officers: 2 – 4 p.m., Gatling Gun Club.

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 p.m. at Murat. Make your reservation by contacting Guild Night Chairman Melanie Close at 859-9617 and leave a message. Reminder: Dianna Craft is our cheer chairman. Please contact her with news regarding our Smyrna membership and their families so we can communicate the news in a timely fashion. Her number is (317) 882-8587. If no answer, please leave a message.

Madison County Shrine Club

Mark E. Nugent

Greeting from the North!! It's November already; where did the summer and fall go? Enjoy these warm days and cool evenings.

On Sunday, September 28, the past presidents sponsored an all you can eat breakfast with homemade sausage gravy. Thank you past presidents and chairman, Noble Bruce Skinner, P.P. In attendance were our Potentate Ron Elliott and his Lady Sally Jo. Charlie Crabtree grabbed an apron and jumped in where needed. Great day.

The parade season is coming to an end; thanks go to Noble Jim Vest, P.P. and the Desert Patrol for their many trips to show the public a little of what a Shriner can be.

Our next upcoming event is the Thanksgiving dinner sponsored by our Ladies Club. Please call (765) 643-2730 to reserve a table for your family and friends.

Enjoy your Thanksgiving and reflect on the many blessings we all have in our lives. Don't eat too much!!

Shriners ... Having Fun and Helping Kids!!

Firemen's Club

Tim Whitaker

Happy Holidays Nobles!

It's that time of year when we once again give thanks for all of our blessings as Americans. As you meet with your loved ones, please try to remember those persons who are away from their families protecting us and the freedoms we enjoy. As you celebrate the Thanksgiving holiday, please remember to bless the food, your family and the young men and women who protect us daily in our armed forces, fire and police departments, and emergency service personnel.

Remember too, the year's end is fast approaching and we only have a short time to get our candidates signed up for the December 13 ceremonial. We hope to see you there.

President Floyd Sendmeyer reminds all Club members that November is nominations month for our Club. If you are an active member and want to participate in leading our Club, contact Floyd or any officer with your intent.

It's been a fun year and we have enjoyed supporting our own Illustrious Sir, Potentate Ron Elliott. Let's close out his year by supporting, participating and reaching out to our Mason friends and "Asking them to be One."

In closing, I would like to extend our best wishes to the family of Robert Hancock III. Bob passed away suddenly and unexpectedly. He was a good person and friend of our fraternity. Love him or dislike him, he gave 150 percent to our Masonic fraternity.

He is loved and he will be missed!

Murpah Shrine

On Sunday, September 28, some of the Divan and their ladies traveled to Murpah Shrine Club for a rededication of their time capsule. The officers of Murpah and their members and ladies had a small ceremony and added some recent items and pictures to the time capsule. It was then lowered into the ground at the edge of the club's facility. The group then enjoyed a cookout and fellowship.



"Everyone come look out the window." The turkey is "struttin' his stuff," not knowing his day is close to becoming the center of attention on our Thanksgiving tables. There will be lots of turkey, dressing, sweet potatoes and pumpkin pie for everyone to enjoy. Be ever mindful to give thanks to the one who provides this to our families and friends.

Attention: Bring canned goods or boxed items to our November 5 meeting. The Daughters of the Nile will donate this food collection to Wheeler Mission as our

500 Club

Jerry Lance

The September meeting had 22 members present. More members are now attending our monthly meetings—this is good, good, good. Well, the parade season is about over. This season was long and hot; hopefully, next year will be a little cooler for the drivers.

We had three cars parading at GLSA and a good time was had by all. Yours truly was not able to attend because my car (#17) was stolen, and I spent much of the time with the Indy Metro Police. The car and the enclosed trailer were recovered. There was no damage to the car; however, there was damage to the trailer where they forced entry to get inside. After talking to the storage company and the police, they both stated there were several other trailer thefts this month in and around the Indy metro area. Nobles, lock down your trailers, cars and homes. It's a cruel world out there.

Okay, on to other topics. Our September meeting was attended by our Potentate, and Ron thanked everyone for supporting him this year.

Our two shut-ins—Ed Andrews, our Prez, and longtime member Chuck Gilson—are now home on R&R and doing well.

Please remember our Sunday brunch at the Brickyard is the third Sunday of the month at 9:30 a.m. Also remember our info-line. Anything for the good of the Club, please give Tim Plank a call at 466-8383 or his direct line at 627-1580.

The September 50/50 drawing was won by Larry Devoss and he kindly returned all to the 500 Club treasury.

community service to helping those in need.

At our Founder's Day November meeting, Queen Cheryl Kuritz will do the honor of presenting factual information about Koran Temple No. 30, Daughters of the Nile. After perusing the old minute books, she will enlighten us on our founders' many customs and procedures. Come and enjoy this presentation.

Reminder: Make your reservations for the "Showers of Blessings" Supreme Appointees Luncheon with PQ Betty J. Rathbun, (317) 846-2800, by Tuesday, November 18. All members, nobles, and friends are invited to attend this function honoring Past Queen Dorothy Tinch, Supreme Goodwill Ambassador to the Central Area, and Past Queen Dorothy Abel, Supreme Escort to the Canadian Flag. The price is \$19 per person with all checks made payable to Koran Temple No. 30. Let's make this a memorable day for these two highly dedicated ladies.

Queen Cheryl wants to thank everyone who had a part in her "Let a Smile Be Your Umbrella" Card Party in October. To the Units, donors of prizes, helpers, and attendees, a huge thank you. Finally to my husband Tony, "I could not have done it without your help. You are the greatest!"

The December Social Hour has Elected Officers in charge; January will be

the Appointed Officers.

WHAT WE DO: Daughters of the Nile contributes more than \$1,000,000 annually to the Shriners Hospitals for Children to be used for the medical care and rehabilitation of children. Since 1924, Daughters of the Nile are proud of their Gold Plaques on the Donor Recognition Boards in all 22 Shriners Hospitals for Children, each representing a contribution of more than \$1,000,000. To date, 10 of the hospitals have received more than \$2,000,000 which is represented by a second Gold Plaque in those hospitals.

Each year the members of Daughters of the Nile give generously of their time to the hospitals by providing more than 150,000 volunteer hours at the Shriners Hospitals for Children. In addition, they sew clothing and quilts, and provide toys, books, games and other educational and recreational items for the children with an annual value of more than \$900,000. With this in mind, do you know of anyone who would like to become a member and help with our work for the children? If so, contact PQ Manuella Jefferson, (317) 844-6222; Pam Herther, (317) 398-4709; or Faye Crabtree, (317) 894-6583, and ask for that petition for membership.

Final thought: I would be unstoppable if I could just get started!!

Montgomery County Shrine Club

Donnie Jessie

Hello Nobles,

Hope everyone had a fun summer and fall. Now how quick can this winter get over with? Wow, did it turn out chilly or what. I saw Jim Fruits the other day on the golf course and he was wearing his snow suit. Got to do what you got to do I guess?

Montgomery County Shrine Club had a very successful fish fry last month at the American Legion. The Woodalls did a great job frying fish as they do every year. "Cooter" Hampton and Steve Lewis said we went through one million pounds. I think they were pulling my leg a little. All I know it was a lot.

We are looking forward to seeing you all at the Stated Meeting in a few days. Edd Consoer and the rest of us will head up there with a few little red wagons full of pull-tabs and some money. Jim West will be there if he can. He just wanted y'all to know that.

Big "Al" is already getting fired up for the Christmas parade. Jim West says he will be there too if he can. He's not promising anything. Our incoming president, Jimmie Stevenson, is getting the installation ready to go on December 6 at the Elks.

It is hard to believe that this year is almost over. Well, that is all I have. Good luck, nobles, with your events.

Hello again from your Dramatic Cast. Whoever said there's nothing to do needs to follow a Shriner around for a while. Since the last magazine was published, the Cast has had another great picnic south of Monrovia at the wonderful home of Noble Past President Bob Fisher and his Lady Claudia. There were over 40 Cast, their ladies and guests in attendance. It sure looked like everyone had a great time, and I don't think there are any more gracious hosts than Bob and Claudia.

Following our Stated Meeting, a number of Cast members packed up and headed for GLSA in Cincinnati. Murat had a lot of participation and the hospitality rooms and other socializing were a lot of fun. The parade was on Saturday and the town really turned out in force to watch. The Temple Party that followed was well attended and a good kick-off for another fun evening. If you haven't been to the Great Wolf Inn, you should plan a weekend trip. They have a BIG water park and other activities for the kids or grandkids.

The annual Cast golf outing and dinner at Cloverdale was next. Noble Past President Larry Sutherlin organized this event and did his usual outstanding job. I think I remember him saying this was the 11th year for the golf outing and dinner. A special thanks to his Lady Sally and the

other Cast ladies who assisted her for stepping in when a caterer couldn't be found.

We are now planning and rehearsing for our part in the Grand Master's One-Day Class on October 18. I know I've said this before, but I'll say it again—come to Murat on the 18th and watch your Dramatic Cast in action. We have a lot of fun doing it and I'm sure you will want a petition so you can join in.

On that note, I would like to invite all of our Cast members, as well as anyone else who may be interested, to join us at

our Stated meeting on November 12. We start our meeting in the Tunisian Room with dinner and possibly a little Zem-Zem or other beverage of your choice. We order off the menu, so I'm sure you can find something to your liking.

Keep our sick and distressed in your thoughts and prayers as well as our service men and women wherever they might be.

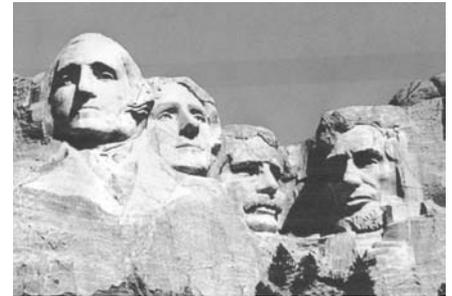
And remember,
Shriners ... Having Fun and Helping Kids.

Yours in the Faith

Band

Leonard Hull

As I sit at my cluttered desk this fourteenth day of September in the year of our Lord Two Thousand Eight, I ponder over the fortunes of this wonderful world. After undergoing major back surgery six months ago, I'm back writing Band articles and walking with limited assistance, anticipating further recovery with the greatest doctor in the world—my Lady Dolores. Thank you all for your prayers and cards that also help during difficult times.



Competent leaders carved in stone.

I want to thank Mike Moxley, editor-in-chief, who introduced a resolution at the December Stated Meeting to make me Correspondent Emeritus for the Murat Magazine. The resolution passed unanimously, a surprise honor. However, the honor should go to my supporting cast who will not let me fail.

Have you missed the Band magazine article the last few months? We've missed you but we are fine and all is well. Following the back surgery in May, your Correspondent Emeritus is back recuperating behind a backlog of obligations. The difficult thing to understand is how well things go without me, as when I stick my head in a bucket of water, there's no hole when I remove it. What a beautiful world we're living in; oh yes, and the freedoms we so often take for granted.

Now as we enter election year, November 2008, exercise your appreciation by voting. I cross lines many times but only after I've done my homework. We have so much to lose after a poor selection of a competent leader. Apathy and not exercising your privilege to cast your opinion is the best way to destroy the greatest country the world has ever known. As Ronald Reagan stated, "This country is too great for small dreams."

The date: Tuesday, November 4, 2008, polls open 6 a.m.

Now you ask what has the Shrine's oldest Unit in the world's largest temple been doing since last we communicated? They've played concerts at nursing homes, participated in several parades, and rehearsed weekly—never a dull moment. Visit any Wednesday in the Corinthian Room, 7 p.m. Bring a friend.

It will take me a while to get back into the swing of things, but with Thanksgiving in four weeks and the holidays just around the corner, God bless this happy Shrine.

Don't forget to vote November 4.

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Potentate's Ball
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**2008
MSBC
Scholarship
Auction**



**Date:
11/15/2008**

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

Arabian Room, Murat Shrine

Murat Shriners Business Connections

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

Highlights

- Sponsored by Christy's of Indiana
- Cash Prizes!!
- Dinner and Cash Bar!!!!
- Champagne & Truffles!!!!!!

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(September 2008)



Murat Plaque Program — Potentate Ron Elliott presents the Murat Shrine Business Connection its plaque to MSBC members Wally Renn and Art Borton.



Past Potentate Jerry Markovich accepts plaques on behalf of Logansport Shrine Club, Logansport Third Wheel Club, and two plaques for Niddee Shrine Guild from Plaque Program Chairman Dennis Scott and Potentate Ron Elliott.



Potentate Ron Elliott accepts a \$250 check for the Children's Christmas Party Toy Fund from Arab Patrol members Ron Fannin, Captain of the Guard Jim Priest, Delbert Drummond, and Past Potentate Jeffery Zaring.



Brown County Shrine Club President Harry Bond is joined by Buddy Antle, Clyde Martin, Steve Bond, and Gail Raehn in presenting Potentate Ron Elliott with checks of \$500 each for the Transportation Fund and for Shriners Hospitals.



Potentate Ron Elliott receives a check for \$500 for the Transportation Fund from Hendricks County Shrine Club's Paper Drive. The check is presented by Club President Larry Davis, Larry Sutherlin, and Don Olvey.



Madison County Shrine Club President Curl McNally is joined by Mike Pettigrew, Steve Quirk, Bill Edgeman, Dick Dawson, Don Melvin, and Bethel King in handing over two checks to Potentate Ron Elliott. One check is for \$3,000 for the Transportation Fund. The other is for \$260 for the Shriners Hospitals and comes from the "Widow's Sons Poker Run."



Representing the Order of the Q in presenting Potentate Ron Elliott with \$100 for the Transportation Fund are Art Borton, Richard Kirkman, Jim Ross, Sam Thompson, Charlie Merlau, George Clark, Steve Bunting, Don Olvey, Joe Stoutner, and Past Potentate Jeff Zaring.



Chief Aide George Clark, representing Tipton County Shrine Club, presents a \$1,000 check for the Transportation Fund to Potentate Ron Elliott.



Transportation Club gives \$500 to Potentate Ron Elliott for the Transportation Fund. In attendance for the presentation are Terry Boyer, Richard Kirkman, Dennis Scott, Phil Allgood, Jim Huffman, Mike Harrison, Paul Herzog, and Dave Frazier.



Potentate Ron Elliott receives a \$1,250 check for the Transportation Fund from Nobles Deo Carter and Joe Stoutner on behalf of Flying Fezzes.



Transportation jackets for 100 trips each are awarded to Ed May and Early Neville by Potentate Ron Elliott and Recorder Gordon Husk.



Murat Shriners Business Connection awards three \$1,000 scholarships to (1) Jennifer Schook who is accompanied by her father Dave Schook, stepmother Beth Miller, and sister Miranda Schook; (2) Travis Williams with his parents Jeff and Sheri Williams; and (3) Erica Schillings along with her parents Garry and Christy Schillings and sister Kelsie.

Club members participating in the presentation are President Art Borton, Scholarship Chairman Don Richards, Joe Stoutner, Chris Schaler, Chris Planeaux, Chris Conley, and Potentate Ron Elliott.

Arab Patrol

Jim Monroe

Since the last magazine article, the Patrol has had a lot of things going on. At the reverse raffle, we had a very good turnout that made it a big success for the Unit and everyone who attended. I would like to thank Steve Harlow for putting things together and coming up with a cook to replace Mike Long who was out of town on personal business. Thanks to Bill Goodart who did a great job on the pork and for helping out. Would also like to thank Denny Dickens for his help with storing the bus, the use of his grill, the lesson he gave Bill Sparks for the good corn on the cob, and for everything he does behind the scenes for the Patrol. I would also like to thank everyone else from the Patrol who helped make this happen—yes, even the Divan member Jim Priest, who was the MC and called my name out early to let me know I was not going to win the big prize, but with regrets, congratulations to the three winners who split the grand prize.

Then we had the Patrol Picnic which is a way for us to reward ourselves for a year's worth of hard work. There was good food and friendship with family and friends. There were some competitive cornhole games, which I am not sure but think some of the other guys play all day at work or are retired like Jim

Priest who just happened to beat me. But like a true leader, he told me to go home and practice and he would give me another lesson next year. But even before losing to Jim, everyone had a great time and enjoyed all the friendships we have developed over the years.

Then we were off to the Great Lakes parade in Lebanon, OH, which was a very big parade with Shrine Units from all over the Midwest and Canada. It was a great time to meet and talk to Shriners and listen to their experience about things they have done in their Shrines to benefit children, as we all are there to do. The Patrol had a good showing for the parade as the weather was very good the whole day. The Patrol would like to thank Potentate Ron Elliott for the hospitality room, as the food was just what the guys on the bus needed to make the drive back to Indy.

As the timing of this article will be in November, we would like to wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving—enjoy all the great meals and don't worry about all the extra calories; you could come out and march them off with the Patrol. Anyone wanting to join an active and fun Unit, we meet the first Friday of the month at 7:30 p.m.

2009 Murat Shrine Circus

MARCH 5-8, 2009, Pepsi Coliseum, Indiana State Fairgrounds

ANDY CLAYTON, CIRCUS DIRECTOR

My fellow nobles, by the time you are reading this article, preparations for the 2009 Murat Shrine Circus will be well on the way. It is a great honor to serve all of the nobility as circus director. I would like to thank Illustrious Sir Ron Elliott and Chief Rabban George Proctor for the opportunity to be a part of the Murat family in this capacity. I would also be remiss if I did not thank all of you who have given me your words of wisdom, encouragement, and support, especially Sherri Miller for making sure I know what I need to be doing. She is our backbone and Murat is very fortunate to have her!

The 2009 Murat Shrine Circus will once again be held at the Pepsi Coliseum. Our dates for the 2009 performances will be March 5-8. As in years past, there will be two shows for area school children at 10 a.m. on Thursday and Friday with our spectacular opening night show commencing at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 5. The partnership we have forged in recent years with Hamid Circus Producers will continue in 2009 with many new exciting acts and some of the old favorites appearing too. The ticket prices for our 2009 performances will be \$10, \$15, and \$18.

Regardless how dedicated the circus committee at Murat is, our circus would be and will be nothing without ALL OF YOU! Your dedication and devotion in past years is to be admired and applauded, but if we are going to succeed again, it must be an increased TEAM effort. I ask all of you to rededicate yourselves to creating the best circus ever in 2009! Your contribution can be big or small; it can involve promoting the circus in your communities, selling ads, working with your Unit at the shows, bringing people to one of the shows, or simply sending your circus coupons back to the Fraternal Office. Whatever contribution, they will all combine to equal a successful circus!

2009 ACTIVITY BOOK AD SALES

Now is the time for all Clubs and Units to get busy with ad sales for our 2009 activity book. Fall is the premium time to call on your friends, contacts, and business associates to help support the Murat Shrine and the great work we do! This is a great fundraiser for Clubs and Units because 25 percent of your sales go right back to the Club or Unit which sold it. It will be the easiest fundraising any Club/Unit can do all year! There are going to be some additional incentives that are being worked on for the Clubs and Units that work extra hard in selling ads and for those nobles who individually sell a high amount. More will follow at the Stated Meeting, in the next article, and during my visits to various Clubs and Units. Ad prices for 2009 are as follows:

1/8 page ad	75
1/4 page ad	150
1/2 page ad	250
Full page ad	500

New contracts have been sent to the Club/Unit leadership; please destroy all old contracts. In order to be fair to the people/businesses that place an ad in our book, please get the best possible version of their logo. This should be turned in

with the contract at the Fraternal Office or e-mailed to Sherri at sherri2766@aol.com no later than January 15, 2009. Please do your part in supporting the temple and your Clubs/Units by selling ads. Our goal is \$50,000 in ad sales. If we reach that goal, then it will be a great night in April at the Ringmaster's Banquet when we return over \$12,500 to Clubs and Units!

CORPORATE SPONSORS

In addition to our ad sales, we are actively developing corporate partners for our beloved circus. A "Big Top" thank you for the efforts of Ill. Larry Jefferson, P.P., Lin Conor, and Chief Rabban George Proctor for their efforts with this project. The work and hours they have invested are to be admired by all of Shrinedom! This program is designed to give more to those companies who want to take an interactive part in our circus. We have four levels of corporate sponsorships and just like the ad sales, if a Club or Unit brings a corporate partner to the circus, they will receive a 25 percent commission similar to the ad sale. We are offering four (4) levels of corporate sponsorship; they are \$750, \$1,000, \$2,500, and \$5,000. There are opportunities beyond the \$5,000 level; please call me directly if there is interest to create a plan.

Calliope Level: \$750 Sponsor receives full page ad in circus activity book, 75 complimentary tickets, two tickets to Corporate Sponsor Dinner, recognition on Web site, recognition plaque

Acrobat Level: \$1,000 Sponsor receives full page ad in circus activity book, 100 complimentary tickets, four tickets to Corporate Sponsor Dinner, recognition on Web site, recognition plaque

Trapeze Level: \$2,500 Sponsor receives full page ad in circus activity book, 250 complimentary tickets, six tickets to Corporate Sponsor dinner, recognition on Web site, recognition plaque

Ringmaster Level: \$5,000 Sponsor receives full page ad in circus activity book, 500 complimentary tickets, eight tickets to Corporate Sponsor Dinner, company logo and signage in the Pepsi Coliseum during all performances, Web site recognition, ad in our magazine from March 2009 – February 2010, Honorary Ringmaster for a show, and a recognition plaque.

As many of you know, this is the temple's largest fundraiser for the year. It allows us to do many of the important works that make a difference in the lives of many and enjoy each other while doing it! I ask you to join me in renewing the excitement of our Murat Shrine Circus. I challenge you to look for a way you can help. Think of the joy we bring to so many by the work we do and how big a void there would be if the Shriners didn't care!

As you contemplate how to be a part of this joyous event, remember the words of a wise old sage, "They may forget what you say, and they may forget what you did, but they will NEVER forget how you make them feel!" May God bless each and every one of you who have committed to bringing joy to others of the world!

Yours in Faith,
Andy

Meet the New Recorder

CLIFF LEWIS

Noble Ed Wolfe takes over as Recorder for Murat Shrine effective October 1, 2008. Noble Ed is a 1965 graduate of Attica High School. He attended Indiana State University and completed the AFSA course at the University of North Carolina.

Ed and his wife Sue have four children and seven grandchildren. He and Sue currently reside on 60 acres in Osgood, IN.

Ed has been actively involved in the business world for 31 years before retiring in 2002. Through those years, he has gained experience in consumer finance and the mortgage industry, business management, human resources, marketing and government relations.

He has served on state boards in California, Indiana, Illinois, Louisiana, Minnesota and Wisconsin.

Noble Ed was raised a Master Mason at Wabash Lodge



#708 in 1969. That later merged with Fountain Lodge #60 where he maintains his membership.

Ed is a member of the Scottish Rite, Valley of Indianapolis and joined the Murat Shrine in 1971.

Ed has served Murat in the past as a Potentate's Aide and as Executive Aide, as a Shrine Clown for 37 years, and as Paper Crusade chairman. Ed is past president and current secretary of the Southeastern Indiana Shrine Club and a member of the Order of Quetzalcoatl. He also is currently serving the Shriners Hospitals for Children as a board member at our hospital in Lexington, KY.

The nobility at Murat Shrine congratulate Noble Ed on his appointment and wish him great success as Murat's Recorder.

NOTICE OF ELECTION

December 15, 2008

THE STATED MEETINGS OF MURAT TEMPLE A.A.O.N.M.S. AND MURAT TEMPLE ASSOCIATION WILL BE HELD AT 7:00 P.M., MONDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2008 AT MURAT SHRINE CENTER, 510 N. NEW JERSEY STREET, INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA. THE ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND REPRESENTATIVES FOR 2009 WILL BE HELD.

ARTICLE 25, Section 325.11 Election Regulations. (a) Electioneering. The printing, publication, circulating or distribution of resolutions, letters, telegrams, tickets, email or other devices, by a Noble, suggesting, recommending, opposing or containing the names of proposed candidates for office in the temple is prohibited. (b) Violation. For any violation of (a), the Imperial Potentate may suspend any offending Noble, and he may declare the election of the officers void and order a new election.

ARTICLE 32, Section 332.2 requires payment of dues in advance before January 1 by all members. A 2008 DUES CARD IS REQUIRED TO ATTEND THIS MEETING.

Ron Elliott, Illustrious Potentate
Ed Wolfe, Recorder

ADDITIONAL NOTICE:

Appointments by a Potentate are for one year only. It is customary and expected that each committee chairman or Noble holding an appointed position will tender his resignation to the Potentate at the end of the calendar year.

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Murat's Recorder Retires

CLIFF LEWIS

Murat Recorder Gordon Husk announced to the nobility on September 29 that he would be retiring from the position of Recorder effective October 1, 2008, on the eighth anniversary of his appointment so he could spend more time with his wife Marian.

Gordon was raised a Master Mason in 1959 at Crawford Lodge #179 and is currently a member of Boone Lodge #9 in Lebanon. He joined the Scottish Rite in 1965. As a representative of the Indianapolis Valley, he was recently crowned an honorary 33rd Degree Mason.

He joined Murat Shrine in 1968 where he served as president of the Transportation Unit in 1998. He has also served Murat as hospital coordinator. He is currently a vice chairman of the Board of Governors for the Shriners Hospital in Chicago.

Even though he is leaving the duties of the Recorder's office behind, Gordon will continue to write the Hospital News feature that appears in our Murat Magazine and will remain actively involved with the Shriners Hospital in Chicago. Noble Husk will be honored with the designation of "Recorder Emeritus" by Potentate Ron Elliott.

The nobility of Murat Shrine join together in thanking Gordon for his exemplary service to Murat as Recorder and in wishing him the best for the future.



Local Masonic Leaders Are Honored



Local area Freemasons were among a group of 104 who received the 33rd Degree, the highest honor of Scottish Rite Freemasonry. The ceremony took place recently in Providence, RI, during the annual meeting of the Scottish Rite Supreme Council. The degree is awarded for outstanding service to Freemasonry or for significant contributions to humanity that reflect credit upon the fraternity. The 2008 recipients were chosen from 15 Northeastern and Midwestern states that comprise the 210,000-member Northern Jurisdiction of the United States. Those from Indianapolis, IN, were (L-R): (front row) James M. Dill, Carmel; Andrew R. Jackson, Greenwood; (second row) Gerald D. Mann, Indianapolis; Fred W. Rohr, Brownsburg; and John D. Swick, Dayton.

COMING EVENTS

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

NOVEMBER

- MON. 3 **DEADLINE FOR DECEMBER MAGAZINE**
- THU. 6 Caravan Club – Paul St. Pierre
- FRI. 7 Band Night – Lady Di and the Kings
- THU. 13 Caravan Club – Ted Bradfield-Masonic emblems
- FRI. 15 Ladies Luncheon & Boutique
- MON. 17 Divan Meeting, Board Meeting
Stated Meeting 7 p.m.
- THU. 20 Caravan Club – Randy Nail-Reverse mortgage
AASR Convocation
- THU. 20- SAT. 22
- FRI. 21 Afterglow at Murat
- THU. 27 **HAVE A HAPPY THANKSGIVING**
- THU. 27- FRI. 28 **Fraternal Office closed**

DECEMBER

- MON. 1 **DEADLINE FOR JANUARY MAGAZINE**
- THU. 4 Caravan Club – Bob Rini-Stage actors workshop
- THU. 11 Caravan Club – Jim Baize-Iwo Jima 1945
- SAT. 13 **Murat Shrine Ceremonial**
- SUN. 14 Children's Christmas Party
- MON. 15 Divan Meeting, Board Meeting
Stated Meeting 7 p.m.
Election of Officers
- THU. 18 Caravan Club
- THU. 25 **Merry Christmas!**
- THU. 25- FRI. 26 **Fraternal Office closed**
- WED. 31 NexGen New Year's Eve Party

JANUARY

- MON. 1 **HAPPY NEW YEAR!**
Fraternal Office closed
- TUES. 2 **DEADLINE FOR FEBRUARY MAGAZINE**
- SUN. 4 Murat Public Installation
- THU. 8 Caravan Club
- THU. 15 Caravan Club
- MON. 19 Divan Meeting, Board Meeting
Stated Meeting 7 p.m.
- THU. 22 Caravan Club
- SAT. 24 Murat Leadership Conference
- THU. 27- SAT. 31 Florida Visitation
- THU. 29 Caravan Club

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