

# Murat



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A group of approximately 15 clowns and one man in a brown jacket are posed in front of a red and white striped backdrop. The man in the center is holding a white sign with blue and red text. The clowns are wearing various costumes, including a life guard, a police officer, and a clown with a "MURAT POTENTATE" hat. A blue pedestal with a white star is in the foreground.

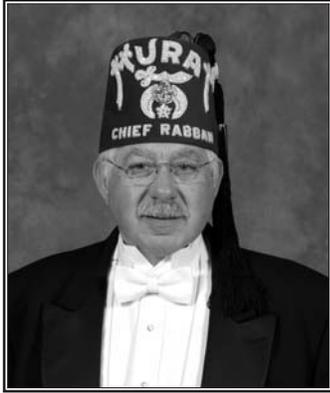
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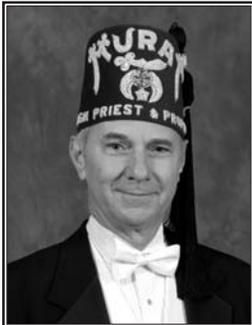
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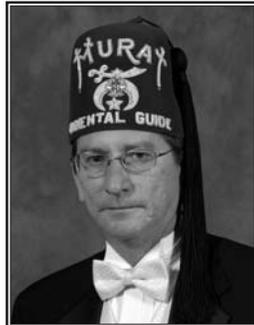
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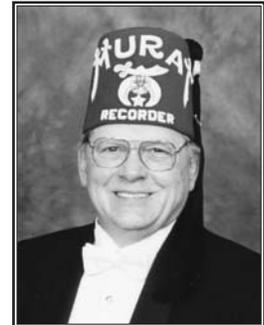
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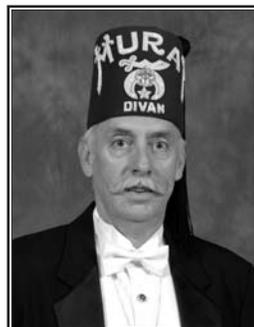
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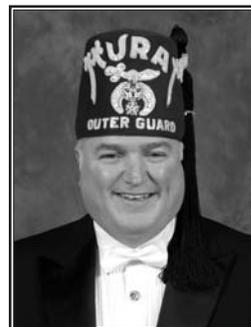
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- \*(Deceased)

POTENTATE MESSAGE

# From the Potentate

Years ago, Murat's second largest fundraiser was the Vidalia onion sale, a rather easy sell but a very temperamental gamble. Murat now has our own calendar raffle, an easy, non-perishable and functional fundraiser with a cash opportunity to the purchaser. Only 3,000 calendars will be sold at \$25 each, with a guaranteed winner every day of the year. There will be \$1,000 winners five times a year, a \$100 winner every Sunday and a \$25 winner on all other days. Drawings will be held at the end of each month.

We have some great, fun-filled opportunities approaching very quickly. Join us in the Oasis Lounge for great food from the menu of our new caterers, then enjoy our Band Nights, which are held two Fridays a month in the Oasis Lounge.

Another tremendous event is the annual Little Pig dinner, hosted by Mobil Nobles. This is an event you would love to see, but our new Outer Guard may not. The ladies gather for an evening of fun with Girls' Night Out at the same time as Little Pig. Please join everyone after-



wards in the Oasis Lounge for dancing and some great music by Boomers Revenge.

The Murat Shrine Circus is March 1, 2, 3 and 4, and we welcome children of all ages! Invite your friends, neighbors and co-workers to see these great performers.

Volunteer to work a shift or so. We have inviting positions for you and we welcome you to the fun.

Come Ride With Us at our Potentate's Ball on March 10, 2007. Tickets are available at the Fraternal Office.

Again, I thank you for giving me the opportunity to be your 96th Potentate. I look forward to having fun with you throughout the year! Always remember our purpose: Shriners - Having fun and helping kids" and "Think Positive."

Yours in the Faith,

Jerry Markovich  
Illustrious Potentate



## Girls' Night Out

**February 23, 2007 • 5 p.m.**

**Murat Corinthian Room**

Tickets available in Murat Office  
Contact Sherri - 317-635-2433



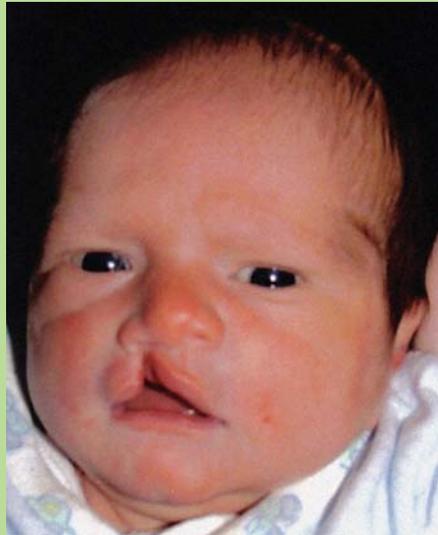
# “Shriners – A True Blessing to Our Family”

GORDON J HUSK

Jayden Stroud is a happy, smiling child. His normal appearance and smiling face are the result of expert medical treatment at Shriners Hospitals for Children. His mother, Chastity, says she was told before Jayden’s June 28, 2004, birth that he might be born with a cleft lip and palate. Although she had somewhat prepared herself to deal with the baby’s appearance, Chastity was shocked to see the degree of deformity. She says, “He was a beautiful baby, even with the cleft lip.”

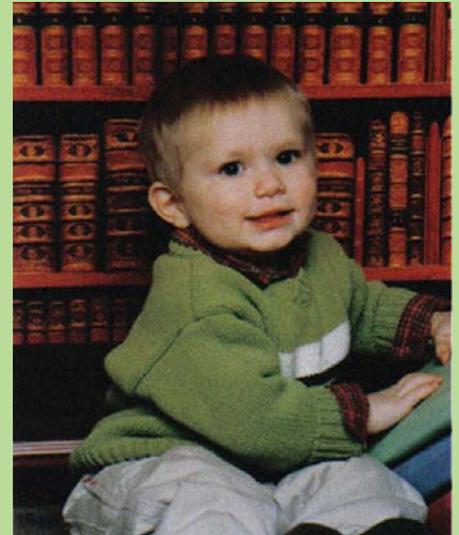
Chastity says, “One day, I was telling my grandmother, Eula Criswell, we couldn’t afford to pay for the baby’s surgery. My grandmother told me her cousin, Perry Thompson, is a Shriner and had told her Shriners Hospitals work miracles for children. I made a phone call and two Shriners came to our house to discuss the application process. The next week, Jayden had been accepted as a patient at the Chicago hospital. Shriners from Logansport transported us to the hospital and paid for our meals.”

Chastity continues, “Jayden’s surgery was performed when he was two months old. You can’t even tell the little guy had surgery, unless you had seen him before. The Shriners Hospital and the Shriners were a true blessing to our family. Without them, I truly don’t know what we would have done. They were angels from heaven, answering our prayers to get our baby boy back to normal. Thank you so much for everything you have done. We appreciate it more than you will ever know. I hope every-



one who has this type of situation will learn of the wonderful, miraculous work you do.”

Judy Stroud is Jayden’s grandmother. She says, “I was very fortunate to get to go to Chicago with our grandson. We were devastated to think he might be teased by other children because of his appearance. I had seen children with cleft lip and palate in the past, and some had many surgeries that still did not give them normal appearance. He is now the most beautiful child I have ever laid eyes on. This little guy was given the most beautiful smile one could ever have. I get all teary-eyed when he smiles at us.” Judy was not satisfied to simply say, “Thank you.” She is secretary of Rebel Rousers Car Club in Logansport, and she suggested to the club that Shriners Hospital in Chicago



receive proceeds of a car raffle. From the proceeds of a restored 1963 Chevrolet that was raffled in 2005, the club donated \$500 to the Murat Transportation Fund, and \$3,000 to the Chicago hospital. In 2006, the club raffled a restored 1966 Buick Skylark. The well-organized club sold raffle tickets in shopping malls, at car club events and on street corners. Rebel Rousers Car Club Secretary Judy Stroud, Vice President Maddy Reynolds and Treasurer Marie Sturgeon presented \$8,000 to the hospital. In addition, the club presented \$700 to the Murat Transportation Fund.

Judy Stroud says, “We hope to donate more in the future. Thank you and may God bless all of you for all you have done.”

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## From the Recorder

Gordon J Husk

Imperial Council regulations require that Divan members be installed during January. Your Murat Divan officers for 2007 were installed at noon on January 1 by Imperial Second Ceremonial Master John Cinotto.

Your new Potentate, Illustrious Sir Jerry Markovich, has new ideas to share with you. He will soon be telling Murat Clubs and Units about the one full-form ceremonial that is scheduled for December 1. The Murat Divan and the Dramatic Cast will arrange on-site ceremonials for Units and Clubs that can attract 20 or more candidates. We know this is possible. Boone County Shrine Club was named Murat Unit of the Year in 2006 by Illustrious Sir Bill Wimmenauer, due in large part to the 26 new Shriners initiated at the Club. On-site ceremonials have also been successful at Southeastern Indiana Shrine Club and Montgomery County Shrine Club. Potentate Markovich would like for each Club and Unit to build upon its history of harmony and cooperation, and magnify its efforts to build membership. Help others share the joy of being a Shriner!

Murat is in its second calendar raffle. This is Murat's second largest fundraiser. Hopefully, each Club and Unit has established a sales force to make this fundraiser a huge success. Sales are easy, since a calendar holder has a chance to win a prize each day.

## Railroad Club

Raymond E. Gotshall

President and Chief Engineer Bobby Crawford, as well as other Murat Shrine Railroad Club officers, were installed by Past Potentate (1977) and Railroad Club member Edward M. Evans on January 23, 2007. The installation was held at Murphy's Steak House and was well attended.

Other Murat Railroad Club officers who were installed that evening are: David Kaufman, First Vice President; Don Gordon, Second Vice President; Norman Ettinger, Secretary; W. David Beck, Treasurer; Albert S. Lowe, Sergeant at Arms; Board of Directors: Kenneth Kinman, J. Garland Moore, Eddie M. Ellis, Edward Andrews, Raymond E. Gotshall and John E. Grein, PGM '89/'90 and Grand Treasurer, Ex Officio.

We had a wonderful family style buffet. For those Murat Railroad Club members who didn't join us, you missed a great meal and a great night of fellowship. Newly installed President Bobby Crawford gave us an outline of his program for 2007. Some of his railroad-related trips sound mighty interesting, so you all better make sure you come out to our meeting which is still the fourth Tuesday of most months at 7 p.m. in the Railroad layout rooms on the fourth floor of the Murat Center.

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

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



Children's Christmas Party helpers at the Murat Railroad Club Room December 10, 2006. (L to R) Back Row: President John E. Grein, PGM, Ivan Skaggs, David Beck, William Zupan, Ed Andres, Ray Gotshall, Don Gordon, Wade Neal. Front Row: Norman Ettinger, Rick Holland

A big THANK YOU to every lady who signed up to participate on one of the ladies' committees for this year! We will have a wonderful time getting to know each other better and have fun in the process. For those of you who have not yet

had the opportunity to sign up for one of the fun ladies' committees, let me extend an invitation to you now! Please contact me by email at [realbz lady@hotmail.com](mailto:realbz lady@hotmail.com) or by leaving a message for me at the Murat office with your contact information. There are openings for the following committees:

## Police Club

Jerry Barker

It's official! The 2007 officers of the Murat Shrine Police Club have been duly elected. The new president is Joshua L. Barker. He takes the gavel from his father, the 2006 president, Jerry L. Barker. First Vice President is Mick Reddick and Second Vice President is Jack Simpson.

Congratulations are also in order for the Police Drill Team leadership. Ed Jacob remains Commander for a second term. The Drill Master is Steve Mellene. First and Second Team Captains go to Wayne Rusnak for a second consecutive term and Ronald Brown.

Sam Thompson has graciously agreed to continue in the important role of Chaplain, and Lowell Moss will be serving again as Sergeant at Arms for another year. Also appointed for 2007 are the 2005 Past President Tom Cotton as official parliamentarian and Willard Payne as Zem-Zem coordinator extraordinaire. It is an awesome team that will be leading the Murat Shrine Police Club in 2007!

Special thanks to Drill Team Commander Ed Jacobs and Lady Stacy for hosting an incredible Christmas dinner party at the Gun Club. The food was delicious and the evening was filled with holiday warmth. The Divan in attendance was appreciated, and we thank Stacy for the candles – they were beautiful. We burned ours on New Year's Eve.

It is wonderful how Shriners take care of one another. The bonds of Masonic brotherhood run deep. I was reminded of this at the December Police Club meeting. In September, I had attended the funeral visitation for an old cop and Shriner who I had known for over 35 years. His name was Sam Redmond. His Police Club fez was proudly displayed near his casket. Sam's widow, Pearl, contacted our own Noble, Leroy Callahan. Finding it difficult to live on a modest widow's pension, she wondered if someone might be interested in purchasing Sam's pristine Police Club fez for a few dollars. Brothers, I cannot believe the response. Six hundred twenty dollars was raised by the membership for Mrs. Redmond. Thanks to everyone for this incredible gesture of kindness and respect!

The New Year is well underway and we are busy selling calendars, with our sights set on the upcoming Shrine Circus and the Potentate's Ball. Our hearty congratulations go out to one of the Police Club's very own – 2007 Illustrious Potentate Jerry Markovich!

We'll be seeing all of you at our regular meeting the first Tuesday of the month.

Here's the rundown on the events in February and March that are for the ladies:

- All ladies are invited to attend Smyrna's Guild Night for fun and fellowship on Wednesday, February 7, and March 7 at 7 p.m. at the Gun Club with dinner for \$6 and cash beverages;
- We ladies are invited to attend this year's Florida Visitation scheduled for February 12-17, and we look forward to seeing everyone in some warmer weather!
- Remember to sign up for Girls' Night Out on Friday, February 23, with the event beginning at 5 p.m.;
- Sign up to volunteer at the Shrine Circus March 1-4, 2007;
- Potentate's Ball, March 10 – tickets are on sale now at the office!

Together we will have fun and make a difference in the lives of the children we serve in the Shriners Hospitals.



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## Potentate's Ball

March 10, 2007 • Murat Egyptian Room

6 p.m. Doors Open

*Dance to “Big Daddy Caddy” and musical entertainment by Jeff Brown*

7 p.m. Introductions

7:30 p.m. Dinner

*Tickets on sale December 1*

9 p.m. Dancing

*Tables of 8 available for purchase by Clubs and Units*

### Potentate's Ball Reservation \$95/per couple or \$47.50 per person

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## Southeastern Indiana Shrine Club

Ed Johnson

The Southeastern Indiana Shrine Club was pleased to donate \$14,000 to the Murat Temple that was collected by our members for the Paper Crusade in 2006. This is a new record high donation by our Club, and our members worked many hours to enable us to make this contribution. We are proud to be a top producing club, but even more proud of the excellent programs our donations support. Every Shriner should take great pride in being a part of the World's Greatest Philanthropy!

Our new officers have been installed and 2007 is off to a good start. Our new officers for the year are: Ed Wolfe, President; Frank Fletcher, Vice President; Ed Johnson, Secretary; and Louis Rumsey, Treasurer. The directors elected through 2009 are: Don McQueen, Terry Jackson and Wayne Montgomery. All of our members are encouraged to come out and help make a difference in the Club this year.

Plans are now underway for our 32nd annual golf outing. The event will be held on Saturday, June 23, at the Dearborn County Country Club in Aurora. Mark your calendars now so you will be able to attend this fine day of food, fun and fellowship.

## Tarum

Jeff Dickey

Tarum's new president and his officers are in place and they need other officers. The call is going out to all members. It does not matter if you have already been an officer – we need you to be one again. President Pippin's treasurer is Dick Benner. Dick has been president of the Club and he has stepped forward to help guide the Club once again. Jack Dickey, another former president, is taking the bar manager position; and Jeff Dickey, who is also a former president, is once again taking the outside party chairman position. Larry needs you to follow their examples and take a position to help him and Tarum for 2007.

The award winners for 2006 were Paul Dunlap who is Shriner of the Year and Gladys Fetters who is Lady Shriner of the Year. Congratulations to both. Tarum held a New Year's party for members and guests. Everyone had a good time and all are looking forward to another good year at Tarum.

This year looks to be a full one at the Club, so come out, have fun and see where you can help.

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The mild winter has taken some of us by surprise. We have had numerous days in December and January that were motorcycle "friendly" and although my motorcycle did not make it out of the garage, I am sure several of you took advantage of this unseasonable weather.

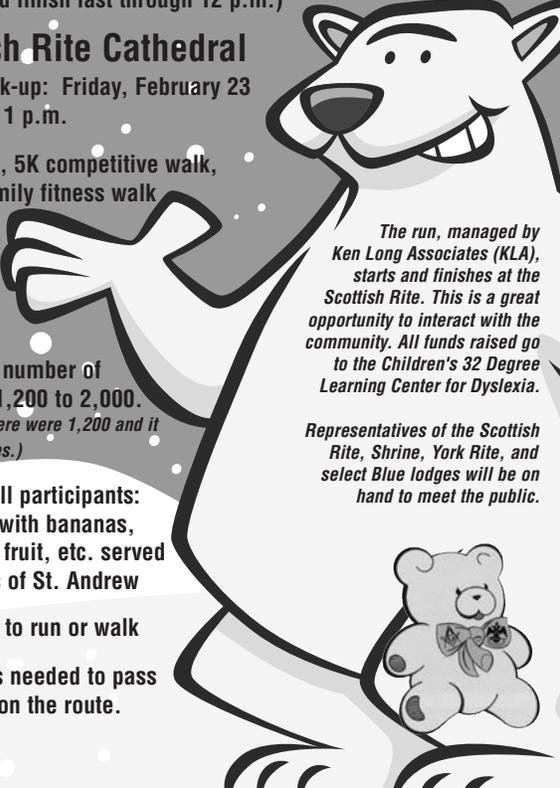
We are gearing up for the Florida Visitation and Edison Parade in Fort Meyers, FL. The Drill Team has several riders planning on making this trip. This will be our first parade of the season and I am looking forward to getting back in the saddle and even more excited with the prospects the new Parade Season brings. I am excited, as I am sure the entire Drill Team is, to be able to represent Murat and our Potentate, Jerry Markovich, in 2007.

Our new Outer Guard, Jim Priest, will be honored at the Little Pig on February 23. I will be securing tickets for this event so the Drill Team can come and support Jim on this special occasion. Also keep in mind the Friday Band Nights in the Oasis Lounge; Jim has worked hard to schedule bands that will appeal to all ages.

There is still time to turn in your reservation for the Potentate's Ball on March 10. The Drill Team has again been asked to provide escort from the Hilton Hotel to Murat that afternoon. The itinerary for this event will be posted well in advance to allow members the opportunity to participate.

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Feb. 3 Madison County Potentate's Party
- Feb. 6 Police Club/Drill Team Meeting 7 p.m.
- Feb. 12-18 Florida Visitation
- Feb. 19 Murat Stated Meeting 7 p.m.
- Feb. 23 Little Pig
  
- 3/1-4 Murat Shrine Circus – Fairgrounds
- 3/6 Police Club/ Drill Team Meeting 7 p.m.
- 3/10 Potentate's Ball
- 3/16 Band Night – Chris McShay
- 3/16-18 GLSMC – London, Ontario
- 3/19 Murat Stated Meeting 7 p.m.



## POLAR BEAR RUN

**Saturday, February 24, 2007 • 9 a.m.**  
(set-up and finish last through 12 p.m.)

**Scottish Rite Cathedral**  
Packet pick-up: Friday, February 23  
7 a.m. till 1 p.m.

5 mile run, 5K competitive walk,  
and 5K family fitness walk

*The run, managed by Ken Long Associates (KLA), starts and finishes at the Scottish Rite. This is a great opportunity to interact with the community. All funds raised go to the Children's 32 Degree Learning Center for Dyslexia.*

*Representatives of the Scottish Rite, Shrine, York Rite, and select Blue lodges will be on hand to meet the public.*

Estimated number of runners: 1,200 to 2,000.  
(Last year there were 1,200 and it was 9 degrees.)

**Meal for all participants: Spaghetti with bananas, additional fruit, etc. served by Knights of St. Andrew**

**Price: \$20 to run or walk**

**Volunteers needed to pass out water on the route.**

# Knights of the Sea

## ANNUAL INITIATION

**Thursday, May 17, 2007**  
at the Gatling Gun Club  
Cocktails beginning at 5 p.m.  
Dinner at 6:30 p.m.  
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## Mobil Nobles

Jim Ennis



This is a new year. We have elected and installed our officers for 2007. Our president is Greg Speth, pictured.

### His supporting officers are:

Steve Bunting, First Vice President  
Steve Speth, Second Vice President  
Tony Mommer, Recording Secretary  
Jim Ennis, Corresponding Secretary  
Curtis Jessup, Treasurer  
Art Borton, Board Chairman  
Bob Sculthorp, Board Life Member  
Board Members: John Friend, P.P.,  
Brian Miller and Bob Miller.

The week before our installation, we suddenly surrendered Rex Hybarger to the unseen temple above. Rex was one of our most active members and supporters of our Unit. Many of our members knew his voice that reminded them of our upcoming events and meetings. A group of members were present at the Burkhard Funeral Home to support his wife, Lois, and family during their difficult moments.

Rex will always be part of the Mobil Nobles.

Greg Speth has planned an exciting year for us. In addition to our monthly meetings every second Friday evening, our next big event is our Little Pig Initiation and dinner on Friday, February 23.

Little Pig Initiation is open to ALL Shriners. Observe our newest Outer Guard learning the beginning of life in the Divan.

"We are everywhere."

## Horse Patrol



Presentation of 50 year award to Neil Placek at the Indianapolis Horse Patrol annual meeting by the Murat Divan and John Cinnotto. (Photo by George Clark)

## MONTE CARLO NIGHT AT THE MURAT SHRINE

**March 17, 2007  
5 p.m. - 10 p.m.**

We will have Vegas style table games of chance with an Auction beginning at 10 p.m. to spend your winnings on. Great Prizes, Great Food, Great Fellowship, Great Fun, with a Cash Bar. The event will be held in the Tunisian Room with the bar and buffet in the Oasis Lounge.

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Hello Nobles,

The Montgomery County Shrine Club is getting ready for 2007. We have our onion sales coming up in March. "Big Al" Harris and Jerry Stevenson will

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## Dramatic Cast

Don Olvey

What a great way to end another successful year for your Dramatic Cast. Noble President Frank Tharp combined our December Stated Meeting with our annual Christmas party. We met on December 13 at the Gun Club. There were 65 Nobles, ladies and guests present.

The evening got started with a social hour and then Noble President Frank called the meeting to order. It was announced that the board had recommended Noble Scott Schuster be elevated to Active status. Noble Past President Larry Sutherlin then read the slate of officers nominated for 2007. A motion was made, seconded and passed to elect the slated officers by acclimation. They were then installed by Noble Past Potentate Bill Spyr.

The following will serve as Dramatic Cast officers and board members for 2007: Tim Lloyd, President; Don Olvey, First Vice President; Carl Cullman, Second Vice President; Bob Fisher, Treasurer; Aubrey Ward, Secretary; Frank Tharp, Chairman of the Board; Board of Directors: Bob James, Mike Napoliello and Bill Nichols.

It was wonderful to be able to spend an enjoyable evening with so many friends, especially at this time of year.

I am sure that all members of the Dramatic Cast join me in thanking Noble Past President Frank Tharp for a very productive and enjoyable year under his leadership.

Noble President Tim Lloyd has already started planning for 2007 and by the time this article reaches you, we will be well on our way for another great year.

Remember our fellow Nobles and ladies who may be under the weather in your prayers, and, of course, remember our service men and women who are serving this great country of ours.

Yours in the Faith

head that project. Al says "his onions will have that special ingredient in them again." Stan "The Onion Man" will surely be our top salesman again for the 93rd year in a row. Our onion sales are one of our more successful events. We usually sell out in about 10 days of arrival. All of our Shriners and all across the state are very active and supportive.

Other events we doing this year are our annual golf scramble headed by Steve Dawson and assisted by Jim West; Dale Harmon will do an excellent job with the Paper Drive as he has done in the past; and Mike Hamptom is in charge of our annual fish fry. This is just a brief look ahead at some the events we have planned for brothers across the state.

Well, we have a new board of directors, including Mike Utterback as our new president. Let me take this time again to introduce our new board: Bob Chezem, Vice President; Jimmy

Stevenson, Second Vice; Mike Hargrove, Secretary; Greg Miller, Treasurer; Jerry Stevenson and Mark Hamptom, one-year directors; Dale Harmon and Donnie Jessie, two-year directors; and Jim Fruits and Steve Dawson, three-year directors. The Club wants to congratulate you and we look forward to this great year. Our Shrine Club meetings will still be on the last Tuesday of the month at American Legion Post 72 in Crawfordsville on South Washington Street. We meet at 7 p.m. for supper and all of you fellow Nobles are welcome.

We were fortunate enough to have donated a bicycle and \$1,000 for a corporate sponsorship to the Shrine Circus. We also donated \$5,000 to the Transportation Fund. We will only work harder to give more next year.

Thank you again Nobles – we are going to have a great year with everyone's help. Good luck to all of the Clubs in 2007.

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## Smyrna Shrine Guild

Barb Wimmenauer

Greetings and notes from Maharanee Betty Huckeba. We are sad to report the death of Smyrna member Mildred (Micky) Bailey. At the January Stated Meeting we had a memorial service for her. She will be missed by all.

Please note some changes have been made since the last article.

The first change is that the Mid-Winter Bash will be February 17 at the Gatling Gun Club. Tickets will be \$15 per person. Social hour begins at 6, dinner will be at 7 and dancing from 8 p.m. until midnight. We will be having round dancing and a lot of fun. Bring your sweetheart for a fun date night.

The second change is that the Purse Auction has been moved to the May 2 Guild Night. Bring a good, bad or ugly purse wrapped in beautiful paper and ready to auction. This will be a lot of fun and help us raise money for a great cause.

A friendly reminder to bring teethers and rattles to the March Stated Meeting and the March Guild Night. We will be donating them to Shriners Cincinnati Burns Hospital.

Smyrna Stated Meetings are the fourth Tuesday of each month at 7:30 at Murat. Guild Nights are the first Wednesday of each month at the Gatling Gun Club beginning at 5:30 for appetizers and games and 6:30 for dinner and fun activities.

If interested in joining Smyrna, please contact Maharanee Betty Huckeba or any Smyrna member, and they will be happy to provide you with a petition. March 7 will be Membership Night. If you are a prospective member or know of any, please contact a Smyrna officer so we can plan accordingly. We want everyone to feel welcome and to have a good time.

One last reminder. Tammy Priest will be the Guild Night chairman this year. We are requesting that you make reservations for Guild Night in order for us to prepare enough food. Please contact Tammy at 862-0551 and leave a message if you are able to attend.

Happy Valentine's Day!

# Cincinnati Shrine Hospital

RON ELLIOTT, HOSPITAL BOARD MEMBER

**A**s a board member at the hospital, it is an honor to take this position to represent our Nobles and work with the exceptional hospital leadership we have in Cincinnati. I'll be sharing happenings of the hospital at our regular temple business meetings. Please come to our monthly meetings and feel free to discuss with me any ideas or concerns you have related to our hospital.

The New Year brings an exciting time for our hospital system. Our corporate leadership has been diligent in addressing some needs for our hospitals, such as strategic planning and marketing. In Cincinnati, we have a year with many opportunities ahead of us. Some of our most pressing opportunities include:

- Maintaining a consistent census at

the hospital, to insure we are helping as many children who need our expert medical care.

- Extending our outreach to each and every Noble at our sponsoring Shrine Temples.
- With support from Headquarters, increasing our marketing efforts to educate the public on our services, with the ultimate goal of helping more children.

A testament to the caliber of staff and commitment we have at the hospital, this past December our Outpatient Clinic was awarded the Press Ganey Summit Award for Customer Service. The Summit Award is presented to top-performing organizations that have not only achieved the highest level of customer satisfaction – within the top five percent of healthcare organizations in

the Press Ganey database – but have also sustained this level of excellence for a minimum of three years. I have personally seen and heard many times that our children and parents actually look forward to their visits in the Outpatient Department! This is an exciting accomplishment for our staff to be recognized for their services, commitment and integrity.

I would be remiss if I didn't thank Glenn Huber, our hospital chairman, for the last three years of his leadership role in shaping our hospital and allowing our Cincinnati hospital to become a role model within the Shrine system. Gary Caudill, P.P. of Syrian Temple, has taken on this leadership position. I know he will be a dynamite leader for our hospital.

## 2007 Murat Shrine Golf Schedules

*(Note: Murat Golf Outings are Stag)*

### MAY 2

Shelby County Shrine Club, Timbergate Golf Course, Franklin, IN. \$65, 12:30 p.m. Shotgun Start. Includes: Golf/1/2 Cart, Rangeballs, Comp. Beverage Cart, Dinner and Prizes.

### MAY 31

Madison County Shrine Club, Meadowbrook Golf Course, Anderson, IN. \$62. 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 and Don Melvin

### JULY 14

Montgomery County Shrine Club, Rocky Ridge, Darlington, IN.

Contact: Don Melvin, Murat Shrine or e-mail [dkmelvin@insightbb.com](mailto:dkmelvin@insightbb.com).

### JULY 19

Murat Potentate's Golf, Winding Ridge Golf Course, East 56th Street, Indianapolis, IN. \$62, 12 Noon Shotgun Start. Includes: Green Fees, 1/2 Cart, Zem-Zem on Course, Prizes and Dinner at Winding Ridge after Golf, and Special Prize for first Hole-in-One by Lockhart Cadillac.

Contact: Don Melvin, Murat Shrine or e-mail [dkmelvin@insightbb.com](mailto:dkmelvin@insightbb.com).

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



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# 62<sup>nd</sup> Annual Shrine Circus

LARRY B. SELIG, CIRCUS DIRECTOR

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The circus cannot become a success unless you become a part of this world of make-believe. Run away with us to the circus, at least for a couple of hours. Your support is needed to volunteer your time, attend the performances, and/or sponsor a child to attend. Some of the areas that you can help are ushering, ticket takers, selling Activity Books, selling novelties, stocking the novelty booths, helping with set up and tear down. If you are willing to help, please

contact Sherri in the Murat Shrine Office at (317) 635-2433.

Nine performances are scheduled from March 1 through March 4. On Thursday, March 1, the performances are at 10 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Friday, March 2, at 10 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Saturday, March 3, at 10 a.m., 2 p.m., and 7 p.m.; and on Sunday, March 4, at 11:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.

The Thursday and Friday morning shows, which are provided at no charge to school-age children and special needs people of all ages, are sold out. Orders are now being accepted; please use the order form in the magazine or you may call the office at (317) 635-2433 and charge your ticket order.

This year's circus will include favorites such as the Jacob Barreda

Elephants, Adam Burke cat act, and the Flying Pages aerial act, as well as Smirnoff's transformation act. New for 2007 will be a pony act, Luciano's Pound Puppies, and Diablos juggling act. In addition, Miss Gladys and Miss Alicia will perform on the cloud swings and an aerial ballet will be performed on a Lyra apparatus.

Because of work schedules and other commitments, many Shriners are unable to volunteer. If that is your situation, your support buying circus coupons will greatly benefit the thousands of children who attend as a result of our generosity.

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Saturday, March 3 7:00 pm			
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## CLIFF'S NOTES



The Lounge Lizard received a surprise at the December 9 Band Night when he was presented with a cake by Noble Dick Abdon and his Lady Linda. It was their way of saying thanks to El Lizardo for booking the bands for the Lounge for the last couple years. The cake had "interesting" art work and it tasted great too. Needless to say, the cake did not survive the evening.

### A Philosopher's Point of View:

1. Ham & Eggs: A day's work for a chicken, a lifetime commitment for a pig.
2. I smile because I don't know what the heck is going on!

The booking of the bands is now in the most capable hands of our new Outer Guard, Jim Priest. Nearly all the available band dates have been booked for 2007. Be sure to watch the Murat Magazine's band calendar, Let's Keep on Rockin'! Make a note of the dates so you can join Outer Guard Jim Priest and his Lady Tammy for good music, good food, and good fun.

Outer Guard Priest and the Lounge Lizard coaxed our new caterers away from their labors long enough to steal a



photo on December 9. Say hi to John and Patti Stowers when you see them. They are really nice folks and their food has been great.

### More Philosophic Pot Shots:

1. A day without sunshine is like ... night.
2. Procrastinate now! (Get it!?)

Finally, members of NexGen and Calvin Prather Lodge joined forces and under the direction of Past Potentate Bob Hancock, serenaded Past Potentate Bill Wimmenauer at the December Presidents/Holiday Party with the endearing musical classic "More Beer." This popular ballad (sic) was revived for this occasion. It previously had been performed in December 2000 for Bill's fraternal father in the Divan, Past Potentate Gary Lewis.



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

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



## Clowns

Charles "Wrongway" Howard

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

January proved to be a well deserved down month for the clowns. Throughout the other months we have done parades, picnics, parties, etc. We attended ceremonials, performed at the circus and even put on a Big Schnozzola program. Yes indeed, we had a very busy year. Such is the life of a clown! It is a lot of time but it is also a lot of good times and a lot of smiles from the kids.

We are setting our sights towards the circus that will be upon us in no time and then the Great Lakes convention after that. After that the parade season will be upon us before we know it.

### PLEASE READ:

"I just thought that I should share this suggested exercise for seniors or for anybody that is not in shape to build muscle strength in the arms and shoulders.

It's so easy; I thought I'd pass it on.

The article suggested doing it three times a week.

Begin by standing on a comfortable surface, where you have plenty of room at each side. With a 5-pound potato sack in each hand, extend your arms straight out from your sides and hold them there as long as you can. Try to reach a full minute, then relax.

Each day, you'll find that you can hold this position for just a bit longer. After a couple of weeks, move up to 10-pound potato sacks. Then use 50-pound potato sacks, and eventually try to get to where you can lift a 100-pound potato sack in each hand and hold your arms straight for more than a full minute.

After you feel confident at that level, put a potato in each of the sacks.'

The Shrine clowns are always looking for new members with new ideas and a willingness to "clown around". We can teach you the art of makeup, costumes, juggling, etc. If you would be interested in joining our unit, please contact President Chuck "Zero" Shull @ 788-8384 or check our web site for any of the other officers.

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## Transportation Club

Dennis Scott

WHAT AN HONOR – Every so often an honor comes your way that is truly meaningful. That very honor came my way recently as I was recognized by the Club as Murat Transportation Club “Man of the Year” for 2006. I cannot think of a better group to receive such an award from. It’s a pleasure to be associated with such fine Nobles who do such an excellent job taking care of our hospital families, and I feel privileged to be a part of this Club.

CIRCUS – Many thanks to those Nobles and their ladies who signed up to work the Murat Shrine Circus. This annual event brings us closer to the many thousands of children and adults throughout most of Indiana and is a great opportunity to promote the Shrine and its philanthropy. As usual, we will be taking care of the handicapped children as they arrive for the Thursday and Friday morning performances, making sure they have a good time under the



Unit Fair table manned by Ron Harris, Ernie Jackson, Don Schildgen and Dale Harris.

“Big Top.” We also encourage you to participate in handing out our Paper Crusade papers to the public as they enter the building. The paper is loaded with patient stories and information. There is still time to sign up or call to volunteer for these very important jobs.

NEW FOOD SERVICE – If you

haven’t noticed, we have a new food service at Murat who will be serving a variety of new menu items at our Oasis Lounge. John and Patti Stowers are now providing food and beverage services throughout the Murat Shrine Club building for our meetings and special events. As usual, we will have our reserved tables in the lounge prior to our Stated Meetings, so come and try out the delicious vittles they have to offer.

Since this article was written in December, I do not know yet what our new president, Mike Harrison, has in store for 2007. Mike is one of the hardest workers for our Club and we need to support him all we can during his year as president. Make part of your New Year’s resolution to attend as many of our meetings and special events as you can.

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## Murat Corvette Club

Ken Herald

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## Camera Club

Cliff Lewis



(Photo by Charlie Merlau)

On December 12, 2006, Oriental Guide Kevin Rhodes installed the officers of the Murat Camera Club at their annual Holiday Party and Photo Contest. Elected for 2007 were Dennis Wood, President; Max Damer, Secretary/Treasurer; and Mark McDaniel, First Vice President. For the fifth year in a row, professional photographer Larry Grider critiqued photos submitted by Club members. Awards were presented for the top three in four different categories. It was a great time for sharing thoughts on photo composition and techniques used to achieve the best photo possible.

Welcome to a bright and shiny New Year “2007.” Here is a little food for thought, “May we always keep the dirty side down and the shiny side up.” (author unknown)

This year starts out with a gain of five new members for the Murat Corvette Club. When you see our new members, please welcome them with a warm hello and a handshake. Our new members are: Noble Clark Adams and Lady Kay, Noble Pip Hapgood (91 Coupe) and Lady Tammy, Noble Bill Estes (2004 Convertible), Noble Philip Harris (95 Pace Car and 54 Convertible) and Noble Chuck Crabtree & Lady Angela. We hope you all participate and enjoy your new membership with us. That brings our membership up to around 40 members now.

Mark your calendars for our first parade which will be the Spring Blossom parade in Nashville, IN, on May 5, and while you are at it, remember to mark May 10-13 for the Smoky Mountain Fun Fest in Pigeon Forge, TN. Both of these events promise great fun and fellowship.

Thank You. Everyone in this Club does a great job of making the Murat look good but we would like to offer special thanks to Noble Mike McLaughlin and Lady Carol and Jack Corman and Lady Denise for the hard work and effort put forth on the decorations for the tables at the Presidents Party.

And now for a “Bit of Trivia” C1 Corvettes – On Tuesday, June 30, 1953, Number 1, Serial Number E53F001001 rolled off the assembly line and Corvette production began. (Do any of you have that vehicle)?

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

We look forward to a great year and hope you join us.

# Mini-Mystics

Dave Alspaugh

Recently, I was asked what it took to become a Mini-Mystic. Simple question, but I found it more difficult to answer than I had thought. Let's see. Where do I begin?



Ralph Simpson.

Many clubs or organizations require members to be a certain height and body build. Could that be my answer? Looking over the current drivers in the Club, I'd have to say this does not hold true for the Mini-Mystics. Ralph Simpson and Dan Gillahan are rather large people, while Brian Biehn and Ron Bailey are shorter and much smaller. Not much similarity in that respect.

Then maybe, it's a good head of hair. Larry DeVoss qualifies there with a full beard to go along with lots of hair, but wait ... Joe Inabnitt proves that hair's not a factor since he has none.

Could it be the type of work a person does? Hey, maybe we have something here. Ray Miller, Dan Gillahan, Lin Coner, Bob Coner, Ron Bailey, Scott Earl, Jeff Duff and Randy Bell are all electricians. That's



Scott Earl and Bill Sparks.

almost half of all of the drivers. But alas, this theory doesn't fly either. Mike Pearcy, Club president, works for the Indianapolis Star newspaper, Bob Torrance has an air conditioning business, and I design and sell kitchen cabinets. Oh well, I thought I was making some progress.

Being employed at a steady job was considered, but Bob Rash, Jerry Waid, and Col. Jack Brown shot down that idea since they are retired.

Living in Johnson County or around Franklin was also considered. Dave Cade, John Miller, Marlin Prince, Bob Shoup and Bob Torrance all live in the area. Meanwhile, Jim Montgomery lives on the west side of Indianapolis, Mike Pearcy in Southport, Bill Sparks in Trafalgar and Jeff Kondy in Indianapolis. Being a Mini-Mystic means you can live wherever you like.

Maybe, just maybe, being good looking and having lots money would do it. Ha! Don't know about all the Mini-Mystics, but I couldn't qualify in either of



Mike Pearcy and Joe Inabnitt.

these areas. As a Club, we have to agree that none of us are good looking or rich.

So, what is it that makes someone a Mini-Mystic? I have finally come to the conclusion that all a person needs to be a Mini-Mystic is: a current paid dues card to the Murat Shrine; a current paid dues card to the Johnson County Shrine Club; and a current paid dues card to the Mini-Mystics.

Those three things can make you a Mini-Mystic. Taking it a step further, you can become a driver by purchasing one of the miniature Corvettes. With the car, you'll have to have a means of hauling it to and from the various parades. Finally, you have to donate 25 to 30 Saturdays a year to parade for the kids.

Well, that's what I see makes up a Mini-Mystic. You can be retired, overweight, skinny, bald, poor and not so good looking, even an electrician and still qualify as a Mini-Mystic. To all our current drivers, keep up the good work and good luck with all the parades in 2007.

# NexGen

Mike Smith

Wishing you the very best in this New Year! Wow, here it is February already. We have enjoyed the holidays, and the Indiana Ice games were a success. Thanks again to all of the officers for their hard work. Congratulations to Ryan Lentz and Andrew Speere, two of our newest members. If you are a Noble under the age of 46, please come out and see what NexGen is all about! We meet the second Tuesday of each month, have dinner in the Oasis around

6:30, and then adjourn to our meeting room at 7 p.m.

Just a reminder about future events around the Shrine: February 23 – Little Pig, March 10 – Potentate's Ball, March 17 – Monte Carlo Night. So come out, have fun and make friends which will last a lifetime.

May God bless all of you.



2007 NexGen President Michael Smith and Lady Annette.

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## Firemen's Club

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Tim Whitaker

2007 is now in full swing and we are happy to welcome our new Potentate, Jerry Markovich, and his Divan members. We know Jerry will have a very interesting and exciting year for all the Nobility. Congratulations too are extended to our new Outer Guard, Jim Priest, and finally to our own Firemen's Club Past President, Ron Elliott, for being elected to the position of Chief Rabban of Murat.

With the New Year it also brought new officers to the Murat Firemen's Club. Those persons elected for 2007 were: Floyd Sendmeyer, President; Tim Whitaker, First Vice President; George E. Massey, Second Vice President; Harold Pierce, Secretary; F. Edward Pierce, Treasurer; and John Aldrich, Past President to the Executive Committee. President Sendmeyer was administered his "Oath of Office" by Past Potentate William Wimmenauer, Jr at the Potentate's Presidents Party held in December. Our Club supported this event by filling three (3) tables. Outgoing President John Aldrich asked that I extend his personal thanks to Joe Olofson, past president, for his many hours of work getting meeting and special notices out to the membership.

**LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE** – President Sendmeyer reminds all officers, there will be a "Leadership Conference" held in the Murat Arabian Room from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. on January 27. This would be a good time to gain valuable information on the events taking place in Murat.

Speaking of leadership, we would like to extend our thanks to two of our members for their dedication and service to our Indianapolis community. As of January 1, 2007, Pike Township Fire Chief Joe Olofson has retired from the fire service and Wayne Township Trustee Dan Gammon has retired from his trustee position. Both men served the Indianapolis Fire Department as firefighters prior to retiring and taking on their most recent past duties. We extend a thank you and good luck to each as they enjoy their retirement.

The Murat Firemen's Club Potentate's Reception, honoring Illustrious Potentate Jerry Markovich, will be held February 7 at 6:30 p.m. in the Tunisian Room. Please notify President Floyd by February 3 of the number of people that will be attending in your party. This information is very important, as he needs to make final arrangements with our new caterer.

**KOWAD 'AL SABIKIN** – will honor Potentate Jerry Markovich, his Divan and the Shriners of the Year on January 16. The dinner will start at 6:30 p.m.

**FLORIDA VISITATION REMINDER** – The Potentate and his Divan will be traveling to various locations in Florida February 13-18, 2007. Be sure to check the Murat Magazine for exact times and locations.

**SHRINE CIRCUS** – Our Club will once again staff the "First Aid Room" at the Shrine Circus. We need all Club members to help out as we have several performances that will require staffing. The dates are Thursday, March 1, through Sunday, March 4. It's a great time to contribute and to see old friends. If you would like to help, please contact Tim Whitaker for dates and times. FYI, Friday, March 2, will be Public Safety Night for local police, fire and other officials. Go to the Firefighters Credit Union and purchase your reduced price tickets early! "NOW ON SALE."

The Potentate's Ball will be held March 10 in the Egyptian Room. To date, our Club has purchased two tables for this fun event. If you would like to join other Club members for an enjoyable evening of fun and fellowship, contact President Floyd Sendmeyer right away.

Until next month, "Stay Safe" and don't forget to check those smoke alarms – they may need new batteries!!!

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## Tippecanoe Shrine Club

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Stephen K. Stamper

The Tippecanoe Shrine Club held their annual Christmas party for our hospital kids on December 9 at the Club. There were several Shriners and children in attendance. The kids were entertained by a magician, drawing for prizes and a visit from Mrs. Claus and Santa. Gifts were distributed to all children in attendance.

During the party President Steve Fink presented to Potentate Jerry



Markovich two checks – \$500 for the Transportation Fund and \$500 to Chicago Hospital! A meal was supplied after Santa's visit and a great time was had by all.

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## Ladies Oriental Shrine of North America, Inc.

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Betty J. Rathbun

The president of Tarum Court's sewing unit, Sandra Scott, sent \$150 in gift certificates to the Cincinnati Shriners Hospital. Also, 25 stockings filled with candy and 50 toys were donated by the members to the Lexington Hospital and Chicago Hospital for Christmas. The ladies in this unit are now making picture books using old birthday, get well, holiday, and other cards of this type. The children love these books. The sewing unit met January 10 from 3 to 7 p.m. and enjoyed refreshments. They are beginning to make things faster and need more crotchetiers and knitters.

Tarum Court's Souper Supper will be the Friday in February before the Super Bowl Game at the Gatling Gun Club.

# Hendricks County Shrine Club

John Essex II

Happy Valentine's Day to all the ladies associated with Murat Nobles from the Pirates of HCSC!

As 2007 gets rolling, the Pirates of HCSC keep getting ready for the next parade season of plunderin', feastin' and pranksterin'.

Leading the way for HCSC in the New Year is Pirate Capt. (President) Bob Boulware and his cohort in piratin' (Vice President) Larry Davis. 2007 promises to be another exciting year for HCSC as these two hoist oars and mugs of grog as they lead their mangy pirate crew to glory.

If there is a Shriner who would like to live the life of a pirate, HCSC meets 7 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month. February 15 is the meeting date this month. The meeting will take place at Plainfield Lodge #653.

HCSC always welcomes new members, is a people-oriented Shrine Club and continues to be one of the best little



2007 HCSC President Bob Boulware appears calm ... as he ponders piratical schemes for his faithful crew.



The look on the face of HCSC Vice President Larry Davis makes it obvious he is cooking up something.



Outgoing 2006 HCSC President Don Olvey was presented a photo from his year as Pirate leader at the club's installation dinner at the Mayberry Café in Danville.

Shrine Clubs in Shrinedom. Shriners reluctant to commit to a parade unit or Club because of all of the practice time usually required will love HCSC. If HCSC had a motto it would be: "Practice? Pirates don't need no stinkin' practice!"

As always, please continue to lift up in prayer all of our U.S. service men and women and their families. Es Selamu Aleikum, and GOD BLESS AMERICA!

To learn more about HCSC, send an email to [PirateFez@aol.com](mailto:PirateFez@aol.com).

## Kentucky Colonels

Dennis Scott

HAIL TO THE PRESIDENT – Congratulations to our new president for 2007, Colonel Kent Smith, Sr. Kent, along with the other officers and board members, were installed in December. Kent has several ideas on what the Colonels Club may do this year. As the year unfolds, we will pass on this information to the membership. Let's all support Kent this year by trying to attend not only our Stated Meetings but the several activities he has put together.

CIRCUS – "Ladies and gentlemen and children of all ages" is the familiar greeting we hear each year at the Murat Shrine Circus. This year will be no exception as we prepare for the March 1-4 circus dates. As usual, the Kentucky Colonels Club will be passing out Paper Crusade papers to advertise the Shrine and our philanthropy. Again, we need your help and any of the ladies who would like to participate. If we can man every door of the coliseum during the Thursday and Friday night performances and all day Saturday and Sunday, we can get the message out in a big way. Sign-up sheets were at the January meeting and will be available at our February meeting. Report times are one hour plus



Unit Fair table manned by Colonels Paul Schneck and Kent Smith, Sr.

prior to each performance and when the show starts your job is over.

OUR NEW SECRETARY – One of the most demanding jobs is that of secretary. It takes a dedicated person to help keep the Club going in the right direction. Congratulations to Colonel Ray Hunt for taking on the very important job.

WELCOME NEW FOOD SERVICE – John and Patti Stowers are now providing the food and beverages in the Oasis Lounge and throughout the Shrine Club. They will have a variety of meal choices as well as occasional buffets to tempt our palate. As usual, we will have our reserved tables prior to our Stated Meetings. Please come and join us for fellowship and good food prior to our 7 p.m. meetings on the first Wednesday of the month. See you there.

## Gun Club

Herb Arthur

The Murat Gun Club is one of Murat Temple's oldest uniformed marching units. The Unit consists of a Zouf rifle squad as well as a drum and bugle corps. If you are a Shriner in good standing, you can become a member of this Unit for yearly dues of only \$5.

The Unit is housed and practices at the Gatling Gun Club, 709 N. Illinois St., on Friday nights. All uniforms and rifles, as well as drums, bugles, etc., are furnished by the Unit FREE OF CHARGE.

Like many other uniformed units, we need new members who are interested in good fellowship and a good time.

The present members would very much enjoy helping you to become a Shriner who knows how to have fun.

The Unit is having a free dinner to honor all past majors and veterans, those who have served 20 years and more, on Friday, February 16, starting at 5 p.m. Your lady is also invited.

Please R.S.V.P. before February 13 so we will know how many to expect. Make your reservation with Herb Arthur, (317) 322-3901.

Those who are interested in joining may also have a free meal with a reservation.

February is the month of presidents and cupid. George Washington, our first president, was born February 22, and the Great Emancipator, Abraham Lincoln, our 16th president, was born February 12. Our nation honors both on Monday, February 19. February is also "Cupid's" month since we celebrate Valentine's Day on February 14. Many people send cards or gifts to those who are dear to them. Candy and flowers are also widely used to show those we cherish that they are in our thoughts. Take the time to contact your friends and loved ones and perhaps someone who would welcome knowing they are important to you.

On Saturday, February 17, at 2 p.m. in the Corinthian Room at the Murat Centre, Koran Temple will have their "White Rose Ceremonial." The activities will begin with a Buffet Luncheon at 12 p.m. in the Tunisian Room. The menu will consist of pork tenderloin with fruit compote, steamed red skinned potatoes, vegetable medley, salad with rolls, lemon chiffon cake, and coffee or tea. The luncheon price will be \$15 per person with Tuesday, February 13, as the deadline

date for making your reservation. Please make all checks payable to Koran Temple No. 30. Contact Betty J. Rathbun, 115 West 91st Street, Indianapolis, IN 46260-1715, by phone at (317) 846-2800 to reserve your seat for the "White Rose Ceremonial Buffet."

Please note: A reminder to all officers that practice will be held on Friday, February 16, at 6 p.m. in the Corinthian Room. The room will be set up for the ceremonial that same evening. Please be punctual and if you are unable to attend, notify Queen Dorothy as soon as possible.

A huge thank you to Past Queen Helen Brace and her committee for all the wonderful decorations given at the various Daughters of the Nile events this past year. Your dedication and creativity has made this year very memorable for all who attended the various functions.

Queen Dorothy Abel and her Noble "Bud" traveled to Lexington, KY, on December 14 and delivered many Christmas gifts to the children in the Shriners Hospital. They took CD's, toys, cameras, clothing, jewelry, stuffed animals, throws, and toiletries valued at over \$241.

They also presented a check in the amount of \$413 to purchase other needed items. This Christmas donation totaled \$654 from our ladies. In July, Past Queen Manuella Jefferson and her Noble Larry traveled to Lexington, taking many items and cash totaling \$552 for the children. Ladies, this means Koran Temple has contributed over \$1,200 this year. Congratulations to the ladies and sewing chairmen for a job well done.

Our February 7 Stated Meeting will be a memorial service for those who died this past year. Election of officers for 2007-2008 will be held at our Stated Meeting on March 7. Mark these dates on your calendar and attend our meetings on the first Wednesday of each month in the Trowel Trades Building at 7 p.m.

Past Queens whose names begin with M to Z will be in charge of the social hour following the February Stated Meeting. Our Queen will prepare the refreshments for the March 7 meeting.

The last sewing for this year will be held on Wednesday, March 21, in the Trowel Trades Building from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Please try to attend.

## Yacht Club

Fred Schowengerdt

The Yacht Club is busy planning activities for 2007, and we are looking to put together the social program in January and to disseminate it to all of our members shortly thereafter.

Mark these dates on your calendars: The Knights of the Sea initiation is set for Thursday, May 17, at the Gatling Gun Club, and the Knights of the Sea Golf Outing is set for Thursday, June 21. We will need all of the help we can get from our Club members on these dates, so please try to keep these dates open and plan to attend these events. In addition, we are trying to put a party together in February or March, so look for the information in your mail. Ted Stewart, our secretary-treasurer, is busy trying to put together an email list for our membership, and we would appreciate it if you could send him your email address if you have one. With email we can communicate instantly with our members at no cost, and the people with email will receive reminders of Club activities as well as up-to-date information that cannot be com-

municated by flyer or by any other means. Ted's e-mail address is [stew0627@aol.com](mailto:stew0627@aol.com).

Delbert Drummond, our faithful storekeeper and supply officer, has shirts for sale and he would like to see each of you in one of our beautiful blue Club shirts. If you want a shirt, please email Delbert at [Dbert10@aol.com](mailto:Dbert10@aol.com) for fast service.

Many of our members have headed south for the winter and will not be back until April or May. Stanley Moore has evidently headed to the Masonic Camp near Tampa, FL, along with a contingent of Yacht Club members. He has vowed he will not return until he can be assured that the conservation officers are no longer actively patrolling Lake Monroe. Because of Stanley's fast talking and eloquent defense of our group on our recent cruise of Lake Monroe, our vessel was not detained or confiscated. Thank you, Stan, for your quick thinking and rapid response in this matter.

The Club members wish to thank Bob Abel, our most recent past commodore, for all of his great work in 2006.

In 2006, the Yacht Club had more social functions than any year in history and disbursed a total of \$6,000 to the Transportation Fund – more than any year in history. All of us wish to thank Bob for his efforts and for a job well done. Bob has often said that all of us should do whatever we do best if it will benefit the Shrine or the Yacht Club, and he has always been there whenever his many talents were needed. Well done Sir!

The Yacht Club has an informal meeting each Friday at noon at the American Legion Post, 6440 Westfield Blvd. in Broad Ripple. This luncheon is simply an informal lunch bull session, but the luncheon is usually well attended. All Yacht Club members are welcome and are urged to attend for libations and lunch. No reservations are needed – just show up at noon. The Yacht Club has a Stated Meeting each month on the third Thursday at the Shrine Center at 7 p.m. and we hope all members would attend these monthly meetings. Until then, fair winds and following seas to all!

## WE'RE BACK

Hello Nobles!

The Highlander article has returned, and it's great to be back.

2006 was quite a year for the band with a variety of performances in parades, Highland festivals, Legion Posts and Lodges. Of course, the jewel of all was the annual St. Patrick's Day marathon. Parade locations included such fabled Indiana cities as Noblesville, Zionsville, Richmond, Mitchell, Franklin and Aurora.

The 2007 performance schedule is already filling up. Look for us in the unit parades before the Shrine Circus. We are presently booking the St. Patrick's Day locations. Remember, this event takes place on Saturday, so come out and party with the Highlanders.

The band will perform at the Orak Temple's 30th Anniversary Tartan Ball on March 24, and we have committed to the Fort Wayne Highland Games in June. We are looking forward to participating in many parades this year and a competition or two also.

## ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The election of officers took place in December of 2006 at our Stated

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## Boone County Shrine Club

Pat Hornett

The Boone County Shrine Club was very honored to receive the Murat Unit of the Year award from Illustrious Potentate William Wimmenauer at Murat's December Stated Meeting. Accepting the award on behalf of the Club were Boone County Shrine Club President James Millar and several other BCSC Nobles. This really capped off a great year for the Boone County Shrine Club, and we are thankful for the recognition of our hard work.

On January 6, Noble Bill Clark was installed as our Boone County Shrine Club president. A good time was had by all who attended the event. We congratulate Bill and wish him all the best as he leads our Club in 2007.

Meeting. 2007 officers and officials are: President Joe Ketterman, Vice President Rick Moffatt, Secretary Devon Dumford, Treasurer David Dale and Pipe Major Joe Brink. The officers are looking forward to a busy and successful year!

## BECOMING A HIGHLANDER

The band is always looking for new members. Some musical experience is helpful. We supply instruction for piping and drumming. If you are interested,

please visit one of our meetings or practices. Our business meetings are the first Monday of each month at 7 p.m. in the Nile Room, which is in the lower level of the Shrine Club. Practices are the second and fourth Mondays at the Gatling Gun Club. Rookie practice and instruction begins at 6 p.m. and the entire band rehearsal begins at 7 p.m. For additional information, contact Joe "Wee Piper" Ketterman at (317) 849-1807 or [jmketterm@aol.com](mailto:jmketterm@aol.com).

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## Legion of Honor

Jim Taflinger

The Murat Legion of Honor held its annual dinner at the Madison County Shrine Club on January 26. The membership, along with our officers, enjoyed Madison County's Friday night fish dinner.

The line officers remain the same as in 2006 due to an unforeseen situation, and it was decided to keep the entire line of officers in place for 2007. Commander House wishes to thank the membership for their continuing support and trust in his leadership. Your elected officers for 2007: Clyde House, Commander; William Moore, Executive Vice Commander; Bob Watson, Chief of Staff; Ronald Bolyard, Adjutant and Finance Officer; John Cheeley, Color Guard Captain; and Lloyd Hearn, PC, Quartermaster.

Although this is late, International Commander Jim Taflinger and Commander House, along with the officers and their ladies, wish to thank everyone from Murat who traveled to Washington, D.C. in November and attended the International Association Legions of Honor wreath laying ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. The weather was beautiful and what better day to place our International wreath than on Veterans Day. The president of the United States always places a wreath at the Tomb on Veterans Day at 1105 and although we did not place our wreath until 1615, our wreath actually replaced the president's wreath at the Tomb. It was a day Commander Jim will always remember and cherish, and having the Murat Nobility in attendance made it even more meaningful.

Murat Legion of Honor welcomes the new members who joined in 2006 and reminds every veteran – if you are not a member, you should join in 2007.

The Legion of Honor is the only Unit in Shrinedom where our membership has performed an apprenticeship of serving our country. We also welcome current serving members of our military. If you are a member of the Legion of Honor and haven't attended a meeting (for whatever reason) in a while, the Unit urges you to attend a meeting and assist in making our Legion of Honor the best in the country.

As most of our members are aware, the Murat Legion of Honor has an opportunity in May to welcome members of the Legion of Honor from the United States and Canada as we host the 76th annual International Association Legions of Honor convention at the Sheraton Keystone Crossing hotel. Our own Jim Taflinger, International Commander, and his Lady Judi have planned a fantastic weekend and you will regret not being in attendance. Our Color Guard will present the colors at our opening ceremony on Thursday and plans to participate in the competition on Friday. Come join us in May.

Contact Commander House or any of the Murat Legion of Honor officers if you have questions about joining the Unit or his plans for 2007.

Just an issue or two back, you heard me asking, "Where in the world did 2006 go?" Well, here it is February 2007 and already I'm wondering where January went. I certainly hope everyone had a great New Year's celebration!

Johnson County Shrine Club opened 2007 with a Super Party ... THE BLAST. John Miller, president of the Club, combined his inauguration as president with the celebration of New Year's. The "Combo" Party was held on December 30. The evening started with Larry DeVoss, outgoing president, introducing the officers and the Divan staff who were present. After Jerry Markovich had sworn in the officers, Jim Carter was called from the kitchen where he was preparing dinner for the evening. Larry then presented him with the honor of being the Shriner of the Year. Jim humbly accepted the award and returned to the kitchen to serve dinner.

Potentate Jerry Markovich and his lady Dianah led the party through the dinner line – prime rib, green beans, baked potato, salad, and several different desserts. As usual, the kitchen and bar staff did a super job. A big thank you goes out to Jim, Etta, Rita, Shirley, and Connie.

After dinner, The Commander's Trio entertained the rest of the evening. Again, JD and his group did a wonderful job. Noise makers, hats, champagne and streamers added to the fun evening. Even the traditional chair dance that all the past presidents perform drew quite a crowd. After the midnight toast, the Club settled down to a wonderful breakfast. Jeff Kondy and his wife Connie, along with Joann Shoupe, helped prepare the biscuits and gravy, fried potatoes, and scrambled eggs. Needless to say, all went home full. John, your first party of the year was quite a success.

Being February, many of the Shrine Club members are preparing to venture south to Ft. Myers, FL, to join several of our "Snowbirds" who are already in the area. Dick and Sue Webster, Jack Brown and Betty, Ralph and Judy Simpson, Lin and Betty Coner, Bob and Sue Coner are all wintering in the area. The rest of us are going down



Jim Carter receiving Shriner of the Year Award.



Estelle Harrison at The Blast.

to open the parade season for 2007. On Saturday night, February 17, the Mini-Mystics will step off with the Edison Electric Light parade. It's a large parade with quite an enthusiastic bunch of fans. Where else could there be a better place to start your parade schedule?

Say fellows ... your Shrine Club looked real good a couple of weeks ago at BINGO. You've heard me preach in every issue that we need help with BINGO on Tuesday evenings and Saturday mornings. Well, a few weeks ago, we had to call in a local Moose Lodge to get a lady to come call our BINGO. John Miller, Carl and yours truly were all the members to show up. I just imagine the Moose Lodge is having a good laugh on us. I'm not certain how many members we have, but in the Mini-Mystics there are 33 members. If each member would volunteer one night, that would take care of a couple of months of BINGO. Come on, fellows, it's not hard work! Give us an evening or a morning once a month – it surely would be appreciated by ALL!

Well, I'm going to climb down off this soap box, but before I close this up, I'll leave you with some "idle thoughts of an old goat."



Potentate Jerry Markovich and Lady Dianah.



Club President John Miller, Vice President Ray Miller, and Past President Jeff Kondy

1. Protons have mass, and I didn't even know they were Catholics.

2. If swimming is good for your figure, how do you explain whales?

3. And finally, is it my imagination, or do Buffalo wings taste like chicken?

## Honored Ladies

Betty J. Rathbun

The Honored Ladies of Murat Shrine will meet on Thursday, February 22, in the Corinthian Room. Lunch will be served at 11:30 a.m. Reservations are a must. Call Audrey Apple at (317) 786-3016 for information or reservations. Following lunch there will be a short meeting; then each lady has been asked to bring a white elephant gift or any type of gift and each one present will be eligible for any opportunity. Ladies, if you are a widow of a Shriner, you are welcome to join us for fun, food and fellowship. Come and join us.

# Flying Fezzes

Patrick DeCallier

The Murat Flying Fezzes held their annual Christmas party at the Murat Shrine Temple. Bob Abel was again our "DJ" for the Christmas music.

The Illustrious William H. Wimmenauer, Jr. administered the oath to the incoming officers and board of directors.

The outgoing president, Benton Pittman, then turned over the gavel to Mr. Robert Davies, incoming "pres." Mr. Pittman also presented a plaque for the Outstanding Member of the Year to Mr. Joe Stoutner and his lady.

Then the incoming president, Mr. Davies, presented a plaque to Mr. Pittman for his service as president in 2006.

But the month wasn't over for the Flying Fezzes yet. On December 20 they held their annual Kids Christmas Party at the Lutherwood School, and "Santa Claus" made a special appearance for the kids.



Past President Pittman presents a plaque for Outstanding Member of the Year to Joe Stoutner.



Outgoing President Benton Pittman "passing the gavel" to Robert Davies, incoming president.

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Ruth Ann & Tom Kepler

The Indianapolis Colts have squeezed into the NFL playoffs, but have a rough schedule ahead of them. Their first opponent is the Kansas City Chiefs, followed by the New England Patriots, the New York Jets and the Baltimore Ravens. By the time you read this, you will know what success they had. Our defense has been poor and I am sure some changes will be made before next season.

In baseball, Max Schumacher was honored for his 50 years of service to the Indianapolis Indians. Always a friend of the Shriners, we used to have baseball nights at the old Victory Field and later at the new home of the Indians in their downtown Victory Field. Always the most reasonably priced seats for sporting events in the city. They haven't announced the rosters of the young players being brought in to get them ready for the Big Leagues.

Our Indianapolis hockey team is still trying to hold on to their place in the American Hockey Association's Eastern Division.

Other Colts news was Aaron Halterman, a 2000 graduate from Center Grove, was named to the practice squad of the Colts. He is a 6'5", 256-pound graduate of Indiana University.

In bowling, our new Potentate has asked Wes Kidwell to be bowling chairman for his term of office. He has accepted and has named to his committee Don Bolander, secretary of the Great Lakes Crescent Bowlers; Ed Barnard, president of the United States Bowling Congress, Indianapolis Chapter; and Mike Percy, the salty conversationalist and left-handed whiz. Their object is to inform the bowlers of the local activities and promote various tournaments, their dates, locations, entry fees and closing dates.

The standings of the Shrine League at Western Bowl on Thursday nights were as follows: The Palominos are still showing the way with the Zor, and Gatling Gun, Mirages and Scimitars chasing them. The individual high scratch averages were Mike Percy, 720; Jeff Gehle, 196.87; John

Ervin, Sr., 191.76; Larry Sexton, 190.13. High series scratch: Mike Percy, 720; Chuck Sampson, 681; Jeff Gehle, 655. High team scratch: 2980, the Scimitars.

**R.V. Club**



Chief Rabban Ron Elliott installed the 2007 officers at the RV Club's Christmas dinner in December. Lady Pat places the president's fez on her husband, Ken Duncan, who was installed as president of the Murat R.V. Club for the year 2007. Standing to the right of Ken is outgoing President Neil Bernard.



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(December 2006)



Hospital driver Terry "Stinky" Boyer receives his Hospital Drivers jacket commemorating 100 trips from Past Potentate Bill Wimmenauer and Recorder Gordon Husk.



Noble Kevin Conley is recognized at the December Stated Meeting by Membership Chairman Art Borton for having restored the most members during the telephone drive held by the Membership Committee.



Past Potentate Bill Wimmenauer and Recorder Gordon Husk present the Shrine Club of the Year plaque to officers and members of the Boone County Shrine Club.



Kowad 'al Sabikin's Man of the Year winners are Garland Moore and Frank Capler, Sr. Noble Capler receives his plaque from Kowad President Larry Sutherlin.



Noble Carl Sprinkle is awarded a plaque for being Shriner of the Year 2006 from Past Potentate Bill Wimmenauer.



Past Potentate Bill Wimmenauer receives two presentations from the Hendricks County Shrine Club. The first is an etching created by Shrine artist John Essex, II. The second is a \$200 check for Murat's Transportation Fund, which is presented by Club President Bob Boulware. Joining in the presentations are Nobles Larry Sutherlin, John Yoho, and Assistant Rabban George Proctor.



Murat Highlanders David Dale and Jeffery Zaring, P.P. hand over a \$250 check for the Transportation Fund to Past Potentate Bill Wimmenauer.



President Larry Sutherlin, along with Jim Morgan, Charlie Merlau, Charlie Craft, John Yoho, Dave Dale, and Mike O'Malia, present on behalf of Kowad 'al Sabikin a \$500 check for the Transportation Fund and a \$150 check for the Circus Bicycle/Bond program to Past Potentate Bill Wimmenauer.



Past Potentate Bill Wimmenauer receives a \$50 check for the Transportation Fund from the Murat Clowns President Chuck "Zero" Shull and fellow clowns Rudy, Dr. Floppy, Stinky, Cosmo, Yo-Yo, Sneakers, Charlie "Flatfoot" Crabtree, Captain of the Guard, and Gary "Bubba" Lewis, P.P.



Past Potentate Bill Wimmenauer accepts from HSUR County Shrine Club members Robert Gotwals and Joe Alexander two checks in the amount of \$750 each for the Murat Transportation Fund and Shrine Hospitals.



Corvette Club members Jack Corman, Mike McLaughlin, Robert St. John, Tom Austin, Pip Haggood, George Massey, Ken Herald, Jim Morgan, and Captain of the Guard Charlie Crabtree make a \$1,000 donation for the Transportation Fund to Past Potentate Bill Wimmenauer on behalf of their Club.



Past Potentate Bill Wimmenauer and Assistant Rabban George Proctor receive checks for \$1,000 and \$500 for the Transportation Fund and the Indiana Masonic Home from Decatur County Shrine Club representatives Bill Baumgartner and Dyar Forkert.



President Paul Daugherty of the Hancock County Shrine Club, along with Club members Brian Miller, George Scott, Dennis Scott, and Charlie Merlau, present checks in the amount of \$1,150 for the Transportation Fund and \$150 for the Circus Bicycle/Bond program to Past Potentate Bill Wimmenauer.



Mini-Cycle Club Past President Russell Butters presents toys collected by the Club for the Cincinnati Hospital to Past Potentate Bill Wimmenauer and Chief Rabban Ron Elliott.



VCM President Charles Craft and VCM Unit members Mike O'Malia, Jim Morgan, and Russ Butters make an \$8,000 donation for the Murat Transportation Fund to Past Potentate Bill Wimmenauer.



The Paper Crusade held by Southeastern Indiana Shrine Club in 2006 was a great success as reflected in the \$14,000 check presented to Past Potentate Bill Wimmenauer by Club members Ed Wolfe, Don Grace, Terry Jackson, Tom DeVille, Don McQueen, Bob Dunavent, John Race, Frank Fletcher, and Louis Rumsey.



Noble Ed Jacobs, on behalf of the Tippecanoe County Shrine Club, hands over two \$500 checks to Past Potentate Bill Wimmenauer for the Transportation Fund and Chicago Shriners Hospital.

## Past Masters

Cliff Lewis

Noble Brian Lewis was installed as president of the Murat Past Masters Club at the Presidents/Holiday Party on December 9. Also installed were First Vice President JD Moore and Secretary/Treasurer Cliff Lewis. Second Vice President Carl Schnepf was unable to attend the evening's festivities.

As has become a tradition for the Past Masters Club, we presented Potentate Jerry Markovich with his gavel at the January Stated Meeting. We also presented a \$150 check for the Bicycle/Bond program for Murat's 2007 Shrine Circus.

President Lewis hopes you will read the letter that is enclosed with the 2007 dues notice. This letter will outline the meeting dates for the upcoming year and what he proposes the Club can do to assist Symbolic Lodges in Marion County and the surrounding counties.



President Brian Lewis, PM.

Brother Nobles, if you are a Past Master of a Symbolic Lodge and would like to join with a group of your fellow Nobles/Past Masters, then call one of the officers. The officers' names and phone numbers are listed in the Murat directory or you can contact the Fraternal Office.



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The holiday season – what a great reminder of the blessings that unfolded in 2006. At Christmas dinner, 43 assembled at the house of Hull to give thanks, exchange love and share stories of Thanksgiving. They came from Maine, Oklahoma, Florida, Hawaii and elsewhere, singing the same melody, “family, faith and freedom.” It makes you look back and say to yourself, “Maybe I did something right.” No where else on the surface of this ol’ spheroid can the inhabitants enjoy the peace and security of this, the old U.S.A. As the old song says, “with all your faults I love you still.”

As you read this copy (and I hope you do), 2006 will be history and 2007, still in its swaddling wrappings, is planning activities for another successful and active year. 2006 had many Murat Band events reflecting the 110 years of existence and contributions. In your 2006 Northern Lights magazine was an article about the Teteque Band of Williamsport, PA. Undocumented and started 100 years ago as a brass quartet made up of rather mediocre musicians, it’s now a popular 60-piece community wind



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ensemble believed to be the oldest Masonic-affiliated band in the world by some members. Murat Band and Orchestra was chartered in 1897 and history abounds in the band headquarters from world famous musicians to the high school favorites. No one is too large or too small to be active in this family-oriented organization. Our only criteria are love of music and dedication to the great philanthropy of 22 Children’s Hospitals. Yes, we have need for musicians of all talents and backgrounds, but we also need quartermasters, truck drivers, carpenters, electricians and mechanics.

Someone asked:

What’s the most important section in the band? That’s a silly question, Bob said. The trumpets, of course, carry the majority of the melody. Without us no one would know what we are playing. What would the “Stars and Stripes” be without the shrill and thrill of the piccolo, Merv touted. The drums keep us all marching and playing to the same beat, Dave insisted. Let’s see you play “Them Basses” without my horn, Rich shouted from the back row. Trombones Triumphant, Schaefer insisted; clarinets Skip yelled; what about the saxes, Roland chimed in ... Glockenspiel, flute, French horn, baritone – the band was in a turmoil, confused and argumentative. Ray raised his baton to still the muddy waters – Where’s the music?

The band is more than a bunch of horn blowers, drum beaters and bell ringers. Someone has to make it happen and are no less important than the above mentioned. We call them quartermasters, truck drivers, drum majors and anything does that make the band the success that it is. Among the greats were Ken Shepard, president in 1976; Art May, president in 1973; Dick Jones, Charles Krise and, of course, Tom (Santa) Davis, Band president in 1984.

2006 was a banner year of parades, concerts and rehearsals. If you ever played a band instrument in grade school, high school or college, consider joining this world class, fun family organization. Oil up the valves, grease up the slides and come on down any Wednesday at 7 p.m. to the Corinthian Room and see if you can still cut it. We’ll make you glad you did.

At our election at Southside Steak & Ale, the following officers were elected to guide the Band through 2007: John Jackson, President; Ray Hauser, First Vice President; Bret Reyburn, Second Vice President; Gary Selig, Secretary/Treasurer; Ray Hauser, Musical Director; Board of Directors: Don Bottles, Sam Hiatt and Phil Thrasher.

Formal installation of above officers’ banquet on January 20. Were you there?

# ANNUAL MEETING GOOSE N’ TATER 101

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Little things mean a lot. Returning to Indy after the Legion of Honor's Veterans Day wreath laying at Arlington National Cemetery Tomb of the Unknowns in November, a neighbor brought over a 10-pound box of pre-Christmas ads, cards, bills and magazines, all looking for money and contributions. However, in this melee of requests were 10 first class envelopes from Centerton Elementary School in Martinsville, IN. I thought, "I don't know anyone from Centerton Elementary School." As curiosity got my attention, I opened and read ... children thanking me for being a veteran and defending the freedoms of this magnificent country. They didn't know me and I didn't know them. They were not asking for anything but as a school project were taught that the cost of freedoms we enjoy come at a high price.

So I answered each letter. One example (probably first or second grade) as received:

*"By Drew to Leonard E. Hull*

*What's up in Drew I go to Centerton Elementary School. It's a great school. So what war were you in, Sir? Well I have one brother in College and a dog that is a baby. Do you have any brothers or sisters and do you have any pets? How long was war? What is your favorite car, color and pet? Well, please reply. What is your favorite sport and what is your favorite player?*

*Your friend Drew. Have a good year."*

My answer to Drew:

Dear Drew,

I received your letter and several others while I was in Washington, D.C. with other veterans from various wars. Our mission was to honor veterans from several wars who died in action and were never identified. We laid a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknowns at Arlington Cemetery. I was a drafted 18-year-old in 1942 for WWII.

Today, I have a grandson in the Air Force stationed in Hawaii as a senior sergeant with his family (three children).

After being honorably discharged



Little things mean a lot. WWII Memorial Veterans Day '06.

in 1946, I returned to the good old U.S. and completed my engineering degree at Purdue. After graduation I married a high school girlfriend, bought my first new automobile (1949 Chevy), raised two children – a son, now a pilot for Continental Airlines (flies a 737 all over the world), and a daughter who is a second grade teacher.

I'm the baby of our family with one brother and two sisters.

I'm a retired utility consultant and my wife Dolores is an accountant. We have had several loving pets over the years but as you lose one it's like losing a family member.

Thanks to you and your classmates for making my day.

My hope is that young people like yourself appreciate that the freedoms we many times take for granted come at a high cost – over a million casualties in World War II of which 300,000 died in combat so you and I can live without fear and enjoy this beautiful world.

God bless America.

Your friend,  
Leonard Hull  
Corps of Engineers retired.

P.S. Oh yes, I forgot; I'm a Colts fan and a Colts season ticket holder so naturally blue has to be my favorite color.

### Note to school members on December 6, 2006:

To the Teachers, Principal & Children of Centerton Elementary School:

Merry Christmas and a Happy Holiday.

You don't know me and I don't know you but we all have one thing in common – the love of freedom and love of our country.

I served in the U.S. Corps of Engineers in World War II. Drafted out of Purdue at the ripe old age of 18 – 65 years ago. My wife Dolores and I visited Washington, D.C. on Veterans Day this year to visit the recently completed WWII Memorial as well as other memorials and buildings in our nation's Capitol. Returning to Indianapolis, among 10 pounds of backed up Christmas ads, cards and bills, I found nine letters from Centerton Elementary School in Martinsville to a veteran Leonard E. Hull. Let me tell you, after a great experience in D.C. attending veteran activities, as Clint Eastwood says, "You made my day." I know this was a school project and many veterans were honored, but you people are the ones to be honored. Not because I received recognition from youth to an unknown but because you are teaching tomorrow's leaders the high cost of protecting the American life, which is the pinnacle of the world. Since I only know most of the children by their first names, I ask you to help me give the credit and a message to all, not just these few.

Dolores and I have a large family with two daughters teaching. Your message is a tribute to your profession and again a great "thank you," mission accomplished.

Leonard E. Hull, Retired

I'll not be concerned as today's youth become tomorrow's leaders.

Next Ever Faithful Nobles banquet on April 18. Mark your calendars.

# COMING EVENTS

## FEBRUARY

- THU. 1** DEADLINE FOR MARCH MAGAZINE  
**FRI. 2** Band Night — Lemon Wheel  
**SAT. 3** Annual Meeting Goose N' Tater 101  
New Palestine Lions Club – 1 p.m.  
**THU. 8** Caravan Club  
**WED. 14 -** Florida Visitation  
**SUN. 18**  
**THU. 15** Caravan Club  
**FRI. 16** AASR – Purdue Glee Club  
**SAT. 17 -** GLSA Winter Meetings in Toledo  
**SUN. 18**  
**MON. 19** Divan Meeting, Board Meeting  
**Stated Meeting 7 p.m.**  
**THU. 22** Caravan Club  
**FRI. 23** Little Pig Initiation and Girls' Night Out  
Band Night — Boomers Revenge

## MARCH

- THU. 1** DEADLINE FOR APRIL MAGAZINE  
**THU. 1 -** Murat Shrine Circus  
**SUN. 4**  
**THU. 8** Caravan Club  
**SAT. 10** **Potentate's Ball**  
**THU. 15** Caravan Club  
**FRI. 16** Band Night — The Chris McShay Band  
**SAT. 17** Monte Carlo Night  
**MON. 19** Divan Meeting, Board Meeting  
**Stated Meeting 7 p.m.**  
**THU. 22** Caravan Club  
**THU. 29** Caravan Club

## APRIL

- MON. 2** DEADLINE FOR MAY MAGAZINE  
**THU. 5** Caravan Club  
**FRI. 6** Band Night — Night Depot Band  
**SAT. 7** AASR Easter Cathedral Hour (7:30 p.m.)  
**THU. 12** Caravan Club  
**MON. 16** Divan Meeting, Board Meeting  
**Stated Meeting 7 p.m.**  
**THU. 19** Caravan Club  
**FRI. 20 -** Scottish Rite Convocation and Reunion  
**SAT. 21**  
**FRI. 20** Band Night — 4 Sum Band  
**WED. 25 -** Grand York Rite Session  
**FRI. 27**  
**THU. 29** Caravan Club

## MAY

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April 6 • 8 p.m. to midnight  
Night Deposit Band

April 20 • 8 p.m. to midnight  
4 Sum Band



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