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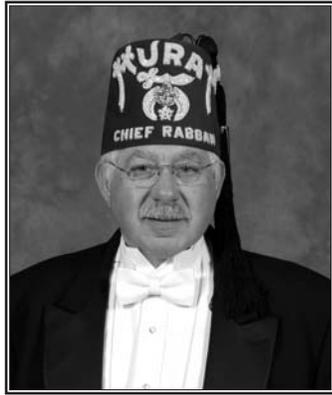
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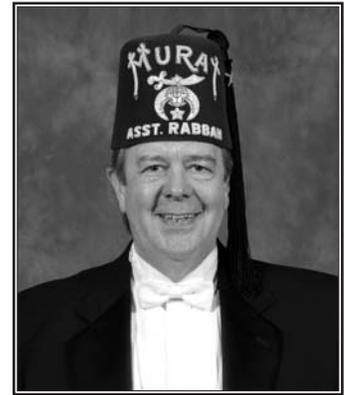
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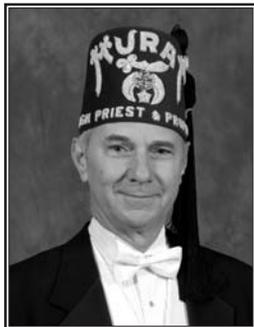
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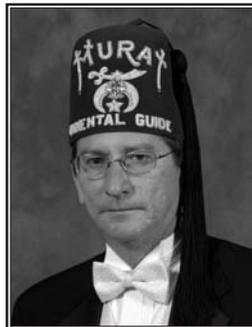
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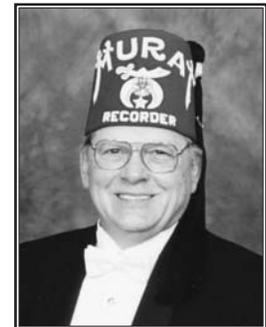
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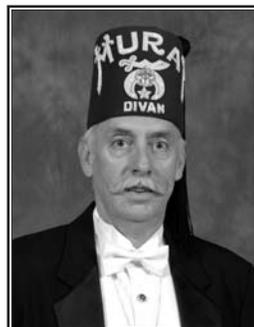
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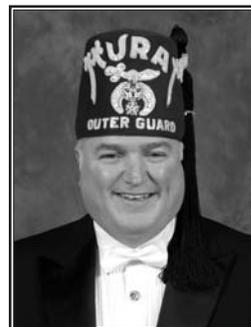
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POTENTATE MESSAGE

From the Potentate

Our motto of the year, "Think Positive," worked for our Colts. How proud we should be to have our Colts bring the Chrome to the Dome.

Let's remember to "Think Positive" about our membership program. Our membership board shows we are averaging about one new Shriner per day. Help us kick this up a notch. As we have 100 new Shriners posted on the board, one top-line signer will have his dues paid for 2008.

Our first calendar raffle was held as scheduled on January 31 at 2 p.m., and there were 31 happy winners. The results are shown in this magazine and were sent to the Nobles' email list. Let's not stop selling now! We will



have 11 more months of winners.

I thank the officers of the many Murat Clubs and Units who took part in the January 27 Leadership Seminar. Several officers told us they appreciated the information presented in the

seminar. Each Club and Unit received a personalized set of Shrine flags, which I hope will be frequent reminders of the strength of the Shrine organization.

Yours in the Faith,

Jerry Markovich
Illustrious Potentate

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“Thank You for My Daughter’s Smile”

GORDON J HUSK

Stephanie Coffman was shocked when she saw her new baby’s cleft lip and palate. She says, “I never thought I would see the beautiful smile she has now.” Stephanie and Rick sought medical care for Shalena, the new baby. Local physicians performed surgery, with mixed results. It appeared Shalena’s jaw was not properly aligned, and bone grafts were unsuccessful, allowing the implanted bone to be absorbed into Shalena’s body. The family struggled to pay the mounting medical bills, finally resorting to Medicaid and welfare assistance.

Shalena’s grandmother worked with several Masons and Shriners who suggested the child should be examined by doctors at a Shriners Hospital. Stephanie says, “The Shriners in Anderson helped us make application, and Shalena was accepted as a patient at Shriners Hospital in Chicago when she was 2½ years old. I remember wonderful Shriners from Madison County Shrine Club, such as Kenny Russell, Bob King and Bob Baldwin, who took us to Chicago in vans, without charge. They were always nice to us, and we will always be indebted to them.”

The first surgical procedures at Shriners Hospital involved correcting the previous failed surgery results. Shalena had several extra teeth, some embedded in the roof of her mouth and sinus cavities. Those teeth were extracted and her tonsils were removed. Shalena did not have hard palate in the front of her mouth. The entire palate was soft, such as most people have at the back of the throat. Many surgeries followed.

On February 1, 2007, Shalena had



Shelena before

additional surgical procedures. Her mother says this was the 37th time Shalena has had anesthesia for surgery. These procedures were performed by Dr. Mitchell Grasseschi and included removal of a calcium formation in a sinus cavity, making an incision through an existing chest scar to harvest a small amount of muscle to be implanted in the entire width of the upper lip, then reshaping and reattaching the lower portion of both nostrils.

Stephanie says, “I thank Shriners for giving me my daughter’s smile. I can’t find the words to properly thank all Shriners for changing her life. Over the years, Shalena has been teased by children and adults. If it were not for Shriners all over the country, children like Shalena would never have their problems fixed. We feel totally at home at the Shriners Hospital. The doctors and all the other staff people are so kind



Shelena after

and helpful. Our Shiner coordinator in Anderson is on a cruise, and somehow we didn’t get a meal voucher when we went on the latest trip. Noreen Reynolds got approval for us to have our meals paid for. It is unbelievable that all the medical treatment is free, and there is not even a charge for van transportation or meals on our trips. We are so grateful.”

Shalena is now 14 years old. Stephanie says Shalena used to dread going to school because she expected to be teased about her appearance. Stephanie says, “Now she stands in front of the mirror for an hour before she leaves for school, posing and primping. I love the way she looks, and she gets more beautiful with each surgery. We can never thank Shriners enough for all the help.”

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From the Recorder

Gordon J Husk

Calendar Raffle: We are pleased to announce the Murat calendar raffle winners for January. The following received \$25 each, listed in the order drawn: Chuck Brettnacher, Larry Wilson, Sandra Husk, Carolyn Allen, Rita McAfee, Don Grace, Jr., Greg Miller (donated winnings back to Murat), Jerry Cote, Alice Sexton, Marlena Durrett, Donald Dearenger, Charles Craft, Cheryl Cronau, Chris Archer, William Reisa, Jerald Miller, Bill Michael, Alice Sexton, Dave Howe, Rhondi Taylor, Bill Michael, Deb Alexander, Steve Mellene, Lou Blumlung, Craig Dicicco, and Michael Yoder. Four people won \$100 each from the Sunday drawings: Dennis Parks, David Fisher and Marlena Durrett. The big winner for the month was Ron Martin, whose number was drawn for the January 1 prize of \$1,000.

As you can see, Murat paid out \$2,050 for the month. Please show these names of winners to those who need to buy a calendar. The calendars are easy to sell when we can show a winner for every day of the year. We need more sales for this important fraternal fundraiser, and people will be happy to buy them if they are asked. For new calendar sales, the calendar stubs and payment need to be in the Fraternal Office by close of business February 26 in order to be entered on our records and eligible for the February 28 drawing. Thank you for your continued sales efforts.

Caterer: John and Patti Stowers have a new, automated phone line that will provide more positive contact. Please call (317) 348-0006 to reach them. They are happy to receive your calls and are receptive to your suggestions. Please let them know how pleased we are with their pleasant approach to business and the great service they give Murat. During a recent conversation, Noble Charles Craft described the aging membership of the Oriental Band. He stated current members remain very dedicated, but are becoming limited in their ability to participate in parades. Noble Craft expressed his deep appreciation for members of NexGen who have joined the Oriental Band. He says the new members have brought new life and much-needed energy to the band.

Honored Ladies

Betty J. Rathbun

The Honored Ladies will meet on Thursday, March 22, in the Corinthian Room of the Murat Shrine Center. Lunch will be served at 11:30 a.m. Barbara Stauch will give the invocation and thought for the day. Following a short meeting, Jenny Brunisma will introduce our speaker, Mr. Brad Wiloughby, a professional gardener from Anderson, IN, who will present a program on gardening. The price of the luncheon is \$9 and reservations are a must. Call Bonnie Jones at (317) 838-9870 or Audrey Apple at (317) 786-3016 for a reservation. Ladies, if you are a widow of a Shriner, you are eligible to join this Club. We meet the fourth Thursday of each month for food, fun and friendship, and we really enjoy each other's company.

The 2007 officers of the Honored Ladies are as follows: Bonnie Jones, President; Viola Collins, Vice President; Vera Williams, Secretary; and Jenny Brunisma, Cheer Chairman.

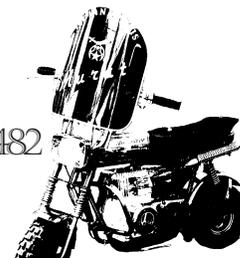
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Ladies – Supporting the Cause

Dianah Louks

Throughout February, ladies helped support the mottoes “Having fun and helping kids,” and “Think Positive,” with the Ladies Oriental Shrine Souper Supper, rooting for our Colts as they won the Super Bowl. February’s activities included Florida Visitation, Smyrna’s Shrine Guild Night, Daughters of the Nile Rose Luncheon, Think Pink at the Girls’ Night Out (the night of the Little Pig Dinner), and the wonderful Band Nights in the Oasis Lounge!

March brings many events for ladies’ active participation, such as the Murat Shrine Circus (1st through the 4th), Potentate’s Ball (10th), Smyrna Shrine Guild (14th), NexGen Monte Carlo (17th) and Ladies Oriental Shrine Tarum Court 14 Installation (24th). Please remember to get your tickets for the Ladies’ Card Party and Dinner, scheduled for April 26 at 3:45 p.m., with dinner at 6:15 p.m., and more card playing and games after dinner. Tickets are \$25 per person and may be purchased at the Fraternal Office.

Hopefully, this time change will allow everyone an opportunity to participate, since ladies who work will be able to join us and play cards after dinner.

Every day is a good day to remember all the work we do together to promote “the world’s greatest philanthropy” and to thank everyone who participates in all of our events at Murat. The work you do and the time you give is greatly appreciated, whether it is at the Murat Shrine Circus, selling calendars or participating in an event. The satisfaction we individually feel when we see the joy on children’s faces, especially at the circus, makes the effort all the more rewarding. It takes all of the Shrine Centers working to maintain and increase membership, so all 22 Shriners Hospitals may continue to save, heal and nourish the children they serve, as well as assisting families in caring for their children at home.

I would like to share a little story about the difference we women can and do make in the lives of those around us. My father, Walter G. Louks, became a

Mason in 1942 before leaving for service in World War II, then became a Shriner in 1960. Prior to my parents’ marriage in 1947, my grandmother asked my father to help her youngest son become a Mason because she wanted to join some of the ladies’ organizations. My grandmother, Mary Roush, was very dedicated in her work, believing what she was doing made a difference in lives. She passed that same interest to my mother and to me.

Today, we ladies step out as ambassadors to our families and communities, to help spread the word about the great Shrine fraternity and the expert medical care provided by Shriners Hospitals for Children. We can make people more aware of the successful treatment of orthopaedic conditions, serious burns, spinal cord injuries and cleft lip and palate problems. It is you ladies who make the difference by telling others about the opportunities offered by Shriners and the affiliated ladies’ organizations. Thank you for all you do to promote the organization and for passing on the legacy!



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The year 2007 is now in full swing as our Firemen's Club has recognized our Illustrious Sir, Potentate Jerry Markovich at our recent Potentate's Reception held at Murat in February. Several Club members also hope to attend the Potentate's Ball on March 10. As of this writing, our small Club has reserved three tables and we hope to have more. We will all strive to assist the Potentate in his MEMBERSHIP "407 IN 07" drive this year. It is a lofty goal which is attainable.

President Floyd Sendmeyer asked that I thank our Illustrious Sir, his Divan and all the various leaders for their time and efforts at the 15th Annual Murat Leadership Seminar held January 27 in the Arabian Room. The knowledge gained and information shared will help make the coming year a success.

Some important dates and information shared with us at the seminar for your future planning are as follows: The 31st Annual Smoky Mountain Fun Fest will be held May 10-13, 2007, in Pigeon Forge, TN. The Imperial Session will be held July 1-5, 2007, in Anaheim, CA. At each event location this year, there will be room for everyone who wants to participate in parades. The Potentate will once again have a Flag Honor Group carrying flags in each parade. So, if you want to parade and your Unit or Club is not attending, you can attend and

carry a flag.

Let's all have fun this year and try to make as many of the parades as possible. Let's show everyone "Shriners having fun and helping kids."

Last month, the week of February 10-14 was BURN AWARENESS WEEK and had the theme: "Heat - It Doesn't Take Flames to Burn." The campaign highlights the importance of learning more about scald injuries and keeping children safe. The following information is copied from Shriners Hospitals for Children and Shriners of North America. Scalds to Children: Scald burns (caused by hot liquids, steam or foods) are the most common burn injury among children age 4 and younger. In 2003, U.S. hospitals treated and estimated 16,000 children under 5 for scalds, according to the Consumer Product Safety Commission. And, mortality rates from scalds are highest for children under age 4. While the injuries and the numbers are distressing, even more disturbing is the fact that many of these burns could have been prevented. To learn how you can help prevent these injuries and get complimentary burn prevention materials, please send an email to shrinepr@shrinenet.org or visit the website at www.shrinershq.org or fax a request to (813) 281-8496.

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SINGING SMOOTHLY INTO '07

The Chanters kicked off the New Year with a traditional dinner meeting and installation of officers in January. A bountiful "unit stew" was provided by the new caterers, and the Potentate, with a good representation of his Divan, was in attendance. The Illustrious Potentate installed the new officers and gave a charge to the Chanters that outlined his plans for the year.

Officers of the Chanters for 2007:

Greg Edwards, President; Ed Adams, Vice President; Gary Cleveland, Treasurer; Tony Mommer, Secretary; Ned Cline, Assistant Secretary/Treasurer; Richard Abdon, Immediate Past President. Voice Directors for 2007: Bob Foltz, Tenor; Duane Davis, Second Tenor; Andy Barbera, Baritone; Carl Gentry, Bass/Librarian; and Gayle Byers, Director.

Naturally, the Shrine Circus is a prominent event for the Chanters in

2007 – from singing the National Anthem at the opening of each event to selling ads for the Circus Book. Noteworthy ad development this year came from Walter Strong and Duane Davis; both brought in multiple ads for the program and led the Chanters in dollar volume. Congratulations to these super salesmen!

Great and intensive work is happening right now in Monday rehearsals to prepare for the Potentate's Ball in March. By tradition, the Chanters have been a participating Unit in this gala event that recognizes Murat's new leader. I am sure the Illustrious Sir will enjoy the musical treats that have been prepared this year to enhance his celebration.

The Chanters will once again provide the music for Sunday morning worship services in the chapel at Methodist Hospital this year. Their participation in this event is a long-standing commitment done in conjunction with the work of the Arab Patrol members who so magnificently serve the hospital as ushers for services week after week.

Our mission for 2007: To carry the message of song and the Shrine into as many other meetings throughout Masonry in the state as we possibly can. For those Masonic Lodges who are looking for special music to enhance Master Mason degree work, we would welcome the opportunity for participation. We will also be available, at the discretion of our Potentate, to join in certain Shrine ceremonials that will be held outside the Shrine Center during the year.

If you are interested in the possibility of the Chanters for any outside venue, please contact our program coordinator, Harry McClintic, at (317) 802-7282.

Dramatic Cast

Don Olvey

Things are going well with the Dramatic Cast so far this year. The new officer line has survived their first board meeting as well as the first Stated Meeting. Noble President Tim Lloyd looks like he was born for this job. Our Second Vice President, Noble Carl Culmann, is getting his feet wet with the money and reservation-taking end of the operation. I can honestly say I did not like that job when I had it and wish Carl all the best. The best advice I can offer Carl is to stay on the good side of our Treasurer, Noble Bob Fisher, and Secretary Noble Aubrey Ward. Those two can help you figure out almost anything. I also found that copious amounts of adult beverage help.

By the time you read this, the annual Cast Valentine Dinner will have already happened. This is always a fun event and I am sure this year will be no exception. We will be getting together at the Gun Club for a great meal, good fellowship and a play.

Sounds like fun.

Brass Hat is in March and I think most, if not all, of the preparations have been completed. You don't need to be a member of the Dramatic Cast to attend this fun event. The evening starts with fellowship and drinks followed by a great meal and then the main event. Those of you who have attended in the past know what I am talking about. If you have not had the pleasure yet, you need to be there.

I will tell you that Illustrious Sir Jerry Markovich plans to attend and he will be the main topic of discussion. Cast members need to contact Noble Carl Culmann for reservations. Non-Cast Nobles also need to contact Carl for reservations and tickets. This event is for Nobles only, and I can guarantee you will have a good time.

Plans for all of the other Cast events are underway. This is going to be a great year.

Notice how many times I mentioned "fun" in this article? We would like for you to join us for some of that fun. Just ask any Cast member how to join and what all we do.

Remember the goal for this year is 407 new Nobles. Be sure to carry a petition in your pocket and don't be afraid to use it.

Keep our fellow Nobles and their family members who may not be feeling well in your prayers, and don't forget to include our service men and women who are protecting our freedom.

Yours in the Faith ...



Hello Nobles!

The Highlander annual party was held Friday, January 26, in the Tunisian Room at the Murat Temple. Among those in attendance were Potentate Jerry Markovich and Lady Dianah, many members of the Divan and their ladies, and Past Potentate Bill Wimmenauer with Lady Barb. The guest list included officers of many Murat Units. A delicious meal was served by our new catering service, and I must say the dessert was divine.

Magician C. R. Ryan provided entertainment for the evening. He amazed and mystified the audience with illusions, transformations and slight of hand. Highlanders and guests were 'subjects' of his table magic, and Pipe Major Joe Brink demonstrated his mettle as he bravely endured the dangerous guillotine stunt.



Potentate Jerry Markovich joins the officers of the Highlanders in a toast. (L-R) 2006 President John Brown, Potentate Markovich, Treasurer David Dale, Pipe Major Joe Brink and 2007 President Joe Ketterman.



John Brown with his gift of a "Highlander's Survival Kit."

We would like to thank Highlander Lee Langlotz, Lady Sharon and her mother Barbara Stauch for the work they did to make the evening a success.

PERFORMANCES

The Highlanders will be performing in the Unit parades before the Shrine Circus, March 1-4. Come see if the wild tigers and lions again harass Bass Master David Dale. It seems they are aroused by a certain item of apparel he wears.

PM Brink is finalizing the venues and times for our St. Patrick's Day performances. Remember this event takes place on Saturday, March 17, so come out and party with the Highlanders. Contact any member of the band for our schedule.

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 jmketterman@aol.com.



Charlie Craft and Lady Di are mystified by a card trick by magician C. R. Ryan.

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Well, 2007 is off to a rousing start for the Legion of Honor. It's only March and we're already talking about an event that takes place in November. That would be our pilgrimage to Arlington National Cemetery for the wreath laying ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. The 2006 trip was a great success and we're looking to duplicate that in 2007. If you need information on this trip, see or call one of the Legion of Honor officers and they'll be happy to share the details with you.

Another big event for our Unit is the International Association Legions of Honor 76th annual convention, to be held this year right here in Indianapolis, May 3-7. Our International Commander, Jim Taflinger, is working hard to ensure that our guests enjoy their visit to our fair city and leave with lots of fond memories.

Well, it's March and that can only mean one thing – the circus is in town, and once again the Murat Legion of Honor Color Guard will be presenting colors. The Color Guard will also be presenting colors at the Potentate's Ball

on March 10 for the Illustrious Sir Jerry Markovich. If you haven't already made your reservations, you need to hurry. This is one event you won't want to miss. Members of the Color Guard were also on hand to present colors at the Madison County Shrine Club Potentate's Ball on February 3 in Anderson, IN.

At our January Stated Meeting, the Legion of Honor board members decided to change the dues schedule for life members. Effective immediately, for veterans up to age 60, a life membership will be \$150; over age 60, \$100. This was done in hopes of attracting more life members. Also at our January meeting, four new petitions were approved for membership. The Legion of Honor would like to welcome new Legion Nobles Robert Torrence, Bruce Hall, Josh Barnd and Randy Nail. Welcome aboard guys.

On a sad note, the Legion of Honor has lost one its biggest supporters. On January 14, our chaplain, Russell Stogsdill, passed on to the Unseen Temple. He will be greatly missed by all of us. Proudly serving as

Russell's Casket Watch were Color Guard members Jim Taflinger, Clyde House, Bill Moore, Bob Watson, John Cheeley, Louie Galati and Leroy Callahan. Also, as I write this, our adjutant and finance officer, Ron Bolyard, is having some health problems. We sincerely hope that by the time you read this, Ron will be up and going strong again.

If you have served in our Armed Forces and are a member of Murat Temple, you belong in the Legion of Honor. Remember, it is an honor to be in the Legion of Honor.

Arab Patrol

Jim Monroe

The Arab Patrol is looking forward to a lot of activities in 2007.

At our January meeting, new officers were sworn in by the newest member of the Divan, our own Club member, Jim Priest. They are President Scott Eder, Vice President Ray Miller, Treasurer Ron Fannin, Secretary Jim Monroe, Captain Mike Long, and Quartermaster Dick Monroe.

Hope everyone had a good time at the AFC/NFC championship party with money going to the Shrine. We are looking forward to the Little Pig invitation for one of our own, Jim Priest, on February 23. Hope the Patrol will have a nice showing for Jim as he is a third-time past president of the Patrol and we can have some fun with him. Then in March, we have the Shrine Circus and the Potentate's Ball.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to two of our members who are a bit under the weather – Jack Bell and Hardy Hicks. We also welcome two new members to our Unit – Jason Greth and Greg Miller. Anyone who would like to join a fun and active club, we meet the first Friday of the month at 7.30 p.m.

GO COLTS !!!!!

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.

Tickets are \$50 per person which includes a buffet meal & first round of gaming chips. Extra chips sold separately.

**To get your tickets contact: Bill Rasner at
(317) 339-0606 or Mike Smith (317) 997-1844**

Southeastern Indiana Shrine Club

Ed Johnson

Spring is just around the corner (at least according to the calendar – who knows what the weather will hold). After a very warm and wet start to the winter, followed by the cold weather that hit in January, I think all Nobles will agree that the weather will do as it pleases regardless of the season. One thing that spring will usher in, however, is the famous steak dinners at the Southeastern Indiana Shrine Club! The grills will be lit again in April and you will want to try to make it down for the food and fellowship in Dillsboro. If you've never been down, get a group of friends together and come see what you have been missing. We have hosted groups from many Murat Clubs and Units and would love to do the same for your group.

Our Club was also happy to host Nobles from the Syrian Temple who came to Aurora for a parade last year. Members from their Escort Unit and Oriental Band came by the Club for a special chicken dinner after the Farmers Fair parade where Nobles of both Units and many of our Club members shared a good meal and fine fellowship. Both groups praised the evening in the Syrian Shrine Shriek and we hope to get together again in the future.

Members of our Club need to arrange their calendars so they will be free on May 20. On that date, we will travel to the Lexington hospital for an open house where members and their ladies will get a tour of the facility and a fine lunch. Be sure to contact Ed Wolfe or Ed Johnson if you plan to go, then just sit back and enjoy the trip.

Our Club is also starting a card night for members and guests. Wednesday, March 7, will be the inaugural evening for the event, and we hope to have several tables playing at once. Our Nobles are encouraged to come and bring any Master Masons who might make good Shriners. The fun will start at 7 p.m. and go as long as we have players.

NexGen

Michael Smith

Nobles, SPRING is just around the corner!

And as the temperatures begin to warm, we will begin practicing "ROLLER BLADING" to make ready for our journey to Anaheim, CA, for the Imperial Shrine Convention. We also will be having one last Indiana Ice game on April 13, so get your \$10 ticket soon. If you are a Noble under the age of 46, come out on the second Tuesday of each month and see what we are all about! We meet around 6:30 and eat dinner in the OASIS, then adjourn to our meeting room at 7 p.m. Congratulations to our newest members, Andrew Stephens and Jason Hoagland. And congratulations to our newest "OLD FART EMERITUS," Jerry Miller!

B.L.I.N.G. "Our Bodacious Ladies in NexGen" creates an opportunity for our ladies to get together. My Lady Annette has a BLING day planned for Saturday, April 20. If you are interested, call her at (317) 881-5397 and let her know.

As we approach the Easter season, let us pause to remember what Christ has done for each of us!

God speed to you all!



Madison County Shrine Club

Curly McNally

A good time was had by all as Madison County Shrine Club hosted its 2007 installation of officers. Outgoing president Andy Miller presented incoming president Chris Robbins his presidential gavel. This gavel's tap will be heard in our monthly board meetings.

Chris will be blessed with a supporting cast of First Vice President Curly McNally, Second Vice President Bill McCarty, Secretary Mike Pettigrew, Treasurer Clyde House, Desert Patrol President Matt Chambers, Chaplain Don White, and Dick Soble scheduling the vans and drivers. These officers, plus the board of directors, will do everything possible to make 2007 a successful year.

Special thanks are in order to Lisa, our kitchen manager, and her staff who cooked and served a delicious dinner for all of us. No one walked away hungry.

Cannot forget to thank all the ladies for doing a superb job of decorating and planning for this event. You're our Club's greatest asset.

On January 27, we had the privilege to attend the Murat Leadership Seminar in Indy. Illustrious Potentate Jerry Markovich and the Divan, with a great supporting cast, presented a very informational seminar. This seminar was very disciplined and down to earth. Attendance was high and lunch hit the spot. Good job.

In closing, a special welcome to Madison County's newest Noble, Steve Wilson. Visit us at our website www.madisoncountyshrineclub.com for your enjoyment. Till next month ...

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CLIFF'S NOTES

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The year is off to a great start in the Oasis. The attendance has been great at the first four Band Nights and we had a super crowd for the AFC/NFC playoff party. Of course, in the case of the latter, it didn't hurt that the Colts were in the AFC final and won.

Thoughts from a Wandering Mind:

1. If the world were a logical place, men would be the ones riding side saddle.
2. When everything is coming your way, you're in the wrong lane.

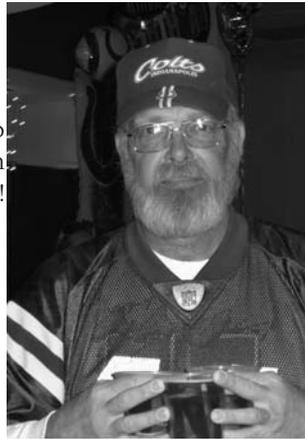
More Wandering:

1. Show me a man with both feet firmly planted on the ground and I will show you a man who can't get his pants off.
2. My mechanic told me he couldn't repair my brakes so he just made my horn louder.

As you can tell from the pictures, we have gotten off to a rousing start in the Oasis Lounge in 2007. Come join us and be a part of it!

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

See you at the Oasis aaaannndddd



Noble Rick Moffitt gladly gave up his tartan color for the AFC Championship game.



Mike and Marianne Harrison were dressed for the game.



Shrine Ladies were out in force and wearing Colt's Blue.



Outer Guard Jim Priest shows off his birthday hat at Band Night on January 19.



Potentate Jerry Markovich led the cheering and pledged to wear the pink hat until the Colts win the Super Bowl. Well...maybe the last part is not quite true.



Did you know that the Oasis was designed with a built in horse-shoe??



An unnamed Noble attempted to assist the Outer Guard in lighter than air flight.



And everyone got to sample the Birthday Cake.

Keep these dates on your calendar: May 17, 2007, and June 21, 2007.

On May 17, we have the Knights of the Sea Initiation scheduled at the Gatling Gun Club.

This is always a fun evening and is open to all Nobles from all temples. The ancient wisdom that our candidates gleaned from this evening can only be described as fantastic, incredible, and beyond belief. Sign up now and send your \$25 remittance to Bobbie Tate, c/o Far West Construction, 6200 S. Harding Street, Indianapolis, IN 46217. If you have any questions, call Bobbie Tate or Bob Dancey at (317) 788-9539.

On June 21, we will again have our annual golf outing at Oak Tree Golf Club (the former Elks Club course on U.S. 40 west of Plainfield, IN). This is the zaniest golf outing in Shrinedom and is open to all male adults – they do not have to be Shriners or Masons. We hope we might use this fun day as a recruiting day for the Shrine.

We need volunteers for both the Knights of the Sea and the golf outing, so if you are asked to volunteer, please try to help.

Our officers are busy planning a fun schedule for all of the Club's social activities, and we will keep you advised. If you have email, please let Ted Stewart, our secretary/treasurer, know of

your correct email address. Ted's address is stew0627@aol.com.

Our Club has changed its Stated Meeting schedule to the third Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. In addition, we have an informal get-together every Friday at noon at the American Legion Post in Broad Ripple (6440 Westfield Blvd.). Please join us for lunch if you can. No reservations are needed.

Fair winds and following seas to all!

Camera Club

Dennis Wood

Camera Club Invites Visitors to Bring Their Cameras and Curiosity to Monthly Meetings

After the January Murat Stated Meeting, I was approached by a brother in the Oasis who asked for some advice about using some digital indexing and editing software for his digital photos. I spent some time with him, and I think I may have helped a little.

In truth, the Murat Camera Club members have been getting quite a few inquiries from our brother Shriners over the last few years about taking, saving and processing digital photos. We also continue to hear questions from Shriners about using film cameras.

We are inviting all Murat Shriners to come and join us on the fourth Monday of every month (except December) to learn and share information or experiences about film and digital photography and computer photo editing. Bring your camera, and for digitals, bring your camera manual. If you have a laptop, also feel free to bring your computer.

For the time being, we are meeting in the Oasis, but we plan to move back into a meeting room in the near future.

We also periodically plan field trips to take photos, covering a range of photographic subjects. We have taken photos of urban landscapes along the canal, night photo sessions in downtown Indianapolis, wildflower shooting and butterfly trips to White River Gardens, just to name a few of our photo field trip destinations.

The Murat Camera Club has existed for over 20 years, affording Shriners with an interest in photography an opportunity to compare equipment and photographic techniques. Our photographers have decades of experience with film cameras and since 2000, we have all moved into digital photography.

It doesn't matter what your photographic interests are or what type of camera you have – film or digital, a "point-and-shoot" type camera to a sophisticated digital SLR – you are welcome to come to our meetings to learn or to share your knowledge. If you are thinking of buying a digital camera, visit us to get an idea of what equipment others have and how they use it.

Based upon input from visitors and members, we also plan to offer some topical speakers at our meetings during 2007. I look forward to seeing you at our meetings or on our shoots.

For information, feel free to email me at denniswood2000@yahoo.com.

Knights of the Sea

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Thursday, May 17, 2007

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Mini-Mystics of Johnson County

Dave Alspaugh

The March winds are starting to blow and that can only mean that spring is just around the corner. It can also mean the Mini-Mystic parade team has completed the winter overhaul of their miniature cars and are now ready to set out on the 2007 parade schedule.

Few people realize what all is involved in a general overhaul. The little cars take quite a beating during the 25 parades that the Mini-Mystics take part in. Therefore, at the close of the parade schedule in November, the members take different ways preparing the cars for the next year. Many take the chassis to Comet Kart in Greenfield for a general tune-up, new brakes, oil change, and other needed repairs. This requires two trips to Greenfield – one to deliver the car for the repairs and one to pick it up when the repairs are done.

While the chassis and engine is being worked on, the body needs care as well. So, it's off to the body shop. This could mean a complete paint job. Starting off the 2007 season, there are three of our cars that have been totally painted, new decals, pin stripes, etc. All these repairs have a way of getting into your bank account. None of this is done for free. Even with these expenses, it only takes one person to come up to you at a parade and say what a great job the Shrine hospitals do. That makes it all worthwhile. Recently, I had a customer take me into his cabinet shop to show me one of his children. His comment was, "Your Shrine hospital in St. Louis is responsible for making one of his legs grow almost four inches. Keep up the good work." That comment cost me a few buttons off my shirt! That's why we parade.



Mini-Mystics gear up for the 2007 parade season with a major work session to get their equipment in shape.



Brian Biehn looks forlorn but knows all the pieces will eventually go back together.



Major overhaul.

Being March means the Mini-Mystics have actually opened the parade season. On February 14, members and their wives were at a visitation to the Aruba Temple at Ft. Myers, FL. On the following Friday, there was a visitation to Sahib Temple at Sarasota. Finally, Saturday evening at 7 p.m. the Edison Electric Light Parade took place. About half of the Mini-Mystic parade team was there to take part, representing the Murat Temple and the Johnson County Shrine Club.

After the parade, the cars were loaded up and the 1,200-mile return trip up Interstate 75 started. It was good-bye to 80-degree weather and back to the cold of Indiana. Getting back means getting ready to start the 2007 season and participate in 25 more parades for the year. The Mini-Mystics can be seen in parades all over central Indiana during the summer. Special appearances will find them in Pigeon Forge, TN, in May and Anaheim, CA, for the Imperial Session on July 3 for an evening parade.



Ray Miller and Mike Pearcy



Joe Inabnitt

Late in September, you'll see us at London, Ontario.

If anyone would be interested in being a part of such a busy outfit, come down to the Johnson County Shrine Club on the fourth Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m. to attend one of the meetings. Our door is always open. Who knows, there may be a miniature Corvette in your future.

Well, hope everyone enjoys a green beer on St. Patrick's Day, and I'll leave you with this: Bumper Sticker of the Year – If you can read this thank a teacher, and since it's in English, thank a soldier.



Police Club

Joshua L. Barker

Greetings Nobles! As my first contribution to the Murat Magazine as president of the Police Club, I would like to thank all of my brethren for the support and encouragement that I have been given since joining this world-class organization. I have made new friendships and had the opportunity to build on existing friendships both in and outside of the Police Department.

March is here and what a busy year 2007 has already proven to be. But I can only look forward to the many events that are still in store for us all. We are all making those plans for the Shrine Circus March 1-4. As in years past, the Police Club has always played an integral role in assuring the children have a safe and enjoyable visit, and I look forward to working with each and every one of you who come out to the circus to ensure this year's festivities are the best ever. And I speak for everyone when I say I look forward to the roar of those Drill Team bikes as they take center stage for the parade lap.

And speaking of the Drill Team, Commander Ed Jacobs has assured me that our Illustrious Sir Jerry Markovich will be arriving in style to host this year's Potentate's Ball, March 10 in the Murat Egyptian Room. The Police Club has eight tables reserved already and I know it will be a fun time for all.

Again, I am truly excited that 2007 is underway and I am grateful to be a part of the Police Club. Let us all remember to keep in mind the children we are helping – they are truly the reason we all continue on in Shrinedom. And, of course, let us all continue to "Think Positive!"

I look forward to seeing all of you at our regular meeting the first Tuesday of the month. Be safe, a wise man once told me, "It's a jungle out there!"



Whitewater Shrine Club

Jim Hedrick

Greetings! Whitewater Shrine Club had a very good year in 2006. This year, our goals are even higher, getting new members and raising more money for the care of the kids.

Our money-making projects this year are Connersville's Party on the Square, two weekends with Thomas the Tank, Fourth of July fireworks night, Fayette County's Free Fair, probably a yard sale and Canal Days at Metamora.

We are planning at least two Paper Drives during the year. Other projects are on the drawing board at this time. Also, we will be attending several parades this year, which ones have yet to be decided on.

Our elected officers are Bobby Devaughn, President; Chris West, Vice President; Gus Harmeyer, Treasurer; and Jim Hedrick, Secretary. Our directors are Leo Baker, Roger McQueen and Bob Puckett. The Parade Chairman is Ron Zimmerman and our new Chaplain is Jack Gilland who is also our newest member.

Tarum

Jeff Dickey

Happy St. Patrick's Day.

March is here and with it comes the promise of the end of winter. Also, it brings Tarum President O'Pippin's annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner. President O'Pippin will be continuing his tradition of fixing a delicious corned beef and cabbage dinner complete with green beer. So top o' the day to all and we will see you at the Club for the wearing of the green on Friday, March 16. Grab your favorite leprechauns and come to the Club for a celebration in green!

President O'Pippin has hit the ground running this year and it has been filled with fun and surprises. Friday night dinners are full of good times and packed with fun. He has had a Deal or no Deal night – Ted and Bonnie May, Barb Moistner, Vergie Markley, Sharon McDowell and Jerry Via had a great time that night. Larry also has had a "wear your silliest tie or favorite tie night," and

a Colts "blue night." At the Colt's night, the president had a blast painting Past President Gary Jellison's hair blue. What a sight. Larry invites everyone to come to the Club as you never know what will happen.

President Pippin has also set up a couple of new committees to help him with the running of the Club this year. The Pool and Grounds Committee chair is Past President Mark Greulich, and the Caretaker Committee chair is Noble John Anderson. If you are interested in serving on either of these new committees, contact Mark or John.

Ladies President Sharon McDowell has also started strong by creating a new committee for advertising and public relations. Past Ladies President Connie Yeager is chairing this committee which is designed to give Tarum more public exposure. The ladies have started a driveway fund to repave the Club's

drive. This is something that is badly needed as the weather and the years have taken their toll on the drive. Contact Sharon with any donations towards this cause. The ladies held the annual Tarum's Sweetheart Dinner on Friday, February 16. As of this writing, the new Sweetheart King had not been crowned yet. Mary Ann Greulich designed and made another gorgeous crown for this annual affair.

All in all, this year at Tarum promises to be exciting and full of fun for everyone. So mark your calendars and come to Tarum. Also don't forget Richmond's Masonic family and their first Saturday of the month breakfast. The food is good and the fellowship is great. This is one way we all can support our Masonic family. Whatever you do, find time at least once per month to attend the Masonic organization of your choice. We all need you!

Drill Team

Edward D. Jacobs

It is hard to believe that March is here already! The year is rapidly moving forward and parade season will be in full swing before too long. The Drill Team's first parade of the season, the Parade of Lights in Ft. Meyers, FL, was a great time for all who participated.

By the time this makes it to press, we will have worked and paraded at Murat's Shrine Circus and be making preparation to show our support for Potentate Jerry Markovich with the escort to the Potentate's Ball and then attending the gala event. At last count, the Drill Team and their ladies will fill four tables!

We will be continuing our monthly birthday and anniversary dinners soon. This always promises to be a good time for all who attend. Again this year, we hope that our Potentate and Divan, along with their ladies, will have room in their schedules to attend a few of these functions.

The Smoky Mountain Fun Fest in Pigeon Forge, TN, will be May 10-13. If any of you have not had the pleasure of attending this event, you are missing out on a very good time with exceptional friends and tremendous scenery! The parade will be on Saturday, May 12, with line-up at 8 a.m.

Upcoming Events

- March 1-4 Murat Shrine Circus-State Fairgrounds
- March 6 Police Club/Drill Team Meeting
- March 10 Potentate's Ball
- March 16 Band Night-Chris McShay
- March 19 Murat Stated Meeting
- April 3 Police Club/Drill Team Meeting
- April 6 Band Night-Deposit Band
- April 14 Ringmaster's Banquet
- April 16 Murat Stated Meeting
- April 20 Band Night-4 Sum Band

Membership and participation is a rewarding experience and the key to our success – REMEMBER WE RIDE SO THAT CHILDREN CAN WALK!

Smyrna Shrine Guild

Faye Crabtree

Greetings from Maharanee Betty Huckeba! Betty is excited about our Membership Guild Night on March 7. Please bring your friends who are interested in becoming Smyrna members, and don't forget those teeters and rattles for the smallest patients in our Shriners Hospitals. We will accept those items at the Stated Meeting as well. If you are interested in becoming a member of Smyrna Shrine Guild and have not been approached by a member ... SHAME ON US! Don't let that stop you; please contact Betty or any other Smyrna member for a petition or reservation for the March 7 Membership Guild Night.

Imperial Inspection will be held April 4 at 5 p.m. Dinner will be at 5:30, with the board meeting and Stated Meeting immediately following. Our own Elaine Thrasher is Imperial Maharanee this year! All Smyrna members should attend this important evening.

Stated Meetings are held the fourth Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at Murat. Guild Nights are held the first Wednesday of each month beginning at 5:30 p.m. at the Gun Club for FUN, FUN, FUN. Guild Night is our "code" for party. Make your reservation by contacting Tammy Priest at 862-0551 and leave a message.

Clowns

Charles "Wrongway" Howard

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

February found the Clown Unit preparing for the circus by checking our props, practicing skits and generally doing the busy 'behind the scenes' things that must be done before we go out. By the time you are reading this, we are thick in the middle of the circus performances and entertaining the kids and promoting our cause. Many, many hours are involved, but the rewards are immeasurable.

Top Ten Reasons to be a Clown

10. Whatever you wear, your lady can't complain that it looks wrong.

9. You gotta "dig" those shoes!
8. A table full of grown men talking about makeup is acceptable.
7. You get the strangest looks at the makeup counter from the cashier.
6. You actually get to be IN the circus!
5. There's nothing more fun than stopping at the bank while in costume!
4. Hey, it's better than cleaning up behind the elephants!
3. Cops don't look at you judgmentally because you have a red nose.
2. Chicks dig us ... so do other farm animals, but NOT monkeys!
1. It's ok to have makeup on your collar when you get home!

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

If you are in need of any clowns for your activities, please contact our business manager, Rob "Dr Floppy" Plummer, at (317) 892-2957 or email at drfloppy1@yahoo.com.

A 'donation' is generally expected for appearances.

Do you read the monthly articles about our hospital children and their families written by our own past president and Murat Recorder Gordon Husk? Well, if you haven't, you are missing some great interviews of both the children and their parents. There are thousands of stories out there and everyone is different and unique. Gordon spends much of his own time either going to their home or if he happens to put on the hat of a hospital driver, he interviews them on the way or at the hospital. Many parents are grateful they finally can have their child cared for without the cost of such care devastating them financially. Many of the families have lost their insurance coverage and without the help of the Shrine, their child would go without the treatment they need to live better, healthier lives. Some, on the other hand, determined that Shriners Hospitals for Children was where their child would receive the best orthopaedic or burn care. Whatever their story, these from the heart articles say it all and make the effort and dedication of our

Transportation Club drivers all worthwhile. **CONGRATULATIONS** – Bob Naessens, one of our new drivers, received his bolo at the January meeting on completion of his 25th trip to our hospitals.

CIRCUS – Many thanks to those who signed up to work the circus. The Transportation Club not only works with the handicapped on Thursday and Friday morning performances but volunteers to pass out Paper Crusade papers to the general public prior to the other seven performances. This is a great opportunity to get the word out about our hospitals and the Shrine.

RINGMASTER'S BANQUET – Don't forget to sign up for the Ringmaster's Banquet if you worked at least two circus performances.

NEW MEMBERS – Welcome to our newest members: Ryan Powell, Charles Stevens, Richard Lane, Bret Adkins, Charles Crabtree, and Chris Iverson. Please join us as often as you can at our Stated Meetings and especially the several functions and activities we have through-

out the year. You will be rewarded many times over.

IN REMEMBRANCE – Jack Pickering, one of our most dedicated members and former driver, passed away in January. Jack had a soft spot in his heart for the hundreds of patients he transported to our hospitals, which is evidenced by more than 400 trips he made over the years. That comes out to more than 160,000 miles of dedicated service. In addition, Jack was always there to help the Club any way he could. Jack, you will be truly missed.

Have you been to a Stated Meeting lately? If not, please put it on your calendar for the third Wednesday of the month. We meet in the Oasis Lounge around 5:30 p.m. for dinner, and our meeting is at 7 p.m. in the Mediterranean Room downstairs. See you there.

Flying Fezzes

Patrick DeCallier

Commander John Kindred, U.S. Navy (Retired) was our featured speaker at our meeting. He served as an "air boss" on the USS George Washington (aircraft carrier). It was very interesting as he described the operations which ensue aboard a carrier. It really is a "floating city" with a lot of different things going on at the same time.

Another highlight of the meeting was the fact that our Club got a letter of appreciation from Lutherwood School for the Christmas party we put on for the kids.

Mobil Nobles

Jim Ennis

This photograph illustrates our Illustrious Potentate Jerry Markovich presenting our president, Greg Speth, with the leadership incentive set of Shrine flags at the Shrine Leadership Seminar held on the last Saturday in January. Greg was supported by immediate Past President Art Borton, First Vice President Steve Bunting and Corresponding Secretary Jim Ennis. This seminar provided important information for all new leaders in our Clubs and Units.



Our February Stated Meeting was held on Friday, February 9. We finalized and coordinated our plans for the circus food buffet.

Our big event of the New Year was hosting the Little Pig Initiation Dinner for our new Divan Outer Guard, Jim Priest. This was our most attended Little Pig yet. Jim now has a greater appreciation of being a member of our 2007 Shrine Divan.

Look for news of the 2008 Little Pig Initiation in future issues of this magazine to enable you to be a part of this Divan initiation.

As a result of our February Saturday meeting and our Stated Meeting, our Unit will have made food available to all of the 2007 Shrine Circus during the performance days of March 1, 2, 3 and 4. This event required the participation of our active members. This will be happening about the time you receive your Murat Magazine.

Our Unit is a family unit – our ladies, kids and grandkids are invited and welcome to our gatherings and Stated Meetings. Our March Stated Meeting will be Friday, March 9. Join us is the Oasis.

"We are everywhere."



Robert M. Davis, 2007 Flying Fezzes president, presents John Kindred, our speaker on January 8, with the Flying Fezzes coffee cup and airplane.

Kentucky Colonels

Dennis Scott

POTENTATE'S BALL – Saturday, March 10, is the Potentate's Ball. The Club will be well represented with over two tables of Colonels and their ladies. This promises to be quite an extravaganza that our new Potentate, Jerry Markovich, has put together. If you still want to attend, check with the Fraternal Office to see if there are any tickets left.

RINGMASTER'S BANQUET – Don't forget, if you worked at least two performances at the Murat Shrine Circus, you are entitled to attend the Ringmaster's Banquet. Make sure you sign in across the street from the Coliseum for all the performances you work so you will get the proper credit in order to attend the banquet.

KERBELA FUN FEST – For a really great time and good fellowship, plan to attend the annual pilgrimage to Pigeon Forge, TN, May 10-13. There will be several Shrine temples in attendance with plenty of Shrine activities. A parade will be held on Saturday, May 12. There are always plenty of other things to do in this resort town besides Shrine activities. Check with the Fraternal Office as soon as you can for hotel reservations.

NEW MISSION – The members will be discussing the possibilities of a new mission for the Club. President Kent Smith was given ideas by our Potentate for some projects that can really make a difference. Come see what Kent has to say and voice your ideas too.

IN REMEMBRANCE – The Club recently lost two of its members, Colonel Russ Stogsdill and Colonel Donald Shinkle. Both were longtime members of the Club and will be truly missed. Our prayers go out to each of their families.

Let's get together on the first Wednesday of the month for a Colonels Stated Meeting.

We have dinner in the Mecca Room across from the Oasis Lounge around 5:30 p.m.

Our meeting is at 7 p.m. See you there.

Band

Leonard Hull

Regardless of the Super Bowl XLI outcome, Sunday, February 4, is the culmination of 23 years of the Indianapolis Colts' dedication and effort to succeed. I've never seen the cohesiveness of any activity that has brought the community to a singular goal and target. We don't have Democrats and Republicans – we have Colts Blue Fans.

If this can be accomplished in 23 years, think what may happen in 110 years. So it is with the Murat Shrine Band.

As we look back on the last 365 days of ol' 2006, much was accomplished. Concerts, parades and rehearsals have made 2006 a year to remember. Twelve days ago at a fabulous installation celebration the band officers, to guide us through 2007, were officially recognized: John Jackson, President; Ray Hauser, First Vice President; Bret Reyburn, Second Vice President; Gary Selig, Secretary/Treasurer; Ray Hauser, also Musical Director; and board of directors: Don Bottles, Sam Hiatt and P.P. Phil Thrasher.

A task and obligation not to be taken lightly. With the circus just around the corner, the Potentate's Ball on March 10, and the Kerbela Fun Festival May 10, the new schedule is filling fast.

"Life is a gamble," a Mother Cabbage told her offspring, Brussels Sprout. "You have to weather storms and drought. You have to fend off animals, bugs, mold and rot. But if you hang in there, you'll grow."

"I'll try," said the little Sprout. "But how long does this take? When should I stop growing?"

"As with any other gamble," said Mother Cabbage, "quit when you're a head."



Go Jerry, Go John, Go Colts.

Corvette Club

Ken Herald

Wow, here it is barely March and I am already getting spring fever. Last year Pam and I purchased a '98 pace car and were only able to drive it a few times before winter hit. I have been thinking about taking it out for a test run lately. Want to join me? Remember Corvettes don't rust.

Hope everyone had a good time at the Little Pig and Girls' Night Out. Our plans to meet in the lounge afterward for Band Night made a good day even better.

Let's not forget the Potentate's Ball Saturday, March 10. Potentate Markovich is counting on all the Nobles and their ladies at this event. So let's go.

March 1-4 is our Murat Shrine Circus. We need to get our tickets and support our circus. The most important thing is to let the kids have fun, and that, in turn, allows us to have fun also.

"Bit of Trivia" – Remember the Corvette trivia I mentioned in the February article concerning the June 30 production start of the first Corvette? Want the rarest Corvette? In 1953, the first two Corvettes with vin numbers 1 and 2 were said to have been destroyed, but no records prove that fact and there are no witnesses to confirm the destruction. So ... keep looking!

Just for your information – we meet the third Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the temple. Come early, around 6, to join us for dinner in the Oasis Lounge, always with our ladies. Remember, you don't need a Corvette to join, just a love for them. For more information about the Club, or to join, contact President Mike McArthur at (317) 885-9525 or Vice President Ken Herald at (317) 422-9107, or ask any member of the Club. Please join us.

Railroad Club

Raymond E. Gotshall

We were back to our own Murat Railroad Club layout rooms for our February 27 meeting. The Murat Center really had the air conditioning turned up. Our new denim long sleeve Railroad Club shirts were great.

President and Chief Engineer Bobby Crawford had a nice video on railroad operation in the United States, including operations in yard limits. President Crawford plans some more of actual railroad operations and believe me, he really knows the rule book from cover to cover. Of course, there are a lot of rules that are not in the rule book and he knows them also.

Due to some changes in our ability to gain access into the Murat Center



Great Railroad Club crowd — great time!

for our entry to the Railroad Club's fourth floor layout rooms, we will have to use the basement entrance to the Murat Center. After our meeting, we must leave by the same entrance and Railroad Club Treasurer Dave Beck will be the keeper of the "Re-entry Key Card" as well as our cash. So treat Treasurer Mr. Beck with a little more respect.

For those who wish to come up to the Murat Railroad Club, we will be meeting in the Murat Shrine lounge prior to our meetings and proceed up to our rooms in several groups. Most of the officers will be gathering for dinner/snacks in the lounge prior to our meetings. Don't let this discourage anyone from coming to the Murat Railroad Club meetings or layout rooms. You all come and join us for good times, good



Treasurer — Past President David Beck, Potentate Jerry Markovich and immediate Past President John Grein, PGM with his Past President's Railroad Lamp.



Potentate Jerry Markovich swearing in Railroad Club officers: Ray Gotshall, David Kaufman, Garland Moore, Ed Andrews, Bobby Crawford, president.

fun and good reevaluation.

We also have a work night or work day, 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 for fun and fellowship.

Advance notice: Annual Railroad Club picnic will be Saturday, August 18.

Putnam County



The officers of the Putnam County Shrine Club were installed by Murat's Captain of the Guard, Charles Crabtree, at the Club's Christmas Dinner on December 4. The Nobles installed were: John Jackman, President; Bill Cockrell, Secretary; Don Munday, Treasurer; and Colin Davies, Chaplain.

Ladies Oriental Shrine of North America, Inc.

Betty J. Rathbun

Tarum Court No. 14 will hold the installation of their 2007 officers Saturday, March 24, in the Arabian Room of the Murat Shrine Center at 3 p.m. Carol Staab will be installed as High Priestess. The installing officer is Betty J. Rathbun, Past Grand Priestess, and the installing marshal is Roberta Griffith, Past High Priestess. The other officers are: Nancy Gillie, Princess; Sue Calvin, Associate Princess; Sandra Scott, First Ceremonial Lady; Leslie Condre, Recorder; and Kay Kessler, Treasurer.

The Murat Shrine Legion of Honor will present the colors, and music will be provided by Randy Morris of the Speedway Christian Church. Following the installation, a social hour will be held in the Arabian Room. Dinner will then be served in the Tunisian Room. The theme is "Casa Blanca Nights" — Nobles and friends are invited. For reservations, call Carol Staab, (317) 882-0222.

The next Stated Meeting will be Tuesday, April 2, at 7 p.m. in the Corinthian Room of the Murat Shrine Center.

Hello Nobles,

The Shelby County Shrine Club is gearing up for a very special 2007. This year we will be celebrating the 50th birthday of the Club. It was in February of 1957 that the Shelby County Shrine Club was chartered. Several special events are planned for the year so keep an eye out

for dates and activities.

The following Nobles have been installed as officers for 2007: William "Bill" Johnson, President; James "Jim" Ross, First Vice President; Danny Thomas, Second Vice President; William "Bill" Rasner, Secretary/Treasurer. The board of directors include: Don Berkheimer, Steve

Fansler, Denny Fields, Phil Herthel, Charles Street and Jack Wallace.

The annual Shelby County Shrine Club golf outing is scheduled for May 2 at Timbergate Golf Course at Edinburgh, IN. Sixty-five dollars includes cart, rangeballs, beverage cart, dinner and prizes. A 12:30 p.m. shotgun start is planned. Contact Don Berkheimer for details or our "golftimester," Don Melvin.

Plans for taking all fourth grade students of Shelby County to the Shrine Circus March 1-4 are nearly complete. Volunteers are still needed.

Let's have a great year - T.E.A.M.

Daughters of the Nile

Ruth Ann Kelly

"ERIN GO BRAUGH"!! Imagine a beautiful, lush green field in Ireland with many leprechauns running around bestowing happiness to everyone they see. Yes, these "little people" are well known to many around this world and "come to life" on March 17 for St. Patrick's Day. Here's hoping you will find many of these "little ones" within your home and among family and friends.

Koran Temple No. 30 has had two special "leprechauns" at our monthly meetings and the two ceremonials. They always have a beautiful smile on their faces and offer help to our ladies when needed. More importantly, they are Queen Dorothy Abel's attendants and can be found with her at all Nile functions. Their purpose is to escort, aid and assist our queen at all times. When you see Pam Herther and Marcia Moses, tell them thanks for their years of service and devotion to our organization as queen's attendants.

Queen Dorothy would also like to commend her advisors for this past year. Past Queens Manuella Jefferson, Ossie Pryor, Tina B. Lee, and Louise Austin are to be praised for their help in planning and directing all activities this past year as Dorothy's advisors. She offers her heartfelt thanks for their continued loyalty and service to Koran Temple No. 30. A beautiful year was enjoyed by every member in our organization.

Our March 7 monthly meeting at the Trowel Trades Building will be Queen Dorothy's final meeting for her year. The business agenda will consist of the 2007-2008 election of officers plus her report for this past year as queen. She would like to express her sincere gratitude to her officers, committees and members for a memorable and successful year. The overwhelming participation in all activities and the many contributions to the children in the Shriners Hospitals were outstanding. Thanks for the many accomplishments attained this past year.

The last sewing session for the year will be on Wednesday, March 21, from 10 a.m. till 2:30 p.m. in the Trowel Trades Building. Help is needed to finish the many items being sent to our children in the hospitals. Queen Dorothy will be the hostess and furnish the meat entrée with everyone else bringing an item for this pitch-in luncheon. Come and enjoy this afternoon of good food and fellowship.

Princess Cathy Rose will be having her installation of officers on Sunday, March 18, at 1 p.m. in the Arabian Room of the Murat Center. A reception will follow and everyone is invited to attend. Practice for everyone participating in this installation will be on Saturday, March 17, from 9 to 11 a.m. Cathy has asked that the ladies place these dates and times on their calendars as soon as possible. Please be prompt and contact her at (317) 695-2912 (cell phone) if you are unable to attend these events.

Anyone interested in joining Koran Temple Daughters of the Nile may contact the membership chairman, Past Queen Manuella Jefferson, at (317) 844-6222; recorder, Past Queen Betty J. Rathbun at (317) 846-2800; or any other member and request a petition for membership into our ladies' organization.

Finally, much appreciation to Past Queen Ruth Ann Kelly for writing the interesting and informative monthly articles in the Shrine magazine.

Gun Club

Herb Arthur

This is a very cold morning in late January and the Unit is looking forward to participating in the Shrine Circus. The circus starts Thursday, March 1, and runs through Sunday, March 4. We will parade in full uniform at many performances and if you are a Shriner, it will be a lot of fun to participate with us.

We practice at the Gatling Gun Club, 709 N. Illinois St., on Friday evenings at 7 p.m. This is when the fun begins. It is not necessary to have previous music or marching talent to join with us and really have fun!

Through this practice, parades and other activities you earn points, which in time become money. Most of the members earn enough cash to attend our Shrine Imperials, including travel and housing, with very little out of pocket expense, and this is really a very good time.

Come on Friday evening and we will show you how \$5 annual dues will let you and your escort attend these functions. You probably already know who the officers of the Unit are: Herb Arthur, Major; Chester Mann, Secretary/Treasurer; Ed Atkinson, Quartermaster; and Al Zumpe, Captain.

Should you want more information, call Herb Arthur at (317) 322-3901 or (317) 432-9111 and he will try to help you. Hope to hear from you soon.

Congratulations to Illustrious Potentate Jerry Markovich. Jerry is a couple of years short of the Ever Faithful 20-year requirement but has completed the five Imperial Sessions portion of membership. We'll welcome Jerry to our ranks in 2009.

Our October 18, 2006, meeting, although light in attendance, was enjoyed by 37 to show their dedication and loyalty for over 20 years of service to the unit body and five or more Imperial Sessions.

As I write this article for March '07, we are just three days from Super Bowl 41, 38 days from Circus 2007 and 48 days short of Illustrious Potentate Jerry Markovich's Potentate's Ball. The atmosphere in this great city is unbelievable and the cohesiveness that pulls us all in the same direction couldn't be stronger.



Next 20/5 banquet
April 28, 2007.

It's time we all get a good grip on the rope and pull to the EAST.

Win or lose, whichever endeavor, the three magic words: loyalty, devotion and honor. These are the brothers who put the crown on Murat Nobles, the Nobles who built Murat, and the Nobles we fall back on when the grade gets too steep. These are the quarterbacks, the receivers, the blockers and the punters. But the 12th man in the stands is as important as the man under the ball with the "esprit de corps" and cohesiveness that makes us a single powerful voice.

E plu-ri-bus u-num, out of many, one. When you attend a function such as an Indy Colts football game, the friendly association with fans and opponents alike is a credit to Hoosier hospitality.

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Jack Williams	Howard & Patricia Bennett	David & Brenda Jacks	Emily Callorina	
Rushville Elementary School,	Ann Baker	Jason & Melanie Gorrell	Timothy & Susan Jarvis	In Memory of Chester Grumbo
Mrs. McCarty's sixth grade class	Carl & Nancy Knowling	James & Kathleen Pease	Marcia & William Stogsdill	Tri-County Shrine Club, Inc.
Larry C. Ricketts	Garry & Manser Stout	Paul & Wands Herzog	Temple Inland Display & Packaging	
Donald G. Sanders	Jim Nocolas & Mary Wright	Paul J. Schneck	Donald & Martha Byrd	In Memory of Artie Bea Beatty
Sean M. Wolf	Bill West	Fred & Barbara Kautzman	Ms. Betty June Huffman	Tri-County Shrine Club, Inc.
Thomas H. Vickers	Juanita Kipley	John & Eileen Whalen	Betty Rathbun	
R.P. Dellen Charitable	Derrick & Nicki Krile	Douglas & Margaret Rich	Desert Caravan	In Memory of Mary Kepler
Foundation, Inc.	Friends & Neighbors at Sugar		Mr. & Mrs. Thomas P. Ewbank	Steven & Susan Marsh
Donald & Michelle Hawk	Creek Mobile Home Estates	In Memory of Gerry Welton	Ray & Delores Gotshall	
Roger Richert, Richmond	McLeod Express, LLC	Wendell & Carol Azdell	Ralph A. Cutter	In Memory of Charles A. Fitzgerald
Furniture Gallery		Don & Peggy Burgess	Lora Martun	Robert J. Casagrand
Hoosier Hillbillies, Outhouse	In Memory of Amy Beach	Howard & Barb Malcolm	Fred Reese	
11, Clan 14	Mary Jane Haake	Gene & Zelma Lackey	Dave & Cyndi Mathews	
Albert A. Hall	College Park Oral & Maxillo	Richard Schneider	Clifford & Pamela Bivens	
Richard M. Hall	Facial Surgery PC	Warren & Jane Byford	Martin & Angeline Dragan	
Philip O. Allen	Jack & Barbara Lammering	Jim & Betty Lamb	William & Sharon Bryant	

Boone County Shrine Club

Pat Hornett

The Boone County Shrine Club has 40 to 50 Nobles in attendance at the monthly meetings. It is great that our younger Nobles are participating in all of the Club's events, especially our two annual fish fries. Each meeting generates great discussions on our overall purpose of "Having Fun and Helping Kids."

Speaking of our two annual fish fries, our spring fish fry will be held in May at the American Legion in Lebanon. This is one of our biggest fundraising events. It takes a lot of time and effort by our team to cook, serve, and clean up after these functions that have 600 people in attendance. It is also appropriate at this time to recognize all of our ladies who help at these fish fries. These events run smoothly because of their hard work and participation.

Our April article will have more details concerning our May Fish Fry. We welcome all Shriners, their ladies and guests.

2007 Murat Ringmaster's Banquet



Nobles and Ladies,

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

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

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

Sports

Wes Kidwell

With all the Colts hoopla going on at the present time, it is difficult to report on other sporting events. This article has to be turned in by Thursday, February 1. The Super Bowl starts on February 4. You will receive this article in your March magazine. I can't tell you what the outcome will be, although all the sports correspondents are reporting that the Colts are favored to win, and the Las Vegas bookies say they are a 6 1/2 point favorite. So you can look at this March article to leave all the Colts gatherings at the Circle and the parades in the alley. I feel like I have my shoes on the wrong feet. How did all this come about?

In 1984, when the Colts arrived in our new stadium via Mayflower vans, our Potentate, Ivan Frakes, Jr., decided all the Divan members would participate in the ticket lottery. If anyone had their name pulled out, the tickets would then be offered to the membership. Well, "yours truly" had his name pulled and there was no problem in selling the tick-

ets. In the following years, with the Colts' new team of raw recruits, the games weren't very exciting. Several seat holders dropped out. Some traded for better seats and at the present, those seats are still held by about a dozen Shriners, two of whom are going to the Super Bowl being held in Miami. Those Colts fans going now have to spend their retirement, rob their kids' college funds, or max out their credit cards to arrive in Miami - by car on icy roads, by air and arrange for hotel, rental cars, parking and restaurants. They should all be there by now and should be back after the game with several wild stories about their once in a lifetime experience. The rest of us will be seated at home and watch it on TV.

It's hard to believe that the baseball season has started with the New York and Boston teams still in the favorite top spots, as usual. Our Indianapolis Indians are hoping to have a competitive team at reasonable prices. They say it is the best sports ticket in

town and I agree. The ice hockey team can't seem to budge from third place in their division. It is hard to get their scores and the National Hockey Teams get all the sports page scores.

The bowling standings in the Shrine League at Western Bowl have the Palominos still by six points over the Gatling Gun team. The Scimitars are in third place and charging for the lead. Mike Percy has the high average of 208.20, followed by Jeff Gehle at 198.07 and John Ervin, Sr. with 193.46. High series handicap: Mac Fehsenfeld, 809; John Ervin, Jr., 750; Don Elliott, 746. Our league has only another month to go. We had bad news from the Central States Craftsman Tournament, to be held at Columbus, OH, in May, that the promoters have decided to cancel the tournament. We are trying to see if the Derby Tournament has lanes available at Louisville. Stay tuned for further announcements.

Contributions

Photos by Dennis Wood, Murat Camera Club

(January 2007)



Chief Rabban Ron Elliott, Cincinnati Hospital Board of Directors, presents Potentate Jerry Markovitch with a certificate of appreciation from our Cincinnati Burns Hospital.



Noble Cliff Lewis, PM, secretary/treasurer of Murat Past Masters Club, along with Nobles JD Moore, PM, and Mark Genung, PM, present Potentate Jerry Markovitch with the gavel of his office and a \$150 check for the Murat Circus Bicycle/Bond Fund.



Noble Kent Smith, Sr. hands over a \$3,000 check for the Murat Transportation Fund to Potentate Jerry Markovitch. Accompanying Noble Smith to the dais are fellow members of Hillbilly Clan #14 Kent Smith, Jr., Ray Gotshall, Garland Moore, David Beck, and David Kaufman.



Potentate Jerry Markovitch receives a total of \$4,000 from Stone Belt Shrine Club President Roger Kelley and Club members Billy Combs and John Aldrich. Stone Belt gave \$1,000 to the Transportation Fund, \$1,000 each to the Chicago and Lexington orthopedic hospitals, and \$1,000 to the Cincinnati hospital.



A delegation from the Murat Firemen's Club, led by President Floyd Sendmeyer, presents Potentate Jerry Markovitch \$1,000 for the Transportation Fund and \$300 for the Circus Bicycle Fund. Members of the delegation include Club members Chief Rabban Ron Elliott and Past Presidents John Aldrich and Bob Wilson.



Highlander President Joe Ketterman and Club Treasurer Dave Dale donate \$150 to Potentate Jerry Markovitch for the Circus Bicycle Fund on behalf of the Highlanders.



Potentate Jerry Markovitch accepts a \$403 check for the Cincinnati Shrine Burns Hospital on behalf of Tarum Shrine Club from Club President Larry Pippin and Noble Jack Dickey.



Directors Staff representatives Bob Bland, Mike Adams, Randy Pruden and Mack Fishburn give Potentate Jerry Markovitch a \$150 check for the Circus Bicycle Fund.



Murat Legion of Honor Nobles George Choung, Lloyd Hearn, and International Commander Jim Taflinger present three checks to Potentate Jerry Markovitch. One is a donation to the Transportation Fund in the amount of \$1,000. The second is to the circus in the amount of \$1,050. The third is to the Shrine Hospitals for \$500. This contribution is made on behalf of AMVETS Post 99 and its commander, Don Dearing.

Achieving Excellence in Cincinnati



Noble Clyde R. Martin, on behalf of the Bartholomew County Shrine Club, hands over a \$150 check for the Circus Bicycle Fund to Potentate Jerry Markovich.



Raffle Chairman Mike Horn, along with Potentate Jerry Markovich, presents the prizes to the raffle winners at the January Stated Meeting. Darwin Hoose and Bill Clerk each won a Shrine bow tie and cummerbund, and Noble Dick Dawson won a tuxedo courtesy of Tommy J's.

We all like to share good news and this achievement certainly qualifies as a good news story.

The Outpatient Department at our Cincinnati Hospital was awarded the Press Ganey Summit Award.

In order to receive such a distinguished award, the recipient must have maintained a ranking of 95th percentile or above for a minimum of three consecutive years. The award winners understand what it takes to exceed customer expectations and deliver the extra touches needed to make patients and their families feel like valued guests. This designation is one of the most challenging to attain – organizations must surpass the expected and maintain the extraordinary.

If you asked any of the children your Shrine Center sponsors, you'd get similar answers to this question:

How was your clinic visit?

- we're always treated like family
- my daughter really likes Dr. Yakuboff
- the nurses are great to us
- wish the hospital was in our town
- my son loves going to Cincinnati

Donna Mertens, R.N. and nurse manager of the Outpatient Department, is quick to point out – it's a team effort.

"This award is not only shared by my staff but with Child Life, Family Services, Garment Fabricators, Health Information Systems, Orthotics, Rehab Services, Pharmacy, Transitions and Visual Arts."

Another important component to our team is the Syrian Hospital Host and all the Road Runners who transport patients to Cincinnati. "We wouldn't be able to do our jobs if Shriners didn't get the patients here," says Mertens.

So on behalf of our award winning burn team, we thank all the people at your Shrine Center who schedule van trips, who work with travel agencies to obtain flight arrangements, who contact parents to coordinate pick-up times and all the Road Runners who transverse the interstates to get our patients to and from Cincinnati safely. Working together, we give our patients and their families the exceptional burn care they have come to expect.

The Directors

Willis A. Roose

All officers have been officially and solemnly installed; their duties and obligations have been explained, and it appears that the U.S.S. Directors Staff is on course.

Our leadership for 2007 includes: President, Larry Adams; First Vice President, Rex Mardis; Second Vice President, Bob Bland; Secretary, Dick Smith; Treasurer, Ron Williams; Mike Adams, Chief Director, with Norm Jones still on deck.

A bus trip to the Argosy is scheduled for February 11. All who are interested in becoming instantly wealthy are urged to apply.

There will be a good showing of Directors at the

Potentate's Ball on March 10 to assure that our Illustrious Potentate, Jerry Markovich, and his lady are properly honored.

It's a bit soon to announce the '07 S.D.A. in Charleston, SC, but time should be set aside for this instructional, enjoyable event. Our Divan will be well represented.

Those of our Unit who are temporarily experiencing poor health are Jack Kleingartner and past Chief Director Les Schenck. Both are exhibiting suitable progress.

The annual Shrine Circus is rapidly approaching and needs our support: selling circus ads, purchasing coupons, and assisting at the Coliseum. Lest we forget, our prime purpose is helping and providing happiness for "KIDS"!

Murat Membership "407 in '07"

ART BORTON

As our new Potentate, Jerry Markovich has established lofty goals for 2007, and he is working hard to make sure that Murat holds onto our position of being the largest temple in Shrinedom. His goal for this year is "407 in '07." This means we are looking to create 407 new Nobles during the year. This is an aggressive goal, and to achieve this goal, we are handling our membership campaign differently this year. The following is a brief outline of our membership plans for 2007.

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

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

- Short Form Ceremonials held before the Murat monthly Stated Meetings will be held for the creation of new Nobles, if prescheduled with our office.
- A membership chart with four sections will be displayed at the Shrine consisting of the new Shriner's name, Top-Line Signer, and the Club or Unit to be credited.
- Drawings will be held at the completion of each section with the winner having their dues paid for the next year.
- Completion of 100 new members – 1 name will be drawn, 200 new members – 2 names will be drawn, 300 new members – 3 names will be drawn, 407 new members – 4 names will be drawn. The winner's name will be returned to the pool after each drawing, creating the possibility of winning multiple times.
- The Club or Unit credited with the most new Shriners at the completion of each section will also be rewarded!
- To meet this goal we must bring in 1.12 new petitions per day. As I am writing this on February 1, we now have 40 petitions in hand for the first 31 days of the year or 1.29 petitions per day, so we are ahead of our goal and need to continue to focus our membership efforts.

As you can see, this year will be a different year, with us taking our membership efforts on the road to your Clubs and Units rather than having you always come to Indianapolis. This should help create enthusiasm and energy for the Shrine in your local communities.

This is going to be another exciting year, and I look forward to working with each of you as we work together to bring Jerry "407 in '07."

5th Annual Grand Master's Motorcycle Rally

to benefit the
Indiana Masonic Home Transportation Fund

Saturday, June 2, 2007

Leaving from Indiana Masonic Home, Franklin, Indiana

(Rain or Shine Event!)

Schedule of Events

Registration and Breakfast at IMH Shelter House	8:00 am thru 10:00 am
Last Bike Out	10:30 am
Dinner at Johnson County Shrine Club	3:30 pm

Pre-registration Pricing: \$35.00* per person or \$55.00* per couple.

*Add \$15.00 for Walk-in Registration (Day of Event). Includes Breakfast, Pin, and Dinner at the Johnson County Shrine Club, Door Prizes.



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

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

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

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

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

Indiana Masonic Home, 690 State Street, Franklin, IN 46131

For general or pre-registration inquiries:
George Eastman (317) 736-6141 ext.403;
georgee@inmasonichome.org
Call Brian Biehn (317) 710-6386;
bbiehn@cipherglobal.com

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Go to www.indianafreemasons.com for additional information, copies of the poster, sign up sheet and flyer.

Bartholomew County

Bartholomew County Mini Sprints have a 25 parade lineup scheduled this year, plus a halftime show at Salem Speedway on the 9th. They start in Nashville, IN, the first of May. Then it's to Pigeon Forge for the Fun Fest. From there, it is off to a great parade schedule for the rest of the summer.



Any Noble who would be interested in joining the Mini Sprints can do so by contacting any Bartholomew County Noble or calling Tom Johnson at (812) 350-9378 anytime. We have three sprints that need owners and drivers.

President Gerald R. Ford, Noble Through and Through

Gerald R. Ford was a World War II veteran, a House Minority Leader, a Vice President and a President; he was a football star, a Yale Law School graduate and a family man. He was also a Shriner.

On Dec. 26, 2006, the day the United States lost a great leader, the Shriners of North America also lost a Brother. President Gerald R. Ford passed away at age 93 at his home in Rancho Mirage, Calif.

Ford's connection with Freemasonry and Shriners of North America began at a young age – his father was an active Mason and Shriner. Ford said in a 1976 speech, however, that his meaningful and personal exposure to the Shriners fraternity began in 1934, while playing center on the University of Michigan football team. He was selected to play in the 10th annual East-West Shrine Game, and as part of the game's festivities, he and the other players toured the San Francisco Shriners Hospital (now located in Sacramento).

During the speech, given to Mohammed Shriners in Illinois, Ford explained, "It was a tremendous experience for us on the Eastern football team to go to that hospital and see what is done to help unfortunate people, especially young people. And I learned...what great people like all of you do, on a day-to-day basis, to help those less fortunate than yourself."

On Sept. 30, 1949, along with his three half-brothers, Ford received his Entered Apprentice degree at Malta Lodge #465. As a courtesy to Malta Lodge, Columbia Lodge #3 in Washington,



U.S. President Gerald R. Ford was created a Shriner at Saladin Temple on Oct. 24, 1959.

D.C., conferred the Fellowcraft degree on April 20, 1951, and the Master Mason degree on May 18, 1951. On Oct. 24, 1959, Ford was created a Noble of Saladin Shriners in Kentwood, Mich.

Ford was made a Sovereign Grand Inspector General, 33-degree and Honorary Member, Supreme Council A.A.S.R. Northern

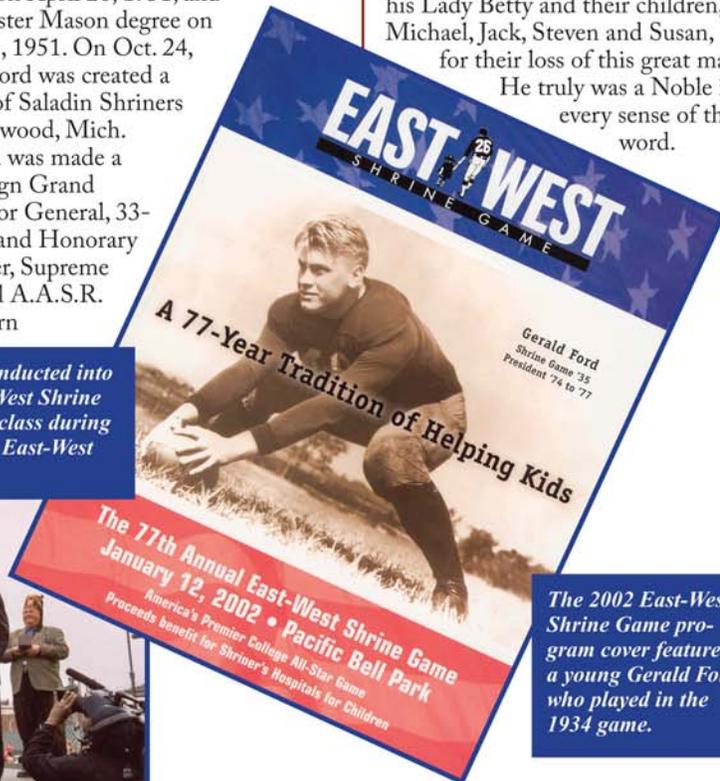
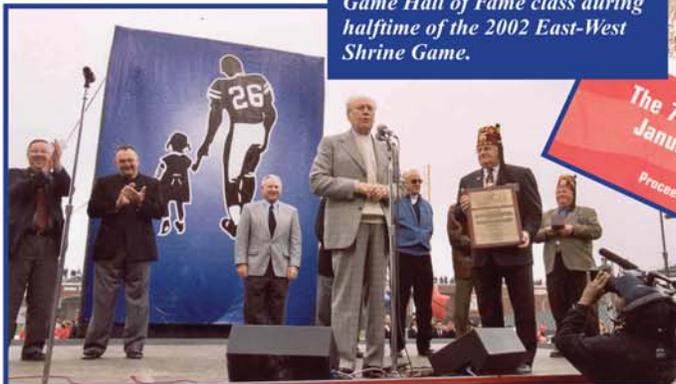
Masonic Jurisdiction at the Academy of Music in Philadelphia on Sept. 26, 1962, for which he served as Exemplar for his class. He also was unanimously elected an Active Member of the International Supreme Council, Order of DeMolay and its Honorary Grand Master, at its Annual Session held in Orlando, Fla., in 1975. He held this post until January 1977, at which time he became Past Honorary Grand Master.

Ford represented the Shriners fraternity on a number of occasions. He made a guest appearance on the Shriners Hospitals for Children 75th Anniversary Television Special in 1997, and he was inducted into the inaugural East-West Shrine Game Hall of Fame class on Jan. 12, 2002.

Fellow Nobles have always been proud that President Ford was a member of Shriners of North America. Nobles of the fraternity express deepest condolences to his friends and family, especially his Lady Betty and their children, Michael, Jack, Steven and Susan, for their loss of this great man.

He truly was a Noble in every sense of the word.

President Ford was inducted into the inaugural East-West Shrine Game Hall of Fame class during halftime of the 2002 East-West Shrine Game.



The 2002 East-West Shrine Game program cover featured a young Gerald Ford, who played in the 1934 game.

As the old saying goes, "Time flies when you're having fun." Well, the way January and February sped by, the members of the Johnson County Shrine Club must be having a ball. Where does the time go?

Once again, it's time for all Shriners to head for the Indiana State Fairgrounds and volunteer to take part in the 62nd annual edition of the Shrine Circus. There are many ways you can help. Anything from working at the circus selling programs, ushering, and if you can't do that, sponsor a child to attend. Everyone enjoys a circus. Help make ours a BIG success.

It hasn't been too highly noted around our Club, but we do have a gen-



Potentate Jerry Markovich and Lady Dianah.



Larry DeVoss and Mike Percy



Larry DeVoss with trophy

tleman that should be noted. Larry DeVoss, past president of our Shrine Club, was recently named Mr. 500 by the 500 Club. He was presented with a plaque for his office, and his name will be engraved on the large trophy at the Murat Temple.

I'm including a few pictures of Larry in his Porsche powered 500 car and of him with his trophy. You will also note the picture of Larry with Mike Percy, Mini-Mystic president. This was taken at Dunkirk, IN, after the parade for Glass Days. Larry had a bet with Mike that the 500 Club would score higher than the Mini-Mystics. Larry will quickly tell you to notice whose trophy is the biggest. Mike, regretfully, paid the bet. Congratulations



Mr. 500 Larry DeVoss

Larry. The Shrine Club is proud of your accomplishments!

Keeping it in the family, Larry's Lady Jane deserves a pat on the back also! Jane had agreed to run the kitchen for the next year. We can enjoy those wonderful Friday night dinners for another year. If you haven't been down to the Club for one of Jane's dinners, shame on you! The doors are open every Friday night. The menu varies every week. Everything from pork chops, to meatloaf, spaghetti, and chicken will see its way to the buffet line. It's an all you can eat, complete with desserts. Come down and put a few pounds on with us – you'll enjoy it.

John Miller, with the help of Lady Barbara, is well into his year as president of the Club. Barbara has been doing a wonderful job decorating the Club for the various festivities. She also keeps John in line. Keep up the good work, John and Barbara.

As Shriners, we need to work hard on Potentate Jerry Markovich's "407 in 07." Jerry has set quite a lofty goal of 407 new members in the year 2007. We can do it. All members are going to have to promote the Shrine. With such a goal to obtain, it will take all Shriners to do it. This type of attitude will keep our Shrine number one – the largest in all Shrinedom.

The Johnson County Shrine Club wishes to send Jerry, and his Lady Dianah, best wishes for a great year as Potentate. We're proud to serve you.

In closing, let me leave you with a little joke: Two cows are standing next to each other in a field down near Trafalgar. Daisy says to Dolly, "I was artificially inseminated this morning."

"I don't believe you," said Dolly.
"It's true, no bull!" explains Daisy.
Have a great month of March.

Montgomery County Shrine Club Donnie Jessie

Hello Nobles,

The Montgomery County Shrine Club is getting ready for our Countdown at the Eagles in Crawfordsville, IN, April 14. We will have live entertainment and all the games to keep you entertained. We hope to see some of you there. We have many more activities planned this year and will definitely let you know. Same goes for all of you – let us in on the fun too.

January's supper was prepared by a special lady, my mom (D. Jessie), Shiela Davidson. Between school, work and playing in my band, she helped prepare chopped steak and cream of mushroom gravy, mashed potatoes, corn and salad. I believe everyone enjoyed it. Last month's supper was made by Noble Jim Fruits. He prepared a German menu for us – Brats, Metz and German potato salad. It was delicious.

Has anyone seen Nobles "Big Al" Harris, Jim West or Steve Middleton? We could use some help cleaning the latrines.

Well spring is right around the corner. Soon we can all stay in state and get some rounds in. We all look forward to seeing you all at the 19th hole.

Take care Nobles and good luck.

Reception

Greg Miller

At the December 11, 2006, Murat Stated Meeting, one of our own, Carl Sprinkle, received the Potentate's Man of the Year Award from Illustrious Sir William Wimmenauer, Jr. Carl can always be found working the doors, working ceremonials, working the Dome, working the Potentate's Ball, etc. In sum, Carl is one of our best workers and is some terrific Shriner. We are very proud to call him one of our own.

The members of the Murat Shrine Reception Unit met for their installation dinner on December 12 at the Murat Shrine Center. President Bethel King ('06) and his Lady Betty presided. Several members of the Divan and Imperial Sir John Cinotto, P.P., and his Lady Margaret were in attendance. The members were entertained by the show choir from Lapel, IN.

Illustrious Sir William Wimmenauer, Jr. installed the following officers for 2007: Bill Rasner, President; Mike Waldrip, Vice President; Kent Smith, Sr., Treasurer; Greg Miller, Secretary; and John Blaydoe, Recording Secretary. Imperial Sir John Cinotto, P.P., gave the traditional "oath of office" to the officers' ladies and sealed the deal with kisses all around. Thereafter, President Bethel presented Ray Gotshall as the 2006 recipient of the F. Gene Thornburgh Award, which recognizes Reception Unit members who exemplify the overall success of Murat and Unit programs. Congratulations Ray!

President Bill led the Reception Unit's organizational meeting on January 7, 2007, at the Murat Shrine Center. President Bill announced that our Stated Meetings will continue to be held on the second Tuesday of each month and that the President's Spring Party will be held at the Murat Shrine Center on March 31. Tickets will soon be available at \$35 per person. President Bill also announced that the Reception Unit will be participating in Kerbela Fun Fest May 9-12 at Pigeon Forge, TN.

The members of the Reception Unit are Thinking Positive and looking forward to a fun-filled year.

2007 Murat Shrine Golf Schedules

(Note: Murat Golf Outings are Stag)

APRIL 25

Mini-Mystics "Charlie Griffith Memorial Golf," Hickory Stick Golf Club \$65 each, 4-person Scramble. Includes: Prizes, Zem-Zem on Course, and Dinner at the Johnson County Shrine Club after Golf.

Contact: Joe Inabnitt, 1856 Broadleaf Ct., Greenwood, IN 46143, (317) 730-1300.

MAY 2

Shelby County Shrine Club, Timbergate Golf Course, Edinburg, IN; \$65, 12:30 p.m. Shotgun Start. Includes: Golf/1/2 Cart, Rangeballs, Comp. Beverage Cart, Dinner and Prizes. Contact: Bill Rasner, (317) 398-0105, ext. 12.

MAY 31

Madison County Shrine Club, Meadowbrook Golf Course, Anderson, IN. \$65. 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.

JUNE 21

Knights of the Sea, Oak Tree Golf Course, Plainfield, IN (Clandestine Org., Non-Shrine) 8:30 a.m. Sign-In, 10 a.m. Shotgun Start. Contact: John Hess, 844-1377.

JULY 14

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

Contact: Don Melvin, Murat Shrine or e-mail 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.

AUGUST 2

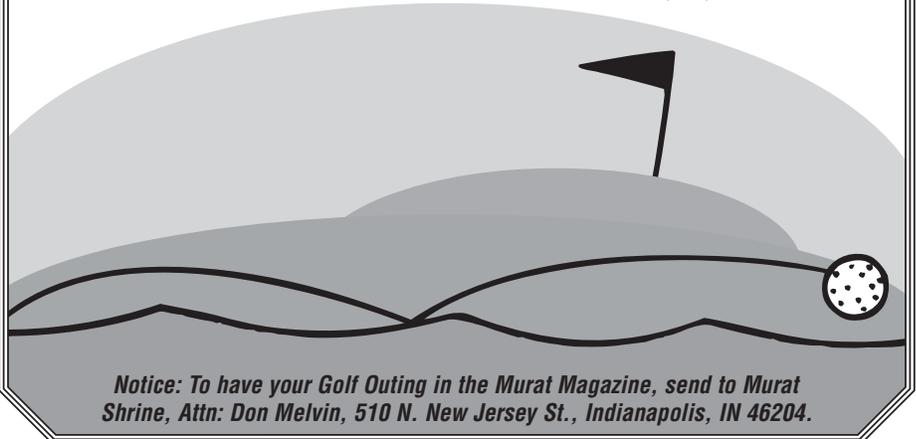
Chanters Golf, Greenfield Country Club, Greenfield, IN; \$55, Bankers Scramble. Includes: Golf, 1/2 Cart, Prizes and Buffet Dinner after Golf at Country Club.

Contacts: Andy Barbera, Carl Gentry and Harry McClintic.

SEPTEMBER 6

Johnson County Shrine Club; \$65 each, 4-person Scramble. Includes: Green Fees, Cart, Prizes, Zem-Zem on Course, and Prime Rib Dinner after Golf at Johnson County Shrine Club.

Contact: Toddy Inabnitt, 2857 S. Mullinix Rd., Greenwood, IN 46143, (317) 422-8949.



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

2007 MURAT CALENDAR RAFFLE

WIN CASH!



\$1,000 5 times a year

(JANUARY 1, APRIL 15, JULY 4, NOVEMBER 23 and DECEMBER 25)

\$100 Every Sunday

(EXCEPT SPECIAL DAYS)

\$25 Daily

MONDAY THROUGH SATURDAY (EXCEPT SPECIAL DAYS)

Only 3,000 calendars will be sold at \$25 each. You have 365 chances to win during the year. There will be a guaranteed winner every day of the year. On the five special days, there will be a \$1,000 winner (JANUARY 1, APRIL 15, JULY 4, NOVEMBER 23 AND DECEMBER 25). A \$100 winner will be selected every Sunday (except special days). A \$25 winner will be selected daily, Monday through Saturday (except for special days).

*Proceeds are for the benefit of Murat Shriners' activities.
Payments are not deductible as charitable contributions.*



Shriners Hospitals Voluntary Annual Gift Campaign... Our Kids, Our Commitment!

The Purpose

The Annual Gift Campaign gives every Shriner the opportunity to volunteer to be personally involved in funding the operations of Shriners Hospitals for Children each year, thus securing our legacy of providing expert medical care to children, conducting world-class research and teaching future generations of caregivers.

The Need

One of the great myths in the Shrine is that our hospitals have all the money they need. However, our endowment fund, while substantial, is not sufficient to fund the 22 hospitals going forward. Historically, unrestricted monetary gifts are less than 5 percent of our total budget. At this rate, we are unable to adequately grow our endowment fund. We MUST increase our annual contributions. The need for Shriners' support has never been greater.

The Kids

Shriners Hospitals for Children currently cares for about 190,000 children per year. These children either have debilitating orthopaedic conditions, painful burns or scars, or they have suffered from spinal cord injuries. The expert medical care they receive at our hospitals completely changes their lives - impacting not only their current health, but also the opportunities their futures hold. Many of our families cannot afford to give their children medical care. Many of them can afford to go

elsewhere, but choose Shriners Hospitals because they know it's the best place to get care for their little boy or girl. The Annual Gift Campaign is a way for each individual Shriner to make sure this expert medical care is available to these special children and families.

The Pride

Shriners all over North America take great pride in the amazing work being done for children and their families at our hospitals. Shriners who volunteer to make the commitment to give to Shriners Hospitals annually will also take great pride in wearing their Annual Gift Society Pin. When a man wears his pin, he will show the other members of the Shrine fraternity, as well as the outside world, that he is a proud supporter of the "World's Greatest Philanthropy," and that he makes a personal and real difference in the lives of boys and girls from all walks of life. To join, please mail back the form below, call 1-800-241-GIFT, or visit www.donate2shc.org.

Make a difference in the life of a child



Please volunteer to join the Society level of your choice and wear your pin with pride.



Bronze Society
\$100-\$499 annual gift



Gold Society
\$1,000-\$2,499 annual gift
(10k gold)



Silver Society
\$500-\$999 annual gift
(sterling silver)



Diamond Society
\$2,500+ annual gift
(14k gold with diamond)

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Yes, I'd like to make an annual contribution to Shriners Hospitals for Children!

Please add my name to the rolls of the...

- Bronze Society: Annual Gift of \$100-\$499
- Silver Society: Annual Gift of \$500-\$999
- Gold Society: Annual Gift of \$1,000-\$2,499
- Diamond Society: Annual Gift of \$2,500 and above

Please print neatly and complete all applicable information:

First Name: _____ Middle Initial: _____ Last Name: _____

Temple: _____ Shrine Membership # _____

Hospital: _____ Phone: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Country: _____

Thank you for your tax-deductible gift to **Shriners Hospitals for Children**. Your Society Pin should arrive in 2-4 weeks to the address listed above.

Please detach and mail this card with your check or credit card information to: **Shriners Hospitals for Children, P.O. Box 20827, Tampa, FL 33622-0827**, or to your local Hospital. Please send all Canadian donations to: **Shriners Hospitals for Children-Canada, 1529 Cedar Ave., Montreal, Quebec, Canada H3G 1A6**.

Method of Contribution

- My Annual Gift check is enclosed. Amt: \$ _____
- I'd like to make my Annual Gift of \$ _____ (US) by credit card. (Please complete form below.)
- I'd like to make my Annual Gift of \$ _____ (US) in four equal and automatic quarterly contributions by credit card. (Please complete form below.)

Recurring Transaction Signature: _____
(required for quarterly charges)

Credit Card Information

Visa Master Card Today's Date: _____

Card Number: _____

Expiration Date: _____

Cardholder's Name: _____

(please print) Cardholder's Signature: _____

(required for both full and quarterly credit card contributions)

- Please send me information about planned giving.



Shriners Hospitals Boards Set Budget of \$721 Million

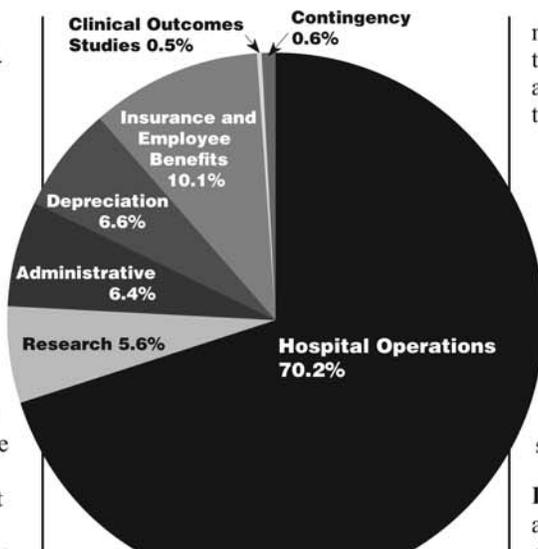
In 2007, Shriners Hospitals for Children will increase its spending for our children by \$72 million. It will cost \$1.975 million every day, or about \$23 every second, to provide our patients with expert medical care. As has been true since the first Shriners Hospital opened in 1922, all the orthopaedic, burn, spinal cord injury, and cleft lip and palate treatment will be provided at no charge to our patients or their families.

The record budget is indicative of both the continuing escalation of health care costs and Shriners' dedication to the health and future of children.

"The increased budget figures reflect the escalating cost of quality health care," said Ralph Semb, Chairman of the Board of Trustees. "Despite the expense, Shriners Hospitals for Children remains committed to providing the very best specialized pediatric medical care possible throughout our system. The budget also reflects a major commitment to rebuilding our facilities."

The 22 Shriners Hospitals in the U.S., Canada and Mexico have a total budget of \$721 million for 2007. Of that amount, \$655 million is designated for the hospital operating budget, which includes patient care, teaching, administrative expenses, depreciation and the daily expenses for all the Shriners Hospitals. This amount also includes \$37 million for medical research, which is an extremely important part of our mission. Since Shriners Hospitals began a formal research program about 40 years ago, more than \$515 million has been dedicated to research efforts that have improved the lives of countless children worldwide.

The budget for 2007 building and equipment expenditures has been doubled to \$66 million, representing a major com-



2007 OPERATING BUDGET: (In millions)

Hospital Operations	\$460
Research	37
Administration	42
Depreciation	43
Insurance/Employee Benefits	66
Clinical Outcomes	3
Contingency	4

2007 TOTAL BUDGET (In millions)

Operating*	\$655
Buildings & Equipment	66
TOTAL	\$721

*Includes \$37 million for medical research



mitment to renovation and new construction, as well as electronic medical records and digital radiography. The major hospital projects included in this year's plans, and their current status, are:

HONOLULU — Design drawings for the replacement hospital are progressing well. Demolition of some existing structures and phase one of construction will start in late 2007.

GALVESTON — Construction of a new parent/patient center for outpatients and their families is scheduled to start in the spring.

INTERMOUNTAIN — Construction of a new 270-space parking facility is near completion and will open in the spring.

LOS ANGELES — Negotiations are ongoing for property on which to build a replacement hospital.

PHILADELPHIA — A renovation project has been approved and is in the design phase. A new same-day surgery suite, a new radiology suite and new outpatient facilities will be created.

PORTLAND — An addition/renovation project has been approved. It includes new inpatient rooms, new operating rooms and expansion/renovation of the outpatient clinic. Design activities will start in early 2007.

ST. LOUIS — Negotiations are ongoing for property on which to build a replacement hospital.

SHREVEPORT — Expansion/renovation of the outpatient clinic is scheduled to start in the spring and be completed before the end of 2007.

FUND-RAISING ACTIVITIES

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

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

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

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

Now, therefore, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

1. Fund-Raising for Fraternal Purposes:

- (a) No Noble (in his capacity as a Shriner), club, unit, organization of Nobles or affiliated or appendant corporations, shall engage in any fund-raising activity without the express written consent of the potentate of the temple having jurisdiction thereof.
- (b) There can be no representation, express or implied, that the proceeds will be for the benefit of Shriners Hospitals for Children.
- (c) The temple potentate shall carefully examine all phases of the advertising, promotion and solicitation to determine that it complies with §335.3 and §503.9 of the fraternal and charitable bylaws.
- (d) The temple potentate must approve the terms and provisions of any contract for a fund-raising activity after receiving the advice of the temple attorney, and, additionally, as may be required by the temple bylaws.
- (e) A copy of the temple potentate’s written consent shall be mailed to the Executive Vice President—Imperial Council. Further, such written material pertaining to the fund-raising activity, as requested by the Executive Vice President—Imperial Council, shall be promptly mailed to him.

2. Fund-Raising for Charitable Purposes:

- (a) No Noble (in his capacity as a Shriner), club, unit, organization of Nobles or affiliated or appendant corporations shall engage in any charitable fund-raising activity other than for Shriners Hospitals for Children. Permission therefor must be first obtained in writing from the temple potentate. The temple potentate must then obtain written permission from the Imperial Potentate and the Chairman of the Board of Trustees. This request for written permission shall be sent to the Executive Vice President—Imperial Council, P.O. Box 31356, Tampa, FL 33631-3356.
- (b) 100% of the net proceeds from charitable fund-raising must be given to Shriners Hospitals for Children except for such portion thereof as may be permitted to be retained for the temple Shrine Hospital Patient Transportation Fund pursuant to the Special Purpose Funds provisions of any existing General Order.

- (c) The temple shall report the result of each charitable fund-raising activity within sixty (60) days of the activity, to Shriners Hospitals for Children, on the Shrine Charity Activity Form (CAF) provided to the temple.
- (d) This section shall not apply to activities exempt under §335.4(b) of the bylaws of The Imperial Council.
- (e) Each independent corporation or entity that receives the permission of the Imperial Potentate and the Chairman of the Board of Trustees to raise money for Shriners Hospitals for Children, and which does not have its financial accounts audited pursuant to §§334.5 & 337.8 of the bylaws of The Imperial Council, shall have its financial accounts audited by a certified, chartered or licensed public accountant and shall submit such audit report to The Imperial Council within 120 days of the activity.

3. Statement of Purpose and Disclosure:

- (a) Every fund-raising activity must contain factual information on its solicitation material, tickets, programs and documents regarding the use of the proceeds.

Examples

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

“Proceeds are for the benefit of Shriners Hospitals for Children.”

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

4. Compliance with Applicable Laws:

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

5. Financial Records:

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

6. Notification to Nobility:

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

7. Discipline:

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

COMING EVENTS

MARCH

- THU. 1** **DEADLINE FOR APRIL MAGAZINE**
Caravan Club – Janet George
Hutson School
- THU. 1 -
SUN. 4** Murat Shrine Circus
- THU. 8** Caravan Club – Jeff Pigeon
What Goes “On” When the Mike Goes “Off”
- SAT. 10** **Potentate’s Ball**
- THU. 15** Caravan Club – Lee Cloe as St. Patrick
The Scotsman Who Converted Ireland
- 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 – Don Richards
It’s Not Important What You Make,
It’s What You Keep
- THU. 29** Caravan Club – Dennis Scott
Transportation and Shriners Hospitals

APRIL

- MON. 2** **DEADLINE FOR MAY MAGAZINE**
- THU. 5** Caravan Club
- FRI. 6** Band Night — Night Deposit Band
- SAT. 7** AASR Easter Cathedral Hour (7:30 p.m.)
- THU. 12** Caravan Club – Terry Bradley
Baxter YMCA
- SAT. 14** Ringmaster’s Banquet
- MON. 16** Divan Meeting, Board Meeting
Stated Meeting 7 p.m.
- THU. 19** Caravan Club – Linda Carmody
Better Business Bureau
- FRI. 20 -
SAT. 21** Scottish Rite Convocation and Reunion
- FRI. 20** Band Night — 4 Sum Band
- WED. 25 -
FRI. 27** Grand York Rite Session
- THU. 26** Caravan Club – Chris Schaler
Programming, Plasma and LCD’s
Ladies Card Party

MAY

- MON. 1** **DEADLINE FOR JUNE MAGAZINE**
- THU. 3** Caravan Club
- THU. 10** Caravan Club
- THU. 10 -
SAT. 12** Kerbela Fun Fest
- MON. 14 -
TUES. 15** Grand Lodge Annual Communication
- THU. 17** Caravan Club – Paul Page
Auto Racing Commentator
- MON. 21** Divan Meeting, Board Meeting
Stated Meeting 7 p.m.
- THU. 24** Memorial Service
Caravan Club
- FRI. 25** Band Night – Dwight Edwards Blues Band
Jeff Brown (Lounge)
- SAT. 26** 500 Parade
- SUN. 27** 500 Race
- THU. 31** Caravan Club

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The upcoming Friday Night line-up of entertainment is:

March 16 • 8 p.m. to midnight
The Chris McShay Band

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

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

May 25 • 8 p.m. to midnight
The Dwight Edwards Blues Band
(Arabian Room)
Jeff Brown (Oasis Lounge)

June 1 • 8 p.m. to midnight
Boomers Revenge

August 24 • 8 p.m. to midnight
Easy Does It Band

Let's Keep on Rockin'!

