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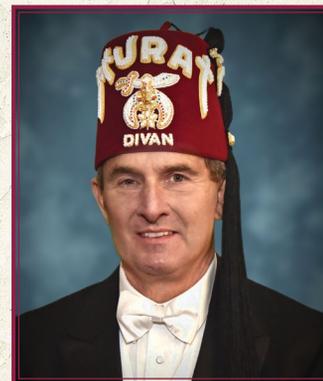
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Thanks for the Memories

It is hard to believe that we are entering December and another year is coming to a close.

We are gearing up for a busy month filled with Christmas parties, officer installations, good food, good drink, and fantastic fellowship. I would be remiss if I did not remind you of two important dates this month.

December 3 will be our annual Children's Christmas Party. This is a chance to bring your children, grandchildren, and family to join us as we officially start the holiday season. Entertainment will be provided by our Band, our Clowns, the Chanters, a magician and, of course, we will have a special visit from our North Pole visitor, Santa. It is also a great opportunity to celebrate the holidays with some of the patients from our hospitals. Our Transportation Unit has actively been taking these patients to our hospitals, so now is a chance to celebrate with them in a more relaxed atmosphere. Thanks to our drivers and our transportation coordinators for their work throughout the year, and thanks to all the Clubs, Units, and ladies' groups that have all worked so hard to make this celebration possible.

Our next big event is on Monday, December 18, which is our annual meeting and election of officers for 2018. We have a good group of leaders in place and they are ready to move Murat forward into the future. We will be electing a full slate of line officers, as well as two representatives to the board of directors, so your input is critical to the future of our temple. Please plan on attending this meeting and show your support for our future Murat leaders.

It looks like we are putting another Shrine year in the books.

As I am writing this article (October 31), we are still scheduling some installations and Christmas parties, but as of right now, there are only four open dates between the first of December and Christmas Day. That also includes several days where there are multiple events scheduled, so as usual, December is going to be a hectic month. As a Divan, we will attempt to attend all of your events, so please bear with us. We will get all the 2018 officers installed within the next few weeks.

On a personal note, this will be my last article as Potentate, and I sincerely thank you for your support.

It is hard to believe that the time has gone by so quickly. It seems like only yesterday that

then Chief Rabban Kevin Rhodes met with me at the Imperial Session in Toronto, Canada, and asked me to join the Divan line as the new Outer Guard. That was July 2010. Little did I know what that commitment meant, but looking back, I would not trade it at all.

The seven years in the Divan line have gone by very quickly.

There have been many trips throughout the state of Indiana to visit all our Clubs and Units. Good times, good fellowship and, of course, good food have been enjoyed throughout the state.

Imperial Sessions have brought many good times representing Murat in Denver, CO; Charlotte, NC; Indianapolis; Minneapolis, MN; Houston, TX; Tampa, FL; and this year's Imperial in Daytona Beach, FL.

Our Great Lakes Shrine Association meetings have also proven to be very informative and fun, with stops in Boardman, OH; Kings Island, OH; East St. Louis, IL; Perrysburg, OH; Indianapolis; and this year in Springfield, IL. These trips have included informative business meetings, as well as great fellowship, and always included unit competitions and the ever popular Shrine parades.

Speaking of parades, our participation in these events has always been enjoyable. Getting to see the crowds turn out to support the Shrine and see the excitement on the faces of the children has made all the effort worthwhile.

I can't forget the visits to the various Shriners Hospitals for Children. We have had frequent visits to the hospitals in Chicago, Cincinnati, Lexington and St. Louis, as well as trips to the Tampa hospital whenever we were in town. Visits to these hospitals show the rewards for all the work we do as Shriners. When you see the children going through what they do on a daily basis, it makes you more appreciative of our own good fortunes. It makes all the hours of travel and work worthwhile.

This journey through the Divan line has been busy, but extremely rewarding. I have met great friends, traveled to different places, and enjoyed great times, good food, and fantastic fellowship.

On behalf of my traveling partner, my Mom, Margaret, we thank you all for your support during these past seven years and the friendships we have developed.

In closing, all we can say is THANKS FOR THE MEMORIES.

Yours in the faith,

Art Borton
 Murat Potentate 2017



11th Annual Murat Shrine and Prather York Rite Potentate's York Rite Class

BY BRIAN LEWIS

Thank you to everyone who was involved with our 11th Murat York Rite Class. The members of Prather York Rite successfully conferred some of the best degree work that will be seen in Indiana this year. We had a great turnout with 46 candidates of whom 20 have become new members of Prather York Rite.

The program for the Class has been uploaded to the Web site to recognize everyone for their efforts. For anyone interested, all 11 programs can be found on the Murat Class Page. (<http://www.pratheryorkrite.com/home/Murat-Prather-York-Rite-Class>)



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Notice of Election

December 18, 2017

THE ANNUAL MEETINGS OF MURAT SHRINERS AND MURAT TEMPLE ASSOCIATION WILL BE HELD AT 7 P.M., MONDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2017, AT MURAT SHRINE CENTER, 510 N. NEW JERSEY ST., INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA. THE ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND REPRESENTATIVES FOR 2018 WILL BE HELD.

ARTICLE 25, Section 325.11 Election Regulations.

(a) Electioneering: A candidate for an elected office in a Shrine temple may print, publish and circulate during the year he is seeking elected office, a resume consisting of his educational background, his vocational history, and his Masonic and Shrine record. Except as provided in the prior sentence, the printing, publication, circulating or distribution of resolutions, letters, telegrams, tickets, e-mail or other devices, by a Unit, Club, noble, or group of nobles, suggesting, recommending, opposing or containing the names of proposed candidates for office in the temple is prohibited.

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money, gifts, favors, or entertainment on behalf of a candidate for elected office is prohibited.

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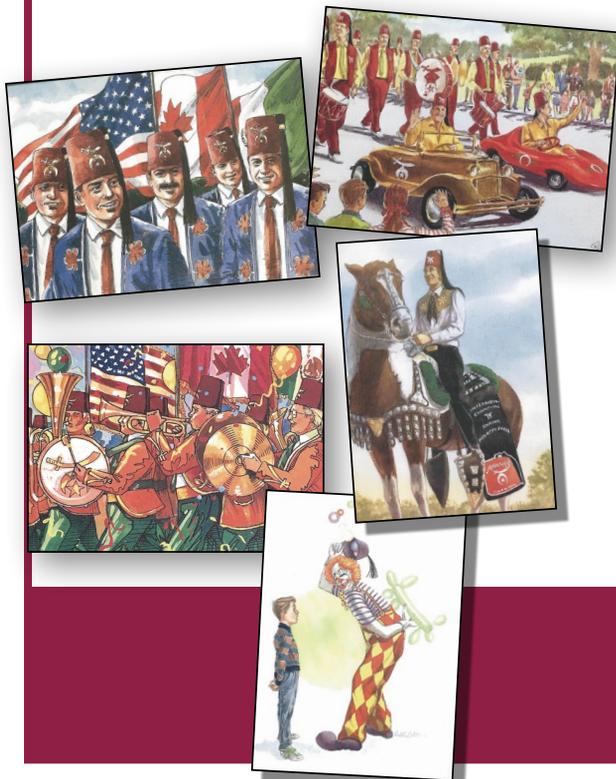
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ARTICLE 32, Section 332.2 requires payment of dues in advance before January 1 by all members. **A 2017 DUES CARD IS REQUIRED TO ATTEND THIS MEETING.**

Arthur B. Borton, Illustrious Potentate, and William B. Rasner, P.P., Recorder

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As Masons and Shriners, we frequently engage in helping others. We are involved with the brotherly love of the Masonic order, philanthropic programs of the Scottish Rite, medical care at Shriners Hospitals and many other worthwhile programs. We also recognize and appreciate the work of others who dedicate themselves to endeavors that produce tangible results. This article involves a Scottish Rite program and the years of dedication by a good friend, Luke Clyburn.

For 40 years, Captain Luke Clyburn has commanded the Great Lakes Naval Sea Cadet program. It has been my good fortune to be his close friend for more than 30 of those years, to provide a little help on his ship and to offer support for the great program that helps young people prepare for life through the Sea Cadet program.

The Sea Cadet program teaches young people seamanship, leadership, diving, discipline and teamwork. Cruises include underwater archaeological studies near lighthouses, exploring lake bottoms, locating shipwrecks and making video documentaries such as "The Treacherous Coast" and "Researching the Great Lakes." The ship is the Pride of Michigan, a former U.S. Navy yard patrol ship, of the type used to train midshipmen. Many alumni of the program have joined the armed forces or have become crew members on ships.

Captain Luke Clyburn and Lieutenant Kathy Trax have worked with many young people who otherwise would have had little chance to progress in life. One such person is described in a message I recently received from them, "We

had a cadet who joined our program 15 years ago. He could not read, due to seeing things backwards. He wanted to learn to dive. Kathy had to read his manual to him and give the test verbally. His school had told the family he would never be able to move forward. Not giving up, we continued to teach him diving and found him to be a pretty smart kid. His father took him to a dyslexia program sponsored by the Scottish Rite in Detroit. Through sheer determination, he continued to improve his ability to read. I persuaded the family to try to get him into the Maritime Academy in Traverse City because he wanted to work on ships. In five years, he completed his engineering study and passed the Coast Guard exam. Today, I saw a copy of a license he earned this week, and he passed his exams at the top of the scale. He received the Chief Engineering Coast Guard certification and will return to Inter-Lake Steamship Company as an assistant chief engineer on a 1,000 foot freighter. These are the things that make my 40 years of training cadets at sea well worth everything. Thanks for all that you do with kids."

In celebration of the Great Lakes Sea Cadet program's 40 years of service, a recent ceremony was attended by friends, relatives, legislative leaders and former sea cadets. Luke said, "It was a great event, to have cadets return, help with the celebration and tell of their lives and the effects the cadet program had on their future. In the picture is Senator Mike Kowall, Michigan's Senate Floor Leader." The caption of another photograph read, "Celebrating the 40th anniversary of the U.S. Naval Sea Cadets Great Lakes Division. Pictured are Captain Luke Clyburn and Lt. Kathy Trax surrounded

by some of the former sea cadets of the Great Lakes Division." Many congratulatory messages were posted. It was my pleasure to add this comment, "Luke and Kathy: Congratulations and sincere thanks for your service to young people and ultimately to our country. The lives you have enriched eventually enrich our country through the initiative you cultivated. It's great to have friends like you."

One important crew member was Molly, the ship's mascot. She was a gentle dog and had visited our home. A message about Molly said, "To all our friends: We would like everyone to know that our wonderful Newfoundland dog Molly passed away peacefully, at home, on Monday. She was a great ambassador for the Sea Cadets, met many prominent people during her long life on the Great Lakes and was very fond of blueberry pancakes. Molly was nearly 14 years old."

As a member of Scottish Rite, I am proud of the dyslexia centers and the help they have given many children. As a good friend of Luke and Kathy, I am proud of their dedication to a program that is unparalleled in giving young people a good start in life. More information about the Great Lakes Sea Cadet program is available on Facebook pages, such as U.S. Naval Sea Cadets Great Lakes Division, plus the personal page of Luke Clyburn. A Google search for sea cadets can provide additional detail.

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Yacht Club

Kevin Scott

The 2018 Yacht Club officers were installed at the November Stated Meeting and are as follows: Commodore - Bill Biggs, Vice Commodore - Jack Morehead, Rear Commodore - Elbert (Brad) Bradshaw, Fleet Caption - Matt Mahan, Secretary/Treasurer - Kevin Scott, First Director - Chuck Thompson, and Second Director - Ray Snider.

I thank everyone for the privilege of being your commodore for 2018. With everyone's help and participation, I hope to chart a course which bypasses rough seas, shoals and reefs to drop anchor in friendly harbors. I also thank our past commodore for a great year and wish him smooth sailing.

We will continue with Friday luncheons in 2018. With the opening of the Murat Oasis for lunch, the January luncheon will be held at the Shrine. As always, the time will be 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. The luncheons are open to all Shriners and friends. The Shrine being a more central location, we hope more members from the South will join us. The first three months of luncheons are as follows:

January - Murat Oasis

February - Dooley O'Toole's, 160 E. Carmel Dr., Carmel

March - American Legion Post 34, 2210 E. 54th St., Indy

I will be trying to set up an alternative luncheon site on the third Friday of each month beginning in February at Hooters, 7551 S. US 31, Indy. This day is for members on the south side who are unable to attend north side luncheons. More to follow as February approaches.

Lastly, the holiday season is here which brings family get-togethers, celebrations and maybe travel. As we all know, the winter weather can bring challenging storm conditions. So, if you are traveling, please be careful.

I am looking forward to sailing with all of you in 2018.

Southeastern Indiana Shrine Club

Carl Petty

Merry Christmas! 2017 has gone quickly for the busy members of the SEISC and we look forward to the new year and the good things we, as Shriners, can and will do for the children in our hospitals.

We served our last 2017 Steak Dinner in November—so many great compliments on our meal and so many repeat customers! We will rest these cold winter months and be ready to fire up those grills again the third Friday of April 2018. Sure hope we see you then. We won't be idle these cold winter months; we will elect our 2018 officers this month and know they will keep us busy. And, as always, we look forward to our traditional Christmas party with our ladies. Without the support of our ladies, we couldn't do all the things we do. Speaking of our ladies,

on October 27, we dedicated our new pole barn and presented Don Grace with a plaque that will hang over the door of the building, dedicating it to Don for all he does for SEISC and our communities and the Shrine. We invited Don's family and our ladies to join us for a barn dance. The Utter brothers, both members of SEISC, provided the music for the evening's hoedown and a good time was had by all! Thanks to our 2017 Club President Brad Lusk and Lady Carmen for organizing this fun evening and for all they and our officers and members have done and do for our Club, keeping us visible in our communities so we can continue to let others know who we are and what we do!



Smyrna Shrine Guild

Melanie Close

Ho, Ho, Ho!!!! Merry Christmas to all!!!!

December is such a busy month for everyone—shopping, Wrapping, Parties, Traveling, etc. Let's not forget the Reason for the Season.



I, Maharanee Nancy Lanning, personally wish you all a happy and safe holiday season. I also want to take this opportunity to thank all my officers, committee chairmen, and members for making this year a great success. I could not have made it without your support and help.

Installation of new officers will be December 12 following the Stated Meeting. Congratulations to all and have a fun and successful year.

Happy New Year too!!

In Tolerance,

Maharanee Nancy Lanning

December Calendar:

Wed., Dec. 6 - Guild Night 5:30;
Annual Bake Sale

Tues., Dec. 12 - Board Meeting
6:30; Stated Meeting 7 p.m.

Tues., Dec. 12 - Installation of
Officers





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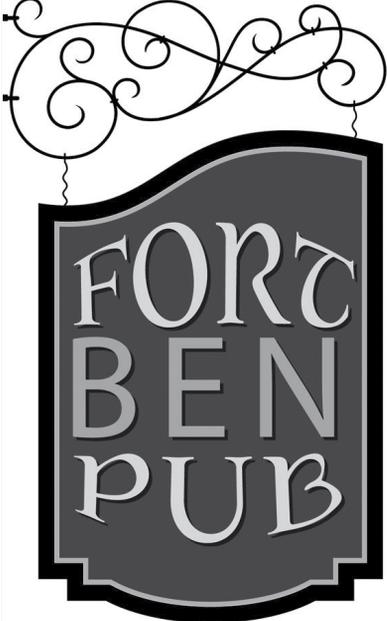


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Reception Unit

Brett Lennon

On behalf of Lady Rhonda and I, we hope you had a great Thanksgiving and you did not eat too much. We also wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Remember to drive safely during these holidays because we need everyone here next year to help our kids who are in our hospitals. I also thank the Unit officers and members for assisting me in making this a very successful year and one we can all be proud of. As you all know, I was out of town for three months and the Reception Unit didn't miss a beat.

At our Stated Meeting in November, we held our election of officers and I am sure Chris Blackburn and his newly elected officers will serve our new Potentate well in 2018. The Reception Unit Christmas and installation party will be Tuesday, December 12, in the Tunisian Room. Social hour will begin at 5:30 and dinner at 6:30 p.m. The Murat Stated Meeting will be December 18, which will be election of officers.

If you're a noble and you're wanting to get to know other Shriners, then the Reception Unit is the one for you. So contact a Reception Unit member and ask for an application and join now!

Chanters

Phil Thrasher

As this is being written, we are preparing for the Chanters Men's Show on November 17, which is our annual big show, dinner, and silent auction. Hope you all came and enjoyed yourselves in the Arabian Room. We did.

The next day, we performed at the Murat fall ceremonial, in full form. Again, we had a good time.

In December, we have our Christmas Party, this time again at the home of our gracious hosts, Doug and Joan Fegenbush. Always a great time and we again are going to sing to our shut-in members and former members by conference call, wishing them a Merry Christmas. We also wish all who are reading this article a Happy New Year.

We lost a valued member this year, Ray Hunt. Ray was a veteran and very proud of his service in the Air Force. Ray was also a veteran of several other singing groups, including the Indianapolis Barbershop Chorus and at least one barbershop quartet. He is missed.

We are gearing up for the 2018 season, so now is the time to reconsider joining the Murat Chanters, perhaps the most active Unit in Murat. We rehearse most Tuesday evenings at 7 in the Corinthian Room of the Murat Shrine Club, 510 N. New Jersey St. All Shriners and those who would become Shriners are welcome. We do a variety of genres, including Pops, Patriotic, and Sacred and we perform in public as well as at Murat events, always seeking to entertain our audiences. Solo, duet, trio, quartet, and instrumental opportunities are available.

The 2018 season brings with it a new opportunity: performing for the Conference of Grand Masters at the Hyatt Regency, Indianapolis, and a potential recording session. It also brings the Spring Sing, now in its third year, featuring the Murat Chanters and three other singing groups from the Indianapolis area. We expect to have three more church engagements in 2018, the Great Lakes Shrine Association convention in Grand Rapids, MI, and our usual Pops engagements around the area, Murat Memorial, Potentate's Ball, two ceremonials, and at least 10 Stated Meetings, so we will keep busy.

So, if you have any musical background, want to meet new friends and be a part of an organization that is committed to being the best it can be, please let me know and/or join us any Tuesday evening at 7 in the Murat Shrine Club for rehearsal. We will even buy your dinner! Such a deal!

See www.muratshrine.org/MuratChanters for additional information and photos or contact Phil Thrasher, P.P., (317) 407-3650, philthrasher@icloud.com.

Band

Skip Rethmeier

Welcome to December and the holiday season, nobles. The Band is prepared for the annual Children's Christmas Party. This performance is one of the most anticipated concerts of the year for us. It's really heartwarming to see the kids having such a good time, particularly the ones with special needs.

We are also thankful for the programs at Greenwood Village and Crestwood East. Those audiences are always very appreciative and we really enjoy ourselves as well.

December also brings our annual meeting and election of officers for the coming year. As we have often said, we are always looking for nobles and/or brother Masons who have an interest in being part of the Band. With that in mind, we are also very thankful for our friends from other bands who have consented to join us on a regular basis to help us continue our mission.

Each year, we take a break after the children's party and return about the latter part of January. This year is no exception. So, if you are looking

for a nice Christmas gift to ask for, think about a new horn or a nice refurbishing of your older one. Then ... join the Band!

May you all have a very Merry Christmas and the most joyous of holiday seasons. We'll see you in January, and remember you're always welcome in the Band.

Corvette Club

Jay K. Potesta

Holiday Greetings, Nobles and Ladies,

It is that time of year where we may get a day of driving the greatest American sports car ever manufactured, but that is very "iffy" in December!

All in all, we've had a very good and productive year for MCC and made some great showings, won some awards, and have been able to keep up our obligations to parade so children may walk!

Certainly by this time, we have all made that adjustment and enjoyed that extra hour sleep we got when we fell back an hour. Always reminds me growing up in Northwest Indiana, I used to hate that time of year. While here in Indianapolis, you never had to worry about that adjustment, I guess.

When I moved here in 1994, the time zones and the Daylight Saving Time was a bit trying. For my job, I had to visit our offices in Evansville, Terre Haute, Ft. Wayne, Lafayette,

South Bend, and Portage every month, sometimes two and three times a month. Two time zones and then the big change when Indy went all Eastern Time. Oh well, I'm glad I'm retired and it just means an extra hour of sleep now. LOL!

Checking Gunner's trestle board, there are only a couple of dates left: Saturday, December 2 - North Vernon Christmas in the City Parade. Line-Up 4:30 p.m.; Parade Time 5:30 p.m. EST.

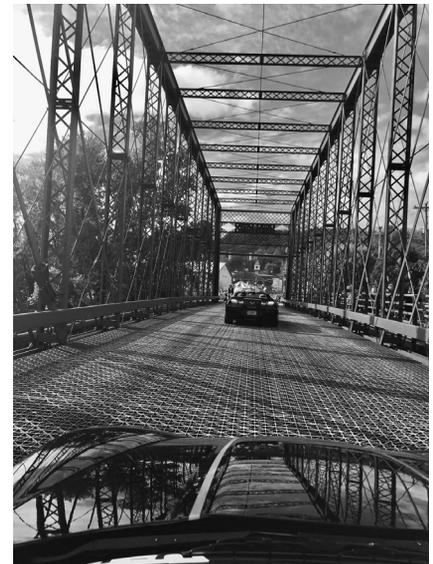
Tuesday, December 18 - MCC Christmas Party at HOPS & FIRE, 1259 N. SR 135, Greenwood, IN (County Line Road & SR 135).

Don't forget all of this knowledge is readily available on the MCC Web site: www.muratcorvetteclub.com; also: www.muratshrine.org and Like us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/MCCIN/>.

Finally, as my last newsletter for 2017, I wish everybody the happiest of holidays and a very healthy and safe New Year.

Special thanks to our president and all of his men for their offerings of information to me all year to make my struggles to keep the monthly newsletter informative.

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Daughters of the Nile

Audrey Apple

Winter is fast approaching and we had a preview of that 'white stuff' called SNOW on November 1 ... if you were up early in the morning to see it. Looked like rain, but it was giant flakes and very visible on the ground ... at least on the south side of the city.

Koran Temple is busy with all the upcoming activities. Our line officers have a PENNY CHALLENGE to see who can collect the most pennies before our March session. The money will be donated to the Shriners Hospitals.

We will have our annual style show January 13, 2018. Come join us from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Shrine Center. You will enjoy the silent auction, opportunities to own, special baked items, and the latest fashions. Our next ceremonial will be January 27. Remember at our December session, we bring donations for the Lexington Hospital. They have asked that we not bring toys (because of storage limitations), and no gift cards, but they will gladly accept all money gifts. With the money, they can purchase items appropriate to the age of the patients. The hospital is always giving a big thank-you for your help.

Wishing everyone a very Merry Christmas and God's blessing to one and all.

500 Club

Larry DeVoss

Holiday Greetings, Nobles and Ladies!

We are nearing the end of another year and a busy parade season. It turned out to be a good year, especially for me, as I finished every parade that I started. Maybe now they can stop calling me the "Breakdown King." While I am no longer the butt of jokes, I suggest that we consider instituting a Breakdown Award for some of the less fortunate drivers. I think many of you know who you are: maybe Jeff or Joe or possibly Wally. I am only kidding, guys!

Our grand finale to cap off the year was a morning spent at IMS with 11 parade cars taking laps around the famous 2.5 mile oval. (Special thanks to Jim for making this happen.) We had a great time and I think even the ladies enjoyed the day. Pictures were taken on the yard of bricks as well as in front of the museum. Brunch was enjoyed at Dawson's in Speedway, also the location for our Christmas Party this year with the swearing in of officers.

Dues invoices have been sent and you should be receiving those early this month. We appreciate your prompt payment. If you should have any questions about your invoice, please contact Bill Davis at (317) 873-4397 or (317) 407-6877.

We take this moment to honor our members who have passed away this year. Please keep the families of Dorel Beller, William Puterbaugh, Raymond Ward, and Richard Solly in your prayers.

Make certain you like us on Facebook to stay updated with events and other information about the Club. You can find us at: Facebook.com/Murat500ShrineClub.

We are always looking for new members and we welcome all Shriners to check us out. We meet the first Wednesday of each month with the board meeting at 7 p.m. and the Club meeting at 7:30 p.m. Come early and dine with us, any time after 6 p.m. If you are interested in joining, please contact any member or Club President David Heacox at (317) 507-1564. We look forward to seeing you in 2018! We wish you and your family a happy and healthy New Year!

Honored Ladies

Audrey Apple

Our Honored Ladies' lunches are back at Murat Shrine Center thanks to Ed Brandon. We are inviting all widows of Shriners to come join us for fun, food and fellowship. Remember, we meet on the fourth Thursday at 11:30 a.m. If you have a friend who needs to drive you, they are always welcome. We will not meet in January and February due to possibly having some nasty weather. Wishing everyone a very Merry Christmas and all good things for 2018.



Mobil Nobles Sports Car Parade Unit

Fred D. Johnson

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all Shriners and your families. This is the time of year when the holiday parties take place, election and installation of new officers are held, and plans for the new year are reviewed and instituted. This can be and is very busy. Please remember to thank our 2017 officers for their hard work.

God Bless everyone.

Murat Shriners Business Connection

Chris Kinsey

This month we will be holding our annual Christmas get-together where we will be celebrating this past year and looking forward to 2018. Everyone and their significant others are invited. Details to follow soon.

We would like to recognize Jesse Jenkins who was selected to be our 2017 recipient of the MSBC/George Day Memorial Foundation scholarship. This \$1,000 scholarship (made possible by the donation from the family of late Shriner George Day) is presented to former (or current) patients of Shriners Hospitals who are currently enrolled in college. Jesse is an outstanding young man who was treated at the Lexington Hospital as a kid and has overcome a lot. We had the privilege of visiting with him at our November meeting and we presented him with this award. Best of luck to you moving forward, Jesse. We are proud of you!

After a brief hiatus, our Web site is back up and running. If you get a chance, check it out. It has a directory of your fellow Shriners with various business descriptions and contact info. These are men who share the same principles and philosophies of Masons and Shriners—people you can trust with your business. You don't need Angie's List! Also, if you are a "Facebooker," look us up on Facebook. We have a page there as well. It has updates to ongoing activities (www.muratshrinebusinessconnection.org).

If you yourself, or if you happen to know of a Mason who is working for a living, business of any sort, and might be seeking further light, have him call us or bring him to our meeting. This is a great way to be that first "connection" to the Shrine if they have not been exposed to Murat Shrine before. We are a business group, but we still do fun stuff also!

Please stay tuned for announcements on upcoming events.

As a reminder, our annual dues are \$30/year, a significant value to benefit your professional life!

As always, unless otherwise noted, our Stated Meetings continue to be the fourth Tuesday each month in the Murat Oasis, Room B, at 6:30 p.m. for social time and our formal

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Kentucky Colonels

Dennis Scott

THANKS COLONEL PRESIDENT - On behalf of the entire Club, I thank your 2017 president, Colonel John Wilson, again for a job well done. Thanks also to the officers and members of the board, and especially the members who supported the Club by working through our cooler raffle and other activities. As 2017 ends, we look forward to another successful year in 2018.

PARADE TRAILER - The Club members had a great parade season for the fifth year as Kentucky Colonels and advertising our hospitals. Many thanks to Whit Smith for providing the trailer and driving our good-looking float. Countless times we were thanked by those who watched the parade for what our hospitals do. The Club plans to participate in several parades next year to help advertise our hospitals. We hope through our efforts we can better get the message out and find new needy children. We also need to be thinking about which parades we will participate in next year, which will definitely include the great parade in Martinsville and maybe Aurora again.

INSTALLATION/CHRISTMAS PARTY - Wednesday, December 6, is the date of our annual party. It will be held at the Rathskeller on Michigan Street. You should have already sent in your reservations. Social hour will be at 6:30 and dinner at 7 p.m. Please be there to thank President John and welcome our new officers and board and enjoy a great meal.

KIDS' CHRISTMAS PARTY - Sunday, December 3, is the date for the kids' Christmas party. Our hospital patients and children of the nobility will get to see Santa and take home a nice gift. Entertainment will be provided by the Murat Band, Clowns, and magician Jay McLaughlin. Check the magazine for details.

WHITE SUITS - If you would like a white suit, let me know and I will give you the information. Several Colonels have purchased one and find them to be very nice. We have a new white jacket size 3X. If you can use it, we will offer it to you for a cheap price.

PASSINGS - Colonels Paul Cole and Ronald Greene passed recently. Colonels Ray Hider, Garland Moore, and Ray Hunt passed earlier this year. Our thoughts and prayers go out to all the families.

SICK AND DISTRESSED - Colonel Ernie Condra is still in a very nice assisted care facility and doing fairly well. Colonel Paul Schneck has some issues. Both could use a call or visit. Please keep Ernie and Paul in your thoughts and prayers. I will give out other information at our next meeting.

NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION - Please make one of your resolutions to attend as many meetings in 2018 as possible. The Club needs your input. Our new president, Whit Smith, has several things he wants to accomplish next year. We meet on the first Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m. See you there. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Clowns

Allan Hall

Another year is about to come to an end and a new one will start. Your Clowns have had a busy year. We did everything from parades to festivals, fish fries to chili cook-offs, and wherever we went, we left people happy and smiling. We all had fun and enjoyed doing what we do and we are looking forward to 2018 as we may have a Potentate who is a Clown.

Our new officers for 2018 are: President - Charles "Boots" Howard, President-elect - Phil Christy, Vice President - Ryan Ainsworth, Treasurer - Adam Rude, Secretary/Business Manager - Allan Hall, and Sergeant at Arms - Jeff Selke.

If you ever wanted to learn how to be a clown, come to one of our meetings on the second or fourth Wednesday of any month and visit.

Your Clowns wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Shrine Guilds of America

Lou Benell

At our annual session held in Dayton, OH, we were pleased to have as our guest, Imperial Potentate Gary Gergenske and his lovely lady, Anne, at our Kickoff Luncheon.

Imperial Sir Gary spoke to us regarding the hospitals and one young man named Zion. Zion did not have hands or feet. Sir Gary explained about the remarkable surgery performed by the incredibly talented surgeons at the hospital who meticulously identified, marked and tracked the many nerves in Zion's arms and legs to ensure that when they did surgery, the new appendages would function as though they were the ones he would have been born with.

Shrine Guilds of America, Inc. is not a large organization, but we have been in existence for 70 years. Our organization is made up of wives, widows, mothers, sisters, children and grandchildren of Shriners and Guild members 21 years of age. We established an Educational Fund more than 30 years ago with the express purpose of continuing the education of patients in the Burns Units of Shriners Hospitals for Children.

Sir Gary was our guest in 2013 when we reached the \$1 million mark of all cash donations for that purpose.

Our subordinate guilds hold money-raising events and our members contribute their own money to achieve our goal of continued support to Boston Burns, Cincinnati Burns and Galveston Burns.

Sir Gary requested that our then Maharanee, Ann Thorpe, and Lou Benell meet him in front of the podium. We were astonished when he presented the Imperial Potentate's Medallion to Shrine Guilds of America, Inc. It was our honor to enjoy the company of Sir Gary and Lady Anne and we truly appreciate receiving the medallion.

Transportation Club

Dennis Scott

THANKS, NOBLE PRESIDENT - As 2017 comes to an end, on behalf of all Club members, I thank our 2017 president, John Gunderman, for a job well done. During the past year, the Club has transported many patients to our hospitals, attended several parades, and recognized our ladies with dinners and a picnic. The Club is doing great retaining members which speaks well for what we do as a mission and social endeavors. Thanks also to the officer line that does so much in keeping the Club headed in the right direction.

DRIVER'S MEETINGS - Thanks to our drivers who attended our hospitals driver's meetings this year. As usual, we thank all our drivers for the safe travels provided for our patients and families. Our coordinator, Brian Groves, is doing a great job at his new assignment.

PARADES - The Club participated in several parades this year. Using a wheelchair on top of the van for better recognition seems to go over well with the public. We could use some more decals on the van to identify us and to tell our story.

KIDS' CHRISTMAS PARTY - Sunday, December 3, is the date for the annual Children's Christmas Party. Our committee chairman, Ted Bradfield, has a great party lined

up this year. Through the donations of toys and funds by several Shrine Clubs and Units, we will be able to make lots of children happy. Thanks to all on the committee who worked the last few months to make this party memorable, and to all the volunteers it takes to put on a great show.

INSTALLATION/CHRISTMAS PARTY/DINNER - Our annual Christmas dinner and installation of our 2018 officers will be held on Wednesday, December 13, at Primo Banquet Hall located at 2615 National Ave., Indianapolis. Social gathering will begin at 6 p.m. and dinner will be served at 6:30. Let's get together to honor our outgoing president, John Gunderman, and welcome our 2018 president, Richard Kirkman, and his officers. Please have your reservations in by Friday, December 8.

NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION - As the New Year approaches, let's all resolve to make 2018 our best year ever. Bring in new members, participate in our activities, and support our new Potentate. We meet on the third Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m. in the Mediterranean Room. Dinner is around 5:30 p.m. in the Oasis Lounge. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

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Show your pride in our fraternity by purchasing a Shrine license plate for all of your vehicles and motorcycles.



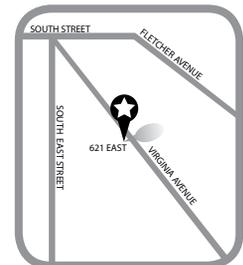
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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Highlanders	Chanters	500 Club	Murpah SC	
Horse Patrol	Police Club	Kentucky Colonels		
Kokomo SC	Police Club Drill Team			
Putnam County SC	Mini Cycle Club			
	Tarum SC			

SECOND WEEK

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Flying Fezzes	Chanters	Band	Mobil Nobles	
HSUR SC	Brown County SC	Clowns	Stone Belt	
Johnson County SC	Decatur County SC	Dramatic Cast	Firemen	
SE Indiana SC	Henry County SC	Madison County SC (and Desert Patrol)		
Tippecanoe SC	Logansport SC	Rolling Hills SC		
Tipton County SC	Oriental Band	Scott County SC		
Veteran Car Club	Reception Unit	Tri-County SC		

THIRD WEEK

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Murat Stated Meeting	Boone County SC	Antique Power Club (3rd Wed on odd months)	Bartholomew County SC	
	Kowad 'al Sabikin (5 times per year)	Band	Hendricks County SC	
	Morgan County SC	El' Ameen Nabeel (April & Oct.)	Motor Corps	
	Motorcycle Fun Club	La-Or-Ma SC	Yacht Club	
	Past Masters (3 times per year)	Transportation		
	RV Club	VCM		
	Shelby County SC	English SC		
	Corvette Club			
	Patrol			

FOURTH WEEK

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Directors Staff	Chanters	Band		
	Business Connection	Clowns		
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	Legion of Honor			
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Mon. 18 Annual Meeting and Elections

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Sat. 6 26th Annual Leadership Seminar
Mon. 15 Stated Meeting
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Sat. 10 Potentate's Ball
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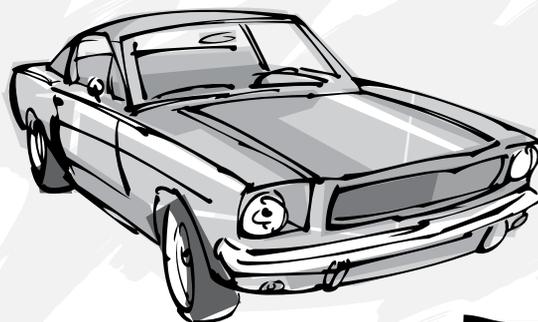
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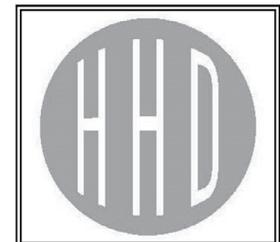
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In addition to serving as one of the NFL's primary sources for players, the East-West Shrine Game benefits Shriners Hospitals for Children®, and helps support its three-part mission of providing expert specialty care to children, conducting innovative research and offering educational opportunities to medical professionals. The most important pre-game tradition is the team visit to a Shriners Hospital, which gives the players an opportunity to witness firsthand the true purpose of the game. "Going to the hospital was a very humbling experience," said Baltimore Ravens player and East-West Shrine Game alumnus, Trent Steelman. "Those kids have more courage and tenacity than any football player I know, and that I will never forget."

The 2018 Game

The 93rd annual East-West Shrine Game will take place Saturday, Jan. 20, 2018, at Tropicana Field in St. Petersburg, Fla., and will be broadcast live on

NFL Network, with a kickoff time of 3 p.m. EST. Tickets for the 2018 East-West Shrine Game are now available for purchase. For Shriners and their guests, a special Premium Reserved Seating Ticket Package is available in advance for \$30 per person, and includes a reserved seat in a premium section, a \$10 concession voucher, and a 2018 East-West Shrine Game calendar. For Potentates, Divan members and their guests, a \$50 VIP Club Suite Ticket Package is also available. General Admission tickets are \$15 each and can be purchased in advance on shrinegame.com, and on game day at Tropicana Field Box Offices.

To learn more about the game, please visit shrinegame.com. To purchase special ticket packages for Shriners, please call the East-West Shrine Game office at 813-281-8686.



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COMING EVENTS

December 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Deadline for January Magazine	2
3 Children's Christmas Party	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18 Divan Meeting Board Meeting Annual Meeting & Elections 7 p.m.	19	20	21	22	23
24 31	25 MERRY CHRISTMAS! Fraternal Office Closed	26	27	28	29	30

The current Murat calendars for 2017 are available at <http://www.muratshrine.org/calendar>

January 2018

- Tue. 2** **Deadline for February Magazine**
- Sat. 6 26th Annual Leadership Seminar
- Sat. 13 Grand Lodge Founder's Day
- Mon. 15 Divan Meeting Board Meeting **Stated Meeting 7 p.m.**
- Sat. 20 East West Shrine Game – Tampa, Florida

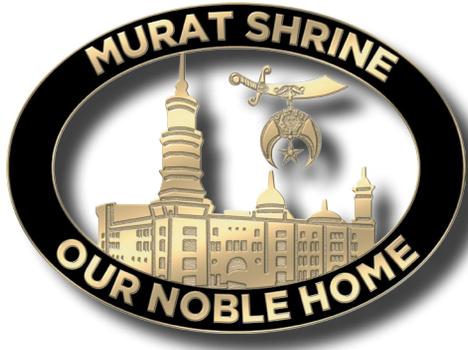
February

- Thu. 1** **Deadline for March Magazine**
- Mon. 19 Divan Meeting Board Meeting **Stated Meeting 7 p.m.**

March

- Thu. 1** **Deadline for April Magazine**
- Sat. 10 Potentate's Ball
- Mon. 19 Divan Meeting Board Meeting **Stated Meeting 7 p.m.**





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