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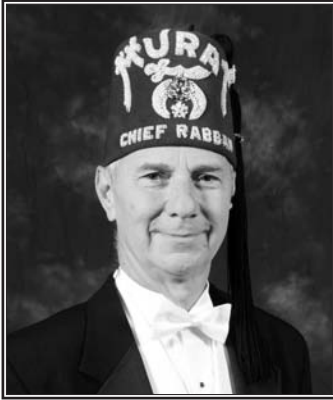
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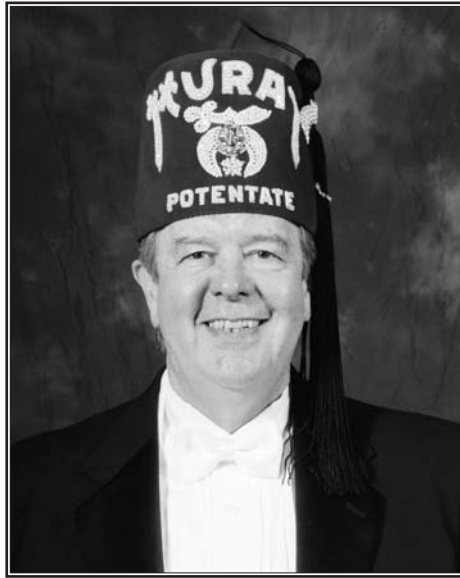
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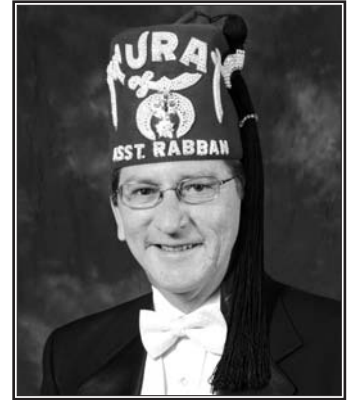
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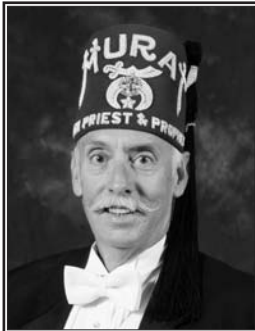
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## POTENTATE MESSAGE

# Together We Will ... Work to Build All of Our Fraternity

April is a strong fraternal month with many activities in our various Masonic bodies. As I look at the calendar, I see the One-Day Class being conducted at the Indianapolis Scottish Rite. There is a convocation at the Indianapolis Scottish Rite on April 17 & 18. There are also the annual meetings of the Grand York Rite Bodies from April 22 through April 24.

By the time this magazine reaches your homes, the April 4 One-Day Class is most likely over, and I hope it was a success for all bodies. I would like to thank Most Worshipful Grand Master Jeffery P. Zaring, P.P. for allowing one-day classes and permitting the Scottish Rite and the Shrine to participate in the day. Indiana is indeed fortunate to be a state where all of the Masonic bodies work together. Be assured that not all states are as fortunate. As an example, on August 29 there is also a one-day York Rite Class at Murat.

There are a lot of our good brethren and nobles who feel that we should not have the one-day classes or "cold sands" ceremonials, but these are changing times and we must change as well. Membership is critical for all of us, and if any of our bodies are to recruit members, we must adapt to today's ways.

Together we will rebuild the membership of Murat, not with the old ways, but with ways that appeal and interest today's men. Outer Guard Tim Murphy and his "A" team are involved in an aggressive program to not only get new members but also to retain and restore members. Tim has his "A" team in place and working, but each of us has a responsibility to promote and get members. I know it is an old cliché, but just ask. Ask to be a Mason, ask to be a York or Scottish Rite, and most of all, ask to be a noble. All of us, including me, find it too easy to get comfortable and complacent, but that is not what will keep us

a viable fraternity.

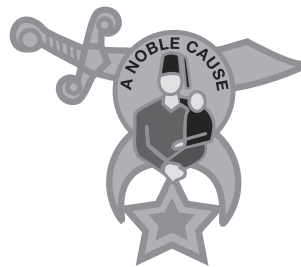
Where is the secret in membership for Murat? Well, it's not a secret. It is in our Units and Clubs! I have seen certain clubs like the Corvette Club, the Police Club and others recruit nobles of like interest and build up their club membership. Also, certain county clubs are our best recruiters. They find men in their community who are friends and co-workers. They invite them to their meetings and ask them to join with them. In order for Murat to grow, I feel we must get away from thinking everything hap-

pens at 510 N. New Jersey St. in Indianapolis. The Divan and I traveled to many county clubs from November through February. We were impressed with what is happening "out there."

In a book titled, "The New Recruit," by Sarah Sladek, the author says there is a calm before the storm in membership recruitment, and it is a storm unlike any other. Organizations who refuse to change their course of action will not survive the storm. She goes on to say that our organization's sole purpose is to bring our members success. We must have programs or services to meet the needs of all members. We must establish our mission, develop new ways of marketing, and utilize technology, e.g., Web sites and e-mails.

Let's all of us work together to develop new programs, services and ideas in our Clubs, Units and at the temple, in general, so we will meet the needs of our new recruits. Can you answer the question a new recruit may ask you, "What's in it for me?" Where there is interest, there is a good noble.

George E. Proctor  
 Illustrious Potentate



# "Please, Thank-You, & I Love You"

**2009 Murat Shrine Circus • MARCH 5-8, 2009, Pepsi Coliseum, Indiana State Fairgrounds**

ANDY CLAYTON, CIRCUS DIRECTOR

One of the unwritten rules that I have learned in trying to be a good parent is to practice what I preach. I am constantly sharing with my children, Bailey and David, "Remember, the six most important words in the English language are Please, Thank-You, & I love You!"

Those words have never been so important in my life than during the last year! First, I have asked you, the nobles of Murat, to please share our circus with all you know so that it may be successful and enable Murat to continue to do its good work! I am so proud of all of you who have stepped up to ensure the success. The past year has been a learning experience that I would never trade in a million years. What I anticipated to be an overwhelming task as circus director has been everything but that. I am so fortunate to be a member of such a committed group like Murat Shriners.

Secondly, I want to say thank-you to all who have given of their time, expertise, and heart. This is an all-volunteer organization; the spirit of fraternalism and service before thy self has been alive and well over the last 12 months at Murat. This article would be far too long for print if I thanked everyone; I would be a bit fearful to do that for the sake of leaving someone out, but I must acknowledge a few who have been instrumental in my understanding of our circus: Ted and Joyce Crosley for their willingness to help in any and every way possible, Randy Kron for really putting together a first-class promotions program that maximized our promotion investment, Illustrious Sir Ron and First Lady Sally Jo Elliot for their trust in me, encouragement and willingness to do any and all, Illustrious Sir George and First Lady Debbie Proctor for giving me the opportunity to serve the nobility in such a way and standing beside me during the whole process, the 2008/2009 members of the Divan who have been willing to assist in any way, and the circus committee chairpersons/experts who are the real reason we can do this year after year. Those who work the committees year after year are the true warriors of our circus and the threads that hold us together.

Thank-you to the Clubs and Units that I was able to meet with this year; your warmth and hospitality was very welcomed by me. If I missed your Club this year, don't worry; you'll see me soon enough! Thanks to Mike McLaughlin for his help with the planning process and tending to many small but very important things, Mike Moxley for putting up with the late articles for the magazine (I promise Mike never to be late again!), the Past Potentates who have been very encouraging, especially Ill. Larry

Jefferson and Imperial Sir John Cinotto, Shelby Wilken for always having the circus packets together for me at a moment's notice and making sure that my weakness for Tootsie Rolls was satisfied even after I emptied the basket upon each excursion to the Fraternal Office, Charles "Boots" Howard for selling what seems like tickets to every breathing person in Indianapolis ... Boots, I think you sold a show by yourself! Thank-you to the Boone and Shelby County Shrine Clubs for going above and beyond with ticket promotion and ad sales. These two Clubs are the epitome of how powerful Shriners can be in their local communities.

Thank-you to Leisa Mason, accountant in the fraternal accounting office, for helping me comprehend how easy the accounting process for the circus can be and for always answering my simple questions, no matter how silly they may seem.

Sherri Miller, Murat's membership secretary, has extensive knowledge of the circus operations. Sherri Miller, Murat's membership secretary, has extensive knowledge of the circus operations. She has been very helpful to me. Words cannot properly express my gratitude for her guidance and patience.

I conclude with the three final words, "I LOVE YOU." This is the way I feel towards all of the Murat



Family. You have tried, some with more success than others, to make this circus a grand event, but what I most admired is that you tried. After all, this is not about any one person, but the sum of the parts. One person cannot do this alone; it takes a team committed to a common purpose that has no private agendas. I certainly have felt that way about all of you. In the end, the big winner is the kids. The circus provides funds to our temple that help us do our good work which is above all else—the kids. HOW GREAT IS THAT? Be proud of your efforts and commitment, be proud of what you have done, and be most proud that in a world that no longer cares, know that we STILL do!

As we wrap up the 2009 circus, I would be remiss if I did not thank my family. My wife, Sheri, has stepped up in a

huge way at home caring for our two little ones while I was out doing circus stuff. Although I am surrounded by many great people every day, none are finer than my wife; she is my hero!! To my kids, thank-you for understanding on the nights I was gone and ALWAYS supporting what I do; I want you to understand that true happiness really only happens when you genuinely help others for no personal gain. To my parents for helping cover the funeral home in my absence and my employer, Flanner and Buchanan, for allowing me to participate on such a high level. I have enjoyed representing all of you as circus director. I hope that I can continue to help improve on our great circus. I look forward to seeing all of you under the "Big Top" in 2010!

## Hospital Virtual Tours Now Online

Virtual tours of Shriners Hospitals for Children in Cincinnati, Lexington and Chicago are now online on each hospital's web site. Links to the tours are found on each hospital's home page and on the "about us" page.

Each tour is led by three patients at the hospital, and designed to help ease fears children may have about hospital stays or visits. The tours are also a way for Shriners, who may live far from one of our hospitals, to connect with health care system.

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### About the Cover:

Celebrating the Rites! Potentate George Proctor has been active in both of the Rites. In the Scottish Rite he is a Past Commander-in-Chief of the Indiana Consistory and a recipient of the 33rd Degree.

In the York Rite George is a Past Sovereign of St. James Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine and he has received the Knight Commander of the Temple from the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar, only the second time in our temple's 125 years that a Potentate was awarded the prestigious KCT.

### Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite

On the cover are the presiding officers of the four constituent bodies that comprise the Valley of Indianapolis wearing their gold officer hats. They are:

- Adoniram Lodge of Perfection, Thrice Potent Master, Gary Brinley (Front Row on the Left)
- Saraiah Council Princes of Jerusalem, Sovereign Prince, Chuck Wood (Second Row, second from the Left)
- Indianapolis Chapter of Rose Croix, Most Wise Master, Tim Hopewell (Second Row, far Left)

- Indiana Consistory, S.P.R.S., Commander-in-Chief, Jeff Karnes (Third Row, Left)

### Prather York Rite

On the cover are the presiding officers of the three York Rite Bodies accompanied by the Grand Officers who are members of Prather York Rite. They are:

- Prather Chapter, Royal Arch Masons (Red Coats)
- Excellent High Priest Joe Smith (Second Row, far Right)
- Director of Work and Grand Master of the Second Veil, Brian Lewis, KYCH (Second Row, second from the Right)
- Phil Herthel, KYCH, Excellent Grand Scribe (Back Row, second from the Right)
- Prather Council of Royal and Select Masters (Purple Coats)
- Thrice Illustrious Master, Matt Boyer, (Back Row, Center)
- Mike Smith, KYCH, Grand Council Arch Officer (Back Row, far Left)
- Trinity Commandery, Knights Templar (In Uniform)
- Eminent Commander, Jerry Miller (Front Row on the Right)
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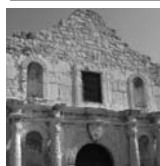
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## Recorder's Message

Ed Wolfe

When you receive your April magazine, we will have had a great circus and ceremonial. Hopefully, you were able to attend both of these events and they were a huge success. I recently returned from the Recorder's Meeting held in San Diego, CA. There were more than 40 new recorders and several current in attendance from Shrine temples across the U.S. and Canada. The meeting was very informative with support staff from Tampa that delivered up-to-date policies and procedures, especially valuable to a new recorder. There was considerable discussion regarding membership and how we should put forth effort to increase our membership. With the non-payment of dues, suspensions, deceased and various losses, our membership at Murat dropped below 8,000 for 2008. Nobles, we need your help. Our membership team is working very hard on restoring our suspended nobles and has implemented an aggressive action plan to create new nobles. Our next ceremonial is scheduled for June 6 and will be combined with the 125th anniversary celebration. Let's all work extra hard to make this class a huge success.



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## Flying Fezzes

Patrick DeCallier

We had a lot going on at our meeting. One of the big items was making sure we got as many of our members as possible signed up for the Shrine Circus so we could "man" our novelty booth during all of the performances.

The Potentate was at the meeting to discuss a number of issues, the first being the Shrine festivities at Pigeon Forge, TN, that will be going on April 30 – May 3. He also discussed two other trips he will be making—one to New York City and another to Nashville, TN, and mentioned the Imperial Session that will be held in San Antonio, TX.

The members were advised that the Whitewater Shrine Club was dissolved, and a study group was formed to investigate if the "Fezzes" would be interested in obtaining a trailer from the Club.

Roger Newman, a retired airline pilot, spoke March 9. One item he discussed was a biplane crash in October of 1997 that involved a couple of Shriners.

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## Southeastern Indiana Shrine Club

Noel Houze

April at Southeastern means steaks. Yes, it's that time of year, nobles. April 17 we'll be firing up the grills for the first time in 2009 for our famous steak dinners. We'll continue serving the steaks on the third Friday of each month through October and on the second Friday in November from 5 to 8 p.m. As always, we're looking for help. Even if you can't make it for the entire evening, helping out for an hour or two is greatly appreciated—so bring your lady and enjoy the fellowship and fun.

Each month we have a cleanup detail at the Club on Wednesday morning before each steak dinner. If you are working night shift and are unable to help with steak night, you can always come out about 9 a.m. for the Wednesday morning cleanup and pitch-in there. Even though it's work, we still have fun.

We're also gearing up for parade season. The Club will be attending the Smoky Mountain Fun Fest at Pigeon Forge next month. Any noble interested in attending the Pigeon Forge parade should contact Nobles Ed Johnson, Ed Wolfe, or Frank Fletcher. If you can't make the Pigeon Forge parade but are interested in participating in some of the other parades this year, one of the above mentioned nobles should be able to get a parade schedule to you.

Our Club president, Noble Fred Hofstetter, is interested in getting input from members for other activities you may be interested in trying. If you have any ideas for other activities to try at the Club, contact Fred. We're always looking for ways to get more members and their families involved in Club activities, so speak up. If you send your money in every year and all you get out of the Club is a dues card, you are not taking full advantage of your membership and you're missing out on a lot of fun.

Remember during the winter months when you and your ladies were asked to submit recipes for a cookbook project being undertaken by the ladies of the Southeastern Indiana Shrine Club? Well, the cookbooks are in and with more than 300 mouth-watering recipes, they are ready to sell. Anyone interested in purchasing a cookbook should contact Sue Wolfe at (812) 689-1976 or Susan Houze at (812) 654-3863.

# "I Will See That Our Angel Is as Happy as She Can Be"

GORDON J HUSK

It was a pleasure to interview Martha and Charles Cole in their Kokomo home. Martha taught school in Honduras before coming to the United States. She met Charles at a singles' dance in Anderson, IN. As she returned to her table after dancing with another young man, Charles asked, "Who is drinking this Pepsi?" Martha said she was drinking Pepsi and did not drink alcohol. She said, "I also don't smoke, and I don't like the smell of your cigarette. Will you please go somewhere else?"



That brief meeting was in May 1982. Charles and Martha were married the following November. They hoped to start a family, but it did not happen for five years. One day, Martha had an upset stomach and called her doctor, thinking she might be pregnant. He said, "Martha, don't come here for a test. You aren't pregnant." Martha persisted, and the test was positive.

More tests showed Martha was carrying twins. Martha's elation collapsed at 33 or 34 weeks of gestation when she sensed something was terribly wrong and drove herself to the hospital. Doctors found a dramatic slowing of the twins' heartbeats and delivered the girls. One baby was not alive. A severely twisted umbilical cord had deprived the second baby of oxygen. She was near death. Oxygen was constantly administered for three days.

Crystal was born April 29, 1987. She was hospitalized with seizures the following November. Doctors solemnly gave this diagnosis, "Your child's condition is a result of prematurity, infantile spasms secondary to intrauterine anoxia and hypertensive events. She will never walk or talk and she will be blind." Martha says, "When I heard that, I felt someone had put a knife through my heart. I have always believed in the good Lord, and I started praying. I asked God that this devastating news not be true." Through his tears Charles promised, "Martha, I will see that our angel is as happy as she can be."

When Crystal was 3 years old, a man in a local mall asked why Crystal couldn't walk. Martha told him the entire story, reliving the excruciating experiences. The man said, "Shriners Hospital might be able to help, with no cost to your family." Crystal was soon accepted as a patient at the Shriners Hospital in Chicago.

Within nine months after Charles and Martha were told Crystal



would never walk, talk or see, she began to say "Mommy and Daddy." She now talks, sees very well, and because of excellent medical care at Shriners Hospital, she walks. Dr. Peter Smith performed surgery when she was age 7 (see photo) to rotate her lower leg, lengthen both hamstrings, and insert pins into both ankles. Dr. Smith has seen Crystal many times and has prescribed appropriate therapy and medication. The second photo shows Crystal as a beautiful, smiling adult.

Dr. Smith recently told Crystal, "You will soon be 22, and I will see you one more time before then." As that final appointment nears, Martha and Charles said, "We want her story told because it might help other families. We also want to thank all Shriners who support this fine hospital and the volunteers who drive us to the hospital. They make Crystal feel special. We are very thankful to Tom Fager and the late Barney King who often transported us. We also thank Dr. Edward Millar, Dr. Blanco, Dr. Smith and all the staff at the hospital who are so kind. The therapists worked so very hard with Crystal. Last but not least, we thank Gordon Husk for taking time out of his busy schedule to write not just one, but this second story about Crystal."

As we joked about Martha not liking him when they met, Charles responded, "I was ready for a lifestyle change when I met Martha. My lifestyle did change, and we are very happily married. When Crystal came along, I experienced another dramatic lifestyle change. Because we could not have more children, I worked many extra hours in a management position at Chrysler so we could help Martha's family in Honduras. We hoped some of them could come to the U.S. We now have a nephew in Virginia and a niece in Kokomo. Thanks to Crystal, we are a very close family. When people ask how we handle the challenges, we simply say, 'Crystal is our angel. She makes us happy.' We have concerns, but our joy and our faith are very strong. Much of our joy is because Shriners helped make this possible."

Charles expressed interest in becoming a Mason and Shriner, and Tom Fager has told me he will help Charles do that. Please send a message to [gordon.husk@yahoo.com](mailto:gordon.husk@yahoo.com) if you know of a current or former patient whose story should be told in the Murat Magazine.



## Tippecanoe Shrine Club

DeWayne Sorah

Greetings, nobles. By the time you read this, I hope some of the warmth of spring will be in the air. Easter is this month, and I hope everyone can spend the holiday with family and friends.

Our Club lost a very active member with the passing of Terry Earhart. Terry was a vital part of our fundraising activities that we do for the kids. He is in a better place now and will be greatly missed.

The Thursday dinners at the Club start at 5:30 and there is a different menu every week. Come out and enjoy good food and fellowship. We could use some van drivers; anyone interested, contact me or Everett Morgan. Think spring!!

## Chanters

Gayle Byers

### Chanter Bytes

New officers take the helm: Ed Adams was elected president of the Chanters at the January meeting. Other officers include Ned Cline, Vice President; Gary Cleveland, Treasurer; and Richard Abdon, Secretary. President Adams is promising a stimulus package with regard to recruitment this year!

Serenading the Lady: The Chanters warbled pear-shaped tones at the Potentate's Ball in recognition of Murat First Lady Debbie Proctor. Since Debbie is a true musician, she can really appreciate the artistic flair that was put into her tribute! We probably should have asked her to sing along.

Who told the Potentate that the real national anthem is "My Old Kentucky Home"? Boy does he have blinders on!

Coming up:

The Chanters join Paul Ballard of the Patrol for the annual service at Methodist Hospital on Sunday, April 26.

Extravaganza afternoon with the Scottish Rite Chorus is planned for May 3 at the Rite. Watch for details!

We mourn the loss of two longtime members of the Chanter organization, Bob Dale and John Essex. Both of them represented the best in the tradition of those singers who were loyal and consistent in perpetuating the Unit. We also lost honorary Chanter, Don Melvin—he was one of our best "groupies" and was always there for our events, even when it wasn't golf. The golfeister will be missed!

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## Railroad Club

Raymond E. Gotshall

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The Murat Railroad Club's March 23 regular meeting was highlighted by a great and filling bean and cornbread supper hosted by Past President David Kaufman and assisted by Garland Moore. We were all safe in the spacious Murat Railroad Club rooms as David did use Beano. We had some great fellowship around some interesting and historic videos.

President and Chief Engineer Don Gordon announced plans for a ladies' dinner party in May. President Don will be furnishing more details as they become available. The best way to become and stay informed is to come to our regular meetings. We are also looking at a trip to the Cincinnati area to visit a new railroad museum.

We were saddened to learn that Bob Roepke, a charter member of the Murat Railroad Club, passed away in late February 2009 after a long illness. Bob was an engineer on the NYC and had lots of stories about his railroad career.

Chris Burger, one of our returning speakers, will present one of his new railroad slide shows; in fact, he is out West now doing some of that filming right now. Be sure to put Tuesday evening, April 27, on your calendar right now.

ATTENTION and congratulations to our new nobles. The Murat Railroad Club is looking for some members who are interested in model railroading, Big Boy railroads, trips to railroad related facilities, etc. If this interests you, come up to one of our meetings. Look in the Oasis Lounge for a noble with railroad type clothing and he will either direct you or show you the way to the Railroad Club rooms. We are unique. Come join us in fun and fellowship.

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

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## Daughters of the Nile

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Ruth Ann Kelly

What's an "informal holiday"? April Fools' Day or All Fools' Day, although not a holiday in its own right, is a notable day celebrated in many countries on April 1. This day is marked by acts of hoaxes and other practical jokes of varying sophistication on friends, family members, enemies and neighbors. Many times they are sent on fool's errands, the aim of which is to embarrass the gullible receiver. Traditionally, in some countries, the jokes only last until noon so if you play a trick on someone after that time, you are the April Fool. Elsewhere in Ireland and France, the jokes may last the entire day. So enjoy this day but remember to be kind to all people.

Have you heard the latest news? Koran Temple No. 30 has a newly elected Queen for the coming year. She is Jeanette Roberts, a 1987 Past Queen from Olana Temple No. 131, Tucson, AZ, and dual member of Koran Temple No. 30. She and her new officers will serve with love and devotion by aiding and assisting the children in the Shriners Hospitals. She asks for everyone's help in making this a successful and memorable year for the members of Koran Temple. Have a great year!

Queen Jeanette would like to thank her Elected and Appointed officers for accepting their position in the temple. She also said, "I want to take this opportunity to express my heartfelt feeling to everyone who accepted an appointment to any temple committee or Ways and Means project ... your help will be greatly appreciated. Past Queen Tina B. Lee, your installation songs were absolutely beautiful. What can I say about Koran Temple's Past Queens? Your help and guidance made my beautiful installation possible. To all of you, a huge thanks. In addition, I would like to thank all Koran Temple Units for participating in my installation. Finally, to my family, nobles, and friends, you made my special day one I shall never forget. God bless all of you!"

Supreme Session will be held in London, Ontario, Canada June 7-11. If you need additional information, contact Betty J. Rathbun at (317) 846-2800. On Saturday, September 12, the "Autumn Fair" Style Show and Luncheon will be held. Contact Past Queens Manuella Jefferson or Ossie Pryor for further information concerning this event. Finally, our Supreme Visitation honoring Supreme Queen Vesta V. Marshall, Omar Temple No. 111, London, Ontario, Canada, will be held on Friday, November 13. More information will be forthcoming at a later date.

Past Queens Dorothy Abel and Vera Williams, assisted by Sarah Sanford, will be in charge of this year's sewing. Let's support their time and efforts with your help from 10 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. the third Wednesday in the Mediterranean Room at the Shrine.

Social hour hostesses for April—the Nylettes, May—the Koraliers, and September—the Ladies of the Crescent.

Final thought: People who gossip cover a lot of ground by spreading dirt ...

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## Dramatic Cast

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Mike Smith

Our Brass Hat was a success, and all who attended had a good time. Thanks to Illustrious Sir George E. Proctor for providing our entertainment. The Cast will be on stage at the Scottish Rite on April 4 for the All the Way in One Day Class. "Good job, guys."

Our second vice president, Rob Hancock, has Ties, Hats, Bolos, and can order Shirts and Jackets.

If you are interested in joining the Dramatic Cast, then come out on the second Wednesday of each month except JULY/AUGUST and eat dinner with us in the Tunisian Room at 6 p.m. We will have a petition for you to fill out.

Upcoming events to watch for are the June 6 ceremonial at the Shrine, June 10 Beef & Boards, Annual Cast Golf Outing TBA, Scottish Rite Easter Cathedral Hour April 11, and Spring Convocation April 16-18.

HAVE A HAPPY EASTER.

A few words from Maharanee Susie Lawson:

Hello everyone! Smyrna Guild has been so busy! We have welcomed new members to our guild, and I hope they have enjoyed their experiences with us so far. Our Membership Guild Night was lovely and we hope to keep expanding our membership so we can help the Shriners' children. Our Casino Bus Trip was a rousing success, too! A special thanks to Starr Comer and Debbie Burton. Who was our big winner? I am looking forward to a big attendance for our upcoming Race Party! Please plan to come; we'll have a great time raising money for the guild. And finally, please remember to bring your garden item for the May Guild Night Auction! I am eager for spring to arrive and playing in the dirt planting flowers. The auction should give us a good head start, don't you think?

In Tolerance, Susie

## April Calendar

Wednesday, April 8 – Guild Night: 5:30 p.m.

Friday, April 24 – "Race Into May" Party for all race fans! It should be a fun evening for everyone who attends. Tickets are \$10 per person, pay at the door. Reservations can be called to Maharanee Susie Lawson at 861-1792 after 5 p.m. or leave

a message. Also, a sign-up sheet will be posted at the Stated Meeting to get a head count for food. Start your engines ....

Tuesday, April 28 – Board Meeting: 6:30 p.m., Stated Meeting: 7 p.m.

## May Calendar

Wednesday, May 6 – Guild Night: 5:30 p.m. We will be having a Garden Item Auction ... and just in time for spring planting. Reminder: Bring items so we can have a huge auction.

Tuesday, May 26 – Board Meeting: 6:30 p.m., Stated Meeting: 7 p.m.

## June Calendar

Wednesday, June 3 – Guild Night: 5:30 p.m.

Tuesday, June 23 – Board Meeting: 6:30 p.m., Stated Meeting: 7 p.m.

A quick rule of thumb: Guild Nights are held the first Wednesday of each month beginning at 5:30 p.m. at the Gun Club and Stated Meetings are held the fourth Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. at Murat. Make your reservation by contacting Guild Night Chairman Karen Waldrup at (317) 856-1629 and leave a message. Reminder: Dianna Craft is our Cheer Chairman. Please contact her with news regarding our Smyrna membership and their families so we can communicate the news in a timely fashion. Her number is (317) 882-8587. If no answer, please leave a message.

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## Honored Ladies

Betty J. Rathbun

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The Honored Ladies recently elected officers for 2009. They are Jean Coleman, President; Bonnie Jones, Vice President; Vera Williams, Secretary; and Audrey Apple, Treasurer.

At our February meeting, we celebrated with a birthday party for all the members. We had a big birthday cake and each member told a little bit about themselves. This allowed us to become even better acquainted with each other.

The program for the March meeting will be given by a young man who is a native of Pakistan. The title of his talk is "How to Become an American Citizen." If you are the widow of a noble and would like to attend this meeting, call Audrey Apple at (317) 786-3480 for a reservation. The price of the lunch is \$10.

Any lady who is a widow of a noble is eligible to join this Club. We meet the fourth Thursday of each month (except July and August). We have excellent food, fun and friendship. If you would like information about joining, please come to the Corinthian Room at the Murat on the fourth Thursday or call Audrey Apple at (317) 786-3480. If you plan to join us for lunch, you must make a reservation. We would like to meet more of you eligible ladies.

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## Directors Staff

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Greetings Nobles and Friends,

Well here it is April already and we are firing up for a very busy and great start to another productive and exciting year. By the time you receive this article, we will have already completed this year's Murat Shrine Circus as well as attended this year's Shrine Directors Association Convention in Columbus, OH.

First, we would like to thank all Directors Staff members who volunteered for this year's circus which had the best turnout of volunteers in several years. A special thank-you has to go out to the many Nubians for their time and effort. See what some good recruiting can do for our Unit. Thanks to all of you and any other outside assistance we received to make it a complete success.

I will report on the success of SDA in the next article since at the time this article is being written, we have not attended the event yet. I know in advance we will have a great time and represent Murat in the highest fashion.

As I mentioned above, this year we have recruited some fine people into the Directors Staff. We welcome the follow-

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## Mobil Nobles

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Ron McCoy

Can you believe it is April already? Bob and Maggie would like to thank everyone who came out and helped the Mobil Nobles at the circus last month. Bob wants to give a special "THANK-YOU" to the ladies of the Mobil Nobles for their help. This could not have gone off as good as it did without your help. To put out meals as good as they were definitely requires a woman's touch. The Mobil Nobles would also like to thank all those who stopped by and got a bite to eat as well as the Divan for all your support.

The next thing we are looking at is the Grand Master's One-Day Class April 4, 2009. For all the new nobles who would like to get involved in a Unit, ours may just fit your wants. Our Unit does not march

and you are not asked to do something you may not want to do. Our Unit does not demand you to attend so many meetings to be a member. Really, the only thing we ask of our members is that you attend as many meetings or functions that you can and that you have a good time at the ones you can attend. Now we don't think that is asking too much of you. We would like to invite you to our next meeting, which will be held April 10. We would also like for you to bring your lady and have dinner with all of us before the meeting, which begins at 7 p.m. We hope to see you there.



Don Stout is the newest member of the Mobil Nobles. He became a member of the Shrine in the last one-day class. We are proud to have him as our newest member.

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Gerald Frost

ing new staff members and look forward to seeing them at all events and activities they can attend in the future. Welcome to Nobles George Baugh, Clark Green, Jason Melton, Ed Painter, Randy Shockley, and Bob Westerfield. We know you will all be assets to our Unit in the future. Stay active and you will have a great time and meet some wonderful Shriners.

Important reminders for upcoming events:

Directors Staff Meeting: April 27 – 7 p.m. at Murat Shrine.

Directors Staff Meeting: May 25 – 6 p.m. at Murat Shrine (Due to Memorial Day holiday).

Murat 125th Anniversary "Hot Sands" Ceremonial: June 6 at Murat Shrine.

Paper Crusade: June 19 and 20 at Sam's Club, Emerson Avenue, Greenwood.

Note: Volunteers are needed!!! Contact Mike Glenn to sign up, (317) 418-5506.

Continue Membership Recruiting—this is ongoing. Keep up the good work.

Have a safe and enjoyable spring and summer.

"Shriners ... Having Fun and Helping Kids."

# Clowns

Mike "Tic-Kits" Nelson

By the time you read this article, the "Great Murat Shrine Circus" for 2009 will have passed in memory, so I would like to share some behind-the-scenes circus practices that our clowns go through for that two- or three-minute skit they do in the ring. First of all, the skits are developed by the Proficiency Committee several months before the circus. With the skits chosen, a script must be written and plans drawn up for the making of the skit props. The plans are quickly put into production by the members. With the props and script in hand, the clowns meet every Wednesday starting in January and go up to the night before the start of circus, putting in several hours a night on each skit until it's ready. Then and only then the "Boss Clown" stamps his approval and—voilà!—you have a clown show. Not so fast! That's the easy part; now for the next four days and nine shows, the clowns will start their day in cramped conditions they call "Clown Alley" on the average at 6 a.m.

and end it after the last show around 10 p.m. And did I mention that between these shows they head out to area hospitals, nursing homes, and schools to make appearances? Long days, yes, but I don't know of a Shrine clown who doesn't look forward to the circus coming to town. "God Bless America, Shrine Clowns and Shriners All."

The Murat Shrine Circus Clowns would like to introduce our newest clown applicant, Luke Stark. Luke is also a current member and the president of the Murat NexGen Unit as well. Welcome aboard, Luke.

I promise this is the last time I will mention the Great Lakes Shrine Clown Units Association Mid-Winter Convention April 16, 17 and 18 being held at the Clarion Hotel and Conference Center, 2930 Waterfront Parkway, Indianapolis, but I don't want anybody to miss out. The Great Lakes Clown President and Past Murat Clown President Don "Cosmo" Waters would

like to extend an invitation to come out and watch the competition as the Great Lakes Shrine Clowns try and look their best in make-up and costume and entertain in theatrical skits while competing against each other for the top awards. It's a fun time for both adults and children, so mark those dates on your calendar and come out and see us—the best thing is it's "free" for spectators.

If you have ever given thought to entertaining and have a special place in your heart for children, then you might be a great candidate for one of Shrinedom's best clown units. The Murat Shrine Circus Clowns would like to extend an invitation to come to one of our meetings on the second Wednesday of each month in the Nile Room starting at 7:30 p.m. For more information please visit our Web page at [www.murat-shrinecircusclowns.com](http://www.murat-shrinecircusclowns.com) where you can find an application and our Unit officer's contact information.



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**SMOKY MOUNTAIN FUN FEST** – May is the annual gathering of Shriners from many Shrine temples. This is a great time for good fellowship and fun, so plan to attend this pilgrimage to Pigeon Forge, TN. There will be plenty of Shrine activities including a parade on Saturday morning which will leave plenty of time for the ladies to shop. Please check with the Fraternal Office for hotel reservations. The dates are from April 30 through May 3.

**POTENTATE'S BALL** – Several Colonels and their ladies attended the Potentate's Ball in March. This was a great kick-off for our Potentate, George Proctor, and Lady Debbie.

Several members of the Lexington Hospital Board attended in recognition of George's hospital participation as board member and vice chairman.

**OUT AND ABOUT** – April 1 was the first dinner get-together with the members and their ladies at Jonathan Byrd's Cafeteria. We were in a special section away from the other customers and were able to conduct some business and enjoy the company of the ladies.

**RED BULL MOTORCYCLE RACE** – Raffle tickets were distributed to members in March for the race to be held in

August. Every Colonel is encouraged to try to sell a book or more of tickets. Prices are \$5 for each ticket or \$25 for the book. All proceeds will go to generate funds for the Club. If you need more books, you can contact our president, Paul Schneck, or Wally Renn.

**NEW MEMBERS** – Congratulations to our newest members, George Choung and Matthew Drury. We hope George and Matthew can attend our meetings and get involved in the Club activities as much as possible.

**DO YOU NEED A RIDE?** – It was discussed in our February meeting that some members would like to attend our meetings and functions but can no longer drive at night. If you are a member and would attend our meetings and activities if you had transportation, please contact our secretary, Jim Huffman, and we will try to fix you up.

**BLACK CAMEL** – Two of our members passed to the unseen temple recently. They are Don Melvin and Jack Hopper. Our thoughts and prayers go out to their families.

Please join us in the Mecca Room on the first Wednesday of the month around 5:30 p.m. for dinner and 7 p.m. for the meeting.

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Corinthian Room Doors Open at 5 p.m.

RSVP must be made prior to the event with ticket purchase.

Contact [MuratNexGen@gmail.com](mailto:MuratNexGen@gmail.com) for more information.

In last month's article, we mentioned the Reception Unit's annual President's Spring Party on Saturday, February 28. I would like to follow up on this party by thanking Imperial Sir John Cinotto, Illustrious Sir George Proctor, the Divan, Chief Aide George Clark, all the officers and members of the Reception Unit, and their ladies for attending and making this a memorable occasion for Sharon and me. Also, thanks to the Mobil Nobles for their assistance. The theme was "Keep on Truckin" and driving around the Corinthian Room on Bud Abel's home-built "Tow Truck" wearing his bib overalls, flannel shirt, and a bicycle helmet was a blast to remember.

We continued the Service of Excellence motto this year and all hands were on ready as we signed up volunteer workers, served coffee and donuts, and manned the ushering duties for the Shrine Circus. From set-up day on Wednesday until lights out on Sunday night, all our members worked extra hard to make this another successful circus year.

At our regular March 10 Stated Meeting, the occasion was to honor Past

Presidents night. A "white elephant auction" followed in the Tunisian Room after dinner and the Unit meeting. Since our regular auctioneer, Oriental Guide Jim Priest, was in Tampa for well needed training, Phil Christy graciously brought his professional skills to this fun event.

By the time you read this article, we will have gotten our tuxes back from the

cleaners and performed our duties of greeting all the guests, checking coats and wraps, presentations, and all we do to make the Potentate's Ball a success. This is really the one night of the year that everyone can put on the "ritz" right here at Murat. Everyone had a great time in honor of Potentate George E. Proctor and Lady Debbie.

## Mini-Mystics of Johnson County

Dave Alspaugh

It's springtime in Johnson County ... the winter winds and snow are finally gone. The tulips and crocus are in bloom. Trees are starting to leaf out. Can cutting grass be far away?

April 23, the Mini-Mystics will invade the Hickory Stick Golf Course. For \$65 you can get a round of golf (18 holes), driving range, cart, Zem-Zem on the course, and a chicken/ham dinner at the Club in Franklin. There will be a shotgun start at noon. It will be a "scramble" format. See any Mini-Mystic member to sign up. Bring your foursome and enjoy an afternoon of fun and fellowship.

Our year, 2009, seemed to start rather slowly due to the winter snows. Suddenly, it seems that the seasons have shifted into high gear. We're hearing about the 500-Mile Race already out on 16th Street. This can only mean ... parade season is upon us. The Mini-Mystics will be opening their season this month. We will parade at the Southport Little League as well as the Beech Grove Little League on April 24. The opening of May will find the little cars in Pigeon Forge, TN, for the Smoky Mountain Fun Fest. Anyone care to join us at Dollywood or at the Gatlinburg Country Club for a round of golf? We're flexible ... music or golf.

Plans for the Mini-Mystics to attend the Imperial at San Antonio, TX, are in full swing. At this writing, the Club has agreed to pay for the gasoline for Joe Inabnitt and Dan Gillahan to haul the cars to Texas. The Club will also pick up a motel room for one night each way for them. This will help those willing to attend and parade. It will also get seven or eight of our cars, as well as our wrecker, to San Antonio. Hopefully, we can now fill those cars to put on a good show for the Mini-Mystics and the Murat Shrine. Let's make our Potentate, George Proctor, proud of us.

Before closing this article, I'm asking all of our members to help me out with the BINGO ... they need help on both Tuesdays and Saturdays. One extra hand helps with extra income. Come out and help.

See you in the next issue.



Gatlinburg Country Club.



Jim Carter calling at BINGO.

## Caravan Club



Potentate George Proctor is presented with a certificate of appreciation by Caravan Club President Deo Carter for speaking at the Caravan Club's January 15 luncheon. Outer Guard Tim Murphy and Noble Joe Smith join in the presentation.

(Photo by Mark McDaniel, Camera Club)



***All Scottish Rite members are invited to attend this great weekend of fellowship.***

The Spring Convocation and Reunion for the Valley of Indianapolis will be held on April 16, 17, and 18 at the Cathedral. Eleven degrees will be portrayed over these three days including a first time ever for the 16th degree to be exemplified in the Banquet Hall in the character of a Masonic Feast. Candidates, as well as members, will join at 6 p.m. on Friday, April 17, to enjoy a light supper and participate in the degree presentation.

Also witness the 8th degree on Thursday evening and Consistory degrees on Saturday morning, featuring noted Masonic characters from history such as George Washington and Benjamin Franklin. Also on Saturday, Reunion Class members from the previous decades will be recognized as well as 50-year members.

#### **Thursday, April 16**

Adoniram Lodge of Perfection  
Degrees

6:30 p.m. Oath of Fealty  
4° Master Traveler  
8° Intendant of the Building  
14° Grand Elect Mason

#### **Friday, April 17**

Saraiah Council of Princes of  
Jerusalem Degrees  
6 p.m. Dinner & 16° Prince of  
Jerusalem  
(conferred in the Banquet Hall)  
15° Knight of the East

#### **Friday, April 17**

Indianapolis Chapter of Rose Croix  
Degrees  
8 p.m. 18° Knight of the Rose Croix

#### **Saturday, April 18**

Indiana Consistory Degrees  
9:30 a.m. 29° Knight of St. Andrew  
25° Master of Achievement  
11:30 p.m. Lunch  
1 p.m. 20° Master ad Vitum  
31° Knight Aspirant  
32° Sublime Prince Royal Secret

## **Smoky Mountain Fun Fest**

**PIGEON FORGE, TN  
MUSIC ROAD INN**

# **April 30 – May 3, 2009**

***Deadline for Reservations is March 25, 2009***

\$95 deposit due for each room plus \$10 registration for each noble in room plus \$20 each person for hospitality. Reservations can be made through the Fraternal Office.



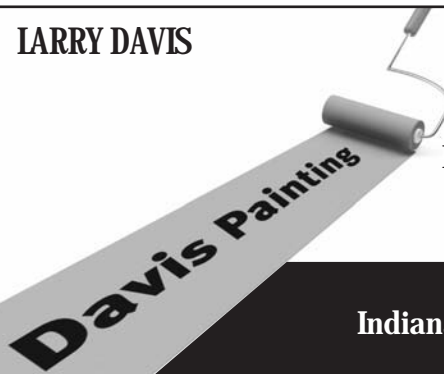
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It's already April and it is with sadness that I'm reporting my last article for the Johnson County Shrine Club, since it is closing its doors ... NOT! April Fools!

I'll be retracing some activities from back in the month of February. Valentine's Day was awfully special to the Club. Mike Percy and Lady Jackie hosted the President's Ball. Everything started at 6 p.m. with cocktails and lots of shrimp cocktail. With 90 guests, the Club was quite busy. As tickets were collected, each lady was given a long stemmed rose.

Jim Carter cooked his usual tremendous prime rib dinner. Add baked potato, green beans, salad, rolls, and carrot cake for dessert and you have a fabulous dinner. As the dinner was finished, Mike introduced the special guests, family and friends. We had to remind him to introduce his special lady. Finally, Mike asked last year's president, Ray Miller, and his lady, Jessica, to come forward. He then presented Ray with a Shrine watch and Jessica with a gift card for their year of service. Ray then took the microphone and asked Steve Childers to come forward. He then presented Steve with a plaque proclaiming him Johnson County Shriner of the Year.

As the dinner and program came to a close, the guests started moving towards the music provided by The Jukebox



Ray Miller and Mike Percy.

Express. Disc jockeys Larry Taylor and his Lady Sue spun the records for the rest of the evening. About every dance was performed, including Mike's version of "Rocky Top," which he danced with his sister Rhonda.

Later in the evening, guests were surprised to hear "Sweet Caroline" being sung by a gentleman on the dance floor. As the lights came up, we were surprised to see not Neil Diamond, but Past Potentate for 2008, Ron Elliott, on the microphone. He did so well, we allowed him a second song later.

A special thank-you goes to Lady Sharon Alspaugh for taking the photographs; Amy Skaggs and Jennifer Bewley



Ray Miller and Steve Childers.



Ron Elliott



Rita McAfee

for waiting tables and cleaning up; and Lady Shirley Carter and Lady Cindy Donahue for taking care of the bar. All this help made the evening such a success.

A sad note for February was the loss of Rita McAfee. Rita had worked around the dining room for 32 years, and her smiling face will be missed. The Great Architect must have needed some help in his dining room! See you next issue.

## Tarum

Installation was a success. New President Dave Bartlemay and his officers, First Vice President Chad Greulich, Second Vice President Jon Anderson, Secretary Robert Whalen, and Treasurer Dick Benner, were installed by 2009 Potentate George Proctor. The Zem-Zem and dinner, served by Richmond High School's Devillettes, was excellent, and everyone enjoyed the entertainment after the installation. 2009 is off and running. Tarum will have another good year and is in good hands.

Awards presented that night were: Shriner of the Year, Merle McIntosh; Presidents Award, Jon Anderson; and Tarum Lady Shriner of the Year, Norma

Russell. There were no awards presented from the Can Committee for Can Man of the Year. Tarum presented money to the Potentate for the Children's Hospitals. Proceeds from pictures with Santa during the Old-Fashioned Christmas in the Depot District were donated by local businessman Roger Richert. Thank you, Roger.

Attendance at Friday night dinners has been decent even with the weather we have been having. Thank you everyone who has come out and supported the Club. Without you, the Club would have a tough time surviving. I don't believe our new president or our government will be giving Tarum a bailout anytime soon. As always, it is up to us, all of us, to keep

## Jeff Dickey

Tarum alive and to make sure the kids get the treatment they need. Mark your calendars and come to the Club. Help ensure that Tarum and the children whom we help can continue.

Please remember to attend Saturday Breakfasts at the Lodge. They are on the first Saturday of the month. The food is good and the people who make these breakfasts happen to do a great job. Remember, all of Richmond's Masonic bodies need us. So pick one and plan to attend once a month. It takes very little of your time—stop making excuses and come out to see what the fun is all about.

See you at Tarum.

# Ladies Oriental Shrine

Betty J. Rathbun

Greetings from the ladies of Tarum Court! We recently held our election of officers for 2009. They are Sue Calvin, High Priestess; Ruby Warmouth, Princess; Barbara Smith, Associate Princess; Judith Taflinger, First Ceremonial Lady; Sue Taylor, Second Ceremonial Lady; Leslie Condre, Recorder; and Kay Kessler, Banker. The installation of officers will be April 4 at 1:30 p.m. in the Arabian Room of the Murat Shrine with a reception after.

Our members made pizzas and had a very successful Pizza Sale in February. If you have never tasted our pizzas, you are really missing something! We will have another Pizza Sale in the spring, so watch this magazine for the notice.

On May 2, 2009, there will be a Luncheon and Style Show called "Hats Off to the Ladies" in the Arabian Room of the Murat Shrine at 11:30 a.m. The fashions and other merchandise will be provided by a collection of shops from the Edinburgh Mall. More information concerning this event will be available later. Leslie Condre and Carole Staab are in charge of the event. The ladies will offer for sale at the luncheon, "Tarum Treasures" jewelry crafted from recycled jewelry items. If you have any old or broken jewelry you would like to donate for this project, please contact Leslie Condre.

The Ways and Means Chairman for 2009 is Barbara Smith, the Sewing Chairman is Judith Taflinger, Sunshine Chairman is Sue Taylor, and Philanthropy Chairman is Ruby Warmouth.



## "Southern Belle" Brunch & Card Party



**Saturday, April 25  
Brunch at 11 a.m.  
Arabian Room**

*Doors open at 9:45 a.m.  
Enjoy cards (or bring other table games),  
outstanding silent auction items, prizes,  
and a touch of Southern hospitality!*

**Tickets \$25 – available  
through the Murat Shrine  
office (317-635-2433)**

*To assist with planning, if possible,  
please purchase tickets by April 20*

## An Afternoon of Tea and Fashion

**Saturday, May 9, 2009  
At the Historic and Beautiful Scottish Rite Cathedral**

The event benefits children with dyslexia who become successful and confident students through the after school tutoring program provided by the Masonic Learning Center with no charge to their families.

### **Share this very special afternoon with your mother or friends.**

- 10:00 – Sip and See opens on the Mezzanine for shopping at the marketplace, relaxing with a sip of tea or coffee and viewing the lovely decorated tables below in the Banquet Hall.
- 11:30 – Silent Auction begins on the Banquet Hall with Vicky Murphy, WFMS 95.5 returning as our celebrity announcer followed by the Scottish Rite men in black tuxedos serving the luncheon.

**Fashion Show by Coldwater Creek  
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(Designate: Learning Center)  
This foundation is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization as defined by the IRS.  
Parking and entrance is from the west side of the building.  
For more information call Donna (317) 262-3100, ext. 228



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# Firemen's Club

Tim Whitaker

The Potentate's Ball and the Murat Shrine Circus for 2009 are now history. I would like to thank all the Club members for supporting and participating in both events. A special thanks to Joe Krebsbach for representing our Club on the Circus Committee this year and to Ed Pierce for coordinating the efforts to fill all three Firemen's Club tables at the Potentate's Ball. I know the Potentate appreciates our support.

The Ringmaster's Banquet will be held on Saturday, April 4, at Murat. I hope everyone worked at least three shows and can enjoy this banquet free. See you there!

Grand Master's One-Day Class at the Scottish Rite Cathedral will be held on April 4—be sure to get those petitions in early.

Important dates:

Murat Firemen's Club Monthly Meeting – April 1 at 7:30 (NO JOKE!)

Easter – April 12

Murat Stated Meeting – April 20

Ladies Luncheon – April 25

June 16 we will travel to Argosy Casino. The cost will be \$20 per person which includes a very nice buffet lunch. Lewie McQueen is coordinating the trip and he can be reached at (317) 861-4280 or Mcqueen26@comcast.net.

The new roster will soon be at the printers and in your hands. Thanks to everyone for your help. I hope the updated format helps everyone with better communication.

Welcome to our newest Club member, Ray Miller (associate), and welcome back to our Club, Bill Ermel, past president (active).

A final tribute to my friend and a friend of Murat!

Donovan Melvin (the golfmeister) passed away recently after several months of suffering and fighting off different illnesses. Don coordinated many, many golf outings at Murat for several different Potentates. Illustrious Sir, Potentate George E. Proctor, has desig-

nated this year's Potentate's Golf Outing as the "Don Melvin Memorial Golf Outing."

Don would be proud of this recognition and would be very thankful for the honor bestowed on him. He was an avid golfer and great supporter of Murat. He will be missed greatly by all of his friends! I will miss that loud call of his at all of the outings we played at of "Hey Classmate!"

That sound will always ring in my ears.

This year's golf outing will be held at Winding Ridge Golf Course in Indianapolis on August 13. Plan early to support this outing and bring your Masonic team. Remember there is a traveling trophy for the winning Masonic team. Maybe you can take the trophy back to your Lodge. It's a good course, good food, good camaraderie, and a good time.

See you there!

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# NexGen

Luke Stark

Show Up!

Hi there. It's nice to meet you. My name is Luke; you can call me President Monkey. NexGen is trying to get itself into lots of monkey business for all of 2009. Do you have an idea, a thought, or just have something you want to say to NexGen? Say it here on our anonymous survey: <http://tinyurl.com/nexgensurvey1>.

Share our survey with any Shriner, Shrine lady, or potential candidate who may have something to say. We'll listen or at least try.

Back to talking about Showing Up. You pay dues each year, right? So do I. Do you like having a temple we can be proud of? So do I. Do you want to increase our membership? So do I. When was the last time you showed up at the Oasis? I'm there at least once a week.

NexGen and Oasis Events are try-



NexGen Little Sister Marillyn and NexGen Lady Amy sport NexGen stickers at the NexGen First Quarter Birthday party. Sticker reads: Murat NexGen: Monkey Business in 2009: Knowing is half the battle – Showing up is the other 85%.

ing to make the Oasis more appealing to all Shriners by hosting various events each month. Oriental Guide Jim Priest

has brought in bands in the early part of this year. Watch "Oasis Entertainment" for future dates. NexGen tries to do different things and we need your input (fill out the survey ...).

NexGen will be having a \$35 a person Murder Mystery on April 25 at 5 p.m. Our murder mystery is 100 percent interactive. The murderer will be among the crowd and the clues spread around the attendees, making everyone a suspect and everyone a sleuth. Are you a good enough gumshoe to find the murderer? Join us at the Kentucky Derby: Governor's Ball on April 25. Contact NexGen for ticket availability. Tickets will NOT be sold at the door.

Check out the calendar in the magazine for our upcoming events and always feel free to get in touch with us at [MuratNexGen@gmail.com](mailto:MuratNexGen@gmail.com). Remember to Show Up!



"Entertaining the World for Sixty Years"

Well, by now March is a memory and a good one no doubt. President Chris Pedersen and Rick Moffatt put together an aggressive schedule for St. Patrick's Day and all the stops are wonderful supporters of the Shrine. The circus is always a major winner for Indianapolis and Shrinedom. We have made some major moves this year with a new "Go for It" attitude, and a very positive feeling permeates our group and "juices" us up each time we play.

We are 'Pipers Playing Progressively to Promote Positive Presentation.'

Scottish Dates of Note, April. The Highlanders hope everyone had a happy "Hunt the Gowk" day. April 1 is the day that the Scots would play tricks and tell stories to fool their friends. But the jokes had to stop at mid-day (what's the fun in that). Now called April Fools' Day, hunting the gowk was originally sending someone on a foolish errand. "Dinna laugh, an' dinna smile, but hunt the gowk another mile." Caution: hunting the Scottish Gowk should not be confused with hunting the great North American Snipe which can be rife with danger and, on occasion, take all night.

But the fun didn't stop there. "Preen-Tail Day" or "Tailie Day," April 2—the day following All Fools' Day when paper tails were attached to the backs of unsuspecting

people as a joke. Now there's something that never stops being funny.

On a family friendly note, "Glen Saturday," the first or third Saturday in April—the day when the children of Kilmarnock in Ayrshire went to Craufurdland Castle to pick daffodils. On that day it was and still is customary for the children of the town to go in droves to the castle to gather 'glens'—as they term the yellow daffodils that grow in great abundance on a lawn behind the mansion. The late Mrs. Craufurd of Craufurdland delighted to welcome the little people and to load them with bouquets of the coveted flowers. None were sent away empty handed, the crop being often so abundant that hundreds more could be supplied.

Sound Investment. After auditioning several chanter brands and reed configurations, Pipe Major Rick Moffatt and Pipe Sgt. Joe Ketterman have purchased a set of American made matched "Gibson Chanters" and a supply of top of the line "Balanced Tone" reeds. The band will have a more powerful and vibrant sound that is clearer and without a hint of harshness.

Drum Sgt. Gary McLucas has adopted the "HQ Eco" drum pad for the drum corps. It has the feel of a drum, with a full snare sound that will help us to develop that Scottish sound and musical feeling. Fortunately for our ladies, they are also on the quiet side. The Bass and Tenor sections

are now playing Aquarian heads which are renowned for their sound and ability to hold their tuning.

Go ahead and give Bass Drummer Dave Dale a pat on the back. He is now sporting a new ultra high tech, ergonomic carrier that will take the load off his back, greatly improving comfort and the overall playability of his drum.

For our 60th year, the band is committed to not only overhauling our overall sound, musical presentation, and performance skills, but to putting ourselves into a contender position for the Great Lakes Pipe Band Association Championship competition in September.

Release that inner Piper or Drummer. Along with polishing our current tune list, the band is working on newer tunes and competition tune sets.

This is a great time to join the band as a Piper or Drummer. Lessons, equipment, uniforms, and encouragement are provided.

Anyone interested in joining is welcome to attend our monthly band meeting held on the first Monday in the Nile Room (in the basement) at 7 p.m.

Rehearsals are open and held the second and fourth Mondays at 7 p.m. at the Shrine. Have a great April and remember: "Good taste is timeless, good times are tasteless." Dirk Sgian Dubh (pronounced Skeen-Do) signing off.

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## 500 Club

Jerry Lance

The February meeting was most productive. We had many things to discuss and it was an excellent meeting. Dues cards are out and you should have received them by now. Also, return the directory questionnaire to Roger Stafford as soon as possible. The new directory date is July 1.

The Club is going to order more Club jacket patches. This is the large patch on the back. They will be arriving soon. Also, at the meeting, it was decided that the Club would try to return to a monthly newsletter along with the monthly Murat article. This will be a much better way to keep the Club informed and up to date on current information. Also, Parade Chairman Dan Price will be sending out parade information before parade events. Murat Parade Chairman Earl Moore has the master parade list completed, and now we need to choose the parades we want to attend. Look for the first parade around the last of April. Our staging and picnic area at the 500 Festival has been reserved—same area, located at 11th & Penn Avenue.

More info: Hinchman Indy Racing Uniforms has moved from its old downtown location to out on Brookville Road—very

easy to get to and better parking. Opening day at the track is May 7 and Race Day is May 24.

To date we have about 12 cars for sale. Call me for an updated list (Jerry at 271-8296). In case you missed it, *Sports Illustrated* magazine, the May 2008 issue, has a picture of the 500 Unit parading in last year's 500 Festival.

In closing for this month, the February issue stated that if there were no changes in your membership directory information, you need not return the questionnaire to Roger Stafford. However, this is wrong. I erred and messed up. Please return the questionnaire to Roger as this will help the Club to be sure that we have the most current information. Sorry for the mix-up.

That's it for this month, 500 members. Would like to see more members at our meetings. Remember our third Sunday brunches at the Brickyard except the month of May. The time is 9:30 a.m. Please RSVP Roger Stafford; it really helps to have a head count. Tim Plank was our 50/50 winner at the February meeting.

Until next time ...



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In Honor of the Illustrious Sir George E. Proctor



**Saturday August 29th, 2009**

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### Schedule of Events

6:30 - Doors Open & Candidate Registration Begins  
8:00 - Mark Master Degree  
9:15 - Past Master Degree  
9:45 - Most Excellent Master Degree  
10:15 - Royal Arch Degree  
12:00 - Lunch

1:00 - Royal & Select Master Degrees  
2:45 - Order of the Red Cross  
4:00 - Order of Malta  
5:15 - Order of the Temple  
7:30 - Dinner

### How Do I Join?

All you need to do is go to **www.pratheryorkrite.com**, download and fill out a petition, and send it in to us.

If you have any questions please contact us at **info@pratheryorkrite.com** or  
contact Jerry Miller at (317) 460-4307.

## Madison County Shrine Club Golf Tournament

**Meadowbrook Golf Course  
Thursday, May 28, 2009**

Shotgun Start - 11 a.m.  
Low Gross-Bankers Handicap  
Limited to first 140 Golfers

Meal served at the Shrine Club  
at 5 p.m. • Famous 1# Pork Chop  
with all the trimmings

Cost: \$65 per Golfer  
Open to all Shriners

Includes: Green Fees, Cart Rental, Prizes, Zem-Zem & Dinner

### MY FOURSOME IS:

Please give the phone number of at  
least one member of the foursome

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_

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## The Shelby County Shrine Club Golf Outing

Bear Chase Golf Course,  
Shelbyville, Indiana

**Thursday, May 14, 2009  
12:30 p.m. Shotgun Start  
Florida Scramble**

\$65 per golfer or  
\$260 per team of 4  
Event will be Stag



Contact: Randall P. Ellington  
317-364-3022

# Contributions

Photos by Dennis Wood

(February 2009)



Firemen's Club President Tim Whitaker presents Potentate George Proctor with a check for \$1,020 for the Murat Transportation Fund. He is joined in the presentation with Firemen's Club members Ed Pierce, Harold Pierce, Bob Borgmann, John Aldrich, Mark Scutchfield, Shon Hough, Mark Genung, Bob Wilson, J.D. Moore, and Ron Elliott, P.P.



Stone Belt Shrine Club President Terry Chandler presents checks to Potentate George Proctor, amounting to \$4,500 for the Chicago, Lexington, and Cincinnati Hospitals and the Transportation Fund. Presentation was made on February 7, 2009. (Photo by Albert Cain)



Potentate George Proctor presents Past Potentate Ron Elliott with his bound copy of the 10 issues of the Murat Magazine from 2008.

## Police Club and Drill Team Don L. Weilhammer, Jr.

The disadvantage of having to do an article a month in advance is that you have to anticipate how events unfolded. The advantage is having a world class magazine! With that being said, when this article comes out, the Murat Shrine Circus will have been over for about a month. THANK YOU to all of the Police Club and Drill Team members who came out and helped make everything run safely. Seeing those shiny Drill Team motorcycles with the lights on driving around the coliseum really makes you wish you had one! Getting those buses parked during the morning performances was cold work outside, but once you come in and see all the smiles on the kids' faces watching the circus, it makes getting a little cold worthwhile.

The Police Club and Drill Team had a good turnout at the Potentate's Ball on March 21; we had more than two tables in attendance. If you missed it this year, plan on attending next year—it is well worth the price. If the magazine reaches you before April 4 (it should), then don't forget about the Grand Master's One-Day Class and the Ringmaster's Banquet. I wish I could say that I will see you there, but my lady has plans for the family ... something about vacation down in Florida. But I hope to see you at our next Club meeting on Tuesday, April 7.

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# Boone County Shrine Club

Pat Hornett

Our 2009 year is off and running. We are very excited about our upcoming events that reflect the hard work and dedication to our Club and Murat Shrine.

First of all, as of our last meeting, the Boone County Shrine Club was leading the way in advertising the Shrine Circus Activity Programs to be sold during the circus in March. At this meeting, it was discussed that we were closing in on \$10,000 in advertising. We would like to thank all of the local-regional businesses and individuals who bought ads for this worthy cause. Special thanks to our BCSC Nobles

Bret Lee and Larry Leap for getting us started by spending time in the field to sell ads. We also want to thank the rest of our members who sold and/or bought ads, and I know there are many of you. Thanks to all of you for your support in ad sales.

The BCSC was out in force at the Shrine Circus selling programs throughout the weekend. It is our teamwork that made this a fun experience, and the time our nobles put in is very much appreciated. We would also like to congratulate Circus Director and Boone County Shrine Club Noble Andy Clayton for all of his efforts in

putting on the best show for "ladies and gentlemen, boys and girls of all ages." Andy, thank you, on behalf of the BCSC for your leadership of this event.

Finally, we are only one month away from our Spring Fish Fry to be held in May. Please watch for details in the May magazine, and come out and enjoy this event with us. If you are a Shriner and are interested in becoming a Boone County Shrine Club member, please join us on the third Tuesday each month at the American Legion in Lebanon at 7 p.m.

## Murat Yacht Club

Ted Stewart

So many of our members have been claimed by the Black Camel this year that we need to reflect upon the lives of the great Shriners and members of our Club who have crossed the bar. Our organization will miss these brothers, and we need to simply reflect upon their lives and what they mean and have meant to us. Because our Club is so large, I hope I do not forget any individual, but these are some of our members who have been elevated to serve in the unseen temple and are now ad astra—with the stars: Bob Hancock, P.P., Len Teuvs, Steve Farrar, DDS, Jack Hopper, Hon. John Barney, Jr., Ed Evans, P.P., and Don Melvin. We will miss these wonderful brothers and our prayers are with their families. They leave our fraternity with the old adage—they will be missed but they will never be forgotten. So Mote it Be, as our oldest manuscript proclaims.

Do not forget the Knights of the Sea initiation that is set for May 14 at the Gatling Gun Club. This initiation has become the most popular in all Shrinedom. It will be a Knight that the initiates will never forget. So please get your candidate and sign him up. Simply call Bobbie Tate at (317) 788-9539 and give Bobbie the number in your party. The Knights of the Sea initiation comes only once a year and it will take a year to recover. There are no dues associated with the Knights of the Sea. Once a Knight—Always a Knight, and once a Knight is enough! Don't miss it!

## Band

Leonard Hull

Although Mother Nature was not totally cooperative with an 18-degree temperature and flurries, 50 bandmen, their ladies and three members of the Murat Divan braved the elements to install the 2009 officers and welcome this year's Illustrious Potentate to the challenges of 2009.

Potentate George Proctor obligated the bandleaders and Chief Rabban Craig Hinshaw (with the assistance of Lady Kay) obligated the leaders, "leaders."

At the end of a 28-day February, we started preparing for the great Shrine Circus with six performances on March 5, 6, 7 and 8 which I'll later report on in "Band Notes." Even with declining membership, we anticipated our attendance (with the assistance of Grotto Brothers and guests) to be around 30 to 40 per performance.

Now as we plan for 2009 Shrine events and activities, the Band, unlike many Units, cannot put on a respectable performance to enhance the Murat image without: 30 dedicated affluent bandmen; balanced instrumentation; repair, refurbishment, maintenance and transportation of the 60' parade unit.

We're proud to be Shriners and members of one, if not the oldest Units in Murat.

There is no finer or more wholesome environment for today's and yesterday's youth than one affiliated with music. There is no thought of terrorism, drugs, aggression, flag burners, and violence in musical organizations, as they afford a lifetime of friends and associations.

You ask what the skills or talent requirements are to participate and join bands, choirs, orchestras and others. I think the first requisite is encouragement and desire. It's never too early or too late to start.

As you read the April Murat Band article, I boil and color eggs in preparation for the visit from Mr. Whiskers in anticipation of our Easter feast. I pause to reflect on the influence, camaraderie and companionship of the Murat Band.

Introduce your offspring or offspring's offspring to music in the first grade; continue through high school and on to college if they're so fortunate. Bands flourish all through the grades and beyond. Then send them to Murat Band. That's only 15 years (6 to 21) and we'll be waiting for them.



2009 officers (from left to right): President Ray Hauser, Vice President Bret Reyburn, Secretary/Treasurer Gary Selig, and Board of Directors members Rich Blocker, Steve DeMuth and Jim Cox (not pictured).

The Murat Digital Camera Club is sponsoring upcoming events to help familiarize digital camera owners with the basics of digital imagery and to accompany us on our spring photography outings.

Join us:

Monday, April 6

## Corvette Club

Powers Hapgood

Well, spring is on its way and I don't know about you, but I can't wait to get the Corvette out. March surely will bring us a few good days to get out. We have a lot to get ready for ... car shows, parades and good times. This year looks to be one of our busiest and most fun yet. Keep in touch to find out what we are doing next! Everyone is welcome at the parades and shows.

Hope everyone was able to attend the Potentate's Ball as well as the circus. These are great events that should not be missed.

August 8 looks to be the most exciting day yet for the Corvette Club. Our plans for the first ever Murat Car Show are really shaping up! Fliers for the car show are posted around the Shrine—make sure to take a quick look at one.

Just wanted to pass along that the Corvette Museum has added a 47,000 square foot expansion. If you have not toured the facility, this may be the time.

Corvette Trivia:

The Jaguar XK120 is believed to be the inspiration for the first Corvette.

On Tuesday, June 30, 1953, the first Corvette rolled off the assembly line and production began!

On a more serious note, my wife and I would like to thank all of the Club members for their support in our recent struggles. You have all been very helpful and supportive, and we really appreciate it.

Thanks to everyone.

7 p.m. – “Taking, Saving, and (Better Yet) Later Finding Your Photos” – AB Room (behind divider in Oasis).

Monday, April 27

6 p.m. – Dinner, 7 p.m. – Meeting: “Taking Better Family Snapshots” – AV Room. Join us for dinner in the Oasis!

Later planned topics are computer editing of digital images and macro (close-up) photography, but we are open to other suggestions for discussion.

The fourth Monday in every month is our business meeting, so aside from the above, we will be starting to plan for our spring-summer outings. The meal on April 27 will be off the menu in the Oasis, but dinner is on the Camera Club for those attending the meeting and discussion.

Please join us and take the opportunity to learn how to take better pictures, and use your computer to edit and organize them.

## Entertainment at the Oasis Lounge

### Friday Nights at the Oasis Lounge

#### April:

FRI	3	NexGen DJ Night
SAT	4	One-Day Class After-Glow
FRI	10	Rock Band and Golf with NexGen
FRI	17	Afterglow after the Friday night session of the Scottish Rite Convocation
FRI	24	Highlander Scotch Tasting

#### May:

FRI	1	Band Night - Young Relics
FRI	15	NexGen Theme Night
FRI	22	Imperial Night-Shooter Band

#### June:

FRI	19	Quarterly Birthday Party Hosted by NexGen
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### Oasis Presents in the Arabian Room

SAT	APR 11	Caribbean Night at the Shrine
FRI	MAY 8	Sounds of Tennessee - Music and Line Dancing

## Dining Specials at the Oasis Lounge

### WEDNESDAYS:

6 Buffalo Wings and a Pitcher of Beer for \$10

### THURSDAYS:

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### FRIDAYS:

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Southwest Airlines' Medical Transportation Grant Program is a tremendous aid to Shriners Hospitals for Children's patients and families. Through this program, the airline annually donates green passes, which are essentially free round-trip airline tickets, to patients with financial or medical needs.

"The Shriners organization and Southwest Airlines have shared a wonderful relationship throughout the years," said Michele Kyle, a specialist in the charitable giving department at Southwest Airlines. "We've been able to assist numerous Shriners facilities in the past with anything from changing executives' and patients' travel itineraries at the last minute to providing free medical transportation for patients."

With Shriners Hospitals for Children located in the U.S., Mexico and Canada, patients sometimes travel hundreds or thousands of miles to receive the specialty care they need. Many Shriners temples have transportation coordinators who set up these long-distance appointments and make transportation and housing arrangements. When possible, the temple pays for the expenses, such as plane tickets, through a hospital transportation program. Since an average domestic round-trip ticket costs nearly \$400, the green passes could potentially save an individual temple thousands of dollars a year.

"We are grateful to Southwest Airlines for their incredible generosity," said Ralph Semb, president

and chief executive officer of Shriners Hospitals for Children. "By saving our temples money, they allow us to help transport more children to their appointments."

With a green pass, the transportation coordinator can book any available flight for the patient and one parent or guardian, and no blackout dates apply. Green passes are good for use in any city Southwest Airlines serves, and they are only good for Southwest-operated flights.

Southwest Airlines recently donated 300 green passes to Shriners Hospitals for Children, which are now available. Temple transportation coordinators can contact Ruby Valdes, manager of the executive vice president's office at Shriners International Headquarters, at (813) 281-8110, to learn if their temple is eligible to receive passes.

Southwest Airlines has steadily increased its donations throughout the past few years. From 2003-2005, the company gave Shriners Hospitals for Children 20 green passes. In 2006, the number increased to 25 tickets, and in 2007, an additional \$5,000 was donated. In November 2007, the airline donated an additional 100 green passes. The value of 200 tickets donated in 2008 was \$80,000.

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## Shriners Hospitals for Children Receives Special Pricing from Ford Motor Company



Ford Motor Company is offering Shriners Hospitals for Children a competitive price allowance for their 2009 model Econoline vans. The contract, which lasts one year, will allow the 22 hospitals to purchase Ford vehicles at a reduced price.

"We truly appreciate the generosity of Ford Motor Company," said Ralph Semb, president and CEO of Shriners Hospitals. "This is an exciting opportunity for our organization that will help us provide better care and service to our patients and their families. We hope to continue this program indefinitely."

Bill Currie, an Egypt Shriner and president of Bill Currie Ford Lincoln Mercury in Tampa, Fla, arranged a meeting between Al "Bear" Robinson, a Sahib Shriner and hospital traveling display coordinator for Shriners International

Headquarters, and Wayne Boor, a national account executive for Ford Motor Company.

"We are honored to be a part of the important work done by Shriners Hospitals," Boor said. "The Econoline passenger van has been a reliable source of transportation for your patients, and we look forward to continuing our partnership with this incentive program."

The deal includes a multi-tier volume incentive, which gives Shriners Hospitals an additional deduction in price after they have purchased 99 vehicles in the program year. For the 2009 model year, Ford will also give Shriners Hospitals for Children one free van for every 25 vans purchased.

"When we receive a free van, we'll store it at headquarters until a hospital requests it," explained Robinson.

"We will then ask the hospital to give us a trade-in of one of their vans in exchange for the new one. The old van will be donated to a Shriners temple that does not own a vehicle, on a first-come, first-served basis."

The program incentives offered in the deal cannot be combined with any other offers. A special fleet identification number and code must be used to receive the reduced price and apply the purchase toward the volume requirements. For more information, please contact Mary Brown or Al Robinson in the donor relations department at [donorrelations@shrinenet.org](mailto:donorrelations@shrinenet.org) or (813) 281-8108.

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AUGUST 13, 2009

# The Don Melvin Memorial Golf Tournament

Hosted by Potentate George E. Proctor

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## APRIL 23

**Murat Mini-Mystics, Hickory Stick Golf Club** \$65 each, 12 Noon Shotgun Start. Includes: Green Fees, 1/2 Cart, Closest to Pin on Par 3, Zem-Zem on Course, Dinner and Prizes at Johnson County Shrine Club after golf.  
Contact: Joe Inabnitt, (317) 730-1300.

## MAY 14

**Shelby County Shrine Club, Bear Chase Golf Course, Shelbyville, IN** \$65 per golfer or \$260 per team of 4, 12:30 p.m. Shotgun Start, Florida Scramble.  
Contact: Randall P. Ellington, (317) 364-3022

## MAY 28

**Madison County Shrine Club, Meadowbrook Golf Course, Anderson, IN** \$65 each, 11 a.m. Shotgun Start. Includes: Green Fees, 1/2 Cart, Zem-Zem on Course, Prizes on Par 3's, Prizes and Madison County Shrine Club's famous 1 lb. Pork Chop Dinner at the Madison Co. SC after golf.  
Contact: Skip Waymire, Chairman, (765) 649-6210; Carly McNally, (765) 378-0031; Tim Limbrock, (765) 378-1698; Dick Dawson, (765) 378-5285; Scott Schuster, (317) 841-8125.

## JUNE 1

**Murat Shriners Business Connection, The Fort** \$95, 12 Noon Shotgun Start. Includes: Lunch by Chick-fil-A, Lessons, Zem-Zem available, Prizes on Par 3's, Prizes and Dinner after golf.  
Contact: Randy Nail

## JUNE 18

**Reception Unit**  
Contact: Joe Stoutner, (317) 881-7041.

## AUGUST 13

**The Don Melvin Memorial Golf Tournament (Hosted by Potentate George E. Proctor)** \$62 each, 12 Noon Shotgun Start. Includes: Green Fees, 1/2 Cart, Zem-Zem on Course and Prizes for Closest to Pin on ALL Par 3's. Lockhart Cadillac will give a SPECIAL Prize on one Par 3. Dinner and Prizes at Winding Ridge Golf Club. Plus: Blue Lodge Trophy Contest (4-man team).  
Contact: Craig Hinshaw

## SEPTEMBER 10

**Johnson County Shrine Club, Hickory Stick Golf Club** \$65 each, 12 Noon Shotgun Start. Includes: Green Fees, 1/2 Cart, Prizes on Par 3's, Zem-Zem on Course, Dinner and Prizes at Johnson County Shrine Club after golf.  
Contact: Joe Inabnitt, (317) 730-1300.

# COMING EVENTS

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## APRIL

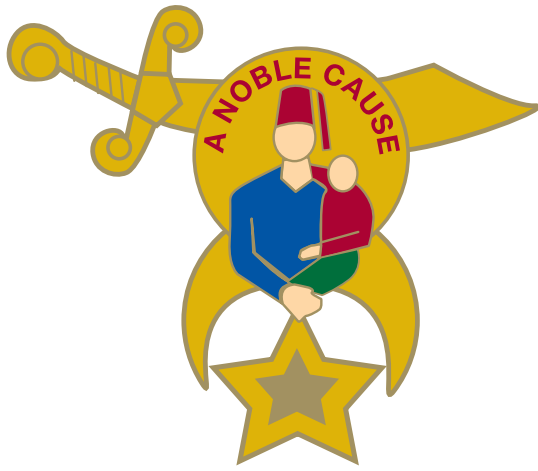
- WED. 1** **DEADLINE FOR MAY MAGAZINE**
- THU. 2** Caravan Club - Acacia Home Health Services, Rhonda Johnson
- FRI. 3** DJ Night in the Oasis
- SAT. 4** Grand Master's One-Day Class  
One-Day Class After-Glow  
Ringmaster's Banquet
- THU. 9** Caravan Club - Murat First Lady Debbie Proctor
- FRI. 10** Good Friday RockBand and Golf with NexGen at the Oasis
- THU. 16** Caravan Club - Indiana Civil War Battle Flag, Tom Williams, III
- THU. 16** Indianapolis AASR Convocation
- SAT. 18** Afterglow
- FRI. 17** Divan Meeting, Board Meeting  
**Stated Meeting 7 p.m.**
- MON. 20** Caravan Club - Better Business Bureau, Linda Carmody
- THU. 23** Ladies Brunch and Card Party
- SAT. 25** NexGen Murder Mystery: Kentucky Derby - Governor's Ball (contact us for tickets)
- THU. 30** Caravan Club - 2001 Liver Transplant Recipient, Ila Badger
- THU. 30** Smoky Mountain Fun Fest
- SUN. 3**

## MAY

- FRI. 1** **DEADLINE FOR JUNE MAGAZINE**
- THU. 7** Caravan Club - Ed Wolfe, Murat Recorder
- THU. 14** Caravan Club - Boy Scouts of America, Noble Tim Bouchard
- FRI. 15** NexGen Theme Night in the Oasis
- SAT. 16** Cincinnati Hospital Open House
- SUN. 17** Lexington Hospital Day
- MON. 18** Divan Meeting, Board Meeting  
**Stated Meeting 7 p.m.**
- TUE. 19** Grand Lodge Annual Communication
- WED. 20**
- THU. 21** Caravan Club - Racing History, Paul Page
- FRI. 22** Imperial Night - Shooter Band
- THU. 28** Caravan Club - Patrolman Jason Fishburn Down, Sergeant Dennis Fishburn
- FRI. 29** Potentate's "Sounds of Tennessee" Trip
- TUE. 2**

## JUNE

- THU. 4** 125th Anniversary of Murat Shrine Caravan Club
- SAT. 6** Murat Ceremonial  
125th Anniversary Celebration
- THU. 11** Caravan Club
- FRI. 13** Freemason's Hall Centennial Rededication Festival
- MON. 15** Divan Meeting, Board Meeting  
**Stated Meeting 7 p.m.**
- THU. 18** Caravan Club - Presenting a Comedy, Noble Bob Rini
- FRI. 19** Quarterly Birthday Party in the Oasis - hosted by NexGen
- FRI. 19** Paper Crusade - Indianapolis Area
- SAT. 20**
- THU. 25** Caravan Club



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