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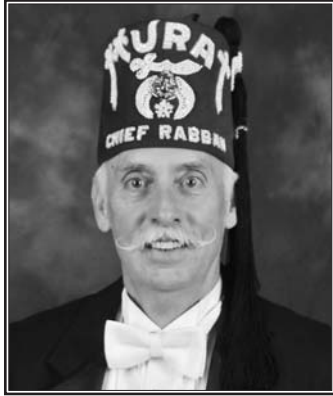
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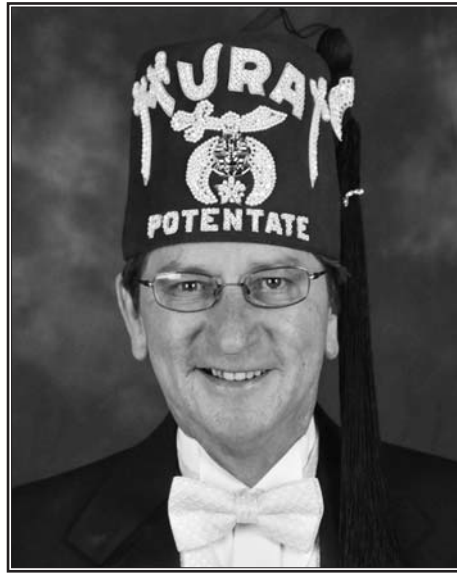
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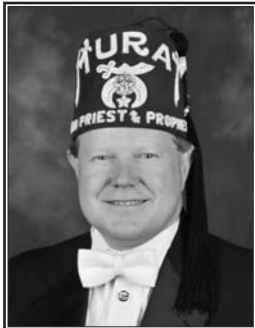
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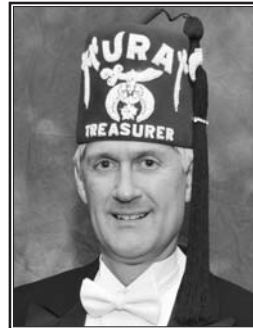
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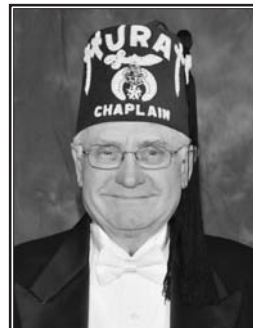
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POTENTATE MESSAGE

Potentate's Message

It seems like I just wrote my first article and now it's the last one.

I've been many places over the last seven years—places I probably would have never been, like Canada or San Antonio, but always wanted to visit. I've met many wonderful and interesting people ... made friends I would never have met and feel richer for having met them. Like Task Force 1, first responders, and firemen who are on the front of this magazine. What an amazing group of people. They don't consider themselves heroes but in my heart, every single one of them is. By the way, the German Shepherd in the picture is the last remaining rescue dog alive that went to Ground Zero.

I want to thank everyone who has helped me on this journey. From your advice, wisdom or simply a joke and a smile, you have enriched my life. I would like to thank Mike Moxley and Cliff Lewis for their support in putting the magazine together and doing a lot when at times I did not meet the deadline, but they still pulled it off. The cover photo is a great example as it was shot on November 5. I also need to thank our own "paparazzi," Imperial Photographer Bob Wilson, for taking that shot among hundreds of others along with Joe Krebsbach and the rest who took pictures to document the year. On November 5, I also had the honor of rededicating the Logansport Shrine Club—what a wonderful day.

I want to thank Ill. Sir Jeff Zaring for having the faith in me to be a leader of Murat, and finally I want to thank all of the nobility for putting your trust in me and supporting me over the years. Thank you all. It has been a real honor to serve you.

I started out the year with the theme "We Are Family" so most of all I want to thank my fam-

ily for allowing me to make this seven-year journey. I had to take time away from family and work but you all continued to support me—thanks so much to all of you, especially my wife Deb.

I wish you all the best in the coming year. I know Murat will be in good hands in the coming new year and ask you all to give Charlie your support.

Finally, I ask you all to remember why you became Shriners. Our hospital kids depend on us to support them; let's not let them down.

On December 3, we will have a full ceremonial dedicated to Illustrious Sir Jeffery P. Zaring. Please bring a candidate.

I wish you all peace, health, and prosperity in the coming year and may God Bless you and guide you.

I leave you with part of a poem written by Cheryl Sawyer which is on the monument at the Beams Memorial:

*"We are
 One color
 One class
 One generation
 One gender
 One faith
 One language
 One body
 One family
 One soul
 One people
 We are The Power of One"
 We Are One
 We Are Family*

Yours in Faith,

Kevin D. Rhodes
 Illustrious Potentate

About the Cover: Indiana Task Force 1 (IN-TF1)

BY TIM WHITAKER

On Saturday morning, November 5, 2011, Illustrious Sir Potentate Kevin D. Rhodes, the 100th Potentate of Murat Shrine, met and greeted members of the Indiana Task Force 1 Team.

The meeting took place at the 911 Memorial site located on the Canal in downtown Indianapolis. The purpose of the meeting was to recognize, thank and present a plaque to Team Leader Battalion Chief Tom Neal and other members of the Task Force for their dedicated service to our community.

The history of the "Task Force Team" goes all the way back to 1992 when a small underfunded group of rescue personnel and firefighters joined together, training and working to become an elite group of rescue personnel capable of deploying anywhere in the continental United States. (CONUS)

Equipped with first-rate heavy rescue equipment, sophisticated electronic equipment, search and rescue canines, and highly trained search and rescue specialists, the small group has now grown to more than 200 highly trained men and women.

One of only 28 specialized teams, Indiana Task Force 1 (IN-TF1) is highly trained through grants and monies from the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and is now considered one of the best Urban Search and Rescue Teams (USAR) in the United States.

This local Team has been deployed nationally to the World Trade Center after the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks; Biloxi, Mississippi, after Hurricane Katrina; Louisiana and Texas after Hurricanes Gustav and Ike; and locally to Lafayette, Evansville, and Indianapolis after severe weather struck those areas of our state.

Potentate Rhodes is very proud of the Team and its members, and it was his honor to recognize our own "LOCAL HEROS" of Task Force 1.

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As we approach the end of 2011, it's hard to believe how fast this year has gone. As we reflect back on 2011, we have experienced many great parades, events and a Shrine Circus. I would like to thank each noble for their hard work, loyalty, and commitment to Murat and the Shriners Hospitals. By the time you receive your December magazine, we will have had a great ceremonial on December 3. Please take the time to welcome these new nobles to the fraternity and invite them

to attend your Club or Unit meeting. A happy Shriner only makes the fraternity grow stronger!

There are several important dates to remember in December. We have the Kids' Christmas party on December 11 and this is always a well-attended event. Several Clubs/Units will be hosting their annual holiday parties and installation of officers for 2012. December 19 is the Stated Meeting and election of officers for 2012.

Flying Fezzes

John Ellis

The Flying Fez were again pleased to participate in the Martinsville Fall Foliage Festival Parade. Our airplane performed wonderfully in the parade with David Beaman as the "pilot." Members who participated in the parade or helped with setup were Bob



Bill Reisa, President John Ellis, and Vice President Bill Lambing.

Ferguson, Terry "PeeWee" Kimble, David Beaman, Bill Reisa, Bill Lambing, John Blaydoe, and John Ellis. Many thanks to those who participated. We had a great time! Additional thanks to "PeeWee" for hosting another wonderful get-together at his house following the parade!

At our Stated Meeting on October 10, it was announced that the Flying Fez Christmas party for the members will be held on Monday, December 12. Further details will be forthcoming. The Christmas party for the kids at Lutherwood Social Services will be held on December 22. Please mark your calendars for these great annual events.

During our Stated Meeting, President Ellis presented an interesting video of the Air Adventure Museum at Oshkosh, WI. This museum is virtually a "tour" of aviation history from Orville and Wilbur Wright to modern-day experimental aircraft. The museum has many interesting exhibits of aircraft constructed by individuals here in the U.S. Many of our members who viewed the presentation have been to the museum and were very happy they had made the trip. This video brought back many memories of their visit to the museum.

Our November Stated Meeting on the 14th was devoted to electing the 2012 officers and board members.

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From an early age, Sara Champ played sports, participated in 4-H, made excellent grades and had many friends. When she was 13, she began to experience agonizing back pain. She says, "After nearly two years of hearing doctor after doctor tell me I was creating my own pain and that I should 'just learn to deal with it,' my mother heard of Shriners Hospitals from a friend and decided to do some research on the hospital."

Sara continues, "After completing application forms and being recommended by a Shriner who works with my father, I was accepted as a patient at Shriners Hospital in Chicago. I was 15 years old at that time. I was diagnosed with a fractured L5 vertebra by a specialist at Shriners Hospital and was on my way to recovery in the blink of an eye. I was diagnosed during my very first appointment and began the healing process. I was in a back brace for a while, went through a rigorous physical therapy program, and eventually was given a pain-blocking shot in my lower back. Before receiving treatment at Shriners Hospital, the pain made it impossible to participate in athletics. I also had learned to alter my daily activities to compensate for the pain. Because of my incredible experience with Shriners, I am now able to function normally on a daily basis, and I am even running in my spare time. I realized my medical condition was far less severe than some of the other patients I saw in the hospital. I was amazed at the wonderful care we all received."

Sara and her family are extremely grateful for the medical care she received. Sara recently said, "After experiencing the hospital and its incredible staff, I felt moved to give back. A high school assignment was a senior project that would benefit the community in some way. I chose to go beyond my close community by raising money for the Chicago Shriners Hospital where I was treated. I began the project in my junior year by digitally creating, printing, and selling a memoir book for my high school's football team. I also made a memoir book for my senior class as well as hosted a staff vs. student flag football game.



I chose football as the subject of my project to help inform my community of the annual East-West Shrine Game and about what those men with the 'funny little hats' in the parades stand for. By the end of my senior year, I had raised more than \$500 for my project and received an award for my hard work. Though the "A" on my project symbolizes achievement, I do not plan to stop there. I am very excited about the future and I hope to accomplish all of the goals I have set for myself."

Obviously, the medical care she received invigorated Sara. Here are some of her accomplishments: Jefferson Willing Workers 4-H Club – ten years (president and vice president one year each, secretary two years, community service project committee, group project involvement, county fair setup and tear down, and state fair setup); Cass County Junior Leaders – six years (president and vice president one year each); Lewis Cass Junior Leaders – six years (president and vice president one year each); Lewis Cass High School band representative – two years; Junior Leader Day committee member; community Easter egg hunt volunteer; Valentines for Vets community service involvement; tractor pull food stand volunteer and community judging volunteer; student council – three years (secretary and treasurer, one year each); senior, junior and sophomore class representative; homecoming committee member; staff recognition day committee member; Students Against Destructive Decisions – three years (secretary one year); senior, junior and sophomore class representative and SADD dance committee member; Fellowship of Christian Athletes – four years; United Way Youth Council – two years (Lewis Cass High School representative and canned food drive committee member);

Walton Christian Church Praise and Worship Team – one year and Lafayette Awakening – one year; Shriners Hospital for Children advocate (senior project monetary donation); Special Olympics volunteer – one year; State Junior Leadership conference counselor – one year; Mini 4-H day camp counselor – six years, head counselor – one year; Thompson Elementary Backpack Program volunteer; Emmaus Mission Center volunteer; Extension Homemakers Food Stamp volunteer and Operation Christmas Child volunteer.

Her athletic interests include: boys' football manager – four years; boys' wrestling manager – three years; boys' baseball manager – two years; Royal Center Youth League Soccer – six years (referee two years). Other accomplishments include: 2011 Lewis Cass High School homecoming queen; 2011 SADD dance queen; Cass County Extension Homemakers scholarship winner; Nina Mason Pulliam Scholars Program finalist; Outstanding Senior Project Award.

Sara says, "I am forever grateful for the health care, financial support, and hospitality I experienced because of Shriners and I feel moved to give back. If my back pain had continued, I could never have accomplished what I have done and what I hope to do. Relief from that pain gave me new energy." Sara became aware of Murat Shriners Business Connection, which offers scholarships to patients or former patients of Shriners Hospitals. Because of her outstanding grades and other activities, Sara received a \$1,000 scholarship.

Sara says, "I am extremely grateful for the scholarship and I am putting it to good use at Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis. I am a freshman, studying Secondary English Education."

Sara is modest about her accomplishments, but is quick to praise others. She says, "My family and friends have helped shape me into the young woman I have become. I would not be the person I am today without their love and support. One person who has made a huge impact on my life, both academically and personally, is Grace Scott. She inspired me to stay strong in my faith and stick true to my morals. She encouraged me to set my goals high and work to my full potential."

Sara has the highest praise for Shriners who have transported her to the Chicago hospital. One such Shriner is Tom Keplar, Hospital Coordinator for Logansport Shrine Club. Sara says, "I would like to say thank-you to everyone I came in contact with throughout my Shriners experience, and I can only hope that all future patients and scholarship recipients feel as honored as I do."

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As my year as Maharanee comes to an end, I would like to express my sincere gratitude for all of the support our Guild ladies have given me this year. I am grateful for the opportunity to have served as your Maharanee. Many thanks to all of the officers and others who served Smyrna in making all of the events so successful this year. I wish all of the 2012 officers the best and know if Melanie gets the support that I did, 2012 will be another fun and successful year.

As promised in last month's article, I have included some pictures of our unit performances at the Guild convention. I hope you enjoy them.

I would like for everyone to remember that at our December Guild Night, we will be having a bake sale—our last fundraiser of the year. I hope you can find time in your busy holiday schedule to join us for our fun night. You don't have to be a member to join us at Guild Night; Smyrna is always looking for potential members, so please attend.

Please join Melanie Close and our 2012 officers for their public installation on December 17 in the Corinthian Room from 2 to 4 p.m.

I would like to extend my best wishes to everyone for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

It seems almost impossible that the

year is coming to an end. All of you helped make 2011 such a great success. This is what our Guild is all about.

December Calendar

Wednesday, Dec. 7 – Guild Night:
5:30 p.m. at Murat (Bake Sale)

Tuesday, Dec. 13 – Guild Stated
Meeting: 7 p.m. at Murat

Saturday, Dec. 17 – Officer
Installation at Murat: 2–4 p.m.

January Calendar

January – no Guild Night

Tuesday, Jan. 24 – Guild Stated
Meeting: 7 p.m. at Murat

Connie Cantrell is our Guild Night chairman; we are requesting you contact her for reservations at (317) 253-9766.

Be safe and we will see you at the meeting. Contact Dianna Craft for Cheer or Concerns, (317) 882-8587.

Always remembering our Shrine kids and supporting their education.

In tolerance, Maharanee Tammy Priest



Yacht Club

Delbert Drummond

I cannot believe this year is almost over! It seems like only yesterday that I took over the leadership of this great organization. Our Club is one of the largest clubs in Shrinedom and continues to grow each year. This year we had a very successful Knights of the Sea induction, a great fall party at the beautiful lake home of Joann Perkins, and a great bus trip to the riverboat casino. In addition to monthly meetings, we have weekly informal luncheons at the Kennington Legion at 6440 Westfield Blvd. in Broad Ripple each Friday at noon, and everyone is welcome to attend. No reservation is required. Come and enjoy some Zem-Zem and fellowship with us.

I have been honored to serve as your commodore this year and want to thank all of the staff and volunteers who assisted me. A special thanks to our Past International and Murat Yacht Club Commodore Bob Dancy who continues to promote our Club at every opportunity and is the engine that drives the train for the Yacht Club. Also, I want to thank Past Commodore Ted Stewart and his wife, Joanne, who have taken on the responsibility of keeping in touch with the 300 plus members of the Yacht Club. It is a difficult and daunting task and they have performed quietly, efficiently, and admirably.

By the time you read this article, we will have a new staff of leaders and all of us need to support them in their endeavors and attend the various meetings and functions the Club sponsors. This year, we will attempt to incorporate Yacht Club functions with the functions of the Shrine in general. We are so large that by necessity we must use the internet as the main tool of communication. Therefore, we must have your e-mail address if you want to know of our functions. Contact Ted Stewart at Stew0627@aol.com for any address changes. The Murat temple is made up of Clubs and Units and if you have joined the Shrine and have not joined a Club, you need to think about what you are missing. The Yacht Club is only \$15 per year and your membership card will automatically give you reciprocity with more than 2,000 yacht clubs in America. Beat this if you can! We feel the Yacht Club deserves its reputation as the best deal in Shrinedom!

Until we meet again, we wish you fair winds and following seas!



MURAT

Children's Christmas Party

Sunday, December 11, 2011

Murat Arabian Room

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Party Begins at 1 p.m.



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Murat – Tunisian Room

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8pm: Music / Karaoke

9pm: Misfitz of Miami University and then Murat Quartet

9:30pm: 50/50 drawing & Karaoke Starts



RSVP is appreciated to Kevin Scott (317) 409-0591 by Friday, Dec. 9, 2011
Please show up even if you cannot or do not RSVP.

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- In 2008 rewarded with Best Vocal Percussion, Best Choreography, and Best Soloist awards.
- Hosted ICCA in 2008.

Ceremonial December 3, 2011

In Honor of Jeffery P. Zaring

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| 8 - 8:45 a.m. | Registration, fez size (Temple Office – Mecca Room). Fraternal Office/Reception Unit/Directors Staff get candidates to First Section. |
| 9 - 10 a.m. | First Section (Arabian Room), Cast/Chanters. First Section executive aide (facilities) or Oasis event set up. |
| 10 - 10:15 a.m. | Shrine History (Arabian Room), Art Borton |
| 10:15 - 10:45 a.m. | Class Picture (Arabian Room), Temple Photographer |
| 10:45 - 11:45 a.m. | Physicals (Corinthian Room), Directors Staff |
| 12 Noon - 1 p.m. | Lunch (Arabian Room), Oasis Events |
| 1 - 1:30 p.m. | Unit Fair (Tunisian Room). Office to send out letters. |
| 1:30 - 2:30 p.m. | Second Section (Corinthian Room), Directors Staff |
| 2:30 p.m. | Social |



Mobil Nobles

Craig Stevenson

For unto you a Child is born ... A Savior, which is Christ the Lord.

That bible verse was shortened and changed slightly, as are so many things surrounding Christmas that have been changed, denatured, diluted, watered down, and downplayed for convenience, political correctness, or marketing appeal.

I would humbly request that we as Shriners do two things this Christmas season: (1) Remember the true reason for the season and (2) Remember the Shriners Hospitals children and their

families and why we do what we do all year.

Winter is here now, no doubt about that, so please be careful out there in the ice and snow, getting to the car and while driving because we want to see you about 6 p.m. for social hour and at 7:30 for our Mobil Noble meeting the second Friday of each month. We'd like to welcome our newest member, Fred Wade, to the Mobil Noble family.

God Bless Us Everyone ... and Merry Christmas to All!!

Tarum

Jeff Dickey

Merry Christmas to one and all from Tarum Shrine Club. Thanksgiving has come and gone. The turkey is done, we think. Shopping is in full swing for Christmas. One thing more, we all need to take a moment to reflect upon the true meaning of Christmas and the promise it brings to us. Please remember those who are less fortunate than us and keep those brave men and women in our armed forces in your prayers.

December will be a busy month at the Club. There is, of course, the Children's Christmas party, holiday rentals, and Friday dinners. Contact any of the Tarum ladies or Tarum officers to see how you can help at the children's party or at one of the holiday bashes. Come to dinner on Fridays.

In November, we had election of officers for both men and women. I hope there were some of you who stepped forward to guide the Club. At the time of this writing, the elections had not been held. Being an officer is some work, but it is necessary that we have them. This is your Club, so see how you can help it and have fun doing so. Thank you to the officers from 2011—you kept the Club going and made sure that functions went as they should.

Once again, a very Merry Christmas to one and all.

See you at Tarum.

Legion of Honor

Bob Watson

Hello to all from the Legion of Honor.

I sure hope everyone had a good Thanksgiving and didn't get too carried away with the turkey. Can you believe Christmas is right around the corner? I hope most of you are much farther along with your Christmas shopping than I am. Man, I need to get with it.

I have a correction to make. In the October article, I reported that our Unit made a trip to the Shriners hospital in Lexington in September. Sometimes this happens when you report on an event as if it's already taken place even though it hasn't. At any rate, that trip has now been re-scheduled for sometime in April or May.

October 22, our friends at the Madison County Shrine Club held their "October Fest." I attended this event and can report they really did a bang-up job. It was a celebration of everything German, complete with a demonstration of German dancing by a local dance troupe. The food was great, especially the apple crisp, and as always lots of fun for everyone.

Nobles, don't forget we will be having a "Hot Sands" ceremonial on December 3 to be held at the temple. As usual, our Color Guard will be on hand to present colors and get the day's festivities started. We will also have a booth at the Unit Fair. Hopefully, we will be able to convince some of the new nobles who are military veterans to join our happy little group.

On December 13, we will hold elections to determine our officer lineup for the coming year.

Then on December 20, we will make our semiannual visit to the VA hospital, here in Indianapolis, to visit with some of our military brothers. During these visits, we distribute socks and quarters. The guys and gals can use the quarters in the wee hours of the night in the vending machines. Patients really seem to appreciate us taking the time to stop by and chat with them, and I know our guys and their ladies find these visits very rewarding.

One last note: at our October Stated Meeting, Chief of Staff Tony Stout was given permission to proceed with plans to develop a "Challenge Coin" for the Murat Shrine Legion of Honor. A design has been approved and Tony is going full steam ahead. I will keep you posted on the progress.

Well, I think it's about chow time, so I better close and head to the "Mess Hall."

Soooo, as Roy Rogers and Dale Evans used to sing, "Till we meet again." Remember, it's an honor to belong to the Legion of Honor.

The other night, I settled down to the TV and watched an old movie, one you may remember too, "The Day the Earth Stood Still." At the end of the movie, my thought process drifted to how people once thought that the earth was flat and did not understand gravity or how the earth spun. Sounded like a great topic to explore. What do people know about the travel of the earth?

After looking into the question, I found a few interesting sources of information. Wow, is there a lot of information and a number of facts and opinions as to how the earth spins and what that affects. For example, the ebb and flow of the oceans and seas are a result of the rotation of the planet and pulls from other planets. The tides do not cause changes in the rotation by themselves. So I dig deeper into this topic.

I was surprised to learn scientists did not find the earth's inner solid iron core rotates faster than the planet itself until 1936. That is within the past 75 years! The core is estimated to be roughly the size of our moon and is surrounded by a much larger liquid outer core. Together they form what could be considered a giant electrical motor.

The inner core rotates in the same direction as the earth, but completes its once-a-day rotation about two-thirds of a second quicker than the entire planet. That is remarkably fast in geological terms. Over the past 100 years that extra speed has given the core an extra quarter turn on the planet as a whole. This in fact could be the cause of continental drift. It takes 400 years for the inner core to make a complete revolution inside the earth.

Earthquakes can change the earth's rotation too by rearranging the earth's mass. Because earthquakes involve movements of tectonic plates and large quantities of water, they permanently displace the earth's crust and result in deviations in the rotational motion. Even the last earthquake that devastated Japan has changed the tilt of the earth and our time. Even the atomic clocks were made incorrect.

In the case of earthquakes, the amount of redistributed mass is comparably small to the mass of the entire planet. Likewise, the distance over which that mass is moved is comparably small to the size, or radius, of the planet.

The amount of catastrophic earthquakes that have begun to occur would give good reason for one to think that Mother Earth is undergoing changes consistent with those in the past. A prime example was the 8.8 magnitude earthquake in Chile on February 27, 2010, a few days after the 7.0 magnitude earthquake that struck Haiti, killing thousands. Luckily for Chile, their building infrastructure was intact, unlike Haiti's. So, only a few people lost their lives.

The Chilean earthquake was no normal earthquake, earthy speaking! It not only caused local damage in cities and towns, but it also caused damage to the earth's axis, according to a NASA scientist. This means that the normal rotation of the earth has been changed. An immediate consequence of such change

is the advent of shorter days.

As an inhabitant of Mother Earth, this is a very scary thing! If these massive earthquakes continue to occur, we may no longer have days. If each time a massive earthquake struck, time is deducted from a day, then we will soon run out of days! According to the scientist, the Chilean earthquake shortened an earthly day by 1.26 microseconds. This is not good news. (Article source: <http://EzineArticles.com/3861161>)



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It is time to set the groundwork for our 68th Murat Shrine Circus. The 2012 circus will be held at the Pepsi Coliseum starting on Thursday, March 1, so it is time to get the big wheel turning. The acts have been contracted and the novelties are on their way. But the real foundation is yet to be completed—YOU!!! We need all of you to help make this a great show for kids of all ages. Our Murat Circus is looking for volunteers to help facilitate the various functions of the circus. Everything from setup on Wednesday—novelty sales, ushers, ticket takers, selling programs—this is a chance for you, your lady and family to have a fun and rewarding experience.

Activity Book Ad Sales

It is also time for all of our Clubs and Units to get busy with our ad sales for the 2012 activity book. This is a great way to raise money for your Club or Unit. Twenty percent of your sales go right back to the Club/Unit who sold it; if you sell more than \$10,000, your Club/Unit will receive 30 percent of your sales. Here are the ad prices for 2012:

1/8 page ad	\$75
1/4 page ad	\$150
1/2 page ad	\$250
Full page ad	\$350

Contracts have been sent to the

Club/Unit leadership. Just a note in order to be fair to the people/business that place an ad in our book—please get the best possible version of their logo. The sold ad contract should be turned into the Fraternal Office or e-mailed to Julie Grammer (Julie@MuratShrine.org). The cutoff for the ad sales is January 16, 2012. In 2011, we gave out 20,000 tickets to special needs children, senior citizens, and schoolchildren for the Thursday, Friday and Saturday morning shows who otherwise would not have been able to enjoy a great circus. Please help by supporting your Club/Unit as well as our Murat Shrine Circus.

Corporate Sponsors

This program is designed to give more to those companies who want to take an interactive part in our circus. We currently have four levels of corporate sponsorships and just like the ad sales, if a Club/Unit brings a corporate partner to the circus, this will be included with the total ad sales.

Below are the corporate sponsorship levels:

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I would also like to thank Ill. Larry Jefferson, P.P., and Recorder Ed Wolfe for all of their efforts and time with this very important project.

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Saturday, March 3 7:00 pm			
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20TH ANNUAL Murat Leadership Seminar

Saturday, January 21, 2012

9 AM – 1 PM

Arabian Room, Murat Temple

Johnson County Mini-Mystics

Dave Alspaugh

It's the 12th month of the year ... December 2011. Soon, Santa will be loading the sleigh and making preparations for his annual trip to deliver toys to all the good little boys and girls. Yes, this is the holiday season where almost everyone turns into little kids.



Mini-Mystics saluting their ladies at the Franklin parade.

Being the end of 2011, the Mini-Mystics just recently elected officers for the new year 2012. Introducing the people who will lead the Club for the next 365 days, and if they look or sound familiar, they are! Returning as president is Lee Langlotz. Lee is serving his second term as president. I will be returning as vice president and Murat Magazine reporter. Secretary/treasurer will be Duane Burgess who returns for his fourth year in that office. All will be sworn in by the Divan at our Christmas party. From all the members, Good Luck, and let's make 2012 a big year.

Mentioning the Christmas party, it will be held December 10 at the Johnson County Shrine Club. The Club is working together with the Shrine Club to have a joint party. Dinner will be prime rib with all the trimmings. After the swearing in of officers, Larry Taylor and his wife will spin the records for the dance. This party is open to all our friends and is \$30 per couple.



Randy Bell driving Barry Cook, president of Shrine Club, in the Franklin parade.

I mentioned earlier we had elections. Well, let me tell you ... that was the best attended meeting we've had all year. Some faces we had not seen in a while were there. It was good to see them. Also, we were very happy to see Dan Gillahan on the road to recovery after a tumor removal from his brain. Also, Bob Rash, Sr. was in attendance. Bob was happy to announce that he just recently turned 94. It was great to see both of these old faithful members.

Winding up the year 2011, I suppose it should be noted that the Club's special awards, the Breakdown Necklace as well as the Screw-up Award, will carry over into the winter in the homes of these members: Randy Bell – Breakdown Necklace and Lee Langlotz – Screw-up Award.

Let it be said, the awards are in good hands!

To all our Shrine friends, our neighbors, and families ... from the Mini-Mystics and their wives, Happy Holidays and may they be meaningful.

See you next issue.

Kentucky Colonels Club

Dennis Scott

THANKS COLONEL PRESIDENT –

On behalf of the entire Club, I would like to thank our 2011 president, Mike Harrison, for a job well done. During 2011, we worked at the circus, participated in the Paper Crusade, and had several social outings. Thanks also to the officers and members of the board, and especially the members who supported the Club by working, and monetarily. As the year ends, we look forward to another successful year in 2012.

CRUISE – What a way to end the year but with a Kentucky Colonels Club cruise. We sailed the eastern Caribbean and had a great time from the beginning to the end. We managed to navigate around a strong storm that affected other ships. Our president, Mike Harrison, managed to eat every entrée offered and still had room for several chocolate warming cakes. Peggy Hoose won a special steak meal in the exclusive dining room and who did she choose as her partner but Mike Harrison. Mike Waldrup won some money at the slots and Karen Waldrup won a free cruise. Mike Harrison also won at Bingo. Yours truly won absolutely nothing. The best story



of the week was when Mike Harrison found a five-foot piece of a bamboo tree floating on the beach in Grand Turk and proceeded to take it aboard ship. We all thought it couldn't be done but to our surprise, he got it on board, through customs, and it is now proudly displayed in his home. We all have special memories of the trip and thank Mike and Mary Ann Harrison for putting together such a wonderful experience. (See picture of the group.)

INITIATION/CHRISTMAS PARTY

– Wednesday, December 7, is the date of our annual party. It will be held in the Tunisian Room at Murat. Please get your reservations to me as soon as possible. Social hour will be at 5:30 and dinner at

6:30 p.m. Our new officers will be installed and Christmas music entertainment will be provided.

KIDS' CHRISTMAS PARTY –

Sunday, December 11, 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, Noble Jay McLaughlin. Check the magazine for details.

LEADERSHIP SEMINAR –

The 2012 Leadership Seminar will be held on Saturday, January 21. It will begin at 9 a.m. This is the time all officers of the Clubs and Units receive information and instruction that will make their job easier. Please be sure to attend if you are a line officer, secretary, or treasurer.

NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION –

Please make one of your resolutions to attend as many meetings in 2012 as possible. The Club needs your input. We meet on the first Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m. in the Mecca Room. Hope to see you there!

RV Club

Dan Ouimette

The ancient mariners' saying "Time and tide waits for no one" could not be more true to the RV Club. It seems like yesterday we were preparing for the annual Christmas party and installation of officers but here we go again ... another year behind us and another Christmas party on the horizon! Where the heck did it go? Was my ship on a circular course? I think I may have been abducted by aliens or something because I totally missed most of the year! Or ... maybe it was the Maker's Mark?

The cold winds of November brought the election of new officers for the Club. Every good ship needs a fine captain to sail her and the RV Club had a great one in Dave Maudlin. Dave's sound judgment and solid leadership kept the Club on a steady course. As he passes

the helm to the able hands of Ron Estell, we thank him for all he did to make this year a resounding success.

We all welcome Mike Pfeiffer to the line as third vice president. Mike is a welcome addition to the leadership team. The other officer moves for the Club include: Doug Godme to second vice president, Dan Ouimette to first vice president, and Herb Green & Bob Bailey will continue to serve as secretary and treasurer. Jerry Wasson will relieve Jerry Weber as chaplain. Of course, none of these fine men could do anything without the tremendous love and support of their ladies. We all know that behind every good man is a woman giving him a slight push or kick in the pants, whichever is required. Thank you, ladies, for all you have done to make this past

year great. We know we can count on your continued support in the new year. Our Club could not run without you.

Many of our members are traveling this winter to seek calm winds and following seas in warmer climates. We wish them safe travels on the gentle trade winds; may they return to us quickly, rested and tanned. Those of us remaining will batten the hatches and prepare for the cruel winter ahead with the knowledge that spring WILL come and the first campout is only a few months away. Or that's what I keep telling myself as I shovel.

The RV Club is open to all nobles and their ladies. Whether you travel with a tent or a million dollar coach, please give us a call at (317) 308-0244; we would love to have you join us.

NexGen New Year's Eve Party

**Saturday, December 31, 2011
Murat Shrine
Tunisian Room / Oasis Lounge
7 p.m. - Midnight**

\$10 Cover at the Door to cover food and champagne, etc.

Champagne toast at midnight.

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Johnson County Shrine Club

Dave Alspaugh

A Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all our Shrine members and friends. That's the message coming from our 2011 president and officers. It's been quite a year!!

Barry Cook has done a really good job as he completes his year as president. He has almost lived at the Club. It seemed any time I chose to go to the Club, Barry was there. One time, during one of the progressive Euchre game nights, he was there. Yes, he was right there at table 2. After about six or seven games, he was still there ... at table 2. Finally, someone explained the idea of the game was to score enough points to move to other tables.

Barry resorted to lots of new things to stir up some interest in the Club. He served FREE shrimp on Wednesday evenings, he brought in bands for dances ... incidentally, the most recent dance was just a couple of weeks ago with Scott Coner and his



Barry Cook and Duane Burgess



Halloween party this year still linger. The only thing that would have made his outfit better was a short person (maybe Ron Bailey) dressed as his sidekick "Robin" instead of a tree ... just kidding, Barry, you made a good Batman. By the way, did the bar ever cut you a tab for Batman?

Well, as the new president, Duane Burgess, steps in to take over the Club for 2012, he says he'll be following Barry's lead. There will be lots of new events to bring the message home. The kitchen will still be open on Fridays. Bring some friends to a good meal and an introduction to Shrine Clubs. Also, the annual calendars are for sale at the bar with weekly, monthly, and special days. Pick one up ... who knows, maybe one of those \$1,000 winners could be you.

Well, from the officers of 2011, we wish all a very happy, safe, and prosperous New Year.

See you next issue.

Reedy's Dream Band. Another offering was a bus trip to Churchill Downs in Louisville. There were many parties.

During his year, sadly he lost his wife. Barry has continued on, but the loss was quite evident. The cards and letters from his many Shrine friends have helped quite a lot, but Sue is dearly missed.

As we near Barry's last days as president, memories of him at the

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Greetings Nobles and Ladies,

The parades are over and fall is going oh so fast. The holiday season is upon us and the month of Thanksgiving we gave thanks for this great country. We give thanks for our families and friends and the many people who support the Shriners Hospitals here in the United States, Canada, and Mexico ... the doctors, nurses, and administrative staff; the people who keep the hospitals clean, and don't forget the drivers who transport the children to the hospitals.

The Desert Patrol paraded at the Tipton Pork Festival before the September party and the picture says it all. Pictured are President Jerry Stamm, P.P., Jeff Mock, Wendell Hilligoss, Terry Dickey, and Gary M. Dalzell. It was a lot of fun and brought a lot of laughter from the crowd.

During the month of September, the Desert Patrol hosted their fall party. Thanks to Patrol President Jerry Stamm and his Lady Brenda for chairing the event and their committee.

By the time this newsletter comes out, we will already have had our Oktoberfest party in October, chaired by Clyde House and his Lady Carla. Not having an Oktoberfest party in a long time, this was sure to be fun.

On November 19, we had our Thanksgiving party hosted by the Ladies Club. The President's Appreciation party will be December 11 and the Christmas party December 17 with Bruce Skinner and his Lady Debbie chairing; the band will be Kyxx.



Remember to give thanks for what we have and enjoy your family and friends.

I know the ladies are looking for that great day which is the Friday after Thanksgiving, and I actually did it last year at 5 in the morning and can say that will be my last one.

Again nobles and ladies, we at the Madison County Shrine Club wish everyone a Merry Christmas.



Remember, nobles, to THINK POSITIVE.

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Yours in Shrindom ...

Transportation Club

Dennis Scott

THANKS NOBLE PRESIDENT – As 2011 comes to an end, on behalf of all Club members, I would like to thank our 2011 president, Mike Metzger, 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 well 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.

DRIVERS MEETINGS – Both Lexington and St. Louis hospitals held their drivers conferences recently. We now transport some patients to St. Louis in addition to the Lexington, Cincinnati, and Chicago hospitals.

KIDS' CHRISTMAS PARTY – Sunday, December 11, is the date for the annual Children's Christmas Party. Committee Chairman Bucky Everhart 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. Please try to park in the north parking lot for this event.

CEREMONIAL – The final ceremonial is on Saturday, December 3. There is still time for you to get your candidate signed up to go through this class. This ceremonial will be a "Hot Sands" and is for members only.

INSTALLATION/CHRISTMAS PARTY/DINNER – Our annual Christmas dinner and installation of our 2012 officers will be held on Thursday, December 15, at the University of Indianapolis. Social gathering will begin at 5:30 p.m. and dinner will be served at 6. Please note the change in date. Let's get together to honor our outgoing president and welcome our 2012 president and officers. Please have your reservations in to Chuck Crabtree by December 2. Cost is \$15 per couple and \$7.50 single.

LEADERSHIP SEMINAR – The Leadership Seminar will be held on Saturday, January 21, 2012. This is the time all officers of Clubs and Units receive valuable information and instruction that will make their job easier. Please plan to attend if you are a line officer, secretary, or treasurer.

SICK AND DISTRESSED – Please keep our president, Mike Metzger, in your thoughts as he has undergone heart surgery but should be back by the December celebrations. Also, keep all our ill members in your thoughts and prayers.

NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION – As the new year approaches, let's all resolve to make 2012 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 in the Mecca Room for dinner and go to the Mediterranean Room downstairs for our Stated Meeting.

Clowns

Allan Hall

Here it is almost the end of another year; for the most part, it has been a good one. But your Murat Shrine Clowns have plenty of shows left to do this year and 2012 will start off busy as well. We have been asked to do some night Christmas parades and Christmas parties. We really like doing the night parades as we decorate our old car with lights and have Christmas music playing. So come out and see us if we are in a town near you, plus you have not lived till you see some of us dressed as elves. We are having practice every Wednesday preparing for Christmas parties and the 2012 Murat Circus, and then we will have to get ready for the Potentate's Ball. If all goes well, we will have a clown with a handlebar mustache as Potentate for 2012. Speaking of the circus, we will have a new circus director this year. After many years of serving as circus director, Terry "PeeWee" Kimble has decided to step down and allow someone else to take over. Thanks, PeeWee, for all the years of service. Welcome Don "Cosmo" Waters. If you do not like the circus skits, call me and I will give you his phone number.

Our holiday party and officer installation will be held the second Wednesday of December. Rumor has it we will have a bald guy as president for 2012. That does not tell you much as most of us do not have a full head of hair. This is also the start of the 2012 Clown Year.

If you need clowns for any occasion, please be sure to call us at (317) 716-0676. Or if you would like to learn about clowns and clowning, our business meeting is the second Wednesday of each month—stop by and see us. We start the night off by having dinner in the lounge. We sit at the first table as you walk in and are easy to spot as we are always laughing and picking on each other.

In closing, let me leave you with this thought: Two clowns are eating soup; one clown looks over at the other and says, "Do you think this tastes funny?"

Veteran Car Club

Christopher A. Fields

Greetings from the Murat Veteran Car Club. We have had a good year with several parades and good participation from the membership. This year's three-day fall tour was led by Denny Fields to the Amish area of the towns of Berlin and Dover in eastern Ohio. The leaves had changed to their beautiful fall foliage colors.

The next scheduled parade was the Veterans Day parade on Friday, November 11, in downtown Indianapolis where we anticipated a big turnout for this well deserved spectacle. It was a great honor to participate in the parade and show our respect for those men and women who have proudly served this wonderful country.

Our president, Darrel Wilkinson, has planned this year's Christmas party for December 3 at 6:30 p.m. at the Rushville Court House. This is a madrigal dinner with the high school madrigal providing the program. We also plan to participate in the December 3, 2011, ceremonial at the Murat temple earlier that day.

The Murat Veteran Car Club is a unit that consists of antique and special interest vehicles. We meet the second Monday of each month at 7 p.m. in the basement of the Murat temple. A person does not need to own an antique or special interest vehicle to become a member of the Club. We will start planning parades and tours for the new year in the coming months. If you enjoy meeting people, toying with antique and special interest vehicles, come join us at a meeting on the second Monday of each month.

The Murat Veteran Car Club would like to wish everyone a safe and happy holiday.

Remember, it is always about helping the Shrine children, while having fun.

Reception Unit

Mike Metzger

It's hard to believe this year has gone by so fast. It seems like only a few months have passed since Sylvia Kay and I were elected president of the Lil' Istiks and the Reception Unit, respectively. It has been a privilege and an honor for both of us. Thank you.

Here are some of the upcoming events the Reception Unit will be participating in at the Shrine in December: Murat Shrine Ceremonial – Saturday, December 3, and the Stated Meeting – Monday, December 19 (election of officers).

Please come and join us at our Christmas party and installation on Tuesday, December 13, at the Murat Shrine in the Tunisian Room; social hour is at 6 p.m. and dinner at 6:30 p.m. Entertainment for the evening will be the Murat Chanters. Please send your reservations to Kent Smith, Sr., 8817 Nora Lane, Indianapolis, IN 46240, phone (317) 846-1650. Cost is \$30 per person and \$60 per couple. Reservations must be in by December 8, 2011.

We meet the second Tuesday of every month in the Tunisian Room at 5:30 p.m. for social and dinner, and we would like to invite you and your lady to join us. The ladies (Lil' Istiks) gather in the Mecca Room for a short business meeting and the men meet in the Mediterranean Room. Our first meeting in 2012 will be January 10—hope to see you there.

Sylvia Kay and I wish all a MERRY CHRISTMAS and best wishes for the NEW YEAR.

The Chanters had a great turnout for the annual Chanter's Men's Show, this year entitled "The Road to Calcutta," written by Ed Adams and including music by the Murat Chanters, Ed Adams, Mark Stansbury, and Suzanne Haugh (guest duet with Mark). Also included in this musical comedy were Charlie Crabtree and Faye Crabtree (as themselves), Joel Hall (sign presenter and quick-change artist), Tom Price (bartender and bus driver), and Charles Merlau (bouncer, State Police, and padre). The band was great, featuring Cathy Genung on keyboard and Kelly Glass on percussion (and sound system setup). The stage crew was also great, including David Fox on curtain and lights, Mac Fishburn on spotlight with backup by Mike Adams, and Elaine Thrasher on soundboard. Others included Tim and Beth Jennings managing the silent auction (with help from Elaine Thrasher, Linda Abdon, and Linda Lewis), Dick Abdon managing ticket sales and seating, and Mark Genung running the 50/50. While it was a lot of work for everyone involved, the performance came together nicely and everyone had a great time. We look forward to seeing you again next year.

From a musical standpoint, the Christmas season has already begun, so we are bringing out some old, and some very new, Christmas music. If you would like to hear the Chanters, we have appearances at Mystic Tie Lodge on Nov. 28, the



Grand Master's Widows and Brethren Luncheon on Dec. 10, the Murat Kids' Christmas Party on Dec. 11, the Reception Unit's Christmas Party on Dec. 13, and (quartet only) the Hancock County Shrine Club Christmas Party and Installation on Dec. 14 at the Bluebird Café in Morristown. After that "stretch run," we are going to take a break and meet next on January 2, 2012. If none of these appearances work for you, we could probably squeeze in one more performance for you before Christmas.

Thanks to all, especially the Directors Staff, for your support during 2011. We are bringing in a lot of new music and "schtick" for 2012 and hope you all enjoy it as much as we will.

If your Club, Unit, Lodge, York Rite, Kiwanis, Sertoma, American Legion, or other gathering of like-minded men and/or ladies is looking for entertainment, please give me a call at the number below for available dates. Likewise, we are available for "commercial" events with donations for our expenses and, if appropriate, to the Murat Transportation Fund. And now that the Super Bowl is back on track, if you have a contact to a local or visiting group that could use an hour of music-filled entertainment, please give me a call.

Next year is going to be very active. The Chanters will definitely be going to the 2012 Imperial Session in Charlotte and helping with the SCAI Chanter Competition. That will be in addition to our other Murat duties and performances, and weekly rehearsals. We are always looking for singers and once a person joins, he and his lady find it is one of their best investments.

Our rehearsals are at 7 on Monday nights, with many Chanters gathering in the Oasis Lounge in advance for food and libation. Please call Phil Thrasher at 407-3650 for information. Thanks.

Ladies Oriental Shrine

Barbara Smith

The holiday festivities are now underway with Thanksgiving behind us. We are seeing the red, green, gold, and silver colors of this season now appearing as well as other bright colors. Some of us are decorating what others enjoy watching—all of this from an armchair, or maybe being the director of these festivities. Our kitchens have all kinds of good smells and diets may be abandoned temporarily.

Speaking of baking, the ladies of Tarum Court are hosting Santa's Sweet Shop on Saturday, December 3, at the Speedway Masonic Lodge from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. Come and purchase a container and then fill it up with goodies. We are doing this in conjunction with the Speedway Masonic Lodge's Breakfast with Santa. Come and support our Masonic relationship.

Did you miss the pizzas? If you did or would like more, we will be making pizzas again on Saturday, January 21, at the Speedway Christian Church. Please contact us for an order form.

Please remember those in our court who are at the Masonic Home, nursing home, or homebound for whatever reason. We also need to remember our bigger family—the military personnel wherever they may be—and then especially the children in our Shriners Hospitals. We thank all of you who provide any kind of support given to the care of our children.

May the blessings of the season be with each and every one of you as you take a moment to count your blessings, big or small. Peace be with you this holiday season.



No matter your religious beliefs, the holiday season should allow us all to be extra nice to each other and enjoy the great feelings the season brings. This is my last Murat Magazine article as your NexGen president and I want to thank all of my supporters and the Unit volunteers who helped out at the NexGen and Murat events. Your support and participation were much appreciated and did not go unnoticed.

Thank you again to all of the volunteers who helped out with the annual Halloween NexGen party. John and Patti Stowers deserve a special thank-you for the use and setup of their Halloween decorations. The Halloween party allowed us to dress up in great costumes and have some "childhood" memories of fun and fellowship.

Congratulations to our new 2012 NexGen Unit officers. Please make sure you give them the same support you gave me, if not more, in 2012 for their meetings and events. As a reminder, 2012 NexGen dues are due.

UPCOMING EVENTS: Friday, December 16 – Misfitz/Murat Quartet NexGen Christmas Party; December 31 – Annual NexGen New Year's Eve Party/NexGen Officer Installation.

Please see the ads in this month's Murat Magazine.

If you have ideas on what you would like included in our 2012 events, please contact the 2012 president and officers at muratnexgen@gmail.com. The Unit meets the second Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. in the basement of the Murat Shrine and usually meets for dinner informally from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. in the Oasis Lounge. If you are interested in joining the Murat NexGen Unit, please feel free to contact any officer, NexGen member, or attend a meeting or activity event.

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It's No Mystery, Really!

For the last three years, the Murat Corvette Club has embarked on a caravan of Corvettes with spouses and friends included for a fully-planned mystery trip through a specific Indiana territory. The difference is only one couple has planned out the entire trip in great detail while all the rest of us follow like trusting lemmings. Each year we look forward to a full day of fellowship in the splendor of the fall season. The couple responsible for the detailed planning is this year's president, Gary Cleveland, fully aided by his "partner in the action," wife, Terry. The only hint offered prior to the trip is that we would drive through Cincinnati.

The trip began with all interested travelers meeting at a designated starting point near Camby, IN. We all thought this is NOT the way to Cincinnati, but still believed Cincy would transpire somehow. The count consisted of 14 Corvettes and two standard sedans. Walkie-talkies were checked, cell phone numbers exchanged, and we were off



on a chilly fall morning wondering what our day would consist of.

On SR 67 we drove through Brooklyn, Paragon, Gosport, Spencer, Freedom, Worthington, and even across a one-lane bridge in Newberry. Where else but Indiana would one find street names like Hooker Street, Drunkard's Pike, and Critter Road? There were some construction obstacles along the way which were nearly unnoticed as Terry and Gary utilized mapping methods to rethink our directions in seconds.

Finally, we were in Amish country being slowed down behind numerous horse and buggy teams along the way, causing us to dodge multiple "road apples" on our route. Finally, our destination was reached near Montgomery,

IN, at Gasthof Amish Village! It was a beautiful farm-like setting of a hotel, antique shop, gift shop, a flea market, Amish bakery, and beautiful, large gazebo facing a lovely lake nearby.

The main building housed an all-you-can-eat Amish buffet with many homemade foods including Amish peanut butter and apple butter. Was the food great? Let's just say there was a great deal more radio talk and activity noticed on the way there than when we came back to Indy via Bloomington, New Unionville, Helmsburg, and so on. Oh yes ... Cincinnati? Yes, we drove through it, as promised. Did you know there is a Cincinnati, Indiana?? You do now!

The evening ended with interested parties converging at Gary & Terry Cleveland's home for food, drinks, and discussion of the day's events. So why a mystery trip? Besides the obvious, it is one of the most anticipated events of this Club! The caring, laughter, sharing, and fun are really no mystery at all.

Daughters of the Nile

Ruth Ann Kelly

Christmas or greeting cards are sent as part of the traditional celebration for the Christmas holiday season. Everyone exchanges cards during the weeks following Thanksgiving and before Christmas Day. In 1875, the first official American Christmas card was given followed by cards with envelopes in 1920 containing nostalgic, sentimental, or religious themes. They are purchased individually, sold in boxes with the same or varied designs, or sent as computerized e-mail cards from Hallmark. The first official Christmas card showing White House scenes was sent in 1953 by U.S. President Dwight D. Eisenhower. Other types of Christmas cards include commercial, charity, home-made, computer, and the family's yearly letter. Christmas stamps and stickers round out this seasonal tradition.

Every member in Daughters of the Nile was saddened to hear of the passing

of Queen Sandra's husband, Art, in October. Many prayers, calls, cards, and condolences were expressed to her during this trying time of her life and to all her family members. It is a blessing to belong to our organization; Queen Sandra will definitely feel and know we are there for her. God bless you at this time.

Nile's "PACIFIC ISLES" luncheon and style show will be held on Saturday, January 14, in the Arabian Room. Doors will open at 10 a.m. for ladies to shop at the boutique booths and to offer bids on many silent auction items. The luncheon will be served at 11:30 followed by the style show presented by "Ginger and Spice." The following ladies will parade down the runway as "Pacific Isle" models: Audrey Apple, Dorothy Abel, Ruby Warmouth, LaDonna Culmann, Edwyna Nolan, and Gina Kerr. Come and bring your friends to see these gals "strut their

stuff" in their several beautiful outfits that you will just have to purchase as additions to your spring wardrobe. The price of this event is \$24 and reservations can be made by contacting these Past Queens: Manuella Jefferson at (317) 844-6222 and Ossie Pryor at (317) 638-8282.

Our Founder's Day program was presented in November by Kay Hinshaw. Thank you, Kay, for your time and thoughts in this yearly presentation honoring the years our organization, Daughters of the Nile, was originated.

Refreshment hostesses for our December 7 Stated Meeting will be the appointed officers. Pharaoh's Dancers will be serving refreshments for our January 4 meeting. Come, enjoy, and take part in our social hour following these Stated Meetings.

Closing Thought: Families are like fudge ... mostly sweet with a few nuts!!



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The website contains useful fraternity documents for nobles to download, such as the Fez Owners Manual, Membership Toolkit, Shriner Primer, Shrine Protocol and a pamphlet about the history of Shriners International. In its short existence, Shriners Village has become the communication engine for Shriners International.

"Given that there are 325,000 nobles all over the world, Shriners Village is a fantastic outlet for the fraternity to relay information to its nobility," said Jack Jones, executive vice president of Shriners International. "It is also a great way for Shriners to learn from one another so they can help their temples succeed."

Shriners Village also has an Events section with information about temple fundraisers and other activities. Any registered user has permission to post an event on the events calendar by clicking on the "Events" tab and then finding the "Events Calendar" on the left column of the page. To add an event, use the "Add Event" tab and then click the "Submit Event" button after the form has been filled out.

The Shriners Village development team will be adding new features to the website on a regular basis. One of the features will be member profiles, where nobles can upload photos and their information similar to Facebook. This new addition will make it possible for Shriners to find and contact other members. Also in the works is a new forum feature which will allow nobles to share ideas and thoughts in a private discussion area.

Visit www.shrinersvillage.com and register so you can be a part of Shriners' virtual community.



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 12. Entries must be received no later than December 30, 2011.
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Greetings Nobles and Friends,

Attendance was a little low for a second meeting since we came back from the summer break. We had 16 attendance in October compared to 19 last year same meeting. Year to date we are at 111 attending compared to 146 last year. As you all know, the Directors Staff has lost several members over the last couple years to the economy as well as ailments of beloved members. It was nice to see three of our four Nubians in attendance at the October meeting. We need everyone's attendance at all meetings to keep you abreast of coming events and need your participation in these events. We all hope Mike Karas is recovering from his illness and will be able to attend meetings in the future. Get well Mike—hope to see you soon.

Please keep us informed as to the ill health of any members you may have heard about so we can keep everyone up to date. With your help, I can try to make our articles informative and the best in Murat Shrine. Reminder: dues are

being collected at the December meeting—\$20 for full directors and \$10 for veterans. You can mail your check to me, Gerald Frost, at 3614 Mistletoe Dr., Indianapolis, IN 46227. Please make checks payable to the Directors Staff.

Volunteers are always needed for our events such as the circus, Paper Crusade, SDA, bus trips and summer picnics. If you would like to volunteer to be on any committee, please let your president or other Staff officers know your desires.

Remember to be selling circus ads as well as calendar tickets. These are good fundraisers for the temple and for the Directors Staff. All ads are due by January 16, 2012.

By now we will have conducted our first Directors Staff holiday party on November 19. We hope everyone had a great time and enjoyed the food and friends. If this was a success, you can be sure we will do it again next year.

Elections will already have been held and new officers elected. They are

not known as of this writing but will be published in the January issue. Hope everyone has a safe and happy holiday season. See you at the next meeting.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Stated Meeting is Dec. 19 @ 7 p.m. at Murat Shrine.

Next Directors Staff meeting – Dec. 12 @ 7 p.m. at Murat Shrine (SECOND MONDAY OF DECEMBER DUE TO THE HOLIDAYS).

Recruiting is still ongoing. Our goal is 10 good Nubians for 2011. If you need applications, please contact me and I will gladly send some to you ASAP. Feel free to invite prospects to attend any of our meetings held on the fourth Monday of each month. Exceptions for November and December are second Monday of the month.

We are always looking for good men to develop an even better Directors Staff. "Shriners ... Having Fun and Helping Kids."

Firemen's Club

Tim Whitaker

Merry Christmas Nobles,

Yes, it's that time of year! A time to gather with friends and family, to share fun, laughter, eat good food and enjoy the lifestyle that we all enjoy in this wonderful country we live in. Please keep our service men and women in your prayers as they help keep us safe in our homes.

As the year is close to ending, we must again look at our fraternity and see how we as Shriners can strengthen our Shriner family. Of course, the simple way is to increase membership. We can do so by Top-Lining a new member for the December 3 "Hot Sands" ceremonial. Our Potentate, Kevin D. Rhodes, would love to end his year with a large class. Talk with your friends and co-workers. Now is the time; we as Shriners need everyone's help to keep our fraternity strong. Top-Line today!

As Potentate Kevin D. Rhodes' year is coming to a close, we would like

to thank him and Lady Deb for a year of accomplishments and wish them well in all of their future endeavors.

President Mark Elder's year is also coming to a close with the elections that take place this month on December 7 at 7 p.m. Mark has had a good year and has been faced with situations that other presidents have not encountered. He has met all challenges head on and maintained a positive outlook for the future of our Club. We wish Mark well and hope he stays involved in the operation of our Club. Thanks also are extended to his wife Kelly for supporting her man as our president.

As you read this month's article and you celebrate the year and the holidays, please keep in mind the SHRINE CIRCUS is just around the corner. Now is the time to get those ads in and to make plans to volunteer again this year. I am happy to report we will once again have a "Public Safety Night" at the circus. More

information will be forwarded at a later date, but please start thinking about circus today! Did you know the Firemen's Club finished second in sales last year? Let's try to sell just a few more ads this year and see if we can attain our goal of being number one.

As we wind down 2011, we find we have lost some very active members during the year and they will be sorely missed. They have led our Club for many years and kept it active and viable. As we head into the coming year, I challenge some of our newer active members to step up and take an office. Help us continue the fine traditions of those we have lost. And please keep the family members in your thoughts and prayers of those members we have lost. It will be a difficult time for them—give them a call and let them know they are not forgotten. Merry Christmas!

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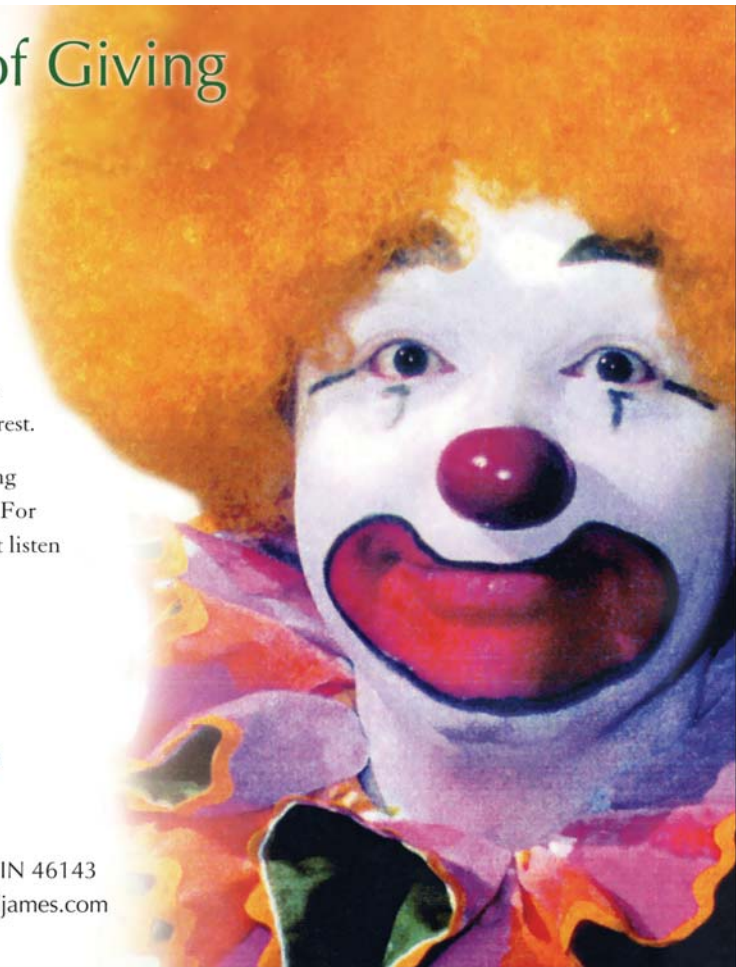
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Itinerary:
Tuesday, Jan. 24th- Travel Day
Wednesday, Jan. 25th- Golf available, Cocktail hour, and Dinner @ Legends Country Club
Thursday, Jan. 26th- Open house for Area Murat Members - Private room Holiday Inn, Fort Myers Beach with Hospitality Room.
Friday, Jan. 27th- Golf, Boat to Key West, Deep Sea fishing, and just relaxing in the sun on the beach: End of the day dinner in the beach area.
Saturday, Jan. 28th- Return Travel Day

Contributions

Photos by Dave McKinney

(October 2011)



Potentate Kevin Rhodes accepts a \$200 check for the Murat Transportation Fund from Club members Tracy Badgley, Imperial Photographer Bob Wilson, Joe Krebsbach, John Ulrich, and Jerry Lance.



Joe Inabnitt, Toddy Inabnitt, Bob Dancey, and Bob Bland, as representatives of the Johnson County Shrine Club, present three checks to Potentate Kevin Rhodes. A total of \$1,000 was given for the following: \$300 for the Lexington Hospital, \$400 for the Transportation Fund, and \$300 for the Children's Christmas Party.



Putnam County Shrine Club President John Jackman is joined by Club members John Blaydoe and Jerry Norman in handing over to Potentate Kevin Rhodes a check for \$2,476.15 from the Club's participation in the Paper Crusade.



Potentate Kevin Rhodes is given a \$5,000 check for the Transportation Fund from the Madison County Shrine Club by its president, Gary Dalzell, and Club member Steve Wilson.



Tri-County Shrine Club members Ralph Harvey, Sr., Ralph Harvey, Jr., and Dave Disponett accompanied Club President James Disponett in the presentation of \$10,000 to the Murat Transportation Fund, \$1,000 for a Circus Corporate Sponsorship, and another \$5,000 from their Ladies Auxiliary for the Transportation Fund.



Recorder Ed Wolfe gives Potentate Kevin Rhodes two checks. The first is \$1,000 on behalf of the Decatur County Shrine Club for the Transportation Fund. The second check is for \$100 and is presented on behalf of the Southeastern Indiana Shrine Club to the Jacoby Foundation for the proposed fence.

Scholarships



Murat Business Connection members Mel Anspach, Mitch Sever, Don Williams, Art Borton, Past Potentate Gary Lewis, Past Potentate Phil Thrasher, and Chris Kinsey are joined by Recorder Emeritus Gordon Husk and Potentate Kevin Rhodes in the presentation of two \$1,000 scholarships at the October 2011 Stated Meeting.

The first check went to Amanda Faulk who was accompanied by her grandmother, Ginny Griffith.

The second check was given to Neal Werle whose mother, Paula, was with him for the presentation.

Montgomery County Shrine Club

Bob Vanderkolk

The election of officers, the Christmas parade, and the Ladies' Night/Installation of Officers Night ... Hey, Dale Harmon, your super year is about up, I guess. Congratulations!! It was a full and most successful year!

The Ladies Night/Installation Banquet will be held December 10, 2011, again at the Elks Club in Crawfordsville. Attitude Adjustment time at 6, dinner at 7. Several nobles and their ladies will be there whom we perhaps don't get to visit with at other times of the year. Last year we first related the Attitude Adjustment time to start at 5:30 ... it started at 6. I guess everybody seemed to have a good time anyway.

We see where a Hugh M. Hargrove received an Award of Gold recently. That you Mike?? Our heartiest congratulations!!

It's Snowbird time again and Edd Consoer and lady have joined them down there somewhere. We'll see if we can track them down as time goes on.

Congratulations Potentate Kevin Rhodes!! Looks like from here you are closing out quite a year. Thanks again President Dale Harmon and nobles for another GREAT year!! "Shriners ... Having Fun and Helping Kids."

Patrol

Dan Ryan

We are having a Patrol Christmas party on Saturday, December 10, from 4 to 7 p.m. at the Beech Grove Bowl, Albany Street and 2nd Avenue, in (yes you guessed it) Beech Grove. This free event is for all Patrollers, their families and guests. Pizza and non-alcoholic beverages will be provided. Adult beverages will be available. And by some strange coincidence, there will also be some bowling going on. Be sure to mark your calendars, bring the kids, grandkids, and have a great time!

As you all know, we had a Reverse Raffle in the Corinthian Room at the temple November 5. We had a wonderful pork loin dinner with mashed potatoes, gravy, crunch salad, and the best cornbread muffins I've ever tasted! A \$1,000 grand prize was given away along with a 40" flat screen TV which was raffled off. The Assistant Rabban was the master of ceremonies and did an outstanding job.

As previously mentioned, the circus is coming up. Our past president and Divan representative, Jim Priest, is this year's circus chairman. Our vice president, John Montgomery, has been named the Patrol's circus chairman. He is responsible for coordinating the Patrol's ad selling efforts. We receive a 20 percent rebate for every ad we as Patrollers sell. This could result in quite a chunk of change for the Patrol. The ads almost sell themselves once your friends, bosses, vendors, and acquaintances know what it's all about. If you need Advertising Sponsor Contracts or sponsorship information, contact John or go to the Fraternal Office for all of the stuff you need.

The Cash Calendar Raffle is also going on. These tickets are only \$20 and make a great present for those "hard to shop for" people we all know. See Dan, our secretary, for your tickets or contact the Fraternal Office.

The photo is from our Weenie Roast/Bonfire in September: (L-R) Scott Eder, past president; Jim Priest, Assistant Rabban; and Mike Whitaker, treasurer.

Our brother and past president, Jack Bell, age 69, passed away October 24. He will be sadly missed by his wife, family and all who knew him. He was laid to rest October 27 in Winchester, KY.

Our next meeting is Tuesday, December 20, in the Patrol Room at the temple. See y'all there and have a very Merry Christmas.



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I seem to be caught up in nostalgia this month, but I guess it's alright to remember some of the past so long as we don't stand in the way of progress or change.

We all have heard of world famous John Philip Sousa, band director and composer. Many have heard of "The Quiet Man" Fred Jewell, director of "Hay-Day," Barnum and Bailey Circus composer, and Murat Band director from 1925 to 1935. But few have heard of probably the greatest of them all in almost obscurity: James Bradley (J.B.) Vandaworker of German heritage, director of the "Indianapolis News, News Boys Band" from 1900 until the late '50s, composer and a true builder of character. J.B., as he was affectionately labeled (Mr. Vandaworker to his face), also directed the Butler University band in the '30s and was an acquaintance of Sousa, Herbert L. Clark and Jewell. A stern disciplinarian, he earned respect with reasonable demands and challeng-

ing but attainable goals.

Recognition of this great, humble man is long overdue. Small in stature, a giant among his peers, his Masonic affiliation is unknown but 40 to 50 Bandsmen, past and present, served under J.B.'s baton as did hundreds of young men who might otherwise have fallen by the wayside. With his guidance and encouragement, they became the heroes and leaders of today's diminishing era.

Possibly the least known and most deserving, J.B. taught discipline, respect, leadership and responsibility as well as music at no cost to boys from 9 to 18. Oh what a lesson he taught by that leadership he displayed.

Harold Lloyd of silent movie fame was Imperial Potentate at the 1941 Indianapolis Imperial Session. One evening the Imperial Sir and Shrine Bandsmen from



Builder of Men.

coast to coast visited the "News Band" rehearsal in the old Peoples Dentist Building to pay tribute to J.B. and us siblings.

As a 17-year-old, I knew little of the Masonic fraternity or Shrinedom except seeing grown men enjoying life as they squirted ladies wearing silk stockings with water pistols, then rewarded them handsomely for any

damage or embarrassment they may have incurred (this was pre-nylon days).

Thirty-two years later as a rookie in the Murat Band, six other Murat Bandsmen had played under the baton of James Bradley Vandaworker before me and today, three or four who were in the band after me.

Needless to say, the impression imparted on so many is a fortune shared by all blessed by having J.B. pass our way.

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Shriners Hospitals for Children Honor A.B. Hudson: \$60 Million is largest single gift ever to SHC

His life's desire was to leave his full estate to the organization he loved and worked to support throughout his lifetime: Shriners Hospitals for Children®. On Oct. 22, the hospitals' officials will gather in St. Louis with A.B. Hudson's family and friends to honor him for a gift of more than \$60 million, the largest in the organization's nearly 90-year history.

Known widely throughout Kansas as a rancher, businessman, entrepreneur, inventor and benefactor, A.B. Hudson passed away in 2008 at the age of 84 at his home in Wichita Falls. A lifetime member of the Shriners International fraternity, he was a member of his chapter's Mounted Patrol and traveled the country – from California to the White House – with his beloved horse, Hobo.

In honor of his gift, Shriners Hospitals for Children will name its St. Louis hospital building for him.

"It humbles us to know that someone of Mr. Hudson's accomplishments had the lifetime desire to leave his estate to Shriners Hospitals for Children," said Douglas E. Maxwell, chairman of the Board of Trustees of the international pediatric hospital system. "This is the largest single gift any one donor has given to our hospitals, and it's perfectly fitting that we name our St. Louis hospital in his memory."

Hudson's daughter, Michele Rothe, members her family, and numerous friends, employees and colleagues of Mr. Hudson's will gather in St. Louis for the special ceremony in his honor Saturday, Oct. 22, at 4:30 p.m.

"Dad was very proud to be a Shriner and the accomplishments they made assisting children requiring medical care," said

Rothe. "I am proud that my dad's life desire was to leave this gift to Shriners Hospitals for Children and I know that his friends and I are also very proud to be part of his legacy and the ability to contribute to pediatric care."

Hospital officials say that this is the most significant donation in the organization's history, and allows them to perpetuate the mission of caring for children regardless of their ability to pay.

"We are thrilled that Mr. Hudson's family and friends will be here in St. Louis, so that we may show our gratitude for his support," said Mark Ringenberg, chairman of the hospital's Board of Governors. "It's people like Mr. Hudson who continue to inspire us as Shriners, as well as our staff members at the hospital, reminding us of the important mission we have the privilege of carrying out because of their generous support."

Mr. Hudson began working with his brothers after school at age 7. As a partner in Hudson Oil Company, which was later sold to Koch Oil, he began working full time at age 16. In 1958, he founded his own companies, Workingman's Friend and Highway Oil, which grew to more than 700 employees.

At one time, A.B. Hudson was one of the largest landowners in the state of Kansas. He was one of the largest independent cattlemen in Kansas and Texas for many years, and was known as a great steward of the land. In addition, he anonymously supported numerous projects in addition to Shriners Hospitals for Children, such as rebuilding churches, supporting museums, and creating a foundation to build new homes for tornado victims in Greensburg, Kansas.

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DECEMBER

THU. 1 DEADLINE FOR JANUARY
MAGAZINE
SAT. 3 Murat Ceremonial
SAT. 10 Texas Hold'em
SUN. 11 Children's Christmas Party
MON. 19 Divan Meeting, Board Meeting
Stated Meeting 7 p.m.
Annual Meeting and election
of officers
FRI. 23 Fraternal Office Closed
SUN. 25 MERRY CHRISTMAS
FRI. 30 Fraternal Office Closed

JANUARY 2012

SUN. 1 HAPPY NEW YEAR!
MON. 2 DEADLINE FOR FEBRUARY
MAGAZINE
SAT. 14 Grand Lodge Founder's Day
Texas Hold'em
MON. 16 Divan Meeting, Board Meeting
Stated Meeting 7 p.m.
SAT. 21 Murat Leadership Seminar
TUES. 24- FLORIDA VISITATION
SAT. 28

FEBRUARY

WED. 1 DEADLINE FOR MARCH MAGAZINE
SAT. 11 Texas Hold'em
FRI. 17 Little Pig Initiation
MON. 20 Divan Meeting, Board Meeting
Stated Meeting 7 p.m.

MARCH

THU. 1 DEADLINE FOR APRIL MAGAZINE
THU. 1 - Murat Shrine Circus
SUN. 4
SAT. 10 Texas Hold'em
MON. 19 Divan Meeting, Board Meeting
Stated Meeting 7 p.m.
SAT. 24 Potentate's Ball

APRIL

MON. 2 DEADLINE FOR MAY MAGAZINE
FRI. 13 Ringmaster's Banquet
Band Night
SAT. 14 Texas Hold'em
MON. 16 Divan Meeting, Board Meeting
Stated Meeting 7 p.m.

MAY

TUE. 1 DEADLINE FOR JUNE MAGAZINE
SAT. 5 Murat Shrine Ceremonial
SAT. 12 Texas Hold'em
MON. 21 Divan Meeting, Board Meeting
Stated Meeting 7 p.m.
THU. 24 Murat Shrine Memorial Service
FRI. 25 Band Night

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