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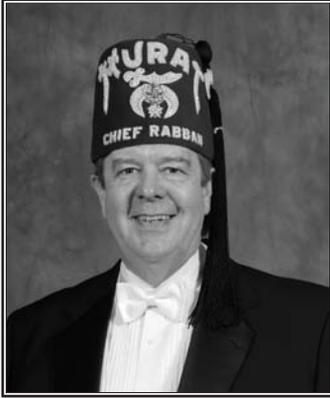


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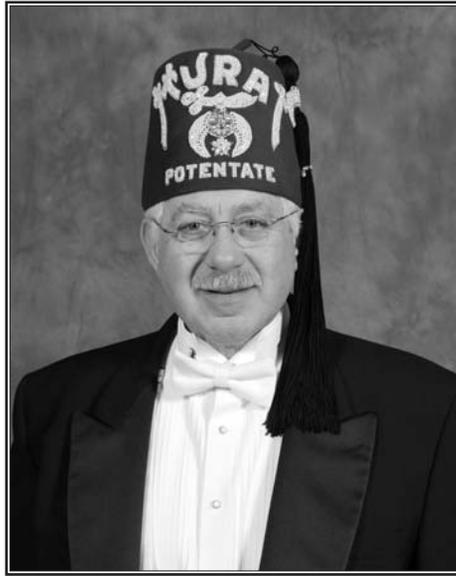
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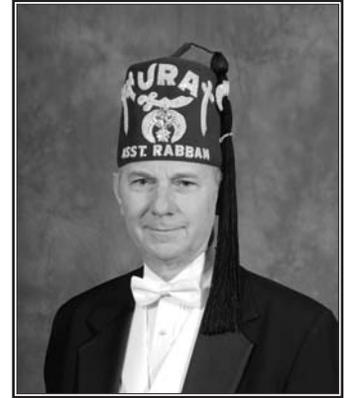
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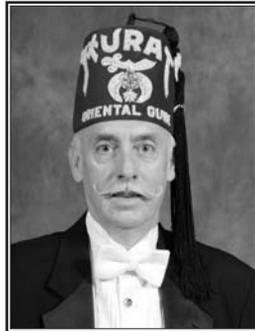
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POTENTATE MESSAGE

From the Potentate

As I sit and write my final article as the 2008 Potentate of Murat Shrine, I think about all the nobles and their ladies that we have met through our great fraternity. We have made many new friends and renewed old friendships.

Being in the Divan has been one of the greatest times of our lives. Being your Potentate has been an experience I will never forget. The support we had was unbelievable. We had fantastic turnouts for our cruises, Imperial Session in St. Louis, and Great Lakes in Cincinnati. I thank each of you nobles and ladies for your participation.

Sally Jo and I had many special times visiting the events and activities of our Clubs and Units. You always welcomed us very graciously. I would like to thank all of Murat's Clubs and Units for their dedication and hospitality this year.

We started our year with our "Hearts on Fire" Potentate's Ball. Thanks to Larry Jefferson, Charlotte Dean, and a huge committee that made it all possible. I want to thank Chief Aide George Clark, my Personal Aides Bill Baugh, Tim Whitaker and Bob Wilson, my Executive Aides, Potentate's Aides, Honorary Aides, and all of their ladies for the countless hours of work and dedication throughout 2008. To my Unit, the Firemen's Club, thank you so much for being there for us this year. Your support and participation meant so much to me.

I would like to thank our office staff, Sherri, Lesa and Shelby, for their assistance, guidance and hard work during the year. They do a wonderful job keeping the Murat Shrine office running smoothly.

Thank you Recorder Emeritus Gordon Husk for the advice and knowledge you offered this year. And to Recorder Ed Wolfe, I wish you luck in the future.

I had great support from Mike Moxley and Cliff Lewis with the Murat Magazine, as well as Bob

Wilson and the Murat photographers and their abundance of photos.

To the Murat ladies' organizations, I thank you for your generous support to Murat and the Shriners Hospitals.

I was very honored to have great support from the board of directors, the Murat Divan and their ladies this year; I appreciate all of their contributions.

Coming into the Divan in 2002, it has been a pleasure serving alongside many Divan members and Past Potentates throughout the years. I want to give a special thanks to Past Potentate John Friend for giving me this opportunity. Murat's ceremonial on December 13 is in honor of P.P. John Friend.

Nobles, we have a great Divan at Murat. Give them all the support you can. I wish Chief Rabban George Proctor and Lady Debbie all the best in 2009. I know you will have a terrific year.

I was very fortunate that Bill Rasner accepted the appointment as Outer Guard this year. Bill and his Lady Vicki have been a great asset to the Divan line. Bill and Vicki, good luck on your ride to the top.

Most of all, I must thank my family for allowing me to make this journey. It does take some time away from some family activities. And to my lovely wife, Sally Jo, thank you for your support and dedication to Murat Shrine. You have been a great Murat First Lady. Finally, I wish all nobility and their families good health and a very happy Holiday Season.

God bless you, God bless the Shrine, and God bless our hospital children who are so special to us all. Thank you for allowing me to be your 2008 Potentate.

Ronald M. Elliott
Potentate 2008



"Back to the Good Samaritan"

GORDON J HUSK

Tom and Laai Crafton met in church. Soon they married and lived near Cloverdale, IN. Within a few years, they were blessed with a son, Thomas, and two beautiful daughters. The family lived a blissful life until Thomas, at age 8 in 1996, fell from a tractor. His leg was severed by a mower, and he was rushed to the nearest hospital.

Emergency treatment stopped the bleeding, dulled the pain, and stabilized Thomas for transport by ambulance to an Indianapolis hospital. Pain medication made Thomas drowsy. While in the ambulance, he thought the siren was his dog and he repeatedly shouted, "Shut up, Sheba."

Fortunately, the mower had left the upper portion of the ankle joint undamaged. Surgeons transplanted muscle from Thomas' back to form a living cushion over the bone. Skin from his hip covered the new muscle.

Through a Shriner friend of Thomas' grandfather, Tom received an application for treatment. Thomas was accepted as a patient at Shriners Hospital in Chicago. Examinations in Chicago confirmed the continued good condition of the leg stump, and Dr. Jeff Ackman prescribed an appropriate prosthetic leg.

Tom says, "A temporary prosthetic leg was made in Indianapolis, but it was ugly. The legs Thomas has received in Chicago are much better looking, lightweight and durable." Thomas has had appointments each six months for 11 years and enjoys seeing his favorite prosthetist, Jesse, at Bardach & Schoene. As he has grown, his leg has been replaced three times.



Thomas has always amazed and inspired hospital van drivers and others with his upbeat nature and cheerfulness. He has excelled at wrestling, basketball and baseball. Thomas was injured in October, and he went to baseball practice the following April. He played third base the entire season, played first base the following year, and in the next year he was pitcher. His baseball association gave him the "Bravest Heart" award for his determination and outstanding playing ability.

Examples of Thomas' mischievous nature are: (1) He enjoys turning the prosthetic leg backward on Halloween. (2) During a baseball game, he slid into home plate and his leg turned at an odd angle. The umpire was panic-stricken and picked Thomas up, then asked, "Are you all right?" Thomas replied, "Put me down," kicked his leg stump into the prosthesis and walked away. (3) Trying to persuade his cousins to

go "snipe hunting" with him, he removed his leg to show them a snipe had taken his leg off. (4) While playing on monkey bars, his leg fell off. A lady reacted with panic, until she saw Thomas laugh.

Thomas had a high school friend who went into the Army and lost a leg in Iraq. The friend has said he remembered how Thomas had coped with the loss of his leg, and it helped him adjust quite well to his own loss. Thomas is now age 20 and in the eighth month of a two-year mission in Utah with the Mormon Church (LDS). At the end of the mission, he plans to complete college and perhaps work with patients who need prosthetics.

Tom is extremely grateful for the treatment Thomas has received. He says, "Shriners Hospital is great, simply great. The doctors and staff are wonderful. One of the greatest things about Shriners Hospital is you see other kids with similar problems and the families are coping because of the hospital staff. Friendships are built with other families who face the same problems. It is hard to believe all the medical treatment, casts, prosthetic legs, and even the socks are free. Shortly after Thomas was hurt, I called a local place to order the special socks and they were \$20 each. At that time, I couldn't even afford the socks. Our family appreciates everything Shriners do for us. As a father, I am grateful for the drivers. When I was working nights, I got into the hospital van soon after leaving work and slept all the way to Chicago. All the doctors, staff and volunteers do much more than you would expect. My thoughts go back to the Good Samaritan."

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Our journey is coming to an end. And what a journey it has been. The last seven years have been filled with many hills to climb, bends to turn, bumps to get over, but most of all, it has been a smooth and straight pathway. It has been a journey that we will never forget. The road has taken me to many places where I have met many nobles and their ladies, visited many of our hospitals and been inspired by the work they do for the children they treat. The support and kindness that has been given to me has been overwhelming. I thank each and every one of you for accepting me as Murat's Potentate's lady for 2008.

It is hard to believe that this is my last article. My goal was to keep the ladies informed of the events throughout 2008, and I hope that I have accomplished that task. I couldn't have made the ladies' events happen without the support and dedication of the Divan ladies. Their teamwork and friendship means so much to me. Thank you, ladies, and best wishes to each of you as you move up the line.

This year's journey began with many Club and Unit installations. February was our "Hearts on Fire" Potentate's Ball. I'll never forget the escort to Murat by IFD Station 7's fire engine. It was quite a surprise for us! I know how hard the committee worked to make the evening a success. The crowd was fantastic and I will always remember the Chanters and the special song they sang to me, "Meet Me in St. Louis, Sally." (And they were there, at Imperial, to sing!)

Ladies Night Out was a fun evening for over 80 ladies, while our men were at "Little Pig." February ended at Madison County's Potentate's Party with another surprise for us—the Anderson Fire Department was there to greet us, complete with their Color Guard. There was a wall of photos from various firehouses from around the state. Two special ladies took all those pictures!

March's memory lane included the Shrine Circus and lots of hard work by many nobles and ladies. What fun it was to ride the elephant! At the Firemen's Club Reception, it was quite a surprise for me to be presented with my own red fire helmet. Yes, Ron is the chief; he got a white one!

The road I traveled in April took me to the Madison County Style Show where I was included as one of the models. Thank you, ladies ... it was fun and \$\$\$\$. We had our Ladies Spring Card Party and Luncheon, complete with an ice cream sundae bar that was yummy. The Potentate's cruise to Hawaii was very memorable. I will never forget meeting Brandon, a Shrine child, who was on the cruise.

Our journey in May took us to Pigeon Forge for the Kerbela Fun Fest, Murpah's Ladies Style Show and Luncheon, Cincinnati and Lexington Shriners Hospitals for their Open Houses, Bartholomew County's Shrine Night at Salem Speedway, and ended with Imperial Sir Bernie Lemieux's visit for the Indianapolis 500 festivities.

We spent the summer traveling to Chicago's Shrine Hospital, spending a wonderful week at Imperial Session in St. Louis, attending many parades and picnics, helping out in the VCM tent at the State Fair, and being a part of the Grand Lodge Symphony on the Prairie. I felt so proud to see the Murat Fire Engine at some of the parades. Thanks to all of the Firemen's Club members who rode on the engine and made sure it got to the parades.

In September, we journeyed to the Great Wolf Lodge in Cincinnati for Great Lakes and up to Murpah to help them rebury their time capsule. In

October, we cruised t h e

Mexican Riviera with 48 other nobles and their ladies. The weather was great and we had a fun, relaxing time.

In November, our journey began to wind down. We had the Fall Ladies Luncheon and Shopping Boutique. I was very proud to introduce the ladies to Brian and Shanna Howard, twins from the Cincinnati Shrine Hospital. They told us their story and talked to us about Camp Ytiliba. Brian even sang for the group.

Now December is upon us and we are all busy with the activities and events of the Holiday Season. As this journey comes to an end, we will begin a new one. With the New Year, we hope to begin a new path and experience new adventures. We will continue to support Murat and those who follow after us.

To the many nobles and ladies who have served on our various committees and helped us throughout the year, we can't thank you enough for all that you have done. I don't dare try and name everyone. Not only would the list be quite long, I know I would leave someone out. You know who you are and Ron and I both thank you from the bottom of our hearts. To the ladies in the office, thank you for answering my questions, making and copying things for me, and for being there in time of need. I appreciate your help and support. To all the nobles and ladies who attended our functions, I want to thank you for being there to support us and Murat.

Finally, in most of my articles, I conveyed to you my favorite phrase—"Live Well ... Love Much ... Laugh Often." That pretty well sums up the year that I have had. I hope that it is something all of you have done and will continue to do. I know I plan to! I look forward to seeing you at Murat soon.

May you have a joyous Holiday Season and a Happy New Year. Best wishes to Chief Rabban George Proctor and Lady Debbie as they begin their journey in 2009. Nobles and ladies, please support them, as you have supported us. May their journey be as wonderful as ours has been.

With heartfelt thanks,

Sally Jo Elliott

Ladies, remember ... "Live with a heart full of dreams, love from the depth of your soul, and embrace every moment of laughter."



MURAT

Children's Christmas Party

Sunday, December 14, 2008

Murat Arabian Room

Guided tours of gigantic railroad display from 11:30 a.m. until 1 p.m.



Party Begins at 1 p.m.

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Attention all Murat clubs and units

Your Club/Unit is invited to have your 2009 officers installed along with the 2009 Murat Shrine Divan at a public installation on Sunday, January 4. The installation will be held in the Arabian Room of the Murat Shrine Club. It will begin at 2 p.m. with a reception following.

Your Club/Unit may have already scheduled an officer installation on a different date; however, I would like to see your Club/Unit participate in this public installation also. It will be great to see many Club/Unit officers being recognized publicly.

Even if your Club/Unit does not participate in the public installation, we hope many of you nobles will come to see the 2009 Divan installed.

If your club will attend to be installed or re-installed, please call the Fraternal Office with number attending.

2009 Public Installation and Reception

Sunday, January 4, 2009

The 2009 calendar of scheduled events is now posted on the Murat Shrine Web site – www.muratshrine.org.

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From the Recorder

Ed Wolfe

The "All the Way in One Day" Blue Lodge, Scottish Rite and Shrine Class was a great success. The October 18 ceremonial enabled 75 nobles to begin their new fraternal life as Shriners. When you meet them, make them feel welcome, invite them to a Club or Unit meeting, and bring them to the next Stated Meeting. There is still ample time to bring in a candidate for our final ceremonial scheduled on December 13. Remember, if you are a three-time top-line signer in 2008, your Shrine dues will be paid for 2009. What a great Christmas present!

December is always a busy month at Murat. The Divan will be installing new officers for many Clubs and Units for the coming year. Our Children's Christmas Party will be December 14 in the Arabian Room of the temple. Our chairman will gladly accept any funds you may wish to contribute towards the purchase of toys for this event.

Corvette Club

Rod Kyle

Season's Greetings from the Corvette Club. Well it's hard to believe this year is almost gone and the Holiday Season is in full swing. Thanksgiving is one of my favorite times of the year, especially the meal. I look forward to having my traditional turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes and gravy, and cranberry sauce dinner. It is so delicious and I consume it in a flash. The down side is that the pounds stay on until spring. That's one good feature about the winter wardrobe—it hides the weight well.

We have all enjoyed the 2008 season with numerous fun events, parades and many new members. We have discussed many new and exciting events and venues for 2009 in the past few months. My hope is that the Corvette Club grows in membership next year and that more nobles and their ladies join us in our fun and fellowship.

Remember, our meetings are the second Thursday of each month beginning with dinner and fellowship at 6:30 p.m. at the Oasis Lounge with the meeting directly following. To inquire about how to seek membership in the Corvette Club, please ask one of our many members or contact one of this year's officers: President Kenny Herald, (317) 422-9107; First Vice President Rod Kyle, (317) 745-1467; Second Vice President Pip Hapgood, (317) 782-0117; Secretary/Treasurer Mike McLaughlin, (317) 962-7465.

I have enjoyed my year as the Corvette Club first vice president and the author for the Murat Magazine's article. Thanks to everyone for making this a great year.

Have a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Corvette Trivia:

1982 and 1987 were the only two years which 16 exterior colors were available.

A CB radio was a Corvette option for many years; however, 1985 was the last.

There were 80 of the ZR 1 models actually produced in 1989; however, none were sold to the public.

The 1981 Corvette was the first to use a computer and offered two cooling fans for increased engine power.

Assembly time for the C6 is approximately 53 hours. This is two hours less than the previous C5 models.

Chanters

Gayle Byers

A Retrospective

fra-ter-ni-ty (fra tur_na t_) noun; 1) the state or quality of being brothers; fraternal relationship or spirit; brotherliness; 2) a group of men joined together by common interests, for fellowship, etc.; 3) a group of people with the same beliefs, interests, work, etc.

The passing of two members of the Murat Chanters this fall gives rise to a reflection of what we, as an organization, as a fraternity, are all about. Undoubtedly, we do not stop often enough to give conscious thought about the glue that holds us together or what the bond of our association really is. The normal activity of our association with the Shrine and other Masonic bodies pulls us on a path of activity—the Circus, the Scottish Rite Bean Dinner, the Paper Crusade for Shrine Hospitals, the Florida Visitation, One-Day

Ceremonial Classes, Parades ... the list goes on and on. But underlying all the events and activity that consume our time is a friendship and camaraderie that binds us together and creates lifetime relationships. This personal bond is never more apparent than in a time of loss.

The last half of this year the Chanter organization lost two members—brothers—who exemplified this lifelong bond that fraternity provides. Bob Foltz, at the time of his death, was the oldest actively participating singer in the group. He was venerable and even though in his early nineties, it seemed unlikely we'd not have his fine tenor voice leading the section and performing at Men's Shows. And, on top of it all, he was a good and faithful friend.

Bob Hancock never achieved a ripe old age—and most of us thought he would probably just go on and on. It was

a shock when a sudden and fatal medical condition took him off center stage and ended his ever present enthusiasm for the fraternity. Bob had done it all, Masonically, and yet when I think of him and miss him, I will more than likely be thinking of the times we shared together at the bar in the Oasis Lounge, or when he was selling me on some new idea, or beating the drum for membership at Calvin Prather Lodge. Bob left us too early, but he leaves a legacy of encouragement and support for all aspects of the fraternity that will not be forgotten.

Both of these gentlemen were brothers ... they were part of a group of men that joined together with common interests ... they loved fellowship ... and they perpetuated the spirit of this thing we call fraternity. I will miss them both.

Message from the Maharanee

My year as Maharanee has come to an end. I would like to thank the Guild for all of your support for all of our events for the year. I have made so many great friends and it was a great experience for me. Good luck to Maharanee-elect Susie Lawson and her officers for 2009. I wish them the best of luck for the upcoming year. I would like to extend best wishes to everyone for a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. We have a great Guild and I hope everyone will continue to support it.

Susie Brown, Maharanee 2008

December Calendar

Wednesday, December 3—Guild Night: 5:30 p.m., Gatling Gun Club

Tuesday, December 9—Board Meeting: 6:30 p.m. & Stated Meeting: 7 p.m., Murat

Sunday, December 14—Installation



Lou Benell, chairman of the Board of Directors of the Imperial Council Shrine Guilds of America, Inc., presented Imperial Sir Gary Bergenske, Captain of the Guard AAONMS, a \$50,000 check at the Imperial Council Shrine Guild convention in Daytona Beach, FL. A check is donated each year for the education of the children while in the Shriners Hospitals. Since 1982 the Shrine Guilds have donated \$728,571.

of Officers: 2 p.m. – 4 p.m., Gatling Gun Club

January 2009 Calendar

No Guild Night in January—Happy New Year to all.

Tuesday, January 27—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 Melanie Close at 859-9617 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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NOTICE OF ELECTION

December 15, 2008

THE STATED MEETINGS OF MURAT TEMPLE A.A.O.N.M.S. AND MURAT TEMPLE ASSOCIATION WILL BE HELD AT 7:00 P.M., MONDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2008, AT MURAT SHRINE CENTER, 510 N. NEW JERSEY STREET, INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA. THE ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND REPRESENTATIVES FOR 2009 WILL BE HELD.

ARTICLE 25, Section 325.11 Election Regulations. (a) Electioneering. The printing, publication, circulating or distribution of resolutions, letters, telegrams, tickets, e-mail or other devices, by a noble, suggesting, recommending, opposing or containing the names of proposed candidates for office in the temple is prohibited. (b) Violation. For any violation of (a), the Imperial Potentate may suspend any offending noble, and he may declare the election of the officers void and order a new election.

ARTICLE 32, Section 332.2 requires payment of dues in advance before January 1 by all members. A 2008 DUES CARD IS REQUIRED TO ATTEND THIS MEETING.

Ron Elliott, Illustrious Potentate
Ed Wolfe, Recorder

ADDITIONAL NOTICE:

Appointments by a Potentate are for one year only. It is customary and expected that each committee chairman or noble holding an appointed position will tender his resignation to the Potentate at the end of the calendar year.

Legion of Honor

Bob Watson

Greetings from the Legion of Honor. Can you believe it's December? Where did the year go? Hope everyone had a great 2008 and is looking forward to 2009. I know I am.

Welcome to all the new Shriners who came aboard October 18. Murat Shrine proudly installed 75 new members.

For those new nobles who have honorably served in our country's armed forces, or are currently serving, and are still undecided on which Club or Unit to get involved with, I would like to extend a personal invitation to check out the Legion of Honor. Legion of Honor members are veterans of military service or are currently serving in one of its branch-

es. Within the Legion of Honor is our Color Guard. If you have already been to a Shrine Stated Meeting, then you have seen the Color Guard. We are the group that presents the National Colors at all Stated Meetings. Our dues are only \$12 per year. We meet in the basement of the temple on the fourth Tuesday of the month, except for the month of December. That meeting will be held on the 9th of December, when the only business we conduct is the election of our officers for the following year.

Our guys usually meet for dinner in the Oasis lounge around 5:30, prior to Shrine Stated Meetings on the third Monday of the month and Legion of Honor Stated Meetings on the fourth

Tuesday. Stop by and chat with us. We'll be happy to answer any questions you might have.

In 2009, the Legion of Honor is planning a bus trip to Washington, D.C. for the wreath-laying ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. The trip will be in November, either the weekend before or the weekend after Veterans Day. Details have not been arranged yet, but we will keep you posted as they become available. If you have never been to our nation's capitol, please mark this on your calendar; you won't regret it.

Well, until next month, remember, "It's an honor to belong to the Legion of Honor."

Veteran Car Club

Jim Lasley

It is time to start a new year at the Car Club, and I only hope I can do half the job Danny Thomas did. With the help of the officers, board and members, we can do more with the Club. The new slate of officers is not set at this writing, but we do know who they are, just not what position. Let's start with the candidates for vice president. They are Phil Free and Darrel Wilkinson. Since our permanent secretary (Bud Forth) passed away, it is necessary to elect a new one. The two candidates have agreed the one who does not become vice president, will accept this position. Fred is our permanent treasurer and yours truly is president. The board members will be Bill Arterberry, Kenny Michael, Richard Taylor, Harold Price and Danny Thomas. We want to give a big thank you to Herschel Murphy for filling in as secretary for the rest of the year.

Denny Fields organized a display of our cars at the "One-Day Class" on October 18 so that the new Masons, Scottish Rite and Shriners could see what we are all about. We parked 12 cars on the north side of the Shrine Club and had many visitors. Bill Arterberry made brochures to sell our Club to the new members.

Danny Thomas brought a new member through the class. Please welcome Noble John Bryant. John, our meeting night is the second Monday of each month in the basement of Murat at 7 p.m. Usually some of the members have dinner in the Shrine Club for a little camaraderie prior to the meeting. Bring your spouse and visit with those of us who were unable to meet you during the ceremonial.

After the October meeting, Phil Free had a horrible accident. The opposing driver swerved to avoid a deer and hit Phil head on. Phil suffered a broken neck and several cuts and bruises. He spent several days in the hospital and was released to his home to recover. His car was totally demolished. The other car was in worse shape. Phil does know who the other driver was, but only because of the accident report. Even though he is in very much pain now, he plans to be at the November meeting.

It appears we have been overworking our ladies. We have three ladies who have had knee replacements recently (maybe more) and now a hip replacement. Dorothy Price and Dottie Forth have had a knee replaced, Rosie Lasley had two knees replaced this sum-

mer, and Joyce Arterberry had a hip replaced on Election Day. Ladies, please take more care of yourselves. We don't want to lose you.

Since this is the last issue of 2008, I would like to again memorialize those who were lost during the year. Each was a beloved member of our Club and we will find it difficult to move on without thinking of them. First there was David Heckman, president in 2007. David was also in the Murat Band and very active at Murat. Charlene Routier, beloved wife of Larry (Buster), whom we loved to caravan with. She and Buster were always a joy to have at the meetings and on trips. Both were so friendly to us when we joined the Club. Then there was Claude (Bud) Forth, a great man. When we were having troubles getting a full slate of officers, Bud stepped up and volunteered to be secretary permanently. Bud and Dottie always invited the members to their house in July for lunch prior to going to the July 4th Conner Prairie concerts. Bud was always ready to step forward to help the Club and its members. These members are irreplaceable. And the Veteran Car Club cannot be the same without them.

Arab Patrol

Jim Monroe

As the year comes to an end, things are winding down for the Patrol. We were planning another reverse raffle, but that got put on the back burner for now.

It has been a very eventful and productive year for the Patrol. We started out with the Potentate's Ball, Little Pig Initiation, Shrine Circus, went through the parade season, had a reverse raffle and Patrol Picnic, just to mention a few of the things we have done. One highlight of the year was when Paul Ballard received an award for 50 years in the Arab Patrol Unit.

I would like to take a little time to thank the officers for the 2008 year: President Ray Miller, Vice President Bill Sparks, Secretary Jim Monroe, Treasurer Ron Fannin, Captain Mike Long, and Quartermaster Wade Yensel. Would also like for everyone to know that the 2009 officers will be nominated at the December meeting. I am sure with the core of the Patrol membership, we will be very well represented in 2009.

With the Holiday Season in full swing, at this time the Arab Patrol would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and safe Holiday Season.

On a more personal note, we wish Ivan Scaggs' wife a full recovery from knee surgery, as I am almost sure Ivan will have you on the dance floor before long. Anyone who would like to join a fun and active Unit, the Patrol meets the first Friday of the month at 7:30 p.m.

Murat Shrine Bowlers



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It's December and Santa Claus will soon be making his rounds to all the good little boys and girls. As we count down the days to the New Year, we have to wonder how 2008 could have gone by so quickly. Seems like the Little League Parade at Beech Grove and Southport were just yesterday instead of the spring of 2008. The year has just flashed by.

As president of the Mini-Mystics, I was worried about how I would handle the position. Here we are closing one year as president, and I'm in shock ... how could the year have gone by so quickly? I would like to say "Thank You" to all the Mini-Mystics for their support during my year as president. Due to a small turnout at our October meeting, the election of officers for 2009 was

postponed until November. I will report on the officers in the January issue.

Please note a couple of things for the Mini-Mystics. December 6 will be the Christmas Party for our Club. It will be at the Johnson County Shrine Club with cocktails at 6 p.m., prime rib dinner at 7 p.m., followed by a dance with music provided by disc jockey Larry Taylor. We are looking for all attendees to have a good time..

At the Christmas Party, we will also have a winner in our "Red Wagon Full of Zem-Zem" drawing. See any one of the Mini-Mystics to get a chance. Anyone can win.

With the closing of 2008, the miniature Corvettes of our Club will be going into mothballs for a few months. After completing 17 parades for the year,

the cars now will be going through repairs, new tires, painting, decaling, and anything else they require. When the parade season opens about March, the Mini-Mystics should be ready to go! Also going into storage will be the two special awards. Dan Gillahan, parade chairman, will have the break-down necklace, while Mike Percy has the screw-up award. Believe me, they'll be ready to turn them over to the next driver in March.

Closing out the year, all the Mini-Mystic members want to wish our Shriner friends a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We want to make 2009 a bigger and better year than 2008.

See you in the next issue.



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Thanks for all your help

ART BORTON

As I write this, my final Membership article, I want to thank all of you for all the help you have given me over the past three years. A special thanks goes out to all top-line signers and all mentors who have helped our membership efforts over the years.

We had a very successful "All the Way in One Day Class" in October. At that class we brought about 125 new Masons into the fraternity and we added 75 new Shriners. This is the largest Shrine class we have had from the one-day class programs, and a great day was enjoyed by all.

We have one more Hot Sands Ceremonial this year on December 13, 2008. Please get your Masonic friends to join us, and let's also welcome the new 75 Shriners from the one-day class to join us for a full form ceremonial.

Again, thanks for all the help you have given me over the last three years. In closing, I would like to repeat part of an article I ran in the April 2008 Murat Magazine. I have received more comments and compliments about this article than any other one I have written. In that light, I hope you enjoy the following article and can again remind yourself, "Why did I join the Shrine?"

Why did I join the Shrine?

As I am writing this article, I am spending a majority of my waking hours at the Murat Shrine Circus at the fairgrounds in Indianapolis. Murat Shriners have been working here from Monday, February 25, through late Tuesday, March 4, to bring this Shrine circus to fruition. It requires a large number of volunteers to pull off this operation, and 200 to 300 volunteers are needed for each show.

This outpouring of love for our kids,

and the love of Shrinedom, as displayed during our circus, helped reinforce my love for our kids and why I joined the Shrine. But on the Thursday and Friday morning shows for the school children, we had a reduced number of Shrine volunteers versus previous years, and it made me wonder why.

I know that our Illustrious Potentate Ronald M. Elliott reported in our March 2008 Murat Magazine that we have had to suspend more than 400 members for non-payment of their dues. I know from past surveys and experience that 75 percent or more of these suspensions will have never joined a Club or Unit. To these members, I have to ask: Why did you join the Shrine in the first place? What was your initial interest? What caused you to stop showing interest in the Shrine activities?

During the time I spent at the fairgrounds and at the circus, I spent some time talking to our 2008 Oriental Guide, Charlie Crabtree, who is also known in the clown community as FLATFOOT!

Charlie and I started talking about what excited us about the Shrine experience, and Charlie exclaimed that with his current job responsibilities and his current Divan responsibilities, he was not able to participate in the Thursday and Friday morning circus programs with the school children.

Charlie said he most missed working with the students from the Indiana School for the Blind as he used to. Charlie would encourage the blind students to "feel" and "touch" his hair, make-up, costume, facial features, etc., so they could understand his "facial appearance and his overall appearance." Charlie said he would have to reapply his clown make-up several times, but it was all worthwhile to see a blind student "see" the overall FLAT-

FOOT character.

After talking with Charlie, I reassessed my own interests in **WHY DID I JOIN THE SHRINE?** and determined that having never been married, and never having any children of my own, I wanted to help the children of the Shriners Hospitals.

Now, take a minute and think about your own situation. **WHY DID I JOIN THE SHRINE?** Did I want to drive a Mini-Mystic car? Did I want to join the Corvette Club? Did I want to be a clown? Did I want to promote my business to other independent business owners through networking? Did I want to do something to help the children being treated at the Shriners Hospitals for Children?

Think about your own situation and what compels you to continue to write your dues checks for the Blue Lodge, Shrine, and your respective Units, and then help your friends and fellow brothers understand **"WHY DID I JOIN THE SHRINE?"** When you can answer this question honestly in your own heart, please come back to your Unit or Club. As you meet your other Lodge brothers and friends, both Masonic and non-Masonic, remember that about 75 percent of members who never join a Unit or Club will drop out of the Shrine within the first four years. Let's keep them active. Mentor and work with your new Club and Unit members to give them a reason to keep active.

Thank you, Charlie Crabtree, for an enlightening discussion and helping me better understand my own personal Shrine principles. I hope this makes you all think about your own reasons concerning **"WHY DID I JOIN THE SHRINE?"**

Holiday Greetings nobles and friends.

Well, the Christmas season is already here with the New Year just around the corner. We still have much to do to close out the 2008 year. As you all heard at our October Directors Staff meeting from Circus Director Andy Clayton, we all have our work cut out for us to make the Murat Shrine Circus a complete success in 2009. Circus ads need to be sold now and turned in by the deadline of January 16, 2009. Turn in your circus ads to our circus representative, Bob Bland, or to the Shrine Office. Ad cost is as follows: full page \$500, 1/2 page \$250, 1/4 page \$150, and 1/8 page ads \$75. Everyone's goal is to sell at least one \$75 ad each. Remember, this is as much a fundraiser for the Directors Staff as it is for the Murat Shrine. Directors Staff volunteers are also needed to man our booth next year as well as outside volun-

teers. Contact Jack Kleingartner at (317) 888-2903 (home), (317) 437-9819 (cell) or e-mail Jack at jackcertacraft@msn.com to sign up for our booth. Please do so A.S.A.P. so Jack knows how many people will still be needed to fill open time slots.

Your newly elected Directors Staff officers will be working on the 2009 roster book during the months of December and January. Please send any changes of address, home or cell numbers, or change/additions of e-mails to Dick Smith at 6140 Madison Ave., Indianapolis, IN 46227. You can also call Dick at (317) 791-8691. If you wish, you can also e-mail me at jwfrosty@sbcglobal.net with any changes you may have.

UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Things to think about and work on this month:

Directors Staff Meeting – December 8 at 7 p.m. *due to Christmas holiday

Full Hot Sands Ceremonial – December 13

Directors Staff Meeting – January 19, '09 at 6 p.m. *due to Stated Meeting at Temple

Circus Ads, Circus Ads, and more Circus Ads

Need your Staff Fundraiser ideas for next meeting.

Membership Recruiting for Directors Staff Please continue to support your Directors Staff by attending all meetings.

They are all very important for you to attend and keep up to date. Again, please keep me informed as to what you want to see in "your magazine" articles in the future. Contact me at (317) 881-5966 or jwfrosty@sbcglobal.net. Have a Safe and Happy Holiday!

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

Johnson County Shrine Club

Dave Alspaugh

Before Father Time closes the year 2008, and the New Year Baby opens 2009, we have a month of December to celebrate, fall has come and gone, and with it we have chased the goblins of Halloween away along with the turkeys of Thanksgiving. Only Christmas and the jolly old elf Santa Claus remain.

Outgoing Club President Ray Miller and his Lady Jessica represent Father Time closing the year. They are decorating the Club for Christmas while several parties are being planned. Assisting them will be the New Year Babies Mike Percy and his Lady Jackie as they prepare to lead the Club into 2009.

At our recent Stated Meeting, elections were held for all the offices of the Johnson County Shrine Club. Those elected were: President Mike Percy, First Vice President Dave Alspaugh, Second Vice President Carl Howard II, Secretary Jeff Kondy, Treasurer Carl Howard III; Board of Directors (1 year) Dave Alspaugh, (1 year) Dick Webster, (2 years) Jim Carter, (2 years) Dale Daugherty, and (1 year) past President Ray Miller. These are the people the members chose to lead us into and through the New Year of 2009. Let's all wish them much success in their endeavors.

As incoming President Mike has already set the date for his President's Party, February 14, Valentine's Day will be his day of celebration. Those who attend can plan on having a good time.

I cannot bring this article to a close without saying how much the members of the Johnson County Shrine Club appreciated the time and effort Ray Miller and Lady Jessica put in. Being president involves a lot of time and involvement; for that, we say, in all honesty—THANKS! Good job to both of them.

Well, it's about time to get those Christmas cards in the mail along with wrapping presents and making preparations for Santa's yearly visit. So with that in mind, let me say ... from all of us at the Johnson County Shrine Club, have a very Merry Christmas. May your entire Holiday Season be "meaningful" and God bless.

See you next issue.

Flying Fezzes

Patrick DeCallier

It has been a busy month for the Flying Fezzes. October 4 we had a special static display of the Cessna at the new McDonalds at Raymond and Sherman. The interesting thing was that more adults than kids were looking in the airplane. The really best part was we got to hand out Shrine newspapers about what we do.

On the same day, Mr. John Blaydoe took the Aerocoupe display aircraft to Franklin for a parade. We are not sure but understand the airplane wanted to "take off" a couple of times.

October 12 we had a big parade in Martinsville, IN. Afterward, members were invited to our "prez's" house for Zem-Zem and chili.

At the meeting, we saw a film about the "Memphis Belle" aircraft of World War II fame. Then our president presented special plaques to Mrs. William Reisa and Ms. Sarah J. Thomas, a couple of ladies who have helped out on several occasions.

Railroad Club

Raymond E. Gotshall

Our election of officers was held at our November 25 regular meeting and President and Chief Engineer David Kaufman announced that Don Gordon was unanimously elected president and chief engineer of the Murat Railroad Club for the year 2009. Congratulations, Don! Don has been associated with the Murat Railroad Club for several years and tells me he has great plans for the Club in 2009. We look forward to your leadership and enthusiasm. The Murat Shrine public installation of officers will be Sunday, January 4, 2009, at the Murat Shrine.

The rest of the officers will be announced in our newsletter and the January Murat Magazine. There will not

be a Railroad Club meeting in December. The next meeting will be on January 27, 2009. The date of the Ladies Party will be announced shortly.

The Railroad Club layout rooms will be open for both the Murat ceremonial on December 13 and for the Children's Christmas Party on Sunday, December 14. Come join us at the Children's Christmas Party; it's a lot of fun. We will be having an information table at the ceremonial. The Club meets at 7 p.m., the fourth Tuesday of most months in the Railroad Club rooms located on the fourth floor of the Murat Shrine. If you haven't been up to see our exhibits, come to one of our meetings. We also have a work night, at

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

Shrine 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.

Police Club and Drill Team

Ron Brown

Well, the year has gone fast and the Holiday Season is here already. On behalf of President Jack Simpson and all the officers for 2008, we wish all of you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. We also want to thank our Illustrious Sir Ron Elliott, along with Lady Sally Jo, for a great run as Potentate. We will be having our elections this month; let's all do our best to make our Clubs grow and become more active. We have had our first attempt at a reverse raffle and we need to continue to have more fundraisers so we

can do things together and make some donations to our Shrine for our kids. Hope those who purchased new jackets like them and will wear them so people can see who we are and will want to participate in our Club.

We need to start now to prepare for the Shrine Circus. Our Clubs are responsible for assisting with the parking of buses and the security for all shows. We need to have a lot more members sign up to help. This is a big fundraiser and a great way to help our cause and still have

a lot of fun. Bring your family, donate your time and make our Club proud. We will also become more active this next year in the paper drives, so start thinking of possible places to set some up and let the officers know of locations. Our new Potentate for 2009 will need our help to make his year a success, so please give of your time for our fraternity.

Thanks again for a great year. May God bless our country and our kids—both need His help.

500 Club

Jerry Lance

500 members, the year is rapidly drawing to a close. Reflecting back, this year has been somewhat of a bittersweet one ... sickness of members, hot and dusty parades, and rain-outs. At this time, I would like to thank the past officers for their tireless effort and time in running our Unit this past year. Also, a thank you to Larry DeVoss for chairing our board meetings and to Jim Montgomery for the countless hours working to set up our parades.

The new officers have promised new and very exciting things for 2009. The events planned will be major undertakings and most challenging. Please, let's get behind our new officers and support them to make 2009 the best of the best.

One of our biggest challenges is to hold down parade costs. Last season's costly gasoline had us agreeing on a 50-mile limit for local parades. As this year does not look much better, it might be wise to reduce our parade limit to 25 miles. Something to think about ...

We will try to have cars on display for new nobles to see at all upcoming Hot Sands in hopes we will gain some new members. There are many cars for sale out there. Mike Close has indicated he would like to sell his car. He can be reached at closecall@sbcglobal.net.

Thanks to Bob Kelso for his world famous cookout and Dan Price for his aged road kill BBQ. Gentlemen, thank you for a good day. Also, thank you to

Master Chef Tim Plank for the 500 Festival food on the grill.

For the good of the Club, please call Tim for our info line Club messages. The info line is 466-8383 and Tim's direct number is 627-1580.

Remember, our third Sunday brunch at the Brickyard is at 9:30 a.m.

And, as always, the best is saved for the last. Ladies, a big thank you for all you do as our pit crew and all the great food at our outings. We men would never survive without you.

In closing, I would like to wish all members and their families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Let's hope for a warm winter.

Mobil Nobles

Ron McCoy

The Mobil Nobles held their annual Spaghetti Dinner October 4 at the Fishers American Legion Post 470. The dinner has turned into a big event with the spaghetti sauce being homemade by past President Bob Sculthorp. The event was very well attended, not only by Murat nobles, the Divan and their ladies, but by local people in the area.

The Mobil Nobles are a very active Club in the Murat Shrine. Some have said the Mobil Nobles are known for the great lunches and dinners that are served in the Pavilion during the circus. This is an ideal place to sit down with family and friends over a good meal and talk about your day's activities. All meals are very reasonably priced.

Maybe you know us as the sponsor of the "Little Pig" ceremony. I know the Divan knows us from that event. This is a MUST attend event for a good time and lots of laughs. At this ceremony we initiate the newly elected member



Curtis Jessup, treasurer; Brian Miller, second vice president; Steve Bunting, president; Bob Miller, first vice president, and Art Borton, secretary.

to the Divan (Outer Guard). This will be held February 27.

If you want to get to know the Mobil Nobles just a little better, we can be found at the Murat the second Friday of every month. That is when we hold our monthly meetings. We would like to see you there.



The Divan attend the annual Spaghetti Dinner.



Daughters of the Nile

Ruth Ann Kelly

The 2008 Christmas season represents the culmination of everything that has happened this past year. Our lives have been filled with many family moments centered on accomplishments, happiness and sadness. Many good deeds and kindnesses have made a great impression upon our families, friends and neighbors, as well as ourselves. While around the Christmas tree, open the many presents, talk and hug one another, and relive life's precious moments while preparing for the coming year. When everyone gathers around the dinner table on Christmas Day, stop and offer a prayer of thanks to our Heavenly Savior for all things you have been blessed with this past year. Pray for our country and the welfare of our many troops stationed around the world.

Queen Cheryl Kuritz would like to thank everyone who attended or helped with the Supreme Appointee's Luncheon in November. Many "Showers of Blessings" were given to our two Supreme Appointees at this

event. Congratulations again to Past Queen Dorothy Tinch, Supreme Goodwill Ambassador to the Central Area, for her willingness to represent Koran Temple this year. Additional gratitude to Past Queen Dorothy Abel who will serve as Supreme Escort to the Canadian Flag for the Supreme Temple Daughters of the Nile. These two ladies will represent our Temple well, and we thank each of them for accepting their responsibilities.

To everyone who brought canned goods or monetary gifts to our November meeting, Wheeler Mission sends a huge, warm thank you. We are very proud of those who participated in this community service.

For our December 3 meeting, wear your Christmas attire. Remember our "Toy March" and be sure to bring something that can be sent to the children in the hospital for Christmas. Monetary gifts are also accepted. Add these following Wednesday Stated Meetings to your 2009 calendar: January 7, February 4, and March 4. Social hour

hostesses for January are the Appointed Officers, February the Past Queens, and in March our Queen Cheryl Kuritz.

Our annual style show will be held on Saturday, January 17, at the Murat Shrine. The luncheon buffet will be served at 11:30 p.m. followed by the style show, door prizes, and other activities. Additional information from Chairperson Past Queen Cathy Rose and her committee will be forthcoming at a later date.

On Saturday, February 7, the "White Rose Ceremonial" will be held. Please continue to search for ladies who you know would be contributing members to our organization. Ask them to become "one of us" by contacting Past Queen Manuella Jefferson (844-6222), Faye Crabtree (894-6583), or Pam Herther (398-4709) and request a petition for membership. Hopefully, we can include them in our "White Rose Ceremonial" class of new members.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to everyone!

Tarum

Jeff Dickey

Happy Thanksgiving and Merry Christmas to one and all.

The holidays are upon us at Tarum and they look to be very busy. The Club is rented for holiday functions every weekend in December. Your help is needed to make these parties run smoothly. Please let President Mark or Party Chairman Jeff Dickey know when you can help. The schedule is as follows: December 5, 6, 7, 13 and 20. The income from these events will help the Club get through the upcoming winter. Thank you in advance for helping your Club.

At the time of this writing, Tarum's new officers are as yet unknown. It was hoped that some of the members who have not been an officer would come forward to help keep Tarum going. The January magazine will have the names of our new officers. The positions that needed to be filled were president, second vice president and secretary. Congratulations go out to those of you who stepped up to fill these spots. Thank you!

October and November were quiet months at the Club—the calm before the storm so to speak. Our Friday night dinners have seen attendance drop, partly due to fuel prices and partly due to school functions. However, the Club needs everyone to come out at least once per month to a dinner. This is one of the main ways we are able to keep the Club running during the off seasons. Please mark your calendars and attend dinner once per month. The Saturday breakfasts at the Lodge have also felt the effects of the sinking economy. I do see several Tarum members at these breakfasts, and it is good that we remember that we have an obligation to our respective Blue Lodges. We want to invite all Richmond Masonic Family members to reciprocate and come to Tarum for dinner any Friday evening. Also, as a reminder to the Tarum members who attend breakfast and not dinner at the Club, we miss you and need you to be a part of Tarum. And finally get well soon Merle!

See you at Tarum.

Dramatic Cast

Don Olvey

It's December again and your Dramatic Cast is getting ready for the ceremonial on the 13th. The Grand Master's One-Day Class on November 18 was a great success. I'm sure everyone knows that the Hot Sands portion of the ceremonial is not included in the One-Day Class, so I hope that the 75 new nobles (that's right—75 new nobles) who joined Murat will come back for the Hot Sands portion.

Our annual Cast Christmas Dinner will be on December 10. We will be having it at the Shrine this year. This is always a lot of fun and it's great to get everyone together again. We will also combine this with a short business meeting that includes the election and installation of our officers for next year (2009).

I would like to thank everyone for the support they provided during my year as president of the Dramatic Cast. I could go down the membership roster and list things that each noble did to assure that we accomplished our goals. What a great group of nobles and friends.

As always, keep those who are under the weather or distressed in any way in your thoughts and prayers and be sure to include our service men and women. Shriners ... Having Fun and Helping Kids.
Yours in the Faith

Brown County Shrine Club

Buddy Antle

After a ton of problems trying to get articles to the magazine editor, hopefully, we are finally back. Seems as if our ISP just doesn't want to deliver some of our e-mails; although at a random rate and delivery points, we don't know what the problem is.

However, so much has happened since we last were able to communicate. Our Annual Car & Truck Show was a huge success. Growth each year has been received with welcoming arms of all the members of our Club. They were out in force helping all the visitors, including Chief Rabban George Proctor—who we think got some ideas from us, the Veteran Car Club, the Corvette Club and others. The day of sunshine was certainly welcomed after the rainout on our original date, which ended up flooding most of southern Indiana.

The Club was able to attend the September Stated Meeting, making donations of \$500 each to the hospitals and Transportation Club. We also have been working on Paper Crusades and doing well with those, although it is never enough. In December, our Club will have a tree at the Nashville Village of Trees on the court house lawn, decorated with Shrine themes of course. We hope we win the grand prize for decorating, but if not, at least we continue to draw attention to the hospitals and Shrine.

Our election of officers was held at our November Stated Meeting and will be reported to you all later just to keep you in suspense!

The Brown County Shrine Club is the second oldest in the state of Indiana. After almost shutting down due to the effects of the grim reaper over time, we are now working very hard to increase our membership which is back up to 16 as of last month and growing on a regular basis. If you would like to be a member of the second oldest Club in the Murat, send us a blank check; well okay, make it out for \$15 and mail it to Buddy Antle, our secretary/treasurer, at 1828 California St., Columbus, IN 47201 or call Buddy at (812) 372-6069. Please include a self-addressed, stamped envelope so we can return your wonderful membership card. Our Club meets on the second Tuesday of every month (with summer exceptions) at the Brown County Inn in Nashville in the lounge at 6 p.m. for snacks and fellowship, then moving to our meeting room at 7 p.m. Feel free to contact any officer for more information.

THANKS NOBLE PRESIDENT – As we wind down 2008, I would like to extend our thanks to our 2008 president, Ron Bolyard. Ron introduced several new things at our meetings and elsewhere that were both informative and entertaining. The Club is doing fine as far as retaining membership which speaks well for what we do as a mission and our social endeavors. Thanks also to the officer line that helped steer our Club throughout the year.

KIDS CHRISTMAS PARTY – December 14 is the date for the annual Children's Christmas Party. The Transportation Club as sponsor and Bucky Everhart as chairman have a great party planned. As always, we need the

help of the membership in order to make the party a success. Bring your kids or grandkids for a great time. See the ad in this magazine for all the particulars.

CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY/DINNER – Our party will again be at the University of Indianapolis on the south side on December 10. If you haven't signed up, you can contact our president, Ron Bolyard. This is the time we honor our "Man of the Year" for 2008. In addition, we are having a "White Elephant" where you bring a wrapped gift of any kind with a value of at least \$15. Our auctioneer will be Captain of the Guard Jim Priest. Arrival time is around 5:45 p.m. and dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m.

CONGRATULATIONS – Don Schildgen received a pin from Lexington Hospital for making hospital van trips totaling 25,000 miles. Luke Whitehouse received a bolo for 25 trips to our hospitals. Congratulations to both for a job well done.

LEADERSHIP SEMINAR – The Leadership Seminar will be held on January 24, 2009. This is the time all officers of every Club and Unit receive valuable information and instruction. Please be sure to attend if you are a line officer.

NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION – Please make one of your resolutions to attend as many meetings as you can in 2009. The Club needs you and your input. We meet on the third Wednesday of the month in the Mecca Room. See you there.

Kentucky Colonols

Dennis Scott

THANKS COLONEL PRESIDENT – This has been a good year for the Colonels Club with new projects and a new way to make money for the Club. Thanks to our outgoing president, Garvey Piercy, who led the Club with conviction. Our sponsorship of the Plaque Program is an ongoing success and has brought lots of donations for our hospitals.

The raffle for the first annual motorcycle race at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway was truly a success and provided a considerable amount of funds to the Club for its operation.

CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY – Our annual Christmas party will be held on Wednesday, December 3, in the Tunisian Room at Murat. Besides a good meal, we will have entertainment and good fellowship. This is always fun to attend and provides a good send-off for our current president and a show of support for next year's officers. Exact times will soon be communicated to the membership.

KIDS' CHRISTMAS PARTY – On December 14, the Arabian Room will be the place where kids and grownups alike will be entertained, fed, and able to meet Santa. Colonel Bucky Everhart will chair the event again this year. Be sure to bring your kids and/or grandkids for a good time. Look for the ad in this month's magazine.

THANKS POTENTATE – Many thanks for a good year to our 2008 Potentate, Ron Elliott, and his Lady Sally Jo. Our new Potentate, if everything goes as expected, will be Colonel George Proctor. Let's all support George and his programs during his year as Potentate.

LEADERSHIP SEMINAR – January 24, 2009, will be the date of our annual Leadership Seminar. All line officers of every Club and Unit are asked to attend where they will receive lots of information and instruction. Please put this on your calendar for next year.

NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION – Include in your resolutions to try to attend as many meetings as you can. We need your help, ideas, and input. We meet on the first Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m. in the Mecca Room. Call a member who hasn't attended for a while and bring him with you.



Dining Specials at the Oasis Lounge

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

THURSDAYS:
Combo Appetizer Platter
and a Pitcher of Beer
for \$10

FRIDAYS:
Ribeye Steak and Shrimp
Combo Platter for \$12

Whom do you know?

2009 Murat Shrine Circus • MARCH 5-8, 2009, Pepsi Coliseum, Indiana State Fairgrounds
 ANDY CLAYTON, CIRCUS DIRECTOR

As you read this December article, a joyous Holiday Season is in full swing and the 2009 Murat Shrine Circus is about three months away. Over the last few months, I have been traveling throughout the Murat family, encouraging any and all to get involved with our circus. My travels have taken me to all parts of the region, and I have found one consistency at every stop ... committed Shriners. All of you are to be applauded for the great work that you do. I thank you from the bottom of my heart for the warm receptions I have received and your ears that have been willing to listen.

The 2009 Murat Shrine Circus is once again a great opportunity for our temple to put our best foot forward. It provides a chance for us to share with the world who Shriners are and what Shriners are about all while having a great time doing it. Year after year, we provide the best family entertainment that money can buy in Indiana; but to be successful, it takes people— people who are willing to dedicate their time and efforts to make our circus happen and people willing to come and enjoy our performances. If either of these is absent, failure is assured! So I ask each of you as you spend time with your families this Holiday Season, "WHOM DO YOU KNOW?"

Whom do you know in your communities that would

like to come and see our circus; whom do you know that would like to partner with us in sponsoring our circus; whom do you know in Murat that would like to come to our circus and work a show or two; whom do you know that can benefit from all the good Shrinedom has to offer? OUR SUCCESS DEPENDS ON WHOM YOU KNOW! Randy Kron has a reasonable promotion budget for our circus, but his concentrated efforts alone cannot make our circus a success. Every noble in the Murat family needs to make a contribution for success to happen. As I wrote in the November article, you can contribute by working with your Club/Unit at the circus, selling ads for the circus activity book, promoting the circus in your neighborhoods or communities, or just mailing your circus coupons back to the Fraternal Office.

At the October Stated Meeting, I spoke about the "Power of 1/8." We all have heard the motivational story of how one person can make a difference, but I want each of you to think of the power of 1/8 of our temple. We have just over 8,300 nobles in Murat. If 1,100 nobles were to commit to selling ONE \$75 ad for the circus, that would represent four times the amount of ad sales in 2008 and equal more than \$82,000 of revenue for our circus with more than \$20,000 of those monies being returned to the Clubs and Units of Murat.

Murat Shrine Circus
Indiana State Fairgrounds Pepsi Coliseum
March 5-8, 2009

Open Night— March 5 at 6:30 p.m.
General Admission \$10

School Days—March 5 & 6 at 10 a.m.
No Charge (Abbreviated Show)

All Other Shows — Reserved Seats
\$18 • \$15 • \$10

Please make check payable and mail to:
 Murat Shrine Circus
 Attention: Sherri Miller
 510 N. New Jersey Street
 Indianapolis, IN 46204

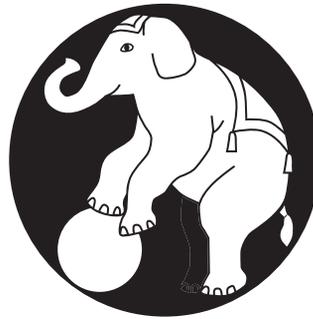
Murat Shrine Circus is a fraternal fundraiser and is not tax deductible as a charitable contribution.

	# Of Tickets	Seat Price	Total Amount
Thursday, March 5 10:00 am		SOLD OUT	
Thursday, March 5 6:30 pm			
Friday, March 6 10:00 am		SOLD OUT	
Friday, March 6 7:00 pm			
Saturday, March 7 10:00 am			
Saturday, March 7 2:00 pm			
Saturday, March 7 7:00 pm			
Sunday, March 8 11:30 am			
Sunday, March 8 3:30 pm			

	SERVICE CHARGE	\$3.00
	TOTAL	\$
	Less Coupons (must be enclosed)	
	AMOUNT DUE	\$

Check Number _____
 or
 VISA MasterCard Discover

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 SIGNATURE _____ V-CODE _____
 NAME _____ SHRINE # _____
 ADDRESS _____ PHONE # _____
 CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____



If 1,100 nobles were to sell 20 tickets each to the circus, we would have more people at our circus than in 2008. If 1,100 nobles were to work in some capacity at our circus performances, imagine the impression all those fezzes would make with the public and the pride that would radiate within the nobility. All of the above is possible with just a little effort on our part. I ask you to rededicate yourself and your Club/Unit to the Murat Shrine Circus. From the Potentate and Divan members to our newest nobles, I ask you again, "WHOM DO YOU KNOW?"

I conclude with welcoming Mike McLaughlin as assistant circus director. Mike, as many of you may know, has served Masonry and Shrinedom in various capacities through the years, especially working with the youth in DeMolay. He brings a great deal of experience and leadership abilities to

our Murat Shrine Circus Team. Please congratulate him on his new role serving the nobility! If Mike or I can help any of you, please do not hesitate to call Mike at (317) 796-0331/e-mail mcmcl@aol.com or me at (317) 557-5975/e-mail claytonmason@sbcglobal.net. Once again, I thank all of you who have year after year dedicated yourselves to our circus. To the outgoing leadership of all our Clubs and Units, thank- you for your past efforts, which I hope will continue. To the new leadership and our newest nobles, please commit to making the 2009 Murat Shrine Circus the best ever—GET INVOLVED! I wish each of you and your families a safe and happy Holiday Season!

Yours in Faith,
Andy

2009 Murat Shrine Circus Ad and Sponsorship Opportunities

Ad Levels

1/8 Page Ad	\$75.00
1/4 Page Ad	\$150.00
1/2 Page Ad	\$250.00
Full Page Ad	\$500.00

Corporate Sponsorships

Calliope Level: **\$750**

Sponsor receives full page ad in circus activity book, 75 complimentary tickets, 2 tickets to Corporate Sponsor Dinner, recognition on Web site, recognition plaque

Acrobat Level: **\$1000**

Sponsor receives full page ad in circus activity book, 100 complimentary tickets, 4 tickets to Corporate Sponsor Dinner, recognition on Web site, recognition plaque

Trapeze Level: **\$2500**

Sponsor receives a full page ad in the circus activity book, 250 complimentary, 6 tickets to Corporate Sponsor dinner, recognition on Web site, recognition plaque

Ringmaster Level **\$5000**

Sponsor receives full page ad in circus activity book, 500 complimentary tickets, 8 tickets to Corporate Sponsor Dinner, company logo and signage in the Pepsi Coliseum during all performances, Web site recognition, ad in our Magazine from March 2009-February 2010, Honorary Ringmaster for a show, and a recognition plaque.

All ad sales will be paid 25% commission to the club/unit given credit on the ad contract. Any club/unit that has \$10,000 of aggregate ad/corporate sponsor sales will receive 30% commission with the highest selling club/unit receiving a special award at Ringmaster's Banquet (must qualify with \$10,000 of aggregate sales). Ad contracts may be picked up at Fraternal Office or can be mailed upon request. All ad contracts are due with company artwork to the Fraternal Office by January 15, 2009. Artwork can be e-mailed to sheri2766@aol.com

Christmas!! My favorite time of the year. Looking at the calendar, I can see it is "just around the corner." While anticipating this season, plans are being made for decorating the house and tree with colorful lights, wreaths, and holly for everyone to enjoy. This special time also may include roasting a turkey, baking pies, making candies and cookies, and sharing time with family and friends. Yes, Christmas will soon be here.

I am eagerly looking forward to attending every holiday party for Tarum Court's six Units and the Past High Priestess Club. I am also taking this opportunity to thank the many ladies in the Ladies Oriental Shrine who will be helping with the Shrine Children's Christmas Party on Sunday, December 14. Be sure to wear your fez and Christmas attire so the children will know that we are the ladies who helped provide the candy canes and baked cookies for each of them. Our help with the children that day and cleaning up at the end will assist our Murat nobles with this event. Ladies, you are to be applauded for your love and dedication to this project.

The 2009 Zoo Books are here! Do you have everyone on your Christmas list receiving one of these money-saving books? Double check your names and then contact Ladies Kay Hinshaw,

(317) 271-7179, Ruby Warmouth, (317) 241-3730, or PHP Ruth Ann Kelly, (317) 690-4290, to get your books for that "extra special" family member and friends. Deadline to order books will be December 15. All outstanding books and money due must be given to Kay, Ruby or Ruth Ann by December 20. We hope to make this Ways and Means project a huge success for Tarum Court.

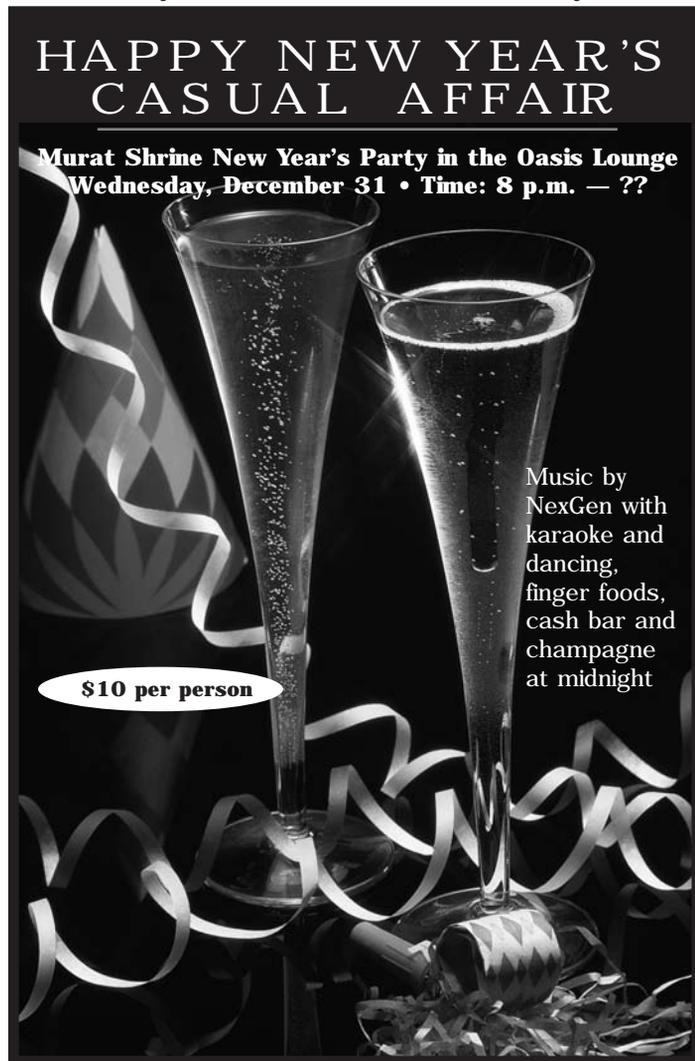
Please continue to look for ladies to become new members in our organization. Get your "Petition for Membership" from any present member. Our Ceremony of Initiation will be on Saturday, February 21, in the Arabian Room. I am hoping for a large class of new ladies to join us.

Please mark your 2009 calendar for our annual "Souper Supper" to be held on the Friday before Super Bowl Sunday at the Gatling Gun Club. For a mere \$5 per person, you will have many homemade soups, salads, desserts, and a drink. A live auction by a Murat noble and many door prizes will be given away that evening. Come and enjoy this special event.

Finally, I wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Tuesday, January 6 – Stated Meeting: 7 p.m., Corinthian Room
- Tuesday, February 3 – Stated Meeting: 7 p.m., Corinthian Room
- Saturday, February 21 – Ceremony of Initiation: Arabian Room Brunch at 10:30 a.m.



HAPPY NEW YEAR'S CASUAL AFFAIR

Murat Shrine New Year's Party in the Oasis Lounge
Wednesday, December 31 • Time: 8 p.m. — ??

Music by NexGen with karaoke and dancing, finger foods, cash bar and champagne at midnight

\$10 per person

Mini Cycles

Russ Butters

It's December and time for snow. Parade season is over for this year. Everyone should be working on their bikes and getting them shined up for the 2009 parade season.

Our Christmas party will be held on December 20 at Logan's Roadhouse in Plainfield. Logan's is located at 351 S. Perry Road, across from Metropolis Mall and behind Target. Time for the party is 5 p.m.

Our new officers for 2009 will be installed on January 4 at the Murat Shrine Club mass installation at 2 p.m. in the Arabian Room.

The Mini Cycle Club would like to wish good luck to the newly elected president of the Johnson County Shrine Club, Mike Percy, and Shrine Lady Jackie.

Birthday wishes go out to our members and ladies for November and December.

It's holiday time again—time for parties and get-togethers with family and friends. Here's wishing everyone a safe and happy Holiday Season and a great New Year.



Enjoy your Shrine by joining a Unit or Club at Murat.

You are cordially invited to join the...
MURAT MINI-CYCLE CLUB
We are a "family-oriented" motorized parade unit.

The Fun Club

Phone 831-4683 or 882-0482
for information
Russ Butters • Dale Dougherty

RV Club

1983 – 2008

RALPH NEIMAN, HISTORIAN

In 1983, the Murat Shrine Potentate, Francis Preston, asked John Schaefer, a longtime member of the Murat Band and a fellow RV'er, to form a small committee to study the feasibility of forming an RV Club within the Murat Shrine. John agreed and selected Joey Scott of the Arab Patrol and Joe Otto of the Clowns and Directors Staff, both RV'ers, to join him and Fran on the committee.

The response to a Murat Magazine advertisement was extremely good, so the committee notified the nobles showing interest in an RV Club. They scheduled a meeting at the Shrine Club to proceed with the formation of the Club.

The committee prepared a charter and the bylaws under the name of "Murat RV Club." Both were approved by Murat and put into effect thanks to the cooperation of Murat Recorder Robert Konkle. We became an official Club of Murat in 1983.

The organizing committee members, Fran Preston, John Schaefer, Joey Scott and Joe Otto, are recognized as founders of the Murat RV Club in our Club bylaws.

In late 1983, the Murat RV Club elected their first officers for the year 1984. The principal officers were: President Matt Totten, Secretary Bill Simpson, and Treasurer Chuck Kottlowski. Matt and Bill are deceased but Chuck served as treasurer for 10 years and currently attends our meetings when his health permits.

Currently, the Club meets on the third Tuesday of each month and we have approximately eight outings during the camping season. Each outing has a wagon master to plan the destination, food and entertainment. Over the years, we have visited many Indiana cities, towns and festivals plus many locations in all of the surrounding states and Canada. Most of our members have a white jacket with "Murat RV Club" written on the back of it and on almost every outing, we get comments regarding the Shriners Hospitals and how we helped someone in their family.



Many of our members belong to other Clubs and have been involved in various ways. Many work the circus, State Fair, Transportation, etc.

It has been a fun and productive 25 years. One thing that adds to the fun and success of our Club is that our wives attend all of our meetings and are instrumental in the success of our outings. We started with approximately 100 members in 1983 and in recent years our membership runs between 60 and 70.

Since our 20th anniversary, we have been very fortunate to attract new and active members. Four of our new members not only have nice RVs but also love their "HARLEYS." Other changes are the gas and diesel prices for our rigs, but we are hanging in there. We still enjoy representing our Murat Shrine and our hospitals as we visit the cities and towns throughout the Midwest.

We want to thank our founders for their foresight in forming the Murat RV Club and the Murat Shrine for letting us represent this great organization in our Midwestern cities and towns.



Potentate Ron Elliott and Lady Sally Jo with several Divan members and Ladies, Grand Master Jeff Zaring and his lady Margie, and several Nobles and their Ladies aboard the ship on the recent Caribbean Cruise.

(Photo by Jim Hale)

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(October 2008)



Potentate Ron Elliott displays a \$125 check donated by the Bartholomew County Shrine Club for the Children's Christmas Party Toy Fund. Joining in the presentation are Club members John Redman, Clyde Martin, Buddy Antle, Earl Neville, Ellis McCormick, and Bucky Everhart.



Potentate Ron Elliott accepts a \$3,000 check for the Murat Transportation Fund from Yacht Club President Fred Schowengerdt and Club members Bob Dancey, Toddy Inabnitt, Bob Bland, Garland Moore, Stanley Moore, Wally Renn, Kevin Keating, and Delbert Drummond.



President Ray Miller, along with Johnson County Club members Toddy Inabnitt and Bob Dancey, makes a donation to Murat's Transportation Fund in the amount of \$750 to Murat's Illustrious Potentate Ron Elliott.



A \$2,000 donation to Murat's Transportation Fund is presented to Potentate Ron Elliott by Billy Baugh, Bob Bland, Bob Dancey, Bob Westerfield, and Toddy Inabnitt on behalf of American Legion Post #355.



Potentate Ron Elliott accepts a \$5,000 check for the Transportation Fund from White County Shrine Club President Ralph Kauffman and members Dick Griffith, Carl Shake, and Ed Jacobs.



David Disponett, president of Tri-County Shrine Club, and Club members Paul Chandler, James Disponett, Don Hines, and Junior Harvey hand over two checks to Potentate Ron Elliott. The first is in the amount of \$5,000 for the Transportation Fund and the second is \$10,000 for the Shriners Hospitals for Children.



Madison County President Curly McNally and Club members Dick Dawson, Jim Swain, Bill Edgeman, and Bethel King donate on behalf of their Shrine Club \$10,000 for the Murat Transportation Fund. The donation is accepted by Potentate Ron Elliott.



Potentate Ron Elliott accepts a \$1,000 check for the Transportation Fund from Shelby County Shrine Club President Jim Ross, who is assisted in the presentation by Club members Bill Johnson, Phil Herthel, Dale Herthel, and Outer Guard Bill Rasner.

Merry Christmas, nobles, from the Murat Firemen's Club!

It seems as though the year only started yesterday, but in reality it is already drawing to a close. It's been a great year for our Club as we celebrated our first member to become Potentate of Murat. Thanks Ron Elliott and Sally Jo for a good year and a fun year; it's been a great ride.

Congratulations too are extended to President Floyd Sendmeyer on serving as our president for the past two years. He and his wife Carole provided all of us with some memorable moments that we will share forever.

Mark your calendars now for our Club's "Potentate Reception Dinner" to be held January 7, 2009. More information will follow in the January issue of this magazine.

As you read this article, the 2009 Calendar Sales Program should be well underway. This program is our second largest money-making program for Murat, second only to our great Murat Shrine Circus. They make great stocking stuffers and your family and friends might win money every month for the next year. Good Luck & Sell, Sell, Sell!

Speaking of the Murat Shrine Circus, March 5, 6, 7 & 8, 2009, are the dates for next year's annual event. Please mark your calendars now so you might dedicate some time volunteering at the circus. But first, keep in mind this is our largest fundraising event and all you have to do is ask a friend, vendor or associate to support our circus by buying ads. Start today to help raise funds for Murat and your Club or Unit. Sell ads, Sell ads, Sell ads.

Gordon Husk decided to resign as Recorder of Murat late in the year after eight years of service to Murat. Your dedication to our fraternity and your family are truly admirable. You truly do have your priorities in line with our Masonic teachings. We look forward to your continued support of Murat and wish you well in all your future endeavors.

Correction from November magazine



Transportation jackets for 100 trips each are awarded to Ted May and Earl Neville by Potentate Ron Elliott and Recorder Gordon Husk.

We welcome Ed Wolfe as Murat's new Recorder. Ed has supported Murat and provided excellent leadership skills in the past; I know he will serve Murat in a very professional manner. He and Gordon have worked hard to make the transition smooth. They are to be commended for working together for the betterment of Murat. Welcome aboard Ed.

Create in '08 final Hot Sands ceremonial is December 13—please get one more Mason to join the Shrine. See you there!

In closing, I would be remiss if I didn't thank all of the ladies in the office for their hard work and assistance throughout the year. Thank you ladies!

Also, to the various editors and contributors to this award-winning magazine, thank you for your dedication and hard work each month. It's a tough job, but you do it well. Thanks.

Finally, to our members and all nobles, may each of you enjoy the season and have a blessed and safe Merry Christmas.

MURAT ENTERTAINMENT CALENDAR

Friday Nights at the Oasis Lounge

January:

FRI 2	Band Night
FRI 9	NexGen Theme Night
FRI 16	Live Jazz Night with Sizzlin' Gregg Bacon
FRI 23	Seth Jenkins Live
FRI 30	Game Night

February:

FRI 6	Band Night
FRI 13	NexGen Theme Night

March:

FRI 6	Band Night
FRI 13	NexGen Theme Night
FRI 27	Seth Jenkins Live

Oasis Presents in the Arabian Room

SAT FEB 14	The Hottest Valentine's Day Ever with Sizzlin' Gregg Bacon \$80 per guest; VIP seating \$100 per guest
SAT FEB 21	Fred Astaire Dance Studio - Regional Dance Contest
SAT APR 11	Caribbean Night at the Shrine

Hello Nobles,

December already? Where did 2008 go? We had many activities this year and the fun and fellowship overflowed. For those who missed out this year, we've missed you! Let us know if you need a ride to get there. If you would like a ride or need one, call the Club—we will see that you get one.

The fall (Halloween) party was great fun with a fantastic dinner. Many wore costumes and the judges had a hard time choosing for the different categories. The band, Impasse, did a tremendous job and played along with the fun. The party was sponsored by our own M.C.S.C. Desert Patrol with Noble Matt Chambers as chair. Many, many thanks go to his Lady Missy for the many decorations. Thank you!

December Calendar:

- M.C.S.C. Children's Christmas Party – Saturday, December 6
- Christmas Party and Appreciation Day – Sunday, December 7
- Christmas – December 25 – Merry Christmas to All!!
- New Year's Eve – December 31
- Reserve your table for the New Year's Eve Party.

Bring your family (over 21) and friends; call the Club at (765) 643-2730. Music, steak dinner with all the trimmings, fellowship, champagne at midnight, and our own Old Man Time bringing in the New Year's baby. If you don't wish to stay for all the activities, just come out for the meal, fellowship and some music. But, if you find you are having a lot of fun and staying until the first hours of 2009, don't blame me.

Shriners ... Having Fun and Helping Kids.

Potentate's Sons become Masons on November 8 at Calvin W. Prather Lodge



Potentate Ron Elliott was a proud "papa" on Saturday, Nov 8 when he participated in raising sons Ryan and Scott to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason at Calvin W. Prather Lodge No. 717. Joining him to memorialize the day are Most Worshipful Brother Doug Fegenbush and Worshipful Master Ed Adams. (Photo by Mark Genung)



Lady Ruth Ann Kelly presents Potentate Ron Elliot with a check in the amount of \$525 for the Transportation Fund. The donation was raised from jellies and bread that Lady Ruth Ann makes and raffles at Hillbilly Club meetings.



Lady Sally Sutherlin, on behalf of the Mountain Jewels, donates \$1,000 for the Murat Transportation Fund to Potentate Ron Elliott.



Larry K. Sutherlin, Raban of Hillbilly Clan #14, presents a \$3,000 check to Potentate Ron Elliott for the Transportation Fund. Much of the money raised came from performances by the Hillbilly Band. (Photos by Bob Wilson)



Firefighters Kayak 1,000-plus Miles for Shriners Hospitals

Four firefighters kayaked more than 1,000 miles – from Fort Lauderdale, Fla., to their hometown of Virginia Beach, Va. – to raise money for Shriners Hospitals for Children. They began their journey on May 19 and returned home to a crowd of 100 supporters, a fireboat and two fire engines welcoming their arrival on June 24.

Mark Hundley, Ray Irizarry, Paul Gleaton and Mark Sturgis, all of the Virginia Beach Fire Department, exceeded their \$20,000 fundraising goal and will donate the money to the four Shriners Hospitals providing burn care, located in Boston; Cincinnati; Galveston, Texas; and Sacramento, Calif. Fire Capt. April Elmore assisted with their campaign and helped spread the word through their Web site, www.teamvbfd.org.

The grueling journey up the Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway required a major time commitment and a lot of preparation. The men had to save up leave time and trade shifts with co-workers to be able to take off work for the trip. They endured a vigorous training schedule and spent thousands of dollars – from their own pockets – on equipment and food.

“We wanted people to be confident that 100 percent of their donations went to the children,” explained Gleaton.

This is the second major donation made by Gleaton and Sturgis, who were part of a team that kayaked the waterway in 1998. They organized their recent trip as a 10-year reunion of the first adventure, which raised \$10,000 for Shriners Hospitals.

Gleaton, 47, a fire captain, admits he was wary about making the trip now that he is 10 years older. “It’s easy to want to quit when you get tired, but I just think of those kids



The firefighters finished their 1,000-plus mile journey up the Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway on June 24. Their trip raised more than \$20,000 for Shriners Hospitals. *Photo Courtesy of Bill Tiernan, The Virginian Pilot*

in the hospital and how they have to keep going,” he said. “They are the ultimate motivation.”

Novice kayakers Hundley and Irizarry were eager to take on the challenge. They paddled 30 miles a day, often facing severe weather or high wakes from pleasure boats racing past. Despite the obstacles, they hope to do it again someday.

“It was a great time with a great group of guys,” Hundley said. “It’s all about who you’re with and the people you meet along the way.”

One of the most memorable experiences for the firefighters was a conversation with two fishermen while paddling through Georgia. After a brief chat, they discovered the fishermen were Shriners. When they learned about the purpose of the

kayakers’ journey, the Shriners took money from their wallets and donated to the cause.

The four men also spent time with the Oriental Shrine Club in North Carolina, and were greeted by members of Khedive Shriners from Chesapeake, Va., upon their return. Several fire stations provided food and shelter along the way, and Spec Rescue International, a professional training and consulting organization, provided support drivers – people who follow the kayakers’ route by vehicle and provide assistance and necessary supplies – throughout the journey.

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Band

Did your candidate win the White House last month? Win or lose, we have a new commander in chief. As I write six days before the election, I don't know the outcome but if my candidate loses, I'll support the winner for the good of my country until I can make a change in 2012.

One presidential candidate challenging the other jumped up and shouted, "What about the powerful interest that controls you?" to which his opponent screamed back, "You leave my wife out of this."

True, we can't all win but the only real losers are those who quit and didn't vote in November. You are un-American and don't deserve the privileges and freedom we so often take for granted.

When you were a pre-teen, did you ever play cops and robbers, cowboys and Indians, pirates or war games? If you didn't, yours was not a typical childhood. Did you have toy swords, bows and arrows, knives and guns? Sure you did; it was part of growing up. Did you go to war as an adult and have real bayonets



And the Band plays on—Miracle Mile Parade.

and guns to preserve our country's heritage and freedoms? Yesteryear they were toys and are still toys to the young at heart. If real guns are left unattended and/or are not provided with safety guards, it is the responsible adult who should be punished. They should have a swift trial, well publicized, and severe punishment for their negligence. Overnight the promiscuous availability of handguns would disappear.

Registration, confiscation and regulation of honest citizen's arms only give the criminal a free hand without fear of

Leonard Hull

retaliation and would not deprive them of weapons. Theirs would not be registered or removed by regulation in the black market just as drugs are easily available. This would not deter crime but would enhance it ... knives and ball bats also kill. Are you going to stop baseball? Every school boy carries a pocketknife from grandpa. We already suffer from excessive government regulations. The designers of the Constitution had foresight to anticipate today's problems. Let's leave it alone. Punish the offenders and enforce laws already on the books.

Enough flag waving until next month. Be a proud American and a Shriner. Join the Band. Rehearsals are every Wednesday evening in the Corinthian Room at 7 p.m.

Did you know that the color blue represents peace? Wearing blue can also help you feel more confident.

GO COLTS.

It's the Holiday Season now and time to celebrate the reason for the season—"the birth of the Prince of Peace."

School Collecting One Million Tabs for Shriners Hospitals in Honor of Classmate

Shriners Hospitals for Children saved his life, now Daniel Happy and his school are collecting one million pop tabs for the pediatric burn hospital.

The fifth grader at St. Dominic School in Cincinnati survived a burn injury after a plane crashed into his home last year. He was treated for seven months at the Cincinnati Shriners Hospital and is still an outpatient at the facility.

When Daniel enrolled at St. Dominic, Principal Al Grote spoke with Daniel's mother about the school helping Shriners Hospital in honor

of Daniel. "We learned about the pop tab program for the hospital and combined understanding the concept of what a million looks like with helping a great cause," said Grote. The school named the program, Happy Tabs for Shriners Hospitals. More than 400,000 tabs have already been collected. The collected tabs are recycled and the proceeds are used to buy items for patients and families at the hospital.

Cincinnati hospital volunteer Evelyn Jordan formed the Evelyn Jordan Fund in 2007 to collect and recycle pop tabs for the hospital.

Since she began

collecting tabs in 1997, she estimates more than \$70,000 has been spent on items for the patients and families at the hospital. "I know there are items that are needed that are never planned for in the budget," notes Jordan. "But, I really do it because I love children and volunteering my time." The tab fund has funded items such as: lounge furniture, bingo prizes, craft supplies, and refrigerators for the family care unit rooms.





Shriners Hospitals Rated One of the Most-Trusted Nonprofits

Shriners Hospitals for Children ranked as one of the top three most-trusted nonprofit organizations in a recent survey of wealthy individuals conducted by the Luxury Institute, an independent research firm.

The New York City-based Luxury Institute conducts a variety of impartial surveys and research to guide and educate extremely affluent individuals and the companies that market to them on trends, net-worth consumer rankings, and ratings of luxury brands and best practices.

This was the first year the institute conducted its Luxury Brand Trust Index survey of nonprofit organizations, said Martin Swanson, the firm's vice president of business development.

Shriners Hospitals for Children ranked third among the most-trusted nonprofits. Children's Hospital of Philadelphia ranked first, and St. Jude Children's Research Hospital ranked second.

"Being recognized as one of the top most-trusted nonprofit organizations demonstrates that the medical care provided by Shriners Hospitals is highly regarded and respected," said Ralph Semb, president and chief executive officer of Shriners Hospitals for Children. "That's a great honor for us."

A sample of 1,666 consumers with an average income of \$348,000 and an average net worth of \$3.7 million was asked to participate in the online survey. Respondents rated 41 national nonprofit organizations on several factors, including trustworthiness for delivering superior quality, customer



Shriners Hospitals for Children is dedicated to improving the lives of children through pediatric specialty care, innovative research and outstanding teaching programs. This one-of-a-kind health care system helps kids with orthopaedic conditions, burns, spinal cord injuries, and cleft lip and palate defy the odds, at no charge.

service, being innovators and leaders, using the highest legal, ethical and moral standards, and being good corporate citizens. Fourteen of the nonprofits included in the survey were medical institutions or health-related organizations.

"High-net-worth consumers are the largest donors and are expecting – even demanding – measurable results, transparency, lack of conflicts of interest and fiscal responsibility from nonprofits," said Milton Pedraza, the Luxury Institute's chief financial officer.

"We should all be very proud of the fact that Shriners Hospitals has received such a high ranking by this group of individuals," said Semb. "Their trust in our hospitals and our mission reinforces the fact that all our 22 Shriners Hospitals have been successful in honoring our number-one commitment to provide exceptional specialty treatment to children who need it, at no charge."

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Welcome New Nobles!

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Date Created	New Noble	Top-Line Signer	Unit/Club to be Credited
September 1, 2008	Thomas J. Earnshaw	Steve Bond	Brown Co SC
September 5, 2008	James H. Peper	Chris Lawson	NexGen
September 9, 2008	Ralph E. Colter, Jr.	Barry Taylor	Logansport SC
September 9, 2008	Marvin E. Greist	Tom Keplar	Logansport SC
September 9, 2008	Theodore H. Jones, Jr.	Barry Taylor	Logansport SC
September 9, 2008	Gerald C. Lebo	Barry Taylor	Logansport SC
September 9, 2008	Kyle L. Rans	Bill Michael	Logansport SC
September 9, 2008	Edward C. Wilkinson	Barry Taylor	Logansport SC
September 15, 2008	Brian L. Beaudrie, Jr.	Allan Hall	Clowns
September 15, 2008	Michael M. Bell	Michael Glenn	Directors Staff
September 15, 2008	Steven D. Lainhart	James Eding	None Listed
September 15, 2008	Stephen M. Quirk	Michael Pettigrew	Madison Co SC
October 18, 2008	Anthony M. Agresta, Jr.	Berry Konjisky	Police Club
October 18, 2008	David J. Ambler	Sam Thompson	Mobil Nobles
October 18, 2008	Jonathon G. Barber	Roger McQueen	HSUR SC
October 18, 2008	Paul E. Baylor	Jerry Stamm	Madison Co SC
October 18, 2008	John L. Baysinger	James Carpenter	Madison Co SC
October 18, 2008	John A. Bryant	Danny Thomas	Shelby Co SC
October 18, 2008	Robert W. Buck	Jerre Nichols	None Listed
October 18, 2008	Joseph J. Buttice	James Ross	Reception
October 18, 2008	Gregory A. Click	Robert Dancey	Yacht Club
October 18, 2008	Ryan J. Coffel	Bruce McNally	Madison Co SC
October 18, 2008	Levi A. Cox	Jerry Stamm	Madison Co SC
October 18, 2008	Richard T. Davis	Tim Whitaker	Firemen's Club
October 18, 2008	Victor A. DeRose	Mel Anspach	Reception
October 18, 2008	Gregory A. Ford	Art Borton	Mobil Nobles
October 18, 2008	Clark A. Green	Robert Dancey	Yacht Club
October 18, 2008	David A. Hall	George Choung	Legion of Honor
October 18, 2008	Donald R. Harpster, Sr.	Mark Kreger	None Listed
October 18, 2008	Sam R. Haughey	Chris Pedersen	Highlanders
October 18, 2008	Thomas L. Hendrickson	Don Richards	MSBC
October 18, 2008	Grant A. Henry	Chris Pedersen	Highlanders
October 18, 2008	John C. Hoenstine	Jacob Hoenstine	NexGen
October 18, 2008	Timothy S. Hoenstine	Jacob Hoenstine	NexGen
October 18, 2008	Raymond F. Ison	J. David Maudlin	Bartholomew Co SC
October 18, 2008	Claude W. Jones	Robert Wilson	Firemen's Club
October 18, 2008	Gregory S. Keith	Gaylord Stough	None Listed
October 18, 2008	Gregory L. Kitzmiller	Ron Elliott	Firemen's Club
October 18, 2008	SeJ T. Kreger	Mark Kreger	None Listed

Date Created	New Noble	Top-Line Signer	Unit/Club to be Credited
October 18, 2008	Anthony B. Kuritz	Larry Jefferson	Reception
October 18, 2008	Derek I. Lacy	Ray Gotshall	Kentucky Colonels
October 18, 2008	Wesley F. Lance	Robert Dancey	Yacht Club
October 18, 2008	Louis L. LeBlanc	Art Borton	Mobil Nobles
October 18, 2008	Richard C. Maggard	Nevin Selke	Ron Zimmerman
October 18, 2008	Bryon S. Marsh	James Ross	Reception
October 18, 2008	Austin R/ Martin	Jerre Nichols	None Listed
October 18, 2008	Robert E. Martin	Jerre Nichols	None Listed
October 18, 2008	Patrick G. Mattingly	Mark Kreger	None Listed
October 18, 2008	Timothy S. Maynard	Dave Pearson	DeMolay
October 18, 2008	Michael B. McCormack	Mark Genung	Chanters
October 18, 2008	Beau W. McNally	Bruce McNally	Madison Co SC
October 18, 2008	William L. Miller	Mike McArthur	Corvette Club
October 18, 2008	Jay B. Nichols	Jerre Nichols	None Listed
October 18, 2008	John E. Parry	James Garrett	Henry Co SC
October 18, 2008	William D. Payton	Jeffrey Close	Reception
October 18, 2008	Robert P. Pearsey	James Ross	Reception
October 18, 2008	Douglas E. Pillow	James Priest	Patrol
October 18, 2008	Donald L. Reedy	Ed Thralls	None Listed
October 18, 2008	David L. Schroeder	Sam Thompson	Mobil Nobles
October 18, 2008	Kent F. Schuch	None	None Listed
October 18, 2008	Mark R. Scutchfield	Shon Hough	Firemen's Club
October 18, 2008	Brian S. Sherrill	Tom Keplar	Logansport SC
October 18, 2008	Robert R. Stephens	Mark Plummer	None Listed
October 18, 2008	Craig A. Stevenson	Sam Thompson	Mobil Nobles
October 18, 2008	Daniel R. Stewart	Sam Thompson	Mobil Nobles
October 18, 2008	Donald E. Stout	Chuck Cole	Mobil Nobles
October 18, 2008	Alexander C. Summerall	Bruce McNally	Madison Co SC
October 18, 2008	R R Sutter	Greg Miller	Reception
October 18, 2008	Robert L. VanHook	Kenneth Matkins	None Listed
October 18, 2008	Jeremy R. Waits	Kenneth Waits	None Listed
October 18, 2008	Robert E. Waits	Kenneth Waits	None Listed
October 18, 2008	James B. Walker	Garland Pickman	Ainad Shrine
October 18, 2008	James L. Walker	Ray Gotshall	Reception
October 18, 2008	Anthony O. Widgey	Kevin Scott	None Listed
October 18, 2008	Stanley B. Wright	Nicholas Gray	Madison Co SC
October 18, 2008	Jeffery E. Wynne	Richard Monroe	Patrol
October 18, 2008	Kelly J. Young	Steve Bunting	Mobil Nobles
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Dodge Challenger Revs Up Support for Shriners Hospitals for Children



Gary Block and Al Surprenant, Melha Shriners, are two of the dedicated Shriners who are attending Dodge Motorsport events across New England to provide information about the online auction, Shriners Hospitals for Children and Shriners International.

The Dodge Challenger, an iconic muscle car, is back after a 35-year absence, and a limited-edition 2008 Dodge Challenger SRT8 will be up for auction on eBay from Dec. 1 to Dec. 7 to benefit Shriners Hospitals for Children.

The car, which is #234 of 6,400 produced in 2008, goes zero to 60 mph in five seconds and is loaded with options, including a 6.1-liter HEMI® V-8 engine with 425 horsepower, a GPS navigation system, Keyless Go Entry, MyGIG multimedia system and UConnect hands-free communication.

 NEW ENGLAND DODGE DEALERS



A 2008 Dodge Challenger SRT8 will be up for auction online from Dec. 1 to Dec. 7. The winning bid will benefit Shriners Hospitals for Children.

The New England Dodge Dealers Association donated the car after seeing advertisements for Shriners Hospitals for Children. The group wanted to help raise awareness and funds for the organization because of the positive personal experiences that many of the dealers and the association's board members have had with the hospitals and Shriners.

Through the end of November, Shriners and Dodge representatives will display the car at more than 20 Dodge Motorsport events, providing information about the car, the auction, Shriners Hospitals for Children and Shriners International. The car will also make special pit-stops at the Shriners Hospitals in Boston and Springfield, Mass., before spending the final days of the online auction at the New England International Auto Show at the Bay-side Exposition Center in Boston, Dec. 3 to Dec. 7.

To find out more about the online auction and the car, visit www.BeAChallenger.com.



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Shrine office will make hotel reservation for you. If sharing a room with someone, please let the office know at the time of registration. Each person is responsible for rooming costs.

Tuesday, 1/27 – Arrival day and dinner at Pinchers' Crab Shack. Golf available.

Wednesday, 1/28 – Luncheon at Araba Shrine in Ft. Myers and dinner at Legends Golf Club. Golf available in afternoon.

Thursday, 1/29 – FREE Day – Golf, day trip to Key West or activities on your own. Dinner on your own.

Friday, 1/30 – Luncheon at Sahib Shrine in Sarasota and dinner at Mike Close's house.

Saturday, 1/31 – Return Day

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COMING EVENTS

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DECEMBER

- MON. 1 **DEADLINE FOR JANUARY MAGAZINE**
- THU. 4 Caravan Club – Bob Rini-Stage actors workshop
- THU. 11 Caravan Club – Jim Baize-Iwo Jima 1945
- SAT. 13 **Murat Shrine Ceremonial**
- SUN. 14 Children's Christmas Party
- MON. 15 Divan Meeting, Board Meeting
Stated Meeting 7 p.m.
Election of Officers
- THU. 18 Caravan Club – Christmas Program
- THU. 25 **Merry Christmas!**
- THU. 25–
FRI. 26 **Fraternal Office closed**
- WED. 31 NexGen New Year's Eve Party

JANUARY

- THU. 1 **HAPPY NEW YEAR!**
Fraternal Office closed
- FRI. 2 **DEADLINE FOR FEBRUARY MAGAZINE**
- SUN. 4 Murat Public Installation
- THU. 8 Caravan Club – Andy Clayton, Circus Chairman
- THU. 15 Caravan Club – Potentate George Proctor
- SAT. 17 Founder's Day
- MON. 19 Divan Meeting, Board Meeting
Stated Meeting 7 p.m.
- THU. 22 Caravan Club
- SAT. 24 Murat Leadership Conference
- TUES. 27–
SAT. 31 Florida Visitation
- THU. 29 Caravan Club

FEBRUARY

- MON. 2 **DEADLINE FOR MARCH MAGAZINE**
- THU. 5 Caravan Club
- THU. 12 Caravan Club
- MON. 16 Divan Meeting, Board Meeting
Stated Meeting 7 p.m.
- THU. 19 Caravan Club
- FRI. 20 Little Pig
- THU. 26 Caravan Club

MARCH

- MON. 2 **DEADLINE FOR APRIL MAGAZINE**
- THU. 5–
SUN. 8 Murat Shrine Circus
- SAT. 21 Potentate's Ball

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