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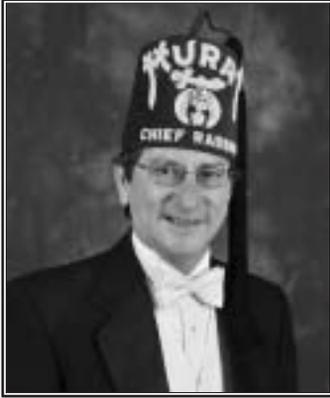
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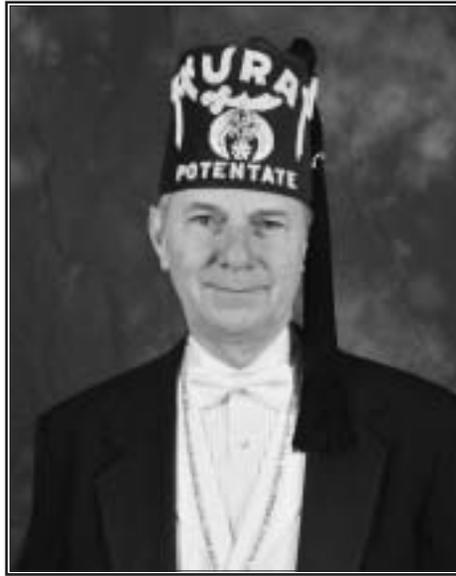


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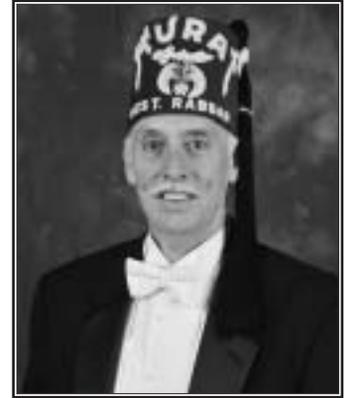
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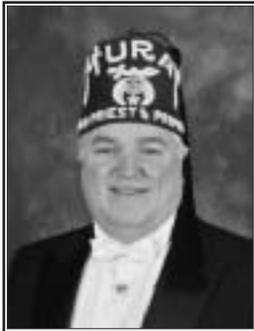
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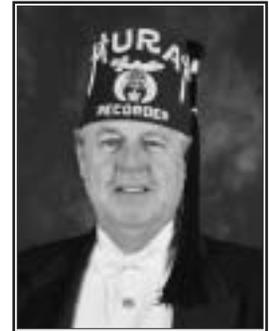
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POTENTATE MESSAGE

Hand in Hand

As this year comes to a close, I would like to thank the nobility of Murat Shrine for electing me as your 2010 Potentate. It has been a privilege and honor to serve Murat in this capacity. The journey I have had during the past several years since I was appointed as Outer Guard by Past Potentate Barry R. Cook has been an interesting, rewarding, enjoyable and worthwhile learning experience. I have thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity I have had to meet and get better acquainted with so many of Murat's dedicated Shriners and their ladies.

I have strived to encourage harmonious teamwork among members of our Clubs and Units. My theme for 2010 emphasizes the importance of working together for the benefit of our fraternal organization and the children's hospitals that we support. By working together we can accomplish Murat's mission and goals, develop new friendships, and have fun working on various fundraisers and events. If you get involved and make a commitment to be a dedicated noble, you will reap the rewards that come with the knowledge that you are helping our Shriners Hospitals patients have a better life and a brighter future.

I would like to thank all of the nobles who are currently serving as an officer or committee chairman in one of Murat's Units and/or Clubs. Accepting a leadership role is one of the important ways you can contribute in helping to keep our fraternity strong, vital and appealing to new nobles. Membership continues to be an extremely important priority if we want our fraternity and hospitals to continue in the future. Having interesting and appealing clubs and activities is an important aspect in recruiting new members. If you have not served as an officer or committee chairman, please consider doing so when asked.

I would also like to thank the Divan members who serve Murat in various capacities. Each Divan member has several commit-



tee assignments they are involved with on a monthly basis. Without their dedication and commitment to Murat, it would be very difficult to accomplish not only the big events and activities but also the routine and daily tasks that need attention. I appreciate all the hard work and effort put forth by our Divan and the support they have given me during 2010. I would like to congratulate them on a successful year and give them my best wishes for continued success for all their future endeavors.

One last time, I would like to remind you of my theme for this year:

Hand in Hand we will learn and grow together

Hand in Hand we will make a difference in our Clubs, Units, communities and hospitals

Hand in Hand we will accomplish great things

Kay and I would like to send all of you our very best wishes for a blessed holiday season. Enjoy the wonderful joy of spending time with family and friends.

May 2011 bring you good health, success and lots of happiness.

Illustrious Potentate
Craig T. Hinshaw

■ Potentate Craig Hinshaw and his family celebrate the holidays. Pictured are (left to right) son Matthew Hinshaw, daughter-in-law Kara Hinshaw holding granddaughter Kate Hinshaw (2), daughter-in-law Amy Hinshaw (kneeling), Craig Hinshaw, granddaughter Belle (8) holding package, grandson Luke (5) with big grin, Kay Hinshaw, grandson Brady (3) holding package, grandson Hanson (6), son Mark Hinshaw, granddaughter Quinn (8), grandson Sam (9), and son Trent Hinshaw (far right back).

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Recorder's Message

Ed Wolfe

I am proud to announce an exciting new era for Shriners International and Shriners Hospitals for Children. On July 1, 2010, Shriners Hospitals for Children began accepting payments for care in our hospitals from health insurance companies (called "third party" payors). While this is a new era for Shriners Hospitals for Children, we have not changed our mission on the care we provide to kids. What has changed is the way we talk about how care is provided at Shriners Hospitals for Children. We can longer use the terms "FREE," "NO CHARGE," OR "NO COSTS" when referring to care provided in our hospitals. These terms have been replaced with this phrase: WE PROVIDE CARE "REGARDLESS OF THE PATIENT'S ABILITY TO PAY." We encourage you to spread the word to all nobles in your Club/Unit and respective territory.

For all of you last-minute Christmas shoppers, "Membership has its Benefits." Log on to www.shrinesavers.com and take advantage of an exclusive "Nobles Only" benefit program. You will find Savings and Values just for you, noble!

The Ladies Corner

Kay Hinshaw

Here it is December already. This has been a wonderful year for me as Murat Shrine's First Lady. I have enjoyed each and every event and all the various activities that we have attended throughout the year. It's been so nice to meet and get better acquainted with the nobles and their ladies of the various county Clubs and our numerous Shrine Units. Thank you for your wonderful hospitality and friendship that you have extended to Craig and me.

The October Ladies Luncheon was very well attended and enjoyed by all. There were ladies from several of our county clubs, numerous past potentates' wives, and a good representation from our various Shrine ladies' organizations.

Thank you for joining me and the other Divan ladies for a relaxing and enjoyable day. I appreciate the support you have given me throughout the year at the various ladies' functions. I have enjoyed the opportunity to meet and fellowship with other Shrine ladies and look forward to seeing you at future Shrine events.

With all the hustle and bustle of the approaching holidays, keep in mind the true meaning of these very special occasions and take time to appreciate and enjoy family and friends. Happy Holidays and best wishes for a new year filled with all you would hope for and more!

Hancock County Shrine Club

Fred Crace

The October meeting of the Hancock County Shrine Club was held on Tuesday the 26th at the Greenfield Ponderosa. It was well attended by both nobles and their ladies. All were welcomed by Club President Irv Lewis and after opening remarks were invited to enjoy the dinner. After dinner, past President Lloyd Young told of his recent trip to Hawaii and the tour of the Shriners hospital on the island. Noble Young spoke of the beautiful setting and the unmatched care given to our kids. Pictures were shown and each and every noble left the meeting a little prouder to be a Shriner. The December meeting was announced and it will be held on Tuesday, December 7, at 6 p.m. at the Bluebird diner in Morristown. Officers will be installed and a great buffet will be enjoyed. Watch for the notice in the Daily Reporter and if you have any questions, feel free to call Irv Lewis, president, at (317) 326-2054. Hope to have a good crowd for the meeting. See you in December.

Medicare Confused?

Many changes to Medicare health programs are again taking place for seniors during the "Annual Enrollment Period" for 2011.



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Flying Fezzes

Patrick DeCallier

Dick Brennaman, our "prez," gave a very interesting presentation of "The Most Extreme Airports." This was based on a History Channel show.

The 10 airports presented were those that with a combination of field elevation, proximity to mountains, water and airport layout present serious safety challenges for pilots.

In addition, preliminary arrangements are in progress for our annual "Christmas for the Kids" program.

Members were shocked when it was announced that Bob Abel, one of our members, had been taken to the hospital. We were advised later during the meeting that his condition was improving.

Shriners Continue to Help Kids

GORDON J HUSK, CHAIRMAN, BOARD OF GOVERNORS, CHICAGO HOSPITAL

As we thank nobles, their ladies and all supporters of Shriners Hospitals for Children® for their wonderful help in the past, we look to the future with a firm belief those supporters will continue their efforts. We need that dedicated support. The future will find us filing claims with insurance companies for medical services. At the Imperial Council Session in San Antonio, representatives voted to begin accepting third-party pay, to help us continue providing world-class medical care, while we experience increasing need and higher costs.

Imperial Sir Doug Maxwell, Chairman of the Shriners Hospitals for Children® Board of Trustees, recently released updated information for the third-party pay initiative. Some projected results of diligent effort and expense of preparation are shown below. While more complete details will be available later, this article will give interesting information for your consideration.

As of October 8, 2010, six of our hospitals were submitting insurance claims. Philadelphia, Portland, Lexington and Spokane began July 1, 2010 (three months). Salt Lake City and Tampa began October 4 (five days). For that short time, those hospitals filed claims for 4,245 procedures amounting to \$13,102,382.14. Our contractor is projecting a 54 percent payment rate, with the likely amount of collections \$7,075,286.33. Claims on hold represent 3,144 procedures of \$11,558,294.98. Other claims which are being held for later filing are for 2,140 procedures of \$8,367,695.48 (Spokane's billings await filing of a Certificate of Need with the State of Washington), plus \$4,465,809 being "scrubbed" for accuracy.

The totals of claims described above:

\$13,102,382.14 Claims submitted for Payment

\$11,558,294.98 Claims on hold for Medicaid concurrence

\$8,367,695.48 Claims on Hold for Spokane's CON

\$33,028,372 x 54 percent = \$17,835,321 expected from 4 hospitals for 3 months and 2 hospitals for 5 days. Cash received during this start-up period from July 1, 2010, through Oct. 8, 2010 = \$508,829.57

Establishing the claims system has involved some expenses, such as the contractor Price Waterhouse Coopers, software billing programs from Cerner Corporation, 23 new employees at Headquarters and at the hospitals currently filing claims. These expenses as of October 8 were \$5.855 million.

These start-up expenses and first-year costs are in preparation for subsequent years. As the additional hospitals begin billing, 2011 billing revenue is projected at \$128 million, while 2012 billing projections are \$175 million.

Shriners Hospitals for Children

MO Calculation - Outsource Version with Medicaid Only for Phases I & II and Spokane CON Delay

	Start-up	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5
Revenue:						
Gross Patient Revenue		\$27,892	\$278,118	\$827,240	\$828,890	\$828,890
Insured Revenue		7,255	51,728	85,120	84,790	84,790
Capitalist Revenue		2,545	17,390	23,370	23,390	23,390
Professional Revenue		67,245	446,520	895,670	909,200	909,200
Total Gross Revenue		78,937	783,756	1,731,900	1,726,270	1,726,270
Net Patient Revenue		\$8,808	\$128,344	\$178,848	\$178,404	\$178,404
Less Expenses:						
Operational Expenses	\$0	\$1,000	\$3,370	\$2,900	\$2,500	\$2,500
Ring Fees	-	360	5,190	7,800	7,000	7,000
Implementation Costs	540	4,750	5,740	-	-	-
Information Technology	2,400	2,170	1,270	1,270	1,270	1,270
Contingency Fund	420	3,660	750	750	750	750
Total Expenses	\$3,120	\$12,880	\$14,980	\$11,880	\$11,880	\$11,880
Balance of Revenue Over Expenses	\$5,688	\$115,464	\$163,868	\$166,520	\$166,520	\$166,520
Cumulative Revenues (Default)	\$5,688	\$127,152	\$291,020	\$457,540	\$624,060	\$790,580
Cumulative Expenses	\$3,120	\$13,240	\$28,220	\$40,100	\$51,980	\$63,860
8 Year Return on Investment (ROI)		3.32	4.31	7.1	9.1	9.8

1: Medicaid Cash delayed for Phase I and Phase II Hospitals until March 2011
 2: Spokane Cash delayed until May 2011 due to CON issues
 3: Commercial Cash delayed until October due to delays with go-live issues (HR groups, RAB charges, etc)



Besides thanking supporters of our hospitals and providing a summary of third-party pay status, we present the following from the 2010 dedication of the new Shriners Hospital for Children—Honolulu®. A time capsule had been placed in the cornerstone of the original hospital in 1930, and it was opened for this year's dedication. "New hospital 2010."



Imperial Sir Maxwell with senators in 2010



Native dress for 2010 dedication

The principal speaker at the 1930 dedication was The Honorable Wallace R. Farrington, 6th Territorial Governor of the Hawaiian Territory. His comments remain inspiring today and should cause us to maintain and increase our dedication to the mission of Shriners Hospitals for Children®.

THE 1930 ADDRESS OF THE HONORABLE WALLACE R. FARRINGTON

“A LITTLE CHILD SHALL LEAD THEM”

We should be thankful that the sufferings of the children will be less. We are thankful that through the medium of a crippled child a great organization of joy-promoters has found an inner soul and set to work.

Nobles of the Mystic Shrine are the arch enemies of every form of Killjoy. They were organized to play. Serious thoughts were for serious moments. Within the Shrine was to be found a spot where, for one brief period at least, all care and worry and irritating restraint might be thrown aside and the joy of youth and boyhood be unconfined. Is this a reflection of “Whence Came We?”

Whatever the world might think, the joy riders of the Shrine lived their own lives, took their own means of wiping out gloom, and let the world go on.

It was the most natural thing in the world for these Shriners, the soul of good nature, inventors of new ways to revive old smiles, pioneers in new fields of happiness to undertake this new path; it was in the scheme of things that Shriners should begin to wonder whether they were not a bit selfish.

The Mystic Shrine is not a Masonic organization, but every Shriner must be a Mason. He must be sufficiently advanced to understand the higher arts and crafts of Masonry to know its code, its moral and dogma.

Nowhere in the whole structure of Masonry is the building stone of selfishness to be found. Craftsmen are taught to cast it out, break it in pieces so that by the application of tools of Masonry, the plumb, square and level, the trowel and every implement that will aid in shaping a unit of strength and beauty, the several parts may become building stones in the better lives of better men.

A few weeks ago I was privileged to sit within the audience hall of Harry Emerson Fosdick's church on Riverside Drive. A magnificent structure, the last word in art, architecture and the power of wealth to raise an ornate home for spreading the gospel of Christianity. Its towering massiveness is impressive in a setting where new marks have been set in the height of towers and the mass formations of man-made institutions.

The great audience hall accommodating possibly three thousand people was crowded to standing room only, others waiting outside, many turned away. It was not a special service. Just the usual run of attendance at that church.

A large surplice choir, minister and assistant minister, gowned and formalized to fit into the grandeur of the massive church scenery. A great church organ, exemplifying the vibrant influence of music to charm and soothe, or fire with new energy, new courage, new enthusiasm.

The night before in the theatre district, with its weaving, restless people, its crowded amusement places, its bright lights and gayety, one was given to wonder when anyone ever had a serious thought, or cared much which way they were going in this world or the next.

But here was a church, holding more than many of the theatres, crowded to the guards. The hymns were hymns the congregation could sing. The harmony of the mass had the volume that gives courage to the uncultured voice that is usually quieted for fear a discordant note will be overheard.

The sermon title “The Perils of Worshiping Jesus” arrested attention. The pastor told his hearers that there are two ways of destroying a great man – to crucify him or worship him. Destruction by worship was an original thought. And he developed in clear and simple language. All that a great life has stood for may be destroyed by surrounding the personage with form and ceremony, and the trappings of ritualism, man-made machinery in which the followers become so interested or involved or priest-led and theology ridden that they lose sight of the vital lessons of living that the great teacher sought to unfold.

The soul of the thought wiped out by the belittling study of the varieties of ecclesiastical machinery put on the market, each presented as the only one worthy to set the thought in motion.

Sensing the thought of his hearers, the preacher turned to the wealth, and the ceremony, and trappings of worship within which he stood, and of which he was in a great measure the builder. He believed in the values of architectural beauty to adorn the house of worship, but it was all as sounding brass and tinkling cymbal if it led men's thoughts and acts and lives away from the simple truths of right-living and right human relations, as taught and

handed down to us by the great master.

In my own limited words and halting phraseology, I hope I may have presented to you the appropriateness of this peril of worship in its application to our fraternity, our temple and this occasion.

The cornerstone of Masonry is the Holy Bible. Not its words and form, but the thought it has passed on to us as the guide of our lives. The architecture, the form, the beauty are necessary values. They reflect the spirit of the architect. We may become so deeply interested in the form of the structure that we forget the lesson of life laid down by the great architect of the universe.

Shriners with their joy, and bands, and bright colors, and abundant good nature began to think.

He said “Where are we bound?” “Where do we go from here?” “This is all right, but it is not the end.”

Beneath the rough shell of gorgeous display and a healthy boy's quote of horse play to keep guard against the rigidity of old age, there lived, and has always lived, the love of a child. Here centers everything worthwhile in life. We build for the children that they may go forward to great achievement and happier surroundings. Faith in God, loyalty to county, guardianship of the home, and it all centers around the lives of little children, he said.

Breaking away from their own selfish happiness, nobles of the Mystics Shrine, the eternal enemies of Killjoy in all forms, turned to the helpless, the unfortunate, the handicapped, crippled child. Ambitious to spread real and lasting happiness, Nobles have opened new vistas of comfort and relief in homes once dark with the distress that comes from loss of hope.

We think of the boys and girls that have been made over, whole lives have been revolutionized in cheer, and hope and happiness in the Shriners Hospitals.

That is not all. That is hardly half of the glory of the Shrine hospital movement. We can tell you, the communities in which they are located have seen full-grown men revolutionized by the new interest they have found, the new purpose, the new directions that have come into their lives by the opportunities these children have brought to their door. Millions of dollars that might have been wasted are turned to the channels that put crippled children on their feet mentally, morally, physically.

Millions of hours of time that might have been wasted in the pleasures of a passing hour have become the happiest moments in the existence of men who go in search of the children that others forgot.

Children have been regenerated. Don't forget the thousands of men who have seen a new light, and having seen, press forward to new achievements.

It was appropriate indeed that the dedication of this new hospital, inspired by the carefree Shriners, fostered and aided by all elements of the community, should take place on Thanksgiving Day. The people of a great nation are devoting some portion of the day to grateful contemplation of Providential care.

With form and ceremony in keeping with the occasion, we dedicate a structure of cement and stone, wood and steel, to the kind care, love and protection of little children. The glory of it all, the beauty and symmetry of the building, the dollars invested, the thing that cheers and inspires and gives us true cause to give thanks is the certain knowledge we have that the spirit of Masonry, the spirit of good fellowship in the Shriners' playground of Masonry is not beclouded or diverted. Rather is it revived and re-invigorated. We are holding true to our principles when, as gorgeous, as boisterous, as hard boiled, as round diamond-like as we may be, the full truth of our deeds and our desires is the pride and joy we gain when it is said of the boys of the Shrine – “And a little child shall lead them.”

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The Yacht Club is still planning some great functions for 2010 and through the winter months of 2011. Each Friday we meet at noon at the American Legion Post at 6440 Westfield Blvd. in Broad Ripple. We have recently started to meet at Southside Hooters on U.S. 31 at noon on some Fridays, and this seems to attract more of a crowd because many in our Club really enjoy the hot wings there. At any rate, we will be meeting at both locations on Fridays but a schedule has not yet been set. We meet on the third Thursday of each month at the Murat Shrine for a Stated Meeting, and we really want to encourage attendance at our meetings. We need new ideas for the Club and would especially like to encourage our younger members to get involved.

Gentlemen, please order your uniform shirt if you have not already done so. We want all Yacht Club members to buy the white uniform shirt which can be purchased for \$27 in order to present a sharp, uniform appearance at all of the Shrine functions. Hopefully, we can get everyone in a uniform by year's end. We

also have Yacht Club hats, sweatshirts, jackets, and sport shirts for sale, but all members need to at least purchase the white uniform shirt ASAP if you do not already have one. Contact Joyce Puterbaugh at (317) 297-5505 and she will give you the complete details. We will soon be updating the Murat Web site for the Club so that all members can find the order form for our merchandise and purchase these items directly from Joyce. (An order form was mailed to you last month and the prices are still current and valid as of this date.) Also, we hope to have a Web site that will show the activities for which the Yacht Club is noted as well as a schedule of events for 2011.

Do not forget Commodore Bob Dancey's Knights of the Sea Cruise to Paradise which sets sail out of Miami, FL, on March 27, 2011, for a seven-day cruise. The price of this cruise simply cannot be beat, and we already have a contingent of more than 100 who have signed up, so it will be a guaranteed good time. Prices start at less than \$100 per day for everything—cabin, meals, entertainment, etc. Contact Bob Dancey at (317) 788-9539 for

further details. Anyone can go on this cruise, so feel free to bring your children, your friends, your neighbors, and anyone who would like to go along. You know if Bob Dancey is sponsoring this cruise, it will be an experience you will talk about forever ... so consider the sponsor and sign up today.

The Yacht Club meets on the third Thursday of the month at the Oasis Lounge in the Shrine and we always have a good crowd. Please join us and if you have some ideas as to social activities for the winter months, we are open to any suggestions. If anyone would like to be an officer in the Yacht Club, we would like to talk to you as we want to fill our officer corps with individuals who want to be involved in Shrinedom and the Yacht Club. We want 2011 to be the best year ever for the Yacht Club and we need your ideas as to how we can best provide you with the fun you would like while we raise money for the children whom we have an obligation to serve.

Until then, I wish you fair winds with following seas!

Johnson County Shrine Club

The membership of the Johnson County Shrine Club has gathered together and wants to extend a very hearty Merry Christmas and nothing but good wishes for a Happy New Year 2011. It's the month we have to say "goodbye" to our president of the past 12 months, Ron Bailey, and his Lady Vondra. The members all want to say thank you for a job well done. In fact, we've included a picture of each of them taken just recently ... you can see how much it affected them both.

As Ron turns over control of the Club, he steps away from a pretty tough year. Ron didn't go hide under some basket; he faced the various problems and met them head-on.

Picking up from the problems involving the Indiana State Gaming Commission, Ron had to make some decisions that were tough, but had to be done. He did not have any bed of roses to relax



on the past 365 days. As Ron retires his "gavel," the new officers for 2011 are ready to step up.

The new officers will be sworn in by Jim Priest, High Priest and Prophet of the Divan, at the Christmas party later this month. Those being sworn in are as follows: Barry Cook, President; Duane Burgess, First Vice President; Don Borski, Second Vice President; and Jim Carter, Treasurer.

Also elected and to be sworn in

along with the officers will be the board of directors. This year's members making up the board are: Ron Bailey – Past President; Jack Brown – 1 year; Lin Coner – 1 year; Bob Coner – 2 year; and Mike Percy – 2 year.

The Club is currently handling paperwork to convert the secretary position to a combination of secretary/treasurer, completing the list of officers.

With the officers now in place, it becomes the membership's responsibility to give them all the help they may require. Let's all band together and help Barry and his team get it all together for an early start to 2011. Let's all pull together and make 2011 the best year yet for the Johnson County Shrine Club.

See you next issue.

Legion of Honor

Jim Taflinger

As we near the end of 2010, there are still several items Murat Legion of Honor wants to bring to your attention.

The Unit's annual meeting will be held on January 15, 2011, at American Legion Post 497, 3011 Guion Road, Indianapolis, IN. The social hour will be 1700 to 1800 with dinner to follow at 1800 hours. All Legion nobles are invited to attend at no cost to you or your spouse/lady. Contact Commander Ron Bolyard before January 7, 2011 (phone number 782-0978) if you are attending. Show your support for Commander Ron and his staff of officers by attending; the cost is certainly reasonable ... it's free!

Murat Legion of Honor welcomes Noble William Reisa to our ranks and hope we see him often at our monthly meetings. Noble John Newby is on the mend and we hope he continues to have an uneventful recovery.

Keep in mind our next Richard Roudebush VA Hospital visit will be on Tuesday, December 21, at 1800 for dinner; we'll meet in room C1202. The hospital is located at 1481 West 10th St. in Indianapolis. Please use the east entrance as the north side entrance is under repair. Following dinner, we will again visit our veterans with gifts of socks and change for the canteen.

Dues notices have been mailed to the Legion nobility and if you haven't paid your dues, take a minute and get them paid. It will save additional funds to send out "second notices."

For your long-range plans, March 3-6 will be the 2011 edition of the Murat Circus. We hope many will attend to assist the Color Guard in the presentation of colors. More information will be found in a future edition of the Legion of Honor news. If you are planning to attend the Great Lakes Legion of Honor conference in London, Ontario next August, make sure you have a passport as you will be unable to return to the United States without one.

Happy Holidays to our Legion of Honor nobles and looking forward to seeing everyone in the new year.



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Maharanees's Message:

As I write my last "Maharanees's Message," I can't help thinking how fast this year went! It really is true ... time flies when you're having fun! And there's a little more fun to be had before the year ends—a Bake Sale at Guild Night, Thursday, December 2. I hope to see a good turnout for this last Guild Night of the year, which will also be the last one held at Knights of Columbus (Guild Night is moving to Murat Shrine in 2011). You don't have to be a Guild member to attend Guild Night, so come join the fun!

We had a lot of fun this past year, and I was honored to be Maharanees of Smyrna Shrine Guild in 2010, but now it's time to look ahead to 2011. Maharanees-elect Tammy Priest is planning a Public Installation of Officers on Saturday, December 18, from 2 to 4 p.m. in the Corinthian Room at the Murat. All are welcome to attend this public event, but we do need to know how many to plan for, so

please contact Tammy at (317) 862-0551 if you plan to attend. My wish for Tammy is that her installation, and her year as Maharanees, will be as memorable and enjoyable as mine has been. With the support of our fun, dedicated, and caring members, I know it will be! Here's to a new year of fun and friendship in Smyrna, helping to support the education of our Shrine kids!

In tolerance, Maharanees Vicki

December Calendar

Thursday, December 2—Guild Night: 5:30 p.m. at Knights of Columbus (Bake Sale).

Tuesday, December 14—Board Meeting: 6:30 p.m. and Stated Meeting: 7 p.m. at Murat.

Saturday, December 18—Public Installation of Officers: 2 p.m. at Murat (Corinthian Room).

January Calendar

No Guild Night in January.

Tuesday, January 25—Board Meeting: 6:30 p.m. and Stated Meeting: 7 p.m. at Murat.

A quick rule of thumb: Guild Nights in 2010 are held the first Thursday of each month beginning at 5:30 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus (1305 N. Delaware); Guild Nights in 2011 will be held the first Wednesday of each month in the Tunisian Room at Murat. Stated Meetings are held the fourth Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. at Murat. Make your 2010 Guild Night reservation by contacting Guild Night Chairman Karen Waldrip at (317) 856-1629 and leave a message. Reminder: Dianna Craft is our Cheer Chairman. Please contact her with news regarding our Smyrna membership and their families so we can communicate the news in a timely fashion. Her number is (317) 882-8587. If no answer, please leave a message.

Corvette Club

Danny Diehl

This is my last article. It's been a real pleasure telling stories and reporting Corvette Club news. Thank you for the opportunity.

Parade season is over, but the year is not. Martinsville was our last and best attended. Before our step-off time, one of our own was injured in a fall. Carrie Matlock, who is not affiliated with a Shrine group, attended to him until the ambulance arrived and even visited him in the hospital. Her explanation for doing this? Her father was a Shriner! In appreciation for her kindness, Club members passed the hat and presented her with a gift card. It's people like Carrie who understand what Shriners represent, and that motivates us in all we do.

Our second annual mystery trip held October 24 had a caravan of 17 Corvettes, 2 cars and 1 motorcycle. A stop for lunch at the Laurel Hotel & Inn, near Metamora, was a hit. They sure had fabulous chicken! The caravan stopped by Danny Thomas' house. Last

May, Danny arranged a driving tour of the Appalachian Mountains while the Club was in Pigeon Forge. He was proud to show off his Christmas collection totaling nearly 4,000 Santa Clauses, Christmas trees and decorations. Wow! Thanks, Danny! Your middle name wouldn't be Claus, would it? Sincere thanks to Terry and Gary Cleveland for inviting everyone for Zem-Zem and food at the end of the trip.

Club member Gary Atkinson and his church group are going to Haiti. The Club took up a collection of \$62 including jars of peanut butter for the Haitians. Good luck and God Bless!

November 11, our election night, was the most important meeting of the year. We were looking for a few great men, men who have the foresight to take us forward as a club. If I could pick one thing that makes our Club so successful, it's our ladies. They help with every aspect of the Club. We are one big family, and I don't think any club can survive without their ladies. On

December 3, Assistant Rabban Charles L. Crabtree swore in our new officers during our annual Christmas dinner held this year at Stone Creek Restaurant.

November 13 was the Shrine Ceremonial and ladies were invited to attend. The temple provided a wonderful meal and a donation box was made available. The event was well attended. The Murat Kids' Christmas Party is December 12. Santa has lots of presents and lots of fun planned for the kids.

Our attendance continues to grow, and we extend an invitation to join us for fun times! We meet the second Thursday of the month at 7:30 in the Motor Corps Room. Many of us come early to the Oasis Lounge for food and Zem-Zem. Bring your lady and, remember, you do not have to be a Corvette owner to join the Club. Thanks to Pip and officers for a wonderful year! Pip will continue to help move us forward as a Club board director!

It has gotten to that time of year when the famous (or infamous) gang of guys in kilts becomes less obvious on the street. It is not the chilly feeling on the knees that does this, but in addition to lack of outdoor events and parades, pipes tend to “freeze up” as the moisture from one’s breath causes the several reeds to shut down altogether. As of this article, we had a couple of indoor performances, and we continue to hold practices so that the pipers don’t shut down.

This month’s lesson on things Scottish is going to deal with weapons. You may wonder about the custom of carrying a knife in one’s sock and a dagger on the belt. The Biodag (pr: beedak) or dirk was a long stabbing knife up to 50 cms long which was ideal for close quarter fighting. The more affluent Highlanders would keep the dirk in a sheath often with one or more smaller knives or a knife and fork held by smaller sheathes. The large broadsword and shield would be a bit cumbersome to carry when one is creating the lovely tones of the pipes and drums.

Black in name and black in purpose, the sgian dubh (pr: skeean dew) was a killing knife secreted in a small holster up a sleeve or near an armpit. Four to six inches in length, this

close-quarter knife was for use when no other weapons were at hand. If a Highlander felt in danger in the company he was in, he would sit with his arms folded with one hand on the sgian dubh so that he could pull it out in a flash. Dubh is the Gaelic for black and traditionally the handle and scabbard were made from dark colored woods and leather. After the raising of the proscription (the ban) on weapons and Highland dress, the sgian dubh came out of hiding as it were and was then worn mainly in the stocking, right or left side, depending on the individual’s preference. In the 19th century when the wearing of the sgian dubh became more decorative and less functional, the hilt for daytime would be made from stag horn and the one worn in the evening from ebony and decorated with jewels. The main reason for the Highlanders to carry this handy weapon is for retaliation when an outsider calls us out for wearing a “skirt.” Keep that in mind!

We continue to hold our monthly meeting in the Nile Room of the Murat Shrine, the first Monday of each month, with regular practices on the second and fourth Mondays. All are welcome to visit and observe.



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Johnson County Mini-Mystics

Dave Alspaugh

We've reached that magical month of December 2010. It's time for the elves, fairies and Santa Claus to do their thing. Every family has their special things that have been passed down through the family.

Recently, we were discussing decorating our house, and due to our age, we thought we would cut back on the decorating. But where do you cut back? For instance, you can't get rid of the elves at our house. Many, many years ago, my dad put some elves around the room where the Christmas tree was. We were told that they were Santa's eyes. They report back to him on how we behaved.

When we had grandchildren, one Christmas I brought back that old tradition that my dad started. I told one of the grandsons about them being Santa's eyes. You didn't have to tell him to "believe"—you could see it in his eyes. Today, we've seen those grandchildren grow up and we've passed on the "Santa's eyes" to our youngest grandchildren. Surprisingly, Quentin and Kaci have made the elves into a game. When they come to Grandma and Grandpa's for Christmas, I find that I really have to be on my toes. They'll walk in the front door, take off their coats, and ask in unison, "How many elves are hiding?" They'll spend the rest of the morning looking for them. They'll not quit looking until they know exactly where they're all at. Sadly, our little tradition has only one little "believer" left. Then, I can always hope one of them carries the tradition on. Thanks to my dad for starting it.

Traditions are important throughout our lifetime. Shriners have many traditions to honor. The Mini-Mystics for instance ... have the "Breakdown" necklace, sometimes referred to as the Dan Gillahan award. Then there is the "Screw-up" award for doing something dumb! Various drivers want to be in certain positions in the parade lineup. Call it tradition or superstition, we, as Mini-Mystics, have them.

Another tradition we have is saying "goodbye" to our officers as the year comes to an end. This year we have to say "goodbye" to Dan Gillahan and his First Lady Henrietta. The year has passed by so quickly. We wish Dan all the best as he becomes the Master of his Lodge for this next year.

As the month races toward New Year's Eve, let me tell you ... watch out for those elves. Remember ... they're Santa's eyes.

Have a very Merry Christmas and we'll see you next issue.



500 Club

Jerry Lance

As our year comes to a close, I want to wish all a very happy and safe holiday. Bless our shut-ins and hope all have a good upcoming year. Remember, dues are due except for life members. Elections will be held Wednesday, December 1, for the 2011 year. Hope to see you all at the meeting. Happy Holidays to all. Until next time ...

Police Club and Drill Team

Don L. Weilhammer, Jr.

Wow, it is starting to get cold outside (okay, for many of you it is already cold). Snow is right around the corner, if we have not already had some and it is the season! There are XX number of shoplifting days until Christmas—you fill in the number. Now come on, what did you expect me to say, shopping days until Christmas? You did expect that coming from a cop, right? It seems like yesterday that our 99th Potentate, Craig T. Hinshaw, took office and held the Potentate's Ball. Where did all the time go?

I'd like to take a moment to remind you to remember the true meaning of Christmas this season and if you get a free moment, try to call or visit a Shrine member whom you have not seen or heard from in awhile. Better yet, if possible, call them up and offer them a ride to the next Club meeting.

Nominations for Club officers were last month (November) and if the magazine makes it to you before the monthly meeting on Tuesday, December 7, show up for any last minute nominations and for the elections. Thanks to outgoing President Dennis Parks and Drill Team Commander Bill Pike for their leadership this year.

Thanks for reading the article this month; don't forget that we meet on the first Tuesday of each month, except in the summer, downstairs at the Shrine, 7 p.m. Stop on by and visit—we would love to have you.

Veteran Car Club

Darrel Wilkinson

Well, nobles, here it is again, the end of another season of parades and summer outings for this year. I feel that the Veteran Car Club has presented itself to the public once again in the best light possible. The public does remember the Shriners. When I tell people that I am a Shriner, one of the first things they ask is, "Do you drive one of the little cars or 4-wheelers in the parades?" I explain to them that our Unit parades with full size antique or special interest vehicles.

Our next event on the Club calendar is the installation of officers for the 2011 year. This will take place December 13 at the Bluebird Restaurant in Morristown. Officers for the 2011 year will be: yours truly, Darrel Wilkinson, President; Chris Fields, Vice President; Fred Johnson, Treasurer; and Chris Botorff, Secretary. I might add that the next night, yours truly will receive my 50-year pin in Blue Lodge at Phoenix Lodge in Rushville.

Wishing all members of Murat Shrine a very Merry Christmas and a prosperous 2011!

Jacoby Foundation Letter and Report

We are making progress! As you know, over the past several years the Jacoby Foundation has assisted in the completion of considerable work on the Murat Shrine Theater and Temple buildings. Thank you for helping to make this possible.

Two projects currently under consideration are the restoration of the mural on the west face of the Murat Theater building and the completion of elegant fencing around the entire facility. The Jacoby Foundation will seek grants to assist in funding these and other projects, but such grants typically require that we raise approximately half of project costs from sources.

Many other restoration opportunities also exist, and the Jacoby Foundation is in the process of planning future projects. We welcome your suggestions and input to help us identify and prioritize upcoming projects. Among the other possibilities being discussed is the creation of a temperature and humidity controlled archive room to contain the historical records and objects relating to the Murat Temple buildings. Perhaps you can suggest another worthy project. If so, we hope to hear from you.

Much progress has been made! But, as you can see, a great deal remains to be done.

The Jacoby Foundation is working to return the Murat Temple and Theater buildings and their surrounding areas to their original splendor, and then provide for their ongoing maintenance and preservation. Our long-term goal is to amass sufficient funds to underwrite the future care of these historic buildings so we may preserve them in proper condition in perpetuity.

To make these plans a reality, **WE NEED YOUR HELP.**

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We invite you to visit the Murat Temple and Theater buildings to see firsthand the important and beautiful improvements made possible by your past donations. Thank you again for your support.

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Shrine License Plates Available

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

- To qualify for the plates, go to the Murat Web site at www.muratshrine.org.
- Click on the license plate heading and fill out the form. Printed forms are also available from the Fraternal Office.
- Send the completed form along with \$10 to the Fraternal Office. The \$10 goes to the Linn Van Fund to purchase the Transportation vans.
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'Tis the season to be jolly and our Club wishes each of you a very Merry Christmas!

To our Illustrious Potentate Craig T. Hinshaw and his lovely Lady Kay, we say thank you for representing all Shriners and their ladies, "Working Hand in Hand," as you traveled around the country, state and local communities.

As your president for the past two years, I have felt honored by the support and participation of each of you as we have worked hard to keep our small Club strong and vibrant in the activities of Murat. I especially want to thank Ed

Pierce for keeping us solvent and up to date in his handling of our funds. As he now leaves the position, I'm sure our new treasurer will do an admirable job. Joe Olofson will continue to serve as our secretary, and I know he will continue to do the fine job he has done in the past. As our new officers are elected and "move up the ladder" of responsibility, I feel confident they will serve our new president, Mark Elder, well by working hard. My hope is they can continue to bring members into our Club. Another group I would like to thank are the associate members we have elected into our

Club. They have raised money, provided EMS duties, and participated in parades and circus activities. Thank you for not only joining our Club, but for working to keep our Club strong.

Our Club will be 62 years old on January 6, 2011 (next month). It started with a vision by a small group of Indianapolis Shrine firefighters and a \$10 donation from a potentate in 1949. That vision has been realized and we have been "helping children" since we were chartered. Through continued hard work and dedication, we will be around for another 60 plus years.

In closing, I would be remiss if I didn't say thank you to our Potentate once again for his leadership and support during this past year. He and his Divan have all supported our Club whenever asked. They are all Club members and do a fine job. To my friend Bob Wilson (Mr. Imperial Photographer), thanks for all of your pictures and for heading up the fundraising efforts on behalf of the Club.

Finally, I would like to thank Imperial Sir John Cinotto for his support of our Club whenever asked. In 2013 he will serve as our Imperial Potentate and bring the Imperial Session back to Indianapolis. We hope we can support him as he has supported us.

2010

Dec. 1 – MFC Meeting and Election of Officers, 7 p.m.

Dec. 11 – TEXAS HOLD'EM at Murat

Dec. 12 – Children's Christmas Party

2011

Jan. 5 – Potentate's Reception at Firefighters Union Hall

Jan. 8 – TEXAS HOLD'EM at Murat

From our House and Club to Yours ... Merry Christmas!

Madison County Shrine Club

Gary Dalzell

2010 is coming to an end with one month to go. Thanksgiving is over and Christmas is almost here. It seems like just yesterday we were starting 2010.

The photo is of two members of our Legion of Honor, Clyde House and John Newby, receiving the American flag from Trudy Perkins who is donating it on behalf of her late husband, Noble William Perkins. The Madison County Shrine Club wants to thank her very much.

A thank-you goes out to Terry Dickey, president of Desert Patrol, and his committee for the October party with the band Surrender Dorothy. The theme was the Wizard of Oz. Also, thanks to his Lady Cecelia for the fine decorations.

In November the Thanksgiving Dinner-Dance was hosted by the Ladies Shrine Club.

I would also like to give a big thank-you to the president of the Transportation Unit, Richard Sobel, and his drivers for the great job they have done this year. They have made 58 trips this year with 9 in September and 11 in October. Thanks again to Dick and his drivers.

I would like to invite everyone to our New Year's Eve party on Friday, December 31. The doors open at 7 p.m. and there will be a wonderful assortment of hors d'oeuvres throughout the night with complementary bubbly at midnight along with doughnuts and coffee. The band Anastasha will entertain.

The cost is \$40 per couple. There will be a sign-up sheet at the Club and you can purchase tickets in advance.

RSVP to the Shrine Club at (765) 643-2730, gary.dalzell42@yahoo.com, and/or MCSCMANAGER@GMAIL.COM.

Remember to think POSITIVE.

Yours in Shrinedom.



Greetings Nobles and Friends,

Attendance was a little low for a second meeting since we came back from the summer break. We had 19 in attendance compared to 23 last year same meeting. Year to date we are at 146 attending compared to 151 last year. We are down 3 percent for the year. As you all know, the Directors Staff has lost several members to the economy as well as deaths of beloved members. We need your attendance at all meetings to keep you abreast of coming events and need your participation in these events.

Please keep us informed as to any illness you may have heard about so we can keep everyone up to date. With your help, I can try to make our articles informative and the best in Murat Shrine.

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

held and new officers elected. They are not known as of this writing but will be published in the January issue. At the October meeting, a new member sponsored by Norm Jones was discussed and approved for membership in the Directors Staff. We welcome Nubian Wes Lance to our Unit and look forward to his attendance at all meetings and functions. Welcome aboard, Les. Since the October meeting, we were involved in the Public Ceremonial and the Masonic Arch Production in memory of P.P. Illustrious Sir George Proctor. If you did not attend this production, you may want to make a note for next year. It was an excellent presentation of all aspects of Masonry. Covered was "education" of Masonry starting with the Entered Apprentice, Fellowcraft Masons, Master Masons, York Rite and Scottish Rite Masons. Also in the lineup was Demolay, Rainbow for Girls, Eastern Star and, of course, the Mystic Shrine.

Sorry for the incorrect date for the November annual meeting in the

November issue. Hope you were notified of the correct date and could make this important meeting for the year. Hope everyone has a safe and happy holiday season. See you at the next meeting.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Stated Meeting is Dec. 20 @ 7 p.m. at Murat Shrine.

Next Directors Staff meeting – Dec. 13 @ 7 p.m. at Murat Shrine. (SECOND MONDAY) OF DECEMBER DUE TO THE HOLIDAYS.

Recruiting is still ongoing. Our goal is 10 good Nubians for 2010. If you need applications please contact me and I will gladly send some to you ASAP. Feel free to invite prospects to attend any of our meetings held on the fourth Monday of each month.

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

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Reception Unit

Larry Sutherlin

The first 11 months of this year have flown by. I sometimes wonder where all the days have gone. It has been a great year for the Reception Unit in the work we have done for the Potentate and the temple. The responsibility of the Reception Unit is to assist the Potentate in all his endeavors for his year, and I believe that we have done this admirably.

We wish to congratulate Illustrious

Sir Craig T. Hinshaw on a great year.

Congratulations to the 2011 officers who have been elected. Our installation will be December 14 in the Tunisian Room. We hope many of you will be able to attend. If you are not a Reception Unit member, but would like to attend, contact President Larry Sutherlin at (317) 839-4443.

Please come and join us for our monthly meetings held the second

Tuesday of each month. You and your lady are invited to join us for dinner (from the menu at your expense) in the Tunisian Room at 5:30 p.m. The ladies are invited to join Lil' Istiks in the Mecca Room for a short business meeting and program, while the men meet in the Mediterranean Room.

Remember our kids in the hospitals with your prayers.

Daughters of the Nile

Ruth Ann Kelly

The busy Christmas season is now upon us and it includes one traditional item that all ages enjoy—the candy cane. Their origin began 350 years ago in Europe as straight white candy sticks. In 1670, a German choirmaster bent the straight sticks into the cane form. Fifty years later the first red and white stripe appeared on candy canes. These signature stripes became a part of Christmas in the United States in the 20th century. Today they are flavored with peppermint, wintergreen, or cinnamon and are primarily available during December. In addition, candy cane stripes are used as a day mark for lighthouses while “candy striper” represents the generic name for a hospital worker.

A big “thanks” to all ladies for helping with the Murat Masonic Arch presentation on November 13 in conjunction with their Shrine ceremonial. Since this was a first for our nobles, we were honored to be asked to help with this event and make available to their ladies the work of Daughters of the Nile.

Now is the time to mark your calendar for the December 12 Murat Children's Christmas Party at the Shrine. If time permits, please contact Queen Elana Dix, (317) 752-2928, and tell her if you can assist with this yearly Christmas event for our children.

On January 15, our Luncheon/Style Show will be held in the Arabian Room. Come to this “Rock and Roll in the '50s” and see how clothing styles have changed over the years. Who knows, maybe you might need to redo your closet with something new and exciting. Arrive early and visit our marketplace for any item you just can't live without owning. The variety and selection of items you may purchase are too many to list. Contact Ossie Pryor PQ, (317) 638-8383, or Manuella Jefferson PQ, (317) 844-6262, if you would like to be a model or have additional questions.

Toys, toys, everywhere! Koran Temple knew how to share! Yes, our donation of toys and gift cards will be gladly received by the Shrine hospital staff in preparation for the Christmas celebration with the children. Thanks for your generosity and thoughtfulness in making this a “fun time” at our December meeting.

The “White Rose Ceremonial” and Luncheon was enjoyed by everyone on November 20. Congratulations to our new ladies who have chosen to become one of us and help with the philanthropic work of the Daughters of the Nile. One has a deep feeling of accomplishment when we see or hear that our efforts have made a happy and rewarding difference in the lives of our “special” children.

Refreshment hostesses for December are the elected officers. January, the Past Queens will serve followed by the Ambassadors in February. There will be no sewing sessions until March.

Final thought: Happiness is a perfume you cannot pour on others without getting a few drops on yourself. “Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.”

Patrol

Chris “Chief” Lawson

Greetings,

Winter is quite upon us and the holidays fast approaching. The Patrol, like all Units, is looking toward election of new officers ... new hopes for the coming year and the events that await us. We are looking for new Patrol members. It takes a special breed of noble to be one of us. If you would like to be one of us, then come to a Patrol meeting the first Friday of the month at 7 p.m. Remember to check the back of the magazine for upcoming events. As the holidays fast approach, remember our troops wherever dispersed as they provide the freedom we enjoy. On behalf of President Ron Hornaday and the officers of the Patrol, have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. See you in 2011.



After the September Band article was missed, October and November articles were substituted. They probably didn't make a lot of sense, but in November as I submit December's article, I'll only confuse you more.

Did your candidate win in the November 2 election? We all can't be winners but never give up trying. That's what this great country is all about.

One presidential candidate challenging another 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. Don't vote in November and you're the loser. You are un-American and don't deserve

the privileges and freedom we 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 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 swift trials, well publicized, and severe punishment for their negligence. Overnight the promiscuous availability of handguns would disappear.



Chanters

Phil Thrasher, P.P.

Wow! The reviews are in and everyone loved the Chanters' Men's Show this year. Sample photos by Carl Culmann are included. Besides the Chanters themselves, a special thanks to Cathy Genung on keyboard, Kelly Glass on drums (and sound setup), Elaine Thrasher on the sound board, and David McAlister on curtain (no easy task). If you missed the show this year, you have a chance to make reservations now for next year's show, Oct. 29, 2011. Amanda Stansbury was this year's winner of the Murat's Got Talent contest and will perform at the Men's Show next year.



The Murat Chanters, along with accompanist Cathy Genung and drummer Kelly Glass, dazzled the audience at the Men's Show on October 23.

Coming soon is the second annual installment of the Cabaret, on April 23, 2011, in the Arabian Room at the Murat Shrine Club. Once again, it will be open to all performing groups in Murat, Ladies Oriental Shrine, Daughters of the Nile, and Shrine Guild. Applications are available from Ned Cline by calling 1-(765) 228-4867 or from Phil Thrasher by calling (317) 407-3650. Tickets will be available through the various performing groups and through the Murat Fraternal Office.



"The King" aka Mark Stansbury joined the Chanters for our annual Men's Show during the presentation of an Elvis Medley.

In 2011, the Chanters intend to increase their numbers by roughly 20 singers. In particular, we need Baritones and First Tenors, but all voices are welcome. In an effort to assist Murat in membership development, the Chanters are willing to audition any male singer, Mason or not, and then help them through a convenient Masonic Lodge, so please let your friends, relatives, and their friends and relatives know that joining Murat has never been easier. This is also a chance to receive credit for finding a new Shriner. Tryouts are every Monday evening at 7 in the Corinthian Room, except Stated Meetings, or call Phil Thrasher at 407-3650 for information. We will take less time than a church choir and will be much more fun.

If we don't see you at the Frank S. Land Lodge or the Hancock County Shrine Club, then we will see you at the Murat Kid's Christmas Party on December 12. Happy Holidays, everyone.

Registration, confiscation and regulation of honest citizens' arms only give criminals a free hand without fear of 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 schoolboy 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. Enforce laws already on the books.

Enough flag waving until next month. Be a proud American. Join the Band, Legion of Honor, the American Legion, VFW or NRA. Protect Old Glory and God Bless America.

Did you honor a veteran last month?



Murat Dramatic Cast

2011

ROBERT EMERSON HANCOCK III

October Article

Fall has arrived and the leaves are changing to their vibrant autumn colors; the air seems crisp and we Hoosiers are enjoying the most perfect of all seasons with our: apple cider, pumpkin patches, hay rides, fall festivals, bonfires and griddle corn cakes. This is without a doubt, my favorite time of the year. *"When the frost is on the punkin and the fodder's in the shock; They's some-thin kindo' harty-like about the atmusfere; When the heat of summer's over and the coolin' fall is here; Of course we miss the flowers, and the blossums on the trees; And the mumble of the bummin'-birds and buzzin' of the bees; But the air's so appetizin' and the landscape through the haze; Of a crisp and sunny monring of the airly autumn days; Is a pictur' that no painter has the colorin' to mock; When the frost is on the punkin and the fodder's in the shock."*—JAMES WHITCOMB RILEY (www.jameswhitcombriley.com)

A big Dramatic Cast thank-you to past President Jim Hale and his family for hosting our Annual Picnic last month at his daughter's home in Martinsville. The day was filled with great food, fellowship and fun. Our magazine pictures this month were submitted by President Smith and reflect the grand time had by all during our August bus trip to Branson, MO (thank you, Mike). Additionally, the Cast golfers would like to thank past President and current Treasurer Larry Sutherlin for another wonderful golf outing to Clover Meadows earlier this month on October 2.

Nobles, next month we have an opportunity to shine; on Nov. 13 Murat is having a Public Ceremonial (families and friends are welcomed for all aspects) honoring Past Potentate George Proctor. We will be performing the first section at 2:30 p.m. in the Arabian Room. We need a great turnout with a full cast. Please contact our director, Terry Sanders, or assistant director, Bob James, at rg33james@yahoo.com if you can be available to attend (even if it is only as a non-speaking part) and bring your significant other or a friend.

Don't forget; on Saturday the 9th of October President Smith has started a new tradition with a Fall Hayride and Weenie Roast at Eagle Creek State Park.

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SCHEDULED EVENTS FOR 2011

**Dramatic Cast's Brass Hat
March 9, 2011**

**Dramatic Cast's Fall Festival
and Hog Roast**

December Article

Happy Holidays to our nobles and wives of the Murat Dramatic Cast. Let us celebrate all that we have, those we share it with, and even everything we may have had but lost; for being thankful provides us insight to happiness. Winter is here and the New Year is near; I look with great anticipation to 2011 as president of the Cast, and I am quite hopeful that with your help, our family will only grow larger and stronger. "Together it Happens."

It is time to start thinking Circus Sales. The Cast needs your support; please make an effort to offer your favorite local business an opportunity to support Shriners and advertise at our Murat Shrine Circus. A full page ad in the program/activities book is only \$350 and/or they can be a Corporate Sponsor for as little as \$750.

Also, don't forget that your efforts will be rewarded again this year with items such as: two tickets to the Potentate's Ball, a credit voucher for any Potentate's trip or even a Murat Circus Jacket (for more details, contact: Mark Bartolovich at mwbart65@yahoo.com).

My last poem submission: *"How many would follow the star tonight, If it shone past the Milky Way, Leave comfortable homes and follow it still, Over the hills and away? How many would open their doors tonight, For a weary and shabby pair? Make room at hearths for a Stranger-Child, Though the Infant be wondrous fair? How many would give of their goods tonight, The best they possess and more, For their faith in a star and an angel choir; And a King forevermore? We censure the folk of a bygone time, For indifference to Mary's plight. How many would do any better now? Would you follow the star tonight"*—AUTHOR UNKNOWN

I truly believe that as Shriners we do follow the stars and always offer more than the minimum.

Thank you, President Smith, for a very successful 2010. Nobles, please join us this month on Wednesday, December 8, in lieu of our regular Stated Meeting, at Bynum's Steak House for the annual Cast Christmas Party.

The holidays are now in full swing and preparations for your 66th annual Murat Shrine Circus are well underway. As we all participate in the joyous festivities of the season, let us not forget our beloved circus. Are you having a hard time finding a special gift for someone? Is a last minute shopping spree on your agenda? Have you taken your children or grandchildren out for a special day lately? Tickets to the Murat Shrine Circus should be on your Christmas list. Tickets to the nobility are on sale December 1, 2010, with public tickets going on sale January 1, 2011. Hurry now and get your seats before they are gone.

As part of your holiday preparations, I ask you to share our circus in your circles of life; please do all you can to help us promote our circus. Although ad and corporate sales have been ongoing since November, it is never too late

**2011 Murat Shrine Circus
MARCH 3-6, 2011
Pepsi Coliseum
Indiana State Fairgrounds**

Thursday, March 3	10 a.m.	6 p.m.	
Friday, March 4	10 a.m.	7 p.m.	
Saturday, March 5	10 a.m.	2 p.m.	7 p.m.
Sunday, March 6	11:30 a.m.	3:30 p.m.	

to share our circus with your communities. You still have until January 15, 2011, to get your ad/corporate sponsorships sold. If you need contracts, please call Sherri in the Fraternal Office and she will be glad to help. Give a wonderful gift to your Club or Unit by selling an ad or sponsorship—20 percent of your sale

will go to your Club or Unit! Don't forget to send your \$24 in for your circus coupons; those coupons are very important in helping provide our morning shows to the schools and special needs friends of Murat.

Have a safe and happy holiday.

<p style="text-align: center;">Murat Shrine Circus Indiana State Fairgrounds Pepsi Coliseum March 3-6, 2011</p> <p>Opening Night— March 3 at 6:00 p.m. General Admission \$10</p> <p>School Days—March 3 & 4 at 10 a.m. No Charge (Abbreviated Show)</p> <p>All Other Shows — Reserved Seats \$10 • \$14 • \$18 • \$20</p> <p>Please make check payable and mail to: Murat Shrine Circus Attention: Sherri Miller 510 N. New Jersey Street Indianapolis, IN 46204</p> <p><i>Murat Shrine Circus is a fraternal fundraiser and is not tax deductible as a charitable contribution.</i></p>	<table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="width: 40%;"></th> <th style="width: 15%;"># Of Tickets</th> <th style="width: 25%;">Seat Price</th> <th style="width: 20%;">Total Amount</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Thursday, March 3 10:00 am</td> <td></td> <td style="text-align: center;">SOLD OUT</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Thursday, March 3 6:00 pm</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Friday, March 4 10:00 am</td> <td></td> <td style="text-align: center;">SOLD OUT</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Friday, March 4 7:00 pm</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Saturday, March 5 10:00 am</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Saturday, March 5 2:00 pm</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Saturday, March 5 7:00 pm</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Sunday, March 6 11:30 am</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Sunday, March 6 3:30 pm</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="3" style="text-align: right;">SERVICE CHARGE</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$3.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="3" style="text-align: right;">TOTAL</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="3" style="text-align: right;">Less Coupons (must be enclosed)</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="3" style="text-align: right;">AMOUNT DUE</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-top: 10px;"> Check Number _____ or <input type="checkbox"/> VISA <input type="checkbox"/> MasterCard <input type="checkbox"/> Discover </div> <table style="width: 100%; margin-top: 10px;"> <tr> <td style="width: 70%;">CREDIT CARD NUMBER</td> <td>EXP DATE</td> </tr> <tr> <td>SIGNATURE</td> <td>V-CODE</td> </tr> <tr> <td>NAME</td> <td>SHRINE #</td> </tr> <tr> <td>ADDRESS</td> <td>PHONE #</td> </tr> <tr> <td>CITY</td> <td>STATE ZIP</td> </tr> </table>		# Of Tickets	Seat Price	Total Amount	Thursday, March 3 10:00 am		SOLD OUT		Thursday, March 3 6:00 pm				Friday, March 4 10:00 am		SOLD OUT		Friday, March 4 7:00 pm				Saturday, March 5 10:00 am				Saturday, March 5 2:00 pm				Saturday, March 5 7:00 pm				Sunday, March 6 11:30 am				Sunday, March 6 3:30 pm				SERVICE CHARGE			\$3.00	TOTAL			\$	Less Coupons (must be enclosed)				AMOUNT DUE			\$	CREDIT CARD NUMBER	EXP DATE	SIGNATURE	V-CODE	NAME	SHRINE #	ADDRESS	PHONE #	CITY	STATE ZIP
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Welcome to the last month of 2010. December will be filled with many occasions celebrating this Christmas season with family and friends. I am looking forward to attending the various Unit Christmas parties as Tarum Court's High Priestess and sharing with each lady the happiness and joy of this blessed season.

I am hoping for several volunteers to assist the Murat nobles with their Kids' Christmas Party at the Murat on Saturday, December 12. This day is important to all those children who come with their parents to celebrate this holiday season. We can be a part of their lifetime memories by helping on that special day.

Membership is very important to Ladies Oriental Shrine. Do you know of a lady who you could invite to join our organization? If so, give her a petition for membership and encourage her to become a member of a great lady's organization. Keep your eyes open and always carry a Petition for Membership with you at all times.

One of our Ways and Means projects will take place on Saturday, December 4, at the Speedway Masonic Lodge. Yes, "Santa's Sweet Shop" will be open from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. for the purchase of homemade holiday snacks for everyone to take home and enjoy. You purchase a "tin" and fill it with any of our items at the sweet shop. The Masonic Lodge will be serving a breakfast that morning and Santa will be there to have your picture taken with him. What more could anyone want on that Saturday—a tasty breakfast, pictures with Santa, and homemade cookies and candies to enjoy later. Donations of these homemade cookies and candies are needed from our ladies. If you want us to pick up your homemade Christmas goodies, call PHP Leslie Condre, (317) 299-5136; HP Ruby Warmouth, (317) 241-3730; or PHP Ruth Ann Kelly, (317) 690-4290.

Our pizza sales turned into a great success thanks to the last-minute effort of some of our members. We made a total of 355 pizzas!!! Thanks to all the

ladies and our three men who helped us prepare, assemble and wrap these pizzas on that day. A big thanks to Leslie Condre for securing the Speedway Christian Church for this project. Hurrah!!! Our next pizza sale will be in January.

The 2010 consignment sale "Putting on the Ritz" is now history. Our first endeavor at this project was successful thanks to First Ceremonial Lady Rebecca Brazzell, her committee, ven-

dors, and those who donated items for this sale. A special thanks to Leslie Condre and Judi Taflinger for collecting, tagging, and storing many of these items. It was a HUGE undertaking for Tarum Court. To all those who attended or helped, I commend you for your efforts. I hope everyone had the opportunity to attend this first-time event. Heartfelt thanks for a job well done.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to everyone!

Mobil Nobles

Ron McCoy

Ladies of the Mobil Nobles,

On behalf of the men of the Mobil Nobles, I would like to thank the ladies of our Unit. If it were not for you, I wonder if we would have a unit at all.

When thinking about the Mobil Nobles and all of our activities, I think first of the Murat Shrine Circus. Our ladies sit down, organize a menu, and see that we have everything we need to make the Mobil



Noble Cafe come to life in March. In March, they help to prepare, serve and clean up. It isn't just the Mobil Noble ladies either. The Divan ladies and other nobles' ladies prepare and donate wonderful desserts for all of the circus volunteers to enjoy. Thank you, ladies, for everything you do to make the Cafe better every year!

When it is time for our annual Mobil Noble Picnic, we once again ask for you to help, and you prepare the wonderful dishes we all look forward to each year.

In the fall of each year, it is time for the Spaghetti Dinner. We once again ask for the ladies to help. Year after year, you are there! You make food, you help with setup, you help serve, and you help clean up when it is done.

We thank you for all of your help and we thank you for the love and support you give us! There are no other words to express the gratitude we feel toward each and every one of our ladies! Your tireless work and efforts mean so much! Thanks again!

I have pictured just six of our ladies who do so much for us. I would have liked to picture all of our ladies, but that's impossible because some of you are always somewhere else doing something to help the Mobil Nobles. Pictured are Sherri Miller, Angela Cook, Nancy Sculthorp, Maggie Miller, Margaret Borton and Fran Thompson.

This year we lost one of our ladies, Cheryl Jessup. Cheryl was our First Lady in 1994. She never missed an event or function of the Mobil Nobles. She was always there to lend a hand or share advice. Beloved by all of the Mobil Nobles and ladies, we'll miss you Cheryl!

President Brian and First Lady Sherri want to thank all the ladies for all of their effort and time. If it were not for your "how can I help" attitude, our Unit would not be what it is today!

THANK YOU LADIES.

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(October 2010)



Business Connection Nobles Phil Thrasher, P.P., Don Richards, Chris Cox, Mike Swinson and Bob Hudson present a \$1,000 scholarship check to Kristina Dunn. Attending the presentation were Kristina's parents, Brian & Sharon Dunn, along with Charlie & Jean Owens, representing the Owens and Homes families who donated the money for this scholarship.



Potentate Craig Hinshaw accepts a check for \$100 for Shriners Hospitals from Legion of Honor members Commander John Cheeley, Ron Bolyard, Tony Stout, Lloyd Hearn, Tom Morgan, LeRoy Callahan, Larry Hearn and Bob Rash.



Potentate Craig Hinshaw receives a check for Shriners Hospitals in the amount of \$2,589.04 from the Putnam County Shrine Club. Joining in the presentation is Club President John Jackman and Club members Jerry Norman, Bill Cockrell, Bill Perkins and John Blaydoe.



Potentate Craig Hinshaw presents Past Potentate Larry Jefferson with a plaque from Murat proclaiming Noble Larry to be Treasurer Emeritus of Murat Shrine.



Representing Tipton County Shrine Club, Chief Aide George Clark and Bill Ayers give Potentate Craig Hinshaw two checks of \$500 each for the Cincinnati and Chicago Shriners Hospitals.



Madison County Shrine Club President Jeffrey Mock is joined by fellow Club members Gary Dalzell, Matt Chambers and Dick Dawson in the presentation of a \$5,000 check to Potentate Craig Hinshaw for the Murat Transportation Fund.



Murat Recorder Ed Wolfe presents Noble Ron Harris with a Transportation Club jacket honoring his 200 trips to our hospitals.



Johnson County Shrine Club President Ron Bailey and club member Don Borski present Potentate Craig Hinshaw with three checks of \$200 each for the Chicago, Cincinnati and Lexington Shriners Hospitals.



Tri-County Shrine Club members Steve Barth, Ralph Harvey, Jr., James Disponett and Dan Hines give Potentate Craig Hinshaw the following checks: \$19,200 for the Murat Transportation Fund, \$3,000 for the Lexington Hospital, \$1,000 for the Murat Children's Christmas Fund, and \$1,000 to the Shrine Circus for a corporate sponsorship.



Wheelchair Dance Comes to Shriners Hospitals for Children® — Chicago



Reality shows like “Dancing with the Stars” captivate millions of American television viewers. The fascination with watching a newcomer learn to dance professionally has inspired many fans to pursue formal training. Patients with spinal cord injuries (SCI) at Shriners Hospitals for Children® — Chicago joined the craze by participating in the first-ever Wheelchair Dance Day in December.

The event was the brainchild of Sara J. Klaas, director of SCI services, and former patient Nick Scott, who is a professional wheelchair bodybuilder. Scott became involved

with wheelchair dance last year when he met Aubree Marchione, a professional dancer and actress. The two plan to compete in the Wheelchair Dancesport at the Paralympics in Germany in November 2010. Marchione was eager to teach wheelchair dance to the patients at Shriners Hospitals for Children® — Chicago.

“Wheelchair ballroom dance is an activity that has physical, mental and social benefits,” Marchione explained. “These kids get the chance to connect with other people while dancing, and it is an activity that integrates people with disabilities and people without disabilities, which I think is very important.”

Six patients – Tyler, Matthew, Jonathon, K.J., Kerstine, and Imperio – teamed up with hospital staff to learn dances from Scott and Marchione. After three hours of practice, the group performed in front of parents, patients, hospital staff and visitors. Then, Scott and Marchione took to the dance floor for the final performance.

“Everyone did extremely well – standing partners too – and it was the fastest learning class that I have ever taught,” Marchione said. “I think all of them have potential to be really great dancers! The class was a lot of fun because everyone had such a positive attitude and was open-minded to learn something different, just like Nick was when I first met him.”

Shriners Hospitals for Children® — Chicago offers several other programs designed to expand the horizons of patients with spinal cord injury. One of those programs is GLAHM (Good Life and Healthy Mind) Camp, which is a week filled with makeovers, health and wellness education and nights on the town for young women. Wheelchair Bodybuilding Camp is offered to young men, featuring five days of learning about nutrition, fitness options and healthy living.

“These programs get our patients motivated to move and try something new,” Klaas said. “The ultimate goal is to inspire them and build their confidence. When they believe in themselves, they can tackle the challenges their lives throw their way.”

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Shriners Hospitals for Children® – Cincinnati **Atlanta Boy Returns Home after Burn Injury**

Earlier this year Alfred Real's family didn't know if he would survive a 78% burn injury after an accident near his Stone Mountain, GA., home.

But survive he did and now the eight-year-old is returning home to family, friends and school.

Alfred was injured on June 7, 2010 and within 24 hours of his injury, his family and Alfred were rushed to Shriners Hospitals for Children® — Cincinnati for expert pediatric burn care. "We are just so grateful for the resources we've had access to here at Shriners Hospitals for Children®," said Zach Real, Alfred's father. "We wouldn't have been prepared for what is ahead for our family without the support of our family and friends and the staff in Cincinnati."

The Cincinnati pediatric burn center is one of four freestanding hospitals dedicated to the treatment of pediatric burns and is a respected leader in the field of burn prevention and treatment. "Our hospital has far-reaching expertise and experience in

managing these types of large burns" said Richard Kagan, M.D., chief of staff, Shriners Hospitals for Children® — Cincinnati. "We're extremely proud of Alfred, his family, and the entire burn team that worked with him."

Alfred has been working toward discharge for several weeks. He has been committed to a physical therapy routine, which can take up to four-six hours a day. "Alfred has worked really hard," said Mary Dougherty, Al's physical therapist at Shriners Hospitals for Children®. "He misses his brother, friends and school, so he is a pretty motivated young boy."

His social worker/care coordinator was lucky enough to be in Alfred's room when his parents gave him the good news about going home.

"When mom and dad told Alfred he could go home in a few days, I've never seen a smile so big," said Donna McCartney, social worker/care coordinator at Shriners Hospitals for Children®.

Shriners Hospitals for Children® is a health care system of 22 hospitals dedicated to improving the lives of children by providing pediatric specialty care, innovative research, and outstanding teaching programs for medical professionals. Children up to age 18 with orthopaedic conditions, burns, spinal cord injuries, and cleft lip and palate are eligible for care and receive all services in a family-centered environment, regardless of the patients' ability to pay.

For more information, please visit www.shrinershospitals.org.

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Research in Spinal Cord Injury Improves Assessment and Treatment



A spinal cord injury (SCI) can be devastating. Generally resulting in some degree of paralysis and disruption of the body's voluntary and involuntary actions, the impact and implications of SCI last a lifetime.

Shriners Hospitals for Children® is committed to providing expert orthopaedic and rehabilitative care to its patients with SCI. However, being able to offer the best care is dependent on accurate assessment and diagnosis, which requires being able to determine the exact level and extent of injury.

In pediatric SCI, this has been especially difficult due to the lack of pediatric-based tools; the standard test for assessing SCI was designed for adults. Researchers have found that age 6 may be the youngest age children are developmentally able to understand the instructions, and older children do not react well to some aspects of the test.

To fill the void in pediatric evaluations, researchers at Shriners

Hospitals for Children®, led by MJ Mulcahey, Ph.D., director of rehabilitation services and clinical research at the Philadelphia hospital, established the first assessment guidelines applicable to kids with SCI as young as 3 months old.

Funded by research grants from Shriners Hospitals for Children®, the pediatric version of the International Standards for Neurological Classification of Spinal Cord Injury, known as WeeStep, is an electronic learning module that compliments the established assessment program for adults with SCI. The WeeStep provides evidence-based methods to evaluate and classify the level and implications of SCI in children, based on established childhood developmental guidelines.

These new guidelines will help professionals determine the level and extent of SCI and allow for reasonable predictions or expectations for neurological recovery and for developing the best medical care plan for each patient. The WeeStep is available to medical professionals world-wide via the American Spinal Injury Association Web site.

Another effort to increase understanding of SCI and related problems is the establishment of the Pediatric Research Center, which opened in September 2009 in Philadelphia. The 23,000 square-foot facility, located in the new Temple University Medical School Education and Research Building across the street from Shriners Hospitals for Children® — Philadelphia, will be used primarily for research in neural (nerve) repair and

rehabilitation, including the spinal cord neuromuscular injury and brain injury. The Center is under the direction of Michael Selzer, M.D., former director of rehabilitation research and development for the Department of Veterans Affairs.

Temple University and Shriners Hospitals for Children® aim to establish a translational research program where basic science developments can benefit children with neuromuscular conditions. Drs. Selzer and Mulcahey have strategically planned to connect basic science to clinical research so that new knowledge will be offered to children receiving care from Shriners Hospitals for Children®.

Currently, the health care system is funding approximately 12 research studies at the three hospitals with SCI programs involving different aspects of SCI, ranging from cell repair to quality of life issues. In addition, researchers at Shriners Hospitals for Children® share their expertise through academic affiliations at noteworthy institutions and by providing opportunities for post-doctoral researchers.

The emphasis on research and education is indicative of Shriners Hospitals for Children®'s total commitment to determining, as well as providing, the best care for children with SCI.

Shriners Hospitals for Children® depends on donations to fund all its programs, including research. For information on ways you can support this effort, please visit www.donate2SHC.org.

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- WED. 1** DEADLINE FOR JANUARY 2011
MAGAZINE
- THU. 2** Caravan Club - Brian Lane, Exec. Dir.,
Indiana Masonic Home
- SUN. 5** AASR Children's Christmas Party
- THU. 9** Caravan Club
- SAT. 11** Texas Hold'em
- SUN. 12** Murat Kids' Christmas Party
- THU. 16** Caravan Club
- MON. 20** **Divan Meeting, Board Meeting
Stated Meeting 7 p.m.
Annual Meeting & Election of
Officers**
- THU. 23** Caravan Club
- FRI. 24** Christmas Eve - Fraternal Office
Closed
- SAT. 25** Merry Christmas -
Fraternal Office Closed
- THU. 30** Caravan Club
- FRI. 31** New Year's Eve - Fraternal Office
Closed

JANUARY 2011

- SAT. 1** New Year's - Fraternal Office
Closed
- SUN. 2** Open Installation of Murat Divan
- MON. 3** DEADLINE FOR FEBRUARY
MAGAZINE
- THU. 6** Caravan Club
- SAT. 8** Texas Hold'em
- THU. 13** Caravan Club
- SAT. 15** Grand Lodge Founder's Day
- MON. 17** **Divan Meeting, Board Meeting
Stated Meeting 7 p.m.**
- SAT. 22** Murat Leadership Seminar
- THU. 20** Caravan Club
- THU. 27** Caravan Club

FEBRUARY 2011

- TUE. 1** DEADLINE FOR MARCH MAGAZINE
- THU. 3** Caravan Club
- THU. 10** Caravan Club
- THU. 17** Caravan Club
- SAT. 12** Texas Hold'em
- MON. 21** **Divan Meeting, Board Meeting
Stated Meeting 7 p.m.**
- TUE. 22-** Florida Visitation
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- THU. 24** Caravan Club
- THU. 30** Caravan Club



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