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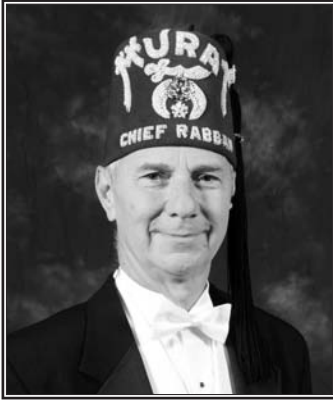


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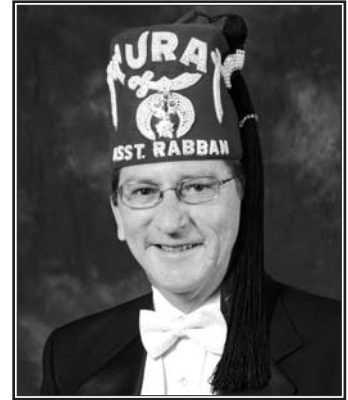
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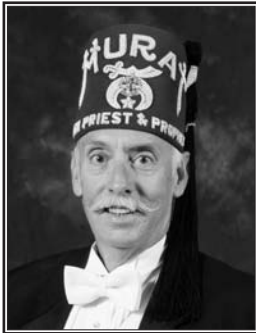
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## POTENTATE MESSAGE

# Together We Will...

### Together We Will ... Support our Shriners Hospitals

By now, most you who receive this magazine will have received the 2009 Potentate's lapel pin in a mailing along with a request for support of Shriners Hospitals for Children. Murat has long supported our hospitals through individual gifts. This Lapel Pin Program is an opportunity for our temple to make a significant collective gift. The mailing also allows every member of Murat to have a Potentate's lapel pin. If you look closely at the pin, you will see that we have combined two logos into one. The new interpretation of the "Editorial Without Words" is the official brand of the Shriners Hospitals system. This logo has been put together with the traditional fraternal Scimitar and Crescent. We must never lose sight that the fraternity and the hospitals, although separate in most ways, cannot exist without each other. "Together (Fraternity and Hospitals) We Will" work to help each other succeed.

You can be a part of bringing this together by first sending a gift to the "Murat Lapel Pin Program." If you have already sent your gift, thank you! None of the net proceeds will go to Murat. All net proceeds will go to Shriners Hospitals for Children. It is our intention to make a single, in-person presentation to the Imperial Potentate at the end of this campaign.

Secondly, together with Outer Guard Tim Murphy and his membership team, you can help bring new members into Murat. Just think that if only 3 percent of our members brought in only one new candidate, that would be 240 new members. If 5 percent brought in one candidate, that would yield 400 new members, and if 7 percent brought in one candidate, that would create 560 new nobles ... 3, 5 and 7!!!! Together we can do it!!!!

### Together We Will ... Have a Great Circus

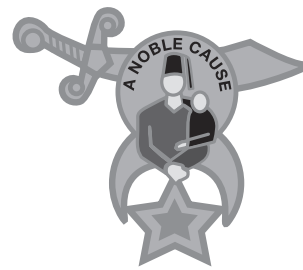
Another great example of how we will succeed together is our upcoming Shrine Circus on March 5-8. Our new circus director, Andy Clayton, has been working tirelessly to bring together a fantastic Shrine Circus. The circus is our largest fraternal fundraiser and provides the base for our temple's budget. It is also the time when we, as nobles of Murat Temple, work together at one time for a common cause.

The circus is also a time when we are able to have our greatest exposure to the general public to inform them what we do and who we are. We take great pride in providing wholesome family entertainment. Many schoolchildren are brought to see a circus for the first time. Senior citizens, as well as physically and mental-

ly challenged, are afforded an opportunity to see a circus.

If you have ever volunteered to work at the Murat Circus, you know the feeling you get seeing so many people enjoy this wonderful entertainment. Another benefit of being a circus volunteer is the fellowship and camaraderie of being with your fellow nobles and their families. If you have never experienced being a circus volunteer, call Andy Clayton or the Shrine Office—they will put you in touch with someone who will see that you are a part of working together and having fun for a purpose.

George E. Proctor  
Illustrious Potentate



# “Without Grandma and Shriners, I Might Not Be Walking”

GORDON J HUSK

Jeremiah DeFabis is a happy and personable young man. He and his grandmother, Robin Shepherd, recently gave us updated information on Jeremiah's medical condition.

Jeremiah freely gives his grandmother great credit for helping him and his three siblings. Robin was granted custody of her four grandchildren, whose ages at that time were 3, 7, 8 and 10. She sought medical care for Jeremiah, bought clothes for all four children, and helped them become better acclimated to school.

Jeremiah had been examined by doctors who said he would outgrow his inward-facing feet. He did not outgrow the problem. He had great difficulty walking, was teased by other children, and he suffered intense pain. He was accepted as a patient at Shriners Hospital for Children in Lexington, and his first examination by Dr. Janet Walker produced a diagnosis of bilateral femoral torsion. Dr. Walker performed his first major surgery when he was 11 years old. He was in a full-body cast after surgery and received physical therapy.

Jeremiah has been evaluated after his surgery and Dr. Walker has said he may need no further surgery. His determination to be active has helped him walk normally, and he is no longer teased by other children. In fact, Jeremiah was invited to speak to children in his school about his surgery and recovery. For 45 minutes, Jeremiah went from classroom to classroom. Children asked many questions about how it feels to be in a body cast and whether he still experiences pain. Jeremiah was excited to know so many children now know about his problems and the help he has received at Shriners Hospital.

Jeremiah admits he was “scared about going to a hospital.” He now says, “I like going to Lexington. The people at the hospital are my friends, and I love them all.”

Robin adds, “I've been to many hospitals with these grandchildren, and they never felt like the Shriners Hospital does. So



many people told me how good they are, and now I believe it. We are truly blessed to have found Shriners Hospitals. It is hard to believe Shriners do so much for the kids. Not just the surgery, but the constant caring, great therapy and great attitudes.”

Robin continues to care for her four grandchildren. Jeremiah's younger brother had leukemia at age 5, but he has no remaining symptoms after treatment. Another brother was born with spina bifida and may need orthopaedic care. The children are well-adjusted and happy. They love their grandmother, who has devoted her life to their well-being.

Not only can Jeremiah walk, he can run. He can swim and play basketball. He has a bright personality and loves to joke with his grandmother. An instant after teasing his grandmother he said, “Without Grandma and Shriners, I might not be walking. I might be in a wheelchair. I would not be running and playing. I love the Shriners.”



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# Recorder's Message

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Ed Wolfe

Our Lexington Shriners Hospital has a new procedure in place that will speed up the application for admission process. It works GREAT! You call 800-444-8314; a trained RN will ask you the right questions that will get more medical information than we typically get on a written application. The RN can also assess the urgency of the condition, schedule the initial appointment accordingly, and answer any questions, which gives families a great deal of confidence in the care they are seeking. At this time, patients are assigned a sponsoring temple or club based on their address. As nobles, we know there is nothing more rewarding than to see a child smile when they receive quality care at one of our Shriners Hospitals for Children. Our doctors can heal the medical issues; as Shriners, it's our responsibility to see children are given the opportunity at one of our 22 hospitals in the U.S., Canada and Mexico.

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## Ladies Oriental Shrine

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Nancy Gillie

February ... the "love" month of the year! Whether it is shown through candy, flowers, a movie or romantic dinner, that "special" person in our life is very dear to us. As Valentine's Day approaches, take time to share with those you love your thoughts and feelings on this day. May you all have a wonderful Valentine's Day!

The month of February will be a special month for Tarum Court No. 14. At our Stated Meeting on Tuesday, February 3, our election of new officers for the 2009-2010 year will be first on the agenda. Please come and cast your vote for the ladies selected to serve as officers for the coming year.

On Saturday, February 21, at 1 p.m. in the Corinthian Room of the Murat Shrine, my final Ceremony of Initiation will be held. The marketplace will open at 9:30 a.m. in the Corinthian Room for everyone to browse and purchase items from the several Units. A brunch will begin at 10:30 a.m. in the Tunisian Room. Price for the brunch will be \$18 per person. Reservations should be made to First Ceremonial Lady Barbara Smith at (317) 846-1650 by the deadline date of Monday, February 16. All Units shall perform at this ceremonial. Let's make this a special day for our new members.

Past High Priestess Lady Roberta Griffith, president for the September 2009 Great Lakes Unit Meet to be held at the Hilton Hotel Downtown, needs help in raising funds to support this event. Tarum Court No. 14 will conduct a pizza sale to help defray these costs for our GLUM. Pizzas can be ordered through any Tarum Court member. Associate Princess Lady Ruby Warmouth is asking for much needed help to assemble the pizza orders on Saturday, February 14, at the Speedway Christian Church from 8 a.m. until 12 p.m. The more help we have, the easier it will be to make the pizzas and complete this project. Call and offer her assistance in this project.

The 2009 Great Lakes Unit Meet is open for public viewing on Saturday afternoon for the Unit Drills. Come and watch all these ladies perform, and believe me, they can perform!! We encourage everyone to attend these afternoon performances; you will be glad you did.

### Calendar of Events:

February 3 – Stated Meeting: 7 p.m., Corinthian Room  
February 14 – Make GLUM pizzas: 8 a.m. – 12 p.m., Speedway Christian Church  
February 19 – Ceremonial Practice: 6:30 p.m., Corinthian Room  
February 21 – Ceremony of Initiation: 1 p.m., Corinthian Room  
Marketplace: 9:30 a.m., Brunch: 10:30 a.m.  
March 3 – Stated Meeting: 7 p.m., Corinthian Room  
Audit of Court Books – Audrey Apple (date to be announced later)

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## Corvette Club

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Pip Hapgood

The Corvette Club is mourning the loss of one of our members. Jim Morrison was a member of the Brown County Shrine and a member of our own Corvette Club. On December 24, he was driving his Corvette through Brown County when he lost control of the car and wrecked. He was life-lined to Methodist Hospital and the doctors did everything possible but were unable to save him. He will be missed dearly.

On a lighter note, new officers were sworn in. Rod Kyle will be our president for the 2009 year, I will be vice president, Gary Cleveland will be our second vice president, and Mike McLaughlin will continue as our secretary/treasurer.

Our thanks go out to Ken Herald and his lady, Pam. Ken was presented with a plaque and Pam was given roses as a thank you for their time and effort. It was a great year and the Heralds served us well. Under Ken's leadership, the Corvette Club was awarded the "Potentate's Award" for the "Unit of the Year 2008." The plaque will be displayed, along with our other trophies and ribbons, in our meeting room.

Please feel free to come to a meeting held the second Thursday of each month at 6:30 in the Oasis Room. The gentlemen's meeting is at 7. Ladies are welcome to meet for dinner and stay after in the lounge. If you are interested in joining our Club, please contact one of our members. We have a great group of fun and friendly members. Any questions can be directed to Rod at (317) 745-1467 or Pip at (317) 753-4350.

We look forward to a great year of fellowship as in years past. The Corvette Club has several things planned for 2009, many car shows and parades. The parades are great family fun and enjoyed by all. We also are planning a very special outing at the end of summer. Stay tuned for updates.

Potentate George E. Proctor and Lady Debbie  
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Well, 2009 is here and at the January meeting, Club President Fred Hofstetter made his committee appointments and has laid out the course for Southeastern this year. As always, we'll be having our monthly steak dinners beginning April 17 and they will continue each month on the third Friday through October and the second Friday in November from 5 – 8 p.m. Noble Don Grace is the steak dinner chairman, and he is always looking for a few good nobles and their ladies to help each month.

Noble Don McQueen will head up the golf tournament again this year. The date is June 27 at the Dearborn Country Club. Anyone interested in lending a hand for the day should contact Noble Don. He won't turn anyone away.

Noble Terry Jackson will remain in place as the hospital coordinator and transportation director. Any noble interested in driving the van to the hospitals should contact Noble Terry. If you have never taken a trip to one of the hospitals, you should take advantage of this great opportunity to support the Shrine philanthropy as a van driver.

We are planning several paper drives again this year. This represents multiple opportunities to serve the Club at one of the paper drive locations. Dates and locations of the paper drives will be announced in the monthly Club newsletter as

the dates approach. In 2008, we collected in the neighborhood of \$20,000 that went to the hospitals and we'd like to exceed that amount this year. We can't do it without your help.

We are also looking forward to the parade season. The Crescent Patrol will be getting their bikes tuned up for another summer of parade fun. All members of the Southeastern Indiana Shrine Club are also members of the Crescent Patrol and are eligible to participate in the parades. We always have a great time and this is just another opportunity to take advantage of your membership in the Club. Even if you don't have a bike, we'll find you something to ride on or ride in to participate. Bring your lady and enjoy a parade or two.

Lastly, President Hofstetter is planning another ceremonial at the Club for 2009. This will be our fifth ceremonial at Southeastern. Start talking to your Masonic friends about the fun we have as Shriners while at the same time what Shriners do for the kids. Take a Masonic friend to one of the Shriners Hospitals for a visit and let them see firsthand our good works. If we can recruit enough candidates, we should be able to hold a full ceremonial including the second (Hot Sands) section.

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It's February, the second month of 2009, and also ... our shortest month. Does that mean March will be the tallest month? Once again I was hit with one of those questions that bug you. When I sit down to write an article for our Murat Magazine, these types of questions just pop into my head. For example, what disease did cured ham actually have? Or better yet, if Jimmy cracks corn and no one cares, why is there a song about him? I'll have to work on those later.

Is it just me, or as we age does time fly by faster than usual? Just a few days ago, we were saying good-bye to 2008. Now, we're into the second month of 2009. Where did January go?

Mike Percy, president of our Johnson County Shrine Club, is getting quite excited about getting to February. Part of the excitement might be the chocolate covered cherries he's had over the Holiday Season, but most of it is the anticipation of the President's Ball. On February 14, Mike will host his President's Ball at our Club. It should be quite an affair, combining Valentine's Day and the Ball together. Zem-Zem will open the evening at 6 p.m., followed by a prime rib dinner prepared by Jim Carter at 7. After a short program, entertainment and a dance will follow at 8. If we're lucky, maybe we can talk Mike into doing his famous dance. All in all, it should be quite an evening.



President Mike Percy and Lady Jackie.

The Club would like it known that our kitchen has made some big changes. Fridays the kitchen is open for the dinner meal. Dinners will no longer be something different featured weekly. Dinners will be ordered off the menu, no more buffet type dinners. Come

down to Franklin on Friday evening and give us a try. Not only are the meals good, the fellowship is better.

We are still doing BINGO on both Tuesday evenings at 7 p.m. and Saturday mornings at 10 a.m. As usual, we are requesting help. If every member volunteers one day a month, we would

have more help than we need. Let's see some new faces helping.

Before leaving you, another one of those questions has popped up. Once you get to heaven, are you stuck wearing the clothes you were buried in? Makes me wonder ...

See you next issue.

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## Directors Staff

Gerald Frost

Greetings Nobles and Friends,

Well here it is, already a new year and we are busy again with an exciting start for a successful Directors Staff Unit. We have just completed a very fun-filled and exciting December 2008 ceremonial and are headed into March with the Murat Circus on our minds.

The December ceremonial was a huge success with 25 new Murat candidates to welcome to Shrinedom. We know they all had a great and unforgettable experience. We were privileged to have two candidates who know our Illustrious Potentate personally. They were Nobles Ryan and Scott Elliott, sons of Illustrious Sir Ron Elliott. They were both very good sports during the second session when Dad gave them a very wet welcome. We want to thank Illustrious Sir Ron for his participation in two key stunts that involved his sons. We also want to thank all Directors Staff members who covered the work nights, ceremonial duties, and the cleanup after the second session. Special thanks to our Nubians who showed what they could do to help make the stunts a complete success.

On to the New Year. Do not forget the "Dancing with the Stars" Potentate's Ball coming up March 21, 2009. Please make your reservations with Bob Bland ASAP since time is running short. Currently we have tables reserved and room for more. Welcome to all to attend this fun-filled event to welcome our new Potentate, Illustrious Sir George E. Proctor and Lady Debbie.

Just a reminder, the information and dates are in for SDA of '09 at the Aladdin Shrine in Columbus, OH. Dates are March 24 – March 28. Contact Mike Adams or Ron Williams for more information and to make your reservations now. Volunteers are needed for '09 new stunt building. Please join in and help make this another award-winning stunt this year. Contact Mike Adams or Rex Mardis for building work night info.

### **IMPORTANT REMINDERS:**

Have you signed up to work our circus booth? Contact Jack Kleingartner ASAP. Volunteers are still needed, so invite your friends to help in this worthy cause. Wives, girlfriends, neighbors and friends are welcome.

Directors Staff Meeting February 23 at 7 p.m. at Murat Shrine.

Need your Staff Fundraiser ideas for next meeting. Contact Jerry Frost, Mike Karas or Norm Jones.

Continue membership recruiting for Directors Staff. New members are always needed!

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 jwfroisty@sbcglobal.net. Have a Safe and Happy New Year!

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

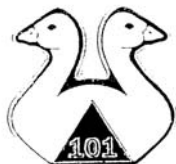
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## Dramatic Cast

Michael J. Smith



I sincerely hope all of you are enjoying the New Year. Congratulations are in order to our new secretary, FRANK THARPE, and our new treasurer, BILL NICHOLS. The Dramatic Cast has a busy calendar for 2009, so I have added it to this article to remind you of the coming events.

It is time to sell those circus ads and don't forget to turn in your forms to Larry Davis indicating which times you are available to work the circus doors: March 5, 6, 7, and 8.

### **"MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS!"**

February 11 – Ladies Valentine Dinner

March 11 – BRASS HAT Dinner

March 21 – POTENTATE'S BALL, \$110 per couple

April 4 CEREMONIAL will be your next opportunity to be on stage. Let's all make an effort to bring in a new candidate.

The Dramatic Cast meets at 7 p.m. on the second Wednesday of each month; we are dark July and August. We normally meet at 6 p.m. for dinner in the Tunisian Room prior to our meeting. So if you enjoy doing ritual or being on stage, please come out and enjoy dinner with us, and we will supply you with a petition.

June 10, 2009, we are going to Beef and Boards to see ANNIE. The cost is \$50 per person and includes dinner, show, and gratuity. If you are interested, please contact Mike Smith at (317) 997-1844 by April 1; there are only 20 seats still available.

## Flying Fezzes

Patrick DeCallier

Well, December was a busy month for the Flying Fezzes. The group had their annual Christmas party and installation of officers. Chief Rabban George E. Proctor of Murat Shrine performed the ceremony and installed Charles W. Merlau, Jr. as "Prez" and Jerry Lance as "Vice Prez." In addition, William J. Reisa was designated as "Member of the Year."

Since the monthly meeting had been cancelled, the group met at Mike Blaydoe's home for the wrapping party for the "Kid's Christmas Party."

Then came the kid's party which was held at the Lutherwood Family Services Center with John Blaydoe being "Santa." This was for the top students and some of the teachers. Our past "Prez" (Pee Wee) arranged to have some Murat Clowns in attendance at the "doings."



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Following the conclusion of the Master Mason degree, the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, Valley of Indianapolis, will be opening and conferring the fourth and fourteenth degrees.

After the AASR concludes, the Illustrious Potentate will open Murat Temple for a Ceremonial.

*Note: All Candidates for the degrees of Symbolic Masonry will need to have a mentor present who can vouch for their eligibility. The mentor will need to bring the apron, Bible and Monitor for each of his candidates. As a reminder, candidates for this class must have been elected prior to April 4, 2009.*

## Schedule of Events

7 AM

Registration of all Candidates

Coffee and doughnuts available

8 AM

Symbolic Lodge opened and

conferral of the Entered Apprentice

10 AM

Break, followed by the

Fellow Craft degree

12 PM

Luncheon Buffet served

Cost is \$10 per person.

1 PM

Lodge resumes Labor and conferral of the Master Mason degree.

3 PM

Scottish Rite confers the fourth and fourteenth degrees.

4:30 PM

Murat Shrine Ceremonial

Thank you to all the Club members and their ladies for attending and welcoming our new Potentate, George E. Proctor, and his Lady Debbie at our annual Potentate's Reception. I hope all had a good time.

Murat Shrine Circus! March 5, 6, 7 & 8, 2009, are the dates for this year's annual event. Please help Joe Krebsbach at the circus by calling and volunteering some time. We especially need those members who are EMT trained or those who are certified at a higher level. However, you DO NOT have to have those certifications to help. For the past few years, the circus is the event we have more participation in by more members than any other event. Remember, if you work three (3) shows or more, you are invited to the Ringmaster's Banquet which will be held this year on Saturday, April 4, at Murat. Call Joe today and volunteer!

Did you know there will be a GRAND LODGE 200-year celebration on March 13-14?

Potentate's Ball – If you plan to attend and have not telephoned our treasurer, Ed Pierce, to sit at the Murat Firemen's Club tables, you need to do so right away. The date is March 21!

I would like to welcome all of our new members who have joined our Club recently. I encourage you to get active in our Club. We have several events planned this year and you

will find the more active you become, the more you will enjoy our Club and the Shrine. Try to attend our meetings. They start at 7:30 p.m. on the first Wednesday of each month. There is normally a group that shows up one to one and a half hours early to have popcorn or dinner in the Oasis Lounge, enjoy some liquid refreshment, or just share conversation. Fortunately, we still have several 50-year members of Murat who are active in Club and Shrine functions. They can help any new noble learn about the functions of the Shrine.

Do you want to take a bus trip to a casino for a fun day? Watch next month's article for more information.

Floyd Sendmeyer, who has served our Club for the past two years, was chosen by the membership as our MAN OF THE YEAR! Floyd is very active in Masonry and has served as president of our Club during the years 2007 and 2008. He also served as our president in 1974. Floyd, who served on the Indianapolis Fire Department, is active in many areas of Masonry (Millersville Lodge #126, Scottish Rite, Murat Shrine & others). He and his wife Carole reside in the Indianapolis area. He served our Club well and his most ardent supporter was his wife Carole. As we all know, the loved one who supports us is just as important as the one chosen for any role.

Congratulations, Floyd, on a job well done!



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We are rolling into February 2009 already, and we can see that some of our parades aren't that far down the road. Before you know it, the Club will be rolling out their little cars and we'll be making preparations to open the 2009 parade season.

Parade Chairman Lee Langlotz is already hard at work starting up the schedule for our parades. Due to our economy at this time, he will be quite selective picking and choosing our various appearances. The Club is anxious to see when and where we will be hauling the cars. Hopefully, everyone will have done some homework and worked on the cars during the off season.

Preparations to get ready for the season can mean lots of work. Some cars will require motor work, while others may require body and paint work. Then there are the tires, brakes, clutch, and batteries to check. There are lots of things to do to keep the little cars running. All this must be done so we can successfully parades for "our kids."

Thanks go out to Duane Burgess, Randy Bell, and Brian Biehn for taking our cars up to the December ceremonial for the new candidates to observe and discuss membership. They also took part



Ray Miller working on his car.

in the Founders Day celebration at the Scottish Rite. Additional thanks to Dan Gillahan, Mike Percy and yours truly for their part in the parade pushing their cars. Thank goodness we don't have to parade for real that way. Driving the cars with gasoline in them works much better!

At this time in our early year preparations, we need to start planning the entire year. We have Kerbela at Pigeon Forge, TN, in May. The next big trip will be the Imperial at San Antonio, TX. This trip should be quite exciting! The Riverwalk will be something that will be



Parade Chairman Lee Langlotz.

discussed for a long time. Then there's the Alamo. Davy Crockett won't be there, but the history will! There can't be a better place to be on July 4. Other parades to consider with travel involved will be the Edison Festival of Lights Parade in Ft. Myers, FL, as well as the Great Lakes Parade. It appears that we have quite a year ahead of us. Well, I guess I better get to work on my car.

See you in the next issue.

## Reception Unit

Joe A. Stoutner

The New Year started out being very busy for the Reception Unit. On Sunday, January 4, several members were greeters and hosts for the Open Installation for the Divan, Units, and Clubs by Illustrious Potentate George E. Proctor in the Murat Arabian Room. This also gave us the opportunity to congratulate the Chief Rabban, Craig Hinshaw; the Captain of the Guard, Bill Rasner; Treasurer, Larry Jefferson, P.P.; and the new member of the board of directors, Bud Abel. These four men are all Past Presidents and current members of the Reception Unit.

The next Sunday, January 11, we held our annual organizational meeting for the new officers and committee chairmen in the Tunisian Room. This event is to inform new officers and chairmen of the duties and responsibilities of their office and begin planning for upcoming events. A chili luncheon by Oasis Events was enjoyed by the members and their ladies preceding the meeting.

The month continued to be busy with the Reception Stated Meeting on January 13, Murat Stated Meeting on January 19, and the Leadership Seminar on January 24.

Several of our members made the trip and enjoyed the fellowship and warm weather during Winter Visitation in Florida at the end of the month.

## Arab Patrol Delbert Drummond

I hope everyone had a safe and happy Holiday Season.

As 2009 has started, we have new officers. Congratulations to President Bill Sparks, Vice President Jim Monroe, Treasurer Ron Fannin, and yours truly, Delbert Drummond, Secretary.

Congratulations to our own Jim Priest, as he won a close election for the Oriental Guide in the Divan line. The newest member of the Divan is Outer Guard Tim Murphy. Congratulations and we had two new members join the Patrol at the December ceremonial. Please come to our meeting Friday, February 6, at 7 p.m. to meet them. Also, mark your calendars for Little Pig on the 20th and the Murat Shrine Circus March 5-8.



# Clowns

Mike "Tic-Kits" Nelson

On December 10, 2008, the Murat Clowns held their Installation/Christmas Dinner celebration in the Corinthian Room. On hand to swear in the 2009 officers were Chief Rabban George E. Proctor and Assistant Rabban Craig T. Hinshaw, but it's not clear if the Murat Clown Unit got a new president or king. You see, when it came time to bestow the honor of the office of president, a pair of bagpipers from the Murat Highlanders appeared playing a tribute. Leading the pipers was Murat Clown past President Terry Kimble and his Lady Maxine carrying a royal crown and robe. With the fanfare blaring, Chuck "Wrongway" Howard, Jr. donned his royal attire and declared himself "king"—I mean president—of the Murat Shrine Clown Unit for the year 2009. Congratulations, "Wrongway," and to your Court Jesters, I mean your officers.



2009 President Chuck "Wrongway" Howard, Jr.



2009 officers (from left to right) Chuck "Wrongway" Howard, Jr., Adam "Rudy" Rude, Mike "Tic-Kits" Nelson, Rob "Doc" Plummer, Terry "Stinky" Boyer, and Kevin "Sneakers" Upshaw.

2009 is sizing up to be a very busy year for the Clown Unit starting with the Murat Circus and closely followed by the Great Lakes Shrine Clown Units Association Mid-Winter Convention April 16, 17, and 18 at the Clarion Hotel and Conference Center, 2930 Waterfront Parkway, Indianapolis. The Murat Clowns will host a make-up and skit competition, seminars, and capping off the convention will be an awards banquet on Saturday evening. The Great Lakes clown president and past Murat clown President Don "Cosmo" Waters would like to extend an invitation to come out and watch the competition as the Great Lakes Shrine Clowns try and look their best in make-up and costume and entertain in theatrical skits while competing against each other for the top awards. It's a fun time for both adults and children, so mark those dates on your calendar and come out and see us.

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

# Transportation Club

Dennis Scott

**MAN OF THE YEAR** – Congratulations to Mike Harrison, our newest "Man of the Year." This award was first given in 1987 and the purpose of the award is to recognize a member of the Transportation Club for outstanding contributions – not only to the Club but for involvement in various areas of Shrinedom. Mike is a hospital van driver, works the circus, has driven in many parades, works the Club information table at ceremonials, is past president of the Club, and is involved in several other Clubs.

**POTENTATE'S BALL** – This year's Potentate's Ball will be held on March 21 honoring our new Potentate, George Proctor. It will be held in the Egyptian Room and is titled "Dancing with the Stars." Please sign up early to be included at the Transportation table. A sign-up sheet should be available at the next few meetings.

**CIRCUS** – This year's circus will be held March 5 – 8. We need help on Thursday and Friday mornings to help transport the handicapped to and from the coliseum. Also, we will operate a novelty booth during all performances and need volunteers. Hospital papers will also be passed out to the public prior to most performances. This is a great opportunity to inform the public about our hospitals.

If you have interest in any of the above, please sign up as soon as possible. Sign-up sheets will be available at our Stated Meetings.

Please join us on the third Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m. in the Mecca Room. We have dinner in the same room around 5:30 p.m. See you there.

## Let A Child Be Clown For A Day

The Murat Shrine Circus Clowns are giving two children a chance to become Clown for the Day. For a \$5 donation to the Clowns, your child has the chance to win one of two spots for the Saturday, March 7, shows at the Murat circus. The drawing will be February 16, 2009, at the Shrine Stated Meeting.

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## Kentucky Colonels

Dennis Scott

**POTENTATE'S BALL** – The 2009 Potentate's Ball honoring our new Potentate, George Proctor, will take place on March 21, 2009, in the Egyptian Room. This extravaganza titled "Dancing with the Stars" promises to be a fun-filled evening. Those who are interested should contact our president, Paul Schneck, to get your name on the list. Please check the Murat Magazine for details.

**CIRCUS** – The Club will again be passing out hospital papers to the public during the Murat Shrine Circus. Circus dates are March 5 – 8, 2009. Papers will be passed out beginning approximately one hour before each performance with the exception of Thursday and Friday mornings. This is always a great opportunity to inform the public about our philanthropy. Worker sign-up sheets should be available at the February and March meetings.

**PLAQUE PROGRAM** – As the plaque program enters its second year, we need to rededicate ourselves to selling the plaques to the remaining Clubs and Units and especially businesses in the community. All the money goes to our Shriners Hospitals to fund the first-class care provided to our hospital children.

**NEW MEMBERS** – The Club welcomes our newest members, Colonels Andy Clayton and Bill Reisa. We invite Andy and Bill to attend as many meetings and functions as possible. On a sad note, I have been informed that Bill's wife, Bonnie, passed away. Our prayers go out to Bill and his family in their time of grief.

**SICK LIST** – Colonel Don Borski fell and broke his arm in December. He will need several weeks of therapy.

Please join us for dinner around 5:30 p.m. in the Mecca Room prior to our Stated Meetings on the first Wednesday of the month. Stated Meetings begin at 7 p.m.



Kentucky Colonels officers installed by Potentate George Proctor.

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## Tarum

Jeff Dickey

2009 will be a good year at Tarum. Our new officers have taken their positions at the Club and are off to a great start. The President is Dave Bartelmay, First Vice President is Chad Greulich, Second Vice President is John Anderson, Secretary is Robert Whalen, and Treasurer is Dick Benner. Please give them your support. Installation of these officers will be held Friday night, February 6. Reservations can be made by contacting Becky Dickey at (765) 966-0148. The Potentate and his Divan will be in attendance. Let's keep Tarum's reputation as the hosts with the most intact. Make your plans now and reserve your spot today.

December was very busy with Christmas party rentals every weekend and an annual New Year's Eve fun party at the Club. Past President Mark Greulich did a great job in 2008 and now becomes the second member of the two-time PP club. Welcome Mark, it was getting lonely here.

Remember Richmond Masonic Family Breakfasts the first Saturday of the month. Next month we will profile a brother from Richmond Lodge 196. He has been in the Lodge about a year and has brought to Masonry about 20 new members.

See you at Tarum.

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## Yacht Club

Ted Stewart

The Yacht Club is starting 2009 with new officers, a new social program, and a new sense of purpose. Our officers for 2009 are as follows: Commodore: Ted Stewart, Vice Commodore: Jack Hopper, Rear Commodore: Delbert Drummond, Fleet Captain: Jerry Lance, Director: Don Dawson, Director: Bernard Wurger, and Secretary-Treasurer: Ted Stewart.

In addition, Delbert Drummond continues to be our storekeeper and will order your Yacht Club shirt, hat, and other items of clothing. Delbert can be reached by telephone at (317) 826-2177. This year, due to expenses connected with mailing, we will be contacting our members almost exclusively by e-mail. Therefore, if you do not have e-mail, please keep reading our monthly articles in the Murat Magazine to stay abreast of Club functions.

Our first social event will be a chili dinner to be held starting at noon on Saturday, February 28, in commemoration of Groundhog Day. This event will be held at the clubhouse

at Eagle Nest Subdivision. Take 82nd Street west, turn south on Teel Way and you will see the clubhouse. This is the same venue as we had for our fall party. There will be music, games, Zem-Zem, chili—all for a mere \$10 per person. Bring your friends, family, and especially all prospective Shriners and Masons. All Yacht Club events are recruiting events for Freemasonry and Shrinedom. We need your reservation on or before February 23, so please contact Bobbi Tate at (317) 788-9539 and let us know the number in your party.

Keep Thursday, May 14, 2009, on your calendar. This is the annual Knights of the Sea Initiation at the Gatling Gun Club. Zem-Zem starts at 5 p.m. All new Knights of the Sea will receive a complimentary free membership for one year in the Murat Yacht Club. Stay tuned. This is one of the most popular events of the Yacht Club and you need to bring a candidate and show up and introduce him to the fantastic secret knowledge of this ancient brotherhood of mariners.

# "Ladies & Gentleman, Girls & Boys, Children of All Ages"

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

ANDY CLAYTON, CIRCUS DIRECTOR

Those famous words are only a month away. As the 2009 Murat Shrine Circus fast approaches, I ask you for a final time to get involved with the circus. The hard work that so many of you have done over the last several months; the hard work of Sherri and Shelby in the Fraternal Office; the countless hours so many have of you have devoted in getting your communities involved is greatly appreciated by your circus committee. Now, it is time to enjoy the "fruits of our labor."

The Murat Shrine Circus always means spring is just around the corner and the cold, blustery days of winter are almost in the rear view mirror. Now is the time to HAVE FUN, PUT ON YOUR FEZ, and SHOW THE WORLD HOW WE HAVE FUN AND HELP KIDS. The circus is for everyone from 1 to 100. There is something for all and I hope you will come be a part of it either as a Club/Unit or as an individual.

I have heard Shriners say in the past, "I showed up, but there was no work for me so I went home!" Trust me, there

will be work and there is always work for those willing to have fun and enjoy the show. You can sell activity books, help usher, help sell tokens, or just be a part of the Shrinedom circus experience. The choice is up to you!

Opening night will be Thursday, March 5, 2009. The show that evening will begin at 6:30 p.m. and will be a \$10 a ticket general admission show. It would be a great night to bring the family, the grandkids, the neighbors, or even the whole neighborhood! Please talk to everyone in your circles about coming and enjoying our circus!

Again, thank you to all who have helped make this edition of the circus a success. I admire and applaud all of you; thank you for your continued support. Now, on with the show ...

Yours in the Faith,

Andy

## Murat Shrine Circus

Indiana State Fairgrounds Pepsi Coliseum  
March 5-8, 2009

Opening 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		<b>SOLD OUT</b>	
Thursday, March 5 6:30 pm			
Friday, March 6 10:00 am		<b>SOLD OUT</b>	
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			

	<b>SERVICE CHARGE</b>	<b>\$3.00</b>
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$</b>
	<b>Less Coupons (must be enclosed)</b>	
	<b>AMOUNT DUE</b>	<b>\$</b>

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# Montgomery County

Donnie Jessie

Montgomery County Shrine Club wants to thank the Divan members in attendance at our installation in December: Ron Elliott ('08 Potentate), Kevin Rhodes ('08 High Priest & Prophet), and Bill Rasner ('08 Outer Guard); Chanters Quartet: PP Phil Thrasher, PGM Doug Fegenbush, Ned Cline, and Tim Murphy ('09 Outer Guard), and their ladies. The Chanters provided excellent entertainment—thank you nobles.

Our installation dinner is a chance to thank our ladies for all they do and put up with. At the same time, we thank our past president, Bob Chezem, and welcome our new president, Jimmie Stevenson. We also welcomed our new directors and officers: First Vice President Terry Switzer, Second Vice President Dale Harmon, Secretary Mike Hargrove, Treasurer Greg Miller, and the directors are Todd Stevenson, Steve Lewis and Donnie Jessie.

We had a marvelous dinner. The evening was very enjoyable and we are looking forward to a great 2009.

Thank you all for your support and good luck with all of your events.

## Who dun it??

NexGen Murder  
Mystery Theater  
April 25, 2009



## Murat Mobil Noble Little Pig Initiation

Honoring 2009  
Outer Guard, Timothy J. Murphy!  
Friday, February 20

Corinthian Room  
Social 5:30 p.m.  
Dinner 7 p.m.

Program Following

Tickets are \$25 and are  
available from any Mobil Noble  
or the Murat Shrine Office  
317-635-2433



# Gun Club

Herb Arthur

The officers for 2009 for the uniform unit are as follows: Major, Herb Arthur; Secretary-Treasurer, Chet Mann; Quartermaster, Phil Pittman; and Captain of the Drum and Bugle Corps, Al Zumpe. They are looking forward to attending the Imperial Session in San Antonio, TX, this July. Should anyone be interested in attending with them, you can come to the Gatling Gun Club at 709 N. Illinois St. on any Friday evening after 7 p.m. for our regular practice. This counts as points toward helping pay expenses for the trip.

The Unit is assisting the Gatling Gun Club on Friday, February 13, 2009, with a "Firemen's Beef Stew Dinner" at \$10 per person. The party is open to the general public. Please join us for a fun-filling evening of "Lets Talk Circus."

You should also look forward to joining us for St. Patrick's Day.

THE DIVAN LADIES  
ARE HOSTING

# Ladies Night Out

FRIDAY  
FEBRUARY 20  
5:30 P.M.  
MURAT TUNISIAN ROOM

\$25 tickets are available at the Murat Shrine  
Office at 317-635-2433

Join us for food, fun and fellowship  
Followed by Band Night in the Arabian Room



# Whitewater Shrine Club Dissolved

BY GORDON HUSK

Due to declining membership and the ages of remaining members, the Club's membership determined Whitewater Shrine Club could not continue operations. Illustrious 2008 Potentate Ronald Elliott asked me to work with the Club's officers to complete dissolution, and I commend those fine nobles for their hard work and commitment to an orderly dissolution. Net proceeds from the sale of assets were delivered to Murat at the end of 2008.

Although it is regrettable the Club could not continue operations, the officers made admirable decisions in the distribution of proceeds from disposition of the Club's assets. After payment of all known expenses, Murat received \$56,700 cash, plus the title to a concession trailer. The trailer is to be sold by Murat. Any Murat Club or Unit may contact Recorder Ed Wolfe to express interest in inspecting the trailer.

The officers requested (and the Potentate approved) the following distribution:

A \$200 plaque is to be purchased, with the five-year commitment to be paid immediately. The Plaque Program benefits Shriners Hospitals, and this plaque is a \$1,000 donation from Whitewater Shrine Club in memory of recently deceased Noble David Kehl. Noble Kehl was a director of the Club, a successful farmer, a 28-year volunteer fireman and emergency medical technician, and a friend to all. We will miss him.

All other net proceeds from the sale of Club assets, including the trailer, are to be equally distributed between Shriners Hospital in Cincinnati and the Murat Transportation Fund.

We sincerely thank the officers and members for their dedicated service.

## NexGen



The 2009 Murat NexGen officers are installed by High Priest & Prophet Charlie Crabtree. They are President Luke Stark, Secretary/Recorder Brian Harmes, Treasurer Phil Herthel, Hospitaller Jason Greth, and Head Roadie Kevin Scott. (Not pictured: First Vice President Ryan Lentz and Second Vice President Tim McFadden) (Photo by Linda Lewis)

## Daughters of the Nile

Ruth Ann Kelly

I'm sure many of you joined me in watching history in the making two weeks ago. The inauguration of President Obama allowed each of us to look to the future in our changing nation. Many challenges face our country and hopefully our new president can solve or improve these areas such as the economy, Iraq/Afghanistan, education and jobs. February is the time when we honor Lincoln and Washington on Presidents' Day. I hope you each take a moment on that day to think of the office of president and pray for wisdom in our current president to solve our many challenges.

Our "White Rose Ceremonial" will be the last major event for Queen Cheryl Kuritz and her corps of officers on Saturday, February 7, in the Corinthian Room at the Murat Shrine. Hopefully, your 12 p.m. luncheon buffet reservation in the Tunisian Room has been made to Past Queen Betty J. Rathbun, (317) 846-2800. The luncheon price is \$25 payable to Koran Temple No. 30, and the menu consists of turkey and dressing, green beans, mashed potatoes, soup, rolls, vanilla ice cream with caramel sauce, and coffee or tea. All nobles are welcome to attend this luncheon. Following the buffet, everyone will retire to the Corinthian Room where the Ceremony of Initiation will begin for our new members. Come and welcome these new ladies to our great philanthropic organization, Daughters of the Nile.

The temple Units will "show their stuff" during their performances for everyone to see and enjoy. Please note this will be the premiere performance for our newly formed Unit, "Pharaoh's Dancers."

The Koraliers, Kordettes, Pageantry, and Ambassadors make up our remaining Koran Temple Units. Our sincere appreciation goes to them for their time and dedication to our organization.

Queen Cheryl expresses her sincere appreciation and heartfelt thanks to everyone who helped make the Daughter of the Nile Style Show "Fashions Around the World" a huge success. To Ginger and Spice, our models, committee members, donors of prizes, our nobles, Crystal Catering, those who helped set up and tear down the room, and everyone who attended and purchased items, a gigantic THANK YOU!! An afternoon of good food and time shared with family and friends was enjoyed by everyone.

Our last Stated Meeting on Tuesday, March 4, at 7 p.m. will include the election of officers and Queen Cheryl's farewell address. We encourage a large attendance at this meeting. The social hour hostess will be our Queen.

On Wednesday, March 18, Queen Cheryl will host the last sewing in the Mediterranean Room. Past Queen Dorothy Abel and her Noble Bud delivered 20 body pillows with cases, three quilts, and 65 hygiene bags for new patients to the Lexington hospital before Christmas. Thanks for serving as our delivery service to the Shrine hospital.

Final thought: The best thing about the future is that it comes one day at a time—Abraham Lincoln.

# Murat Loses Elder Statesman

On December 12, 2008, Murat lost elder statesman and Past Potentate Francis Enoch Preston. The Illustrious Sir was born December 15, 1920, in Indianapolis. He was a graduate of Warren Central High School. In 1942, he married Marianna Frakes who survives him. They raised five children, Donna Taylor, Peggy Thompson, Rosy Brownell, Charles Preston, and Cindy Dinwiddie. He and Marianna had 12 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

Francis Preston was a veteran of the U.S. Army Air Corps and spent three years in the Aleutian Islands.

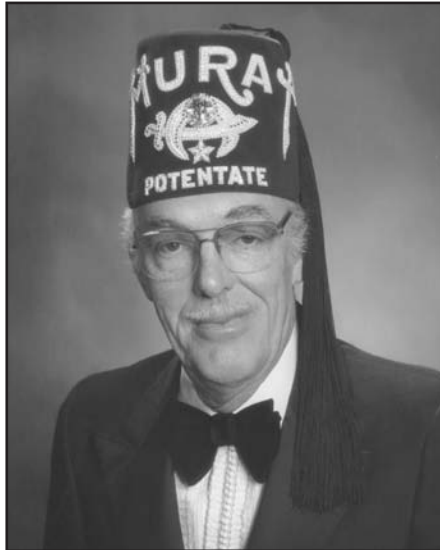
After leaving the military, he purchased a small grocery store at 21st and Ritter from his father, George Preston. From this humble beginning grew Preston Supermarkets which later became Preston Safeway Supermarkets. He became a director of the Indiana Retail Grocers Association in 1963.

In addition to his involvement in the Retail Grocers Association, Noble Preston maintained an active civic life. He served as chairman of the Indianapolis Firemen's Merit Board, served on the boards of the Better Business Bureau, the Wright Institute of Otology, and Indianapolis Motorcycle Drill Team, and was also a member of the Marion County Zoning Board.

Noble Preston joined Mystic Tie Masonic Lodge #398 in 1949 and in 1955 subsequently joined the Indianapolis Valley Scottish Rite and Murat Shrine. He sang with the Murat Chanters from 1956 until his appointment to the Divan in 1984 by then Potentate R. Donald Edwards. He was a charter member of the Veterans Car Club and the Toastmasters Club. He became Potentate of Murat in 1983 and was also made a 33rd Degree Scottish Rite Mason.

Noble Preston continued to attend Murat functions long after his tenure in Murat's Divan ended. He ceased to be a recognizable fixture at our ceremonies and parties only when his health would not allow it.

The nobility of Murat Shrine offers its heartfelt sympathy to Marianna, their children, and to the rest of the Preston family.



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## 500 Club

Larry Lance

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Okay 500 members, the new officers are in place and ready to go. Past Prez Ed passed the gavel to incoming Prez Bruce Raymond and gave his farewell speech, then moved to board chairman. Larry Devoss moved from board chairman to just an ole Fez in the gallery. All keys were transferred and then a standing ovation was given to Past Prez Ed Andrews.

We had 17 members present at our December meeting, and the first order of business was to order a table banner to display at all Hot Sands. Secretary Tim Plank read the minutes and gave the treasury report, noting the Club being in the black at year's end.

We have not forgotten about the new directory. Secretary Tim has completed a current membership list and a final review is underway. In the directory we would like to see the following: your name and your lady's name, your current address (if you are a Snowbird, please include your winter address also), your phone numbers, home and cell, and your e-mail address.

Look for a Club newsletter coming soon with a mail-back info sheet. If there is no change in your information, there is no need to return the info sheet. We want only updated information. Please mail all info to Roger Stafford at 6431 Graham Road, Indianapolis, IN 46220-4943. Roger and I will do a final review before we go to press ... target date is around July 1, 2009.

Remember our info line and our Sunday brunches, and the Potentate's Ball next month—would really like to see a lot of 500 Fezzes there. That's about it for this month. Dean Stemen was our 50/50 winner for December.



# Contributions

Photos by Dennis Wood, Photo Club

(December 2008)



Murat Legion of Honor members George Choung and Lloyd Hearn, representing AmVets Post 99 and its Commander Noble Don Dearing, present a \$2,500 check for Circus Corporate Sponsorship and a \$3,000 check for the Transportation Fund to Past Potentate Ron Elliott.



2008 Potentate Ron Elliott is presented his Noble John Essex III caricature by Hendricks County Shrine Club members John Essex III, Bob Bolware, Don Olvey, and 2008 Chief Rabban George Proctor at the December Stated Meeting.



Murat Gun Club members Herb Arthur and Jerry Sheeks give Past Potentate Ron Elliott a \$150 check for the Circus Bicycle Fund.



Past Potentate Ron Elliott accepts three checks from Kowad 'al Sabikin President Charlie Crabtree, Jon Yoho, and Sam Thompson. They are \$150 for the Circus Bicycle Fund, \$500 for the Transportation Fund, and \$750 for Corporate Sponsorship of the 2009 Murat Shrine Circus.



Past Potentate Ron Elliott accepts a \$1,000 check for the Transportation Fund from Murat Veteran Car Club members. The check is presented by Club President Danny Thomas and Noble Fred Johnson.



Art Borton of the Order of the Q is joined by Jim Ross, Mike Smith, Charlie Merlau, Don Olvey, Ron Brown, Mike Harrison, Andy Clayton, Tom Bond, and Terry Boyer in handing over a \$1,000 check for Circus Sponsorship to Past Potentate Ron Elliott.



The Bartholomew County Shrine Club presents Past Potentate Ron Elliott with a \$150 check for the Circus Bicycle Fund and \$1,000 to the Transportation Fund. Representing the Club are President James Vanest, Buddy Antle, Earl Neville, and Clyde Martin.



A \$1,500 check for the Chicago hospital and a \$1,500 check for the Transportation Fund are presented to Past Potentate Ron Elliott by President Ed Rockhill and Noble Jason Hoaglund on behalf of the Tippecanoe County Shrine Club.



Shriners Hospitals is the recipient of \$1,631 from the Bingo Players at the Johnson County Shrine Club. The donation is made by President Ray Miller and Carl S. Howard III to Past Potentate Ron Elliott.



Past Potentate Ron Elliott receives an \$1,800 check for the Transportation Fund and a \$150 check for the Circus Bicycle Fund from Corvette Club President Ken Herald, Mike McLaughlin, Ed Massey, Rod Kyle, George Massey, Chuck Crabtree, and High Priest & Prophet Charlie Crabtree.



Oriental Guide Jim Priest and Captain of the Guard Bill Rasner display shirts presented by Logansport Shrine Club.



Hancock County Shrine Club members Bob Wilson, Brian Miller, Irv Lewis, Lloyd Young, and High Priest & Prophet Charlie Crabtree give Past Potentate Ron Elliott a \$1,000 check for the Transportation Fund and a \$150 check for the Circus Bicycle Fund.




Southeastern County Shrine Club President Francis Fletcher gives three checks from the Club to Past Potentate Ron Elliott. The checks are: \$2,800 for the Lexington hospital, \$2,900 for the Cincinnati hospital, and \$15,227 from the Club's Paper Crusade. Joining in the presentation are Recorder Ed Wolfe, Fred Hofstetter, John Race, Don Grace, Sr., Tom DeVille, Wayne Montgomery, and Julius Huffman.



Past Potentate Ron Elliott accepts the following checks from the Logansport Shrine Club: \$50 – Murat Children's Christmas Party; \$150 – Circus Bicycle Fund; \$150 – Circus Program Ad; \$1,875 – Murat Transportation Fund; and \$2,000 – Chicago hospital. The presentation is made by Club President Bill Michael. Assisting in the presentation are Craig Alexander, Ed Jacobs, and Past Potentate Jerry Markovich.


# 50-Year Honoree



Attached is a picture of Noble Bill Campbell. He was one of the 50-Year Honorees at the December 13 ceremonial. This picture is of him and all 50 of his dues cards from all 50 of his years as a noble. When he joined Murat 50 years ago, there was a 50-year Honoree being given his certificate and pin. That noble had all 50 of his dues cards and at that time, Noble Campbell decided he would like to do the same. Now it is 50 years later and he followed through!

## Who dun it??

**NexGen Murder**  
**Mystery Theater**  
**April 25, 2009**



It's Christmas Eve. I know you're reading this in February but as we celebrate the birth of the Prince of Peace, it's a time to reflect on a bountiful past and a time to reflect on the beauty that lies ahead.

Murat Band experienced a great and notable year under the capable leadership of its 2008 officers. Now as we enter the new millennium (millennium – "any period of great happiness. Peace, prosperity, etc."), organizations elect new leadership to enhance, build, preserve and challenge the uncertain future. If we had a crystal ball and knew the surprises and solutions in advance, there would be no incentive or initiative to strive for improvement or

change. We would be a race of couch potatoes. Anticipation would be non-existent and without the unknown, there would be no need for "stop" and "go" signs—everything would be on "caution."

Clubs and fraternal organizations of yesteryear experience declining membership, and I used to think our number one priority was new members. Now I'm not sure. Although it ranks near the top, I believe even more important is communication. Current and abandoned members don't know what's going on and are ignored. How can you encourage prospective members to show any interest or enthusiasm? Bear in mind that there is a



As we learn from past leaders, so molds the future.

world of information and experience from past performers available to the neophyte.

As leaderships change—whether it be impeachment, progression or normal attrition—several things are accomplished:

1. New ideas are introduced (although new ideas and plans should always be encouraged and freely accepted).
2. New blood and young leaders are given an opportunity to progress out of the doldrums of the "Do for me's" to the "Doers."
3. It offers an opportunity for more to become infolded and active, test new methods, and display entrepreneurship that might otherwise never be uncovered.

On December 10, the band elected its 2009 leaders: President Raymond G. Hauser, First Vice President Bret Reyburn, Secretary-Treasurer Gary Selig, Directors Richard Blocker, James Cox & Steven Demuth, and Musical Director Raymond G. Hauser. Formal installation will be February 21 in the Murat Tunisian Room. All nobles and guests are welcome.

I want to thank you for the host of cards, letters, prayers and calls I received following my back surgery.

I was admitted to the hospital last May and I heard a knock at the door. "Come in," I said, and a lady walked through the door. "I'm your doctor," she said, "take off your clothes." I asked if she meant to remove everything and she informed me that was exactly what she meant. So I took off all of my clothes and she examined me: nose, throat, chest, stomach, thighs and feet. "You may get into bed now," she said. "Do you have any questions?" "Just one," I said. "Why did you knock?"

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## Smyrna Shrine Guild

Barb Wimmenauer

We have had our first meeting of this New Year and our first Guild Night! I would like to thank everyone who attended Smyrna's installation ceremony in December. The chairman of installation, Starr Comer, along with her committee members Betty Huckeba and Dianna Craft, made the day so special for its newly elected officers. It was a very emotional day for me. I thought it was especially wonderful that Past Potentate Ron Elliott had such nice comments to make about our organization. Thank you! Lastly, I would remind everyone that March's Guild Night is Membership night, so bring your prospective members to see what we have to offer! Our casino bus trip by the Ways and Means Committee is also coming soon, so be ready to make your reservation to have a great time with us!



Newly installed 2009 Maharanee Susie Lawson and 2008 Maharanee Susie Brown present Past Potentate Ron Elliott with a \$500 check for the Transportation Fund.

### February Calendar

Wednesday, February 4—Guild Night: 5:30 p.m., Gatling Gun Club

Tuesday, February 24—Board Meeting: 6:30 p.m., Stated Meeting: 7 p.m.

### March Calendar

Wednesday, March 4—Guild Night: 5:30 p.m. (Membership Night)

Tuesday, March 31—Board Meeting: 6:30 p.m., Stated Meeting: 7 p.m.

A quick rule of thumb: Guild Nights are held the first Wednesday of each month beginning at 5:30 p.m. at the Gun Club and Stated Meetings are held the fourth Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. at Murat. Make your reservation by contacting Guild Night Chairman Karen 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.





## Burn Awareness 2009

Gasoline has only one use – to fuel an engine.  
Any other use is misuse.



The 2009 Burn Awareness campaign again features the popular character, Anthony the Fire Ant! Anthony is featured in the coloring book, as well as on posters, stickers and other materials that are available for order through [www.burnawarenessweek.org](http://www.burnawarenessweek.org).

Shriners Hospitals for Children has treated more than 800 children since 2002 for acute burns caused by ignition of a highly flammable material, such as gasoline. More than 200 of these children were under age 7, and 584 were in the “twens” and teens category – ages 8-18. Kids ages 13 and older are in the highest at-risk group for gasoline and other flammable substance burns.

Gasoline is a necessary part of our everyday lives. Without it, we’d be unable to get to and from work; our store shelves would be empty; our lawn mowers would be idle.

While gasoline is important, it also can be very dangerous. Its fumes can quickly ignite, causing serious injury or death. “Gasoline has only one use – to fuel an engine. Any other use is misuse” is the theme of Shriners Hospitals for Children’s 2009 Burn Awareness campaign.

Feb. 1-7, 2009, is Burn Awareness Week, and Shriners Hospitals for Children will use this week to kick off a year-long campaign focused on preventing gasoline burn injuries.

Preventing burn injuries and burn awareness education should be an ongoing effort, not just a week-long campaign. Shriners are encouraged to share gasoline burn prevention messages throughout 2009 using materials developed specifically for this effort.

Shriners International and Shriners Hospitals for Children have been participating in Burn Awareness Week for almost 20 years, and the 2009 campaign will use a multimedia approach, encompassing print, broadcast and online resources in order to reach as many people as possible with this important information.

A coloring book, classroom lessons, posters, stickers, pens and other materials are available to order at [www.burnawarenessweek.org](http://www.burnawarenessweek.org). A video is also available that features the story of a Shriners Hospitals for Children patient, Austin Bailiff.

Austin, 16, of Cashmere, Wash., knows first-hand the dangers of playing with gasoline. One day in March 2006, Austin and a friend were “bored.” Looking for something to do, they found an old work glove, and wondered if motor oil would ignite the glove. When it didn’t, they poured gasoline into the glove and set it on fire. What they didn’t realize before pouring gasoline into the glove was that a small tag inside the glove actually had caught on fire during their first attempt with motor oil.

Before both teens knew what hit them, the gasoline fumes ignited, covering Austin and burning 90 percent of his body. The doctors who initially treated him gave him a 10 percent chance for survival.

Luckily, the Bailiff family found Shriners Hospitals for Children — Northern California, where Austin continues to receive care. His story is featured in the video, which targets teen audiences, and is available through the Web site.

The video, along with the coloring book and other burn prevention educational materials and promotional items, can be ordered directly through [www.burnawarenessweek.org](http://www.burnawarenessweek.org).



# 2009 MURAT CALENDAR RAFFLE

WIN  
CASH!



**\$1,000 4 times a year**

*(MARCH 31, JUNE 30, SEPTEMBER 30 AND DECEMBER 31)*

**\$100 Every Sunday**

*(EXCEPT SPECIAL DAYS)*

**\$25 Daily**

*MONDAY THROUGH SATURDAY (EXCEPT MARCH 31, JUNE 30,  
SEPTEMBER 30, AND DECEMBER 31)*

**Only 2,500 calendars will be sold at \$25 each. You have 365 chances to win during the year. There will be a guaranteed winner every day of the year. On the four special days, there will be a \$1,000 winner (MARCH 31, JUNE 30, SEPTEMBER 30 AND DECEMBER 31). A \$100 winner will be selected every Sunday (except special days). A \$25 winner will be selected daily, Monday through Saturday (EXCEPT MARCH 31, JUNE 30, SEPTEMBER 30, AND DECEMBER 31).**

***Proceeds are for the benefit of Murat Shriners' activities.  
Payments are not deductible as charitable contributions.***

# Awards

Photos by Bob Wilson, Imperial Photographer

(December 2008)



High Priest and Prophet Charlie Crabtree, president of Kowad 'al Sabakin, is joined by First Vice President Jon Yoho in congratulating Kowad's Man of the Year, Norm Jones.



Hospital Driver Whit Smith receives his transportation jacket commemorating 100 trips to our Shriners Hospitals from Past Potentate Ron Elliott and Recorder Ed Wolfe.



Past Potentate Ron Elliott presents the award for the most calendar sales by a Murat Unit in 2008 to Murat Firemen's Club.



Past Potentate Ron Elliott presents the award for the most calendar sales by a Murat Club to Logansport Shrine Club.



Noble Bethel King, on behalf of the Madison County Desert Patrol, accepts the award for their participation and representation of Murat Shrine in parades in 2008 from Past Potentate Ron Elliott.



Past Potentate Ron Elliott presents a plaque to the Police Club Drill Team in recognition of the many escort services it provided on Murat's behalf in 2008.



The tri-winners of the Unit of the Year Award are the Murat Corvette Club, Murat Clowns, and Murat Firemen's Club. These Units received their respective plaques from Past Potentate Ron Elliott.



Murpah Shrine Club accepts its Shrine Club of the Year plaque from Past Potentate Ron Elliott.

Noble Dennis Scott is recognized by Past Potentate Ron Elliott as Shriner of the Year for 2008.





# Imperial Session

**July 5 - July 9, 2009**  
**San Antonio, Texas**



**Enjoy the Riverwalk — your ticket to food and fun!**



## **Hilton Palacio del Rio Hotel**

**200 South Alamo  
San Antonio, Texas**

Located on the famous Riverwalk and immediately across the street from the Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center, the Hilton Palacio del Rio is the ideal choice for everyone visiting San Antonio. HemisFair Park is across the street; La Villita, the original settlement of San Antonio, is adjacent to the hotel, and the Alamo and Rivercenter Mall are less than two blocks.

Hilton Palacio del Rio on "The Riverwalk" is the hotel for the 2009 Imperial Session. First night room deposit of \$217.30 including tax and \$20 room binder is due by May 1, 2009. A four-night stay is required.



# Welcome New Nobles

PHOTO BY JOE BULA

<b>New Noble</b>	<b>Top-Line Signer</b>	<b>Unit/Club to be Credited</b>
Benjamin F. Denny	Jeffery Denny	Logansport SC
Clark Gregory	David Disponett	Tri-County SC
Abraham A. Navarro	David Disponett	Tri-County SC
Benjamin L. Sterritt	Jeffery Denny	Logansport SC
Chuck W. Sterritt	Jeffery Denny	Logansport SC
Glenn A. Pearson	William Michael	Logansport SC
Kent A. Perry	William Michael	Logansport SC
James L. Sailors	William Michael	Logansport SC
John T. Watson	William Michael	Logansport SC
Kyle B. Alexander	Steven Alexander	Madison Co SC
George A. Baugh, II	Larry Wilson	Police Club
Mark G. Borgmann	Robert Borgmann	Firemen's Club
Paul E. Daugherty	Paul Daugherty	Hancock Co SC
Ryan M. Elliott	Ronald Elliott	Firemen's Club
Scott C. Elliott	Ronald Elliott	Firemen's Club
Joshua A. Featherstone	Forrest Featherstone	Tipton Co SC
Walter J. Fisher	Thomas Davis	Kokomo SC
Kristopher L. Garner	Michael Chambers	Morgan Co SC
Corey J. Hamblin	Bob Hamblin	Morgan Co SC
Jerry T. Pavey	George Pavey	Kokomo SC
Andrew J. Pitts	William Moore	Legion of Honor
William D. Rader	Kim Rader	Bartholomew Co SC
Nathan H. Rigsby	David Bartlemay	Tarum SC
Randy L. Shockley	Ronald Williams	Directors Staff
Richard D. Stevens	Steven Taylor	None Listed

## Dinner at the Circus

This time of year is very busy for us. Our Unit is getting ready for the Little Pig ceremony to be held February 20. We want to make sure the new Outer Guard is brought in properly. Just so you don't miss anything, social begins at 5:30 with dinner at 6:30. The program will follow dinner. Tickets for this program are \$35 and can be purchased from any Mobil Noble or at the office. This event is talked about all year.

The Mobil Nobles and their ladies (okay, mostly the ladies) are also working on the many meals that are served at the circus. This year we thought we would add something new for those who would like to stop by. That is a complete salad bar for those of you who would rather have something light to eat or have to watch what you eat. We will be in the building just across the street from the main entrance to the Pepsi Coliseum. We



Pictured is Donald Stewart. We feel very lucky that Don picked our Unit to join. He became a member of the Shrine October 18, 2008, and became a Mobil Noble at our meeting in December.

have found this works out just perfectly for the many Shriners working the circus. Of if you are bringing the family and want to get there early before the circus and have a sit-down meal, this is the perfect place to eat and beat the rush to get in the fairgrounds for the show. See our ad for the full menu.

## MENU

*All meals include desserts, pop-water-coffee.*

Wednesday: Lunch – Meat Tray, Chips

Thursday: Lunch – Hot Dogs or Coney Dogs, Baked Beans, Slaw, Chips

Thursday: Dinner – Green Beans, Sausage and Potatoes, Hamburger-Rice Casserole, Salad

Friday: Lunch – Little Debbie Corn Muffins, Chili, Ham Salad Sandwiches

Saturday: Lunch – Sloppy Sally Joes, Macaroni and Cheese, Chips

Saturday: Dinner – Spaghetti, Chicken Fettuccine, Salad, Rolls

Sunday: Brunch – Biscuits and Gravy, Sausage-Egg Casserole

Salad Bar: Pasta Salad, Potato Salad, 3-Bean Salad, Beets, Cottage Cheese, Broccoli Salad, Macaroni Salad, Lettuce, Peaches (available Fri. and Sat. lunch and dinner only).

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## Police Club and Drill Team

Don L. Weilhammer Jr.

Well, the Holiday Season is over and if you are like me, you are getting back into your routine. I hope you had blessed holidays! Elections were held in December and our new president, Robert McClary, wanted to thank outgoing President Jack Simpson and outgoing First Vice President Ron Brown for their hard work last year and a job well done. Hey Ron, I love the new jacket and so does my lady! If you did not get a jacket and want one, talk to Ron Brown—maybe he can get another order together?

It is circus time again! Next month the circus is being held from Thursday, March 5, to Sunday, March 8. We need your help with security (after all we ARE the Police Club and Drill Team). We are utilized to help park all those buses for the schoolchildren on Thursday and Friday mornings. In addition, the Drill Team is out on the floor at the beginning of several performances with those shiny motorcycles. Even if you can only help for a few hours at one performance, we can use you! If you were not able to make our meetings on January 6 or February 3, you can sign up March 3 or get in contact with one of the officers.

This, as you know, is the biggest fundraiser for the Shrine, and just seeing all those kids smile is wonderful. I hope to see you there!

If you missed the reverse raffle that we had, you really missed a great time! Look for another one to be held in 2009.

Do not forget about the upcoming Potentate's Ball on March 21; our Club usually has a couple of tables and everyone has a great time. Come support your Club and see you at the meetings on the first Tuesday of the month.

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## Madison County

Jeffrey D. Mock

Fellow Nobles,

We are off to a wonderful start in 2009. The Madison County Shrine Club is looking forward to a great year under our new leadership. Mark Nugent is our 2009 President; yours truly, First Vice President; and Gary Dalzell, Second Vice President. We would like to publically thank Curly McNally for a fantastic 2008. Three cheers for the "curly dawg."

The children's Christmas party at the Madison County Shrine Club held this past December 6 was a great success. Seeing the smiles on the kids' faces is a strong reminder of why we are proud to be Shriners. Thanks to the Ladies Club and 2008 president, Vickie Hart, for all their hard work in making the party the hit that it was. The kids enjoyed the entertainment, the food, and of course seeing Santa to give him their wish list.

Thanks to all the Madison County Blue Coats for all the miles they have driven and hours they have so graciously given to transporting our kids. May God be with you throughout the year in your travels.

I would also like to say thank you to all the Madison County members who give their time in making our Club a great place to come together in fellowship.

God bless and looking forward to a prosperous year.

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## MURAT ENTERTAINMENT CALENDAR

### Friday Nights at the Oasis Lounge

#### February:

FRI 6 Band Night – Lemon Wheel  
FRI 13 Birthday Night at the Murat. If you have a birthday in the first quarter of 2009, join us for cake at the Oasis.

#### March:

FRI 6 Band Night  
FRI 13 Feeling Lucky? NexGen's official start to St. Paddy's Day  
FRI 27 Seth Jenkins Live

#### April:

FRI 3 DJ Night  
FRI 10 Good Friday Karaoke sponsored by NexGen

### 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

## COMING EVENTS

*The current Murat calendars for 2008 and 2009 are available at [www.muratshrine.org](http://www.muratshrine.org)*

### FEBRUARY

**MON. 2** **DEADLINE FOR MARCH MAGAZINE**  
**THU. 5** Caravan Club – Kay Hinshaw  
History of Murat Circus  
**SAT. 7** Goose N' Tater 101  
**THU. 12** Caravan Club – Lincoln's Birthday  
**MON. 16** Divan Meeting, Board Meeting  
**Stated Meeting 7 p.m.**  
**THU. 19** Caravan Club – Marines in the Pacific  
**FRI. 20** Ladies Night Out  
Little Pig Initiation  
Special Entertainment in the Arabian  
Room – Gregg Bacon  
**THU. 26** Caravan Club – Indianapolis Jones

### MARCH

**MON. 2** **DEADLINE FOR APRIL MAGAZINE**  
**THU. 5-**  
**SUN. 8** Murat Shrine Circus  
**THU. 5** Caravan Club  
**THU. 12** Caravan Club  
**FRI. 13-**  
**SAT. 14** Grand Lodge 200-year Celebration at  
Vincennes Lodge #1  
**MON. 16** Divan Meeting, Board Meeting  
**Stated Meeting 7 p.m.**  
**THU. 19** Caravan Club  
**SAT. 21** Potentate's Ball  
**THU. 26** Caravan Club

### APRIL

**WED. 1** **DEADLINE FOR MAY MAGAZINE**  
**THU. 2** Caravan Club  
**FRI. 3** DJ Night at the Oasis  
**SAT. 4** Grand Master's One-Day Class  
Ringmaster's Banquet  
**THU. 9** Caravan Club  
**FRI. 10** NexGen Karaoke Night  
**THU. 16** Caravan Club  
**THU. 16** Indianapolis AASR Convocation  
**SAT. 18**  
**MON. 20** Divan Meeting, Board Meeting  
**Stated Meeting 7 p.m.**  
**THU. 23** Caravan Club  
**SAT. 25** Ladies Luncheon  
NexGen Murder Mystery Theater  
**THU. 30** Caravan Club  
**THU. 30-**  
**SUN. 3** Smokey Mountain Fun Fest

### MAY

**FRI. 1** **DEADLINE FOR JUNE MAGAZINE**  
**MON. 18** Divan Meeting, Board Meeting  
**Stated Meeting 7 p.m.**  
**THU. 19** Grand Lodge Annual Communication  
**WED. 20**



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