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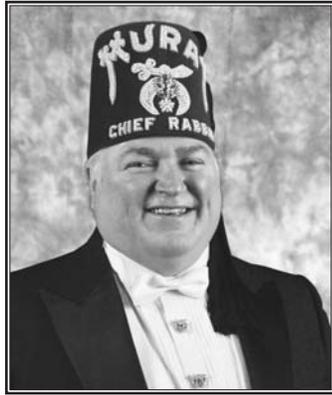


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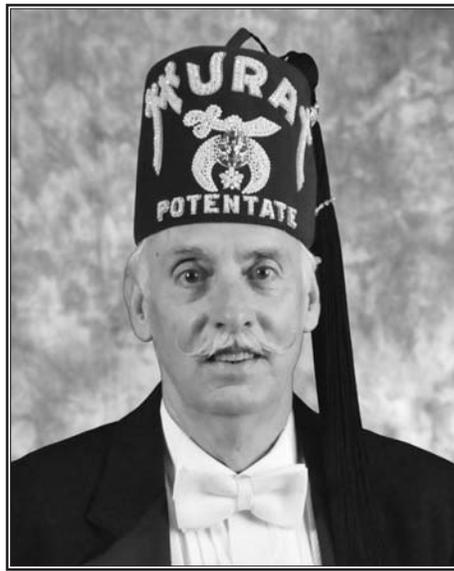
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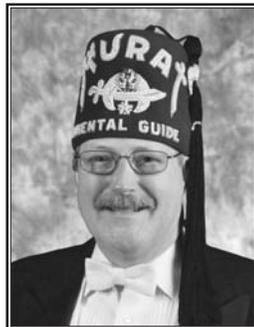
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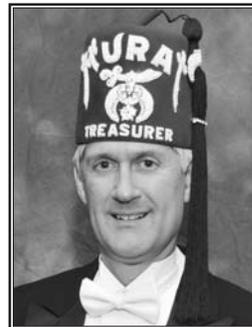
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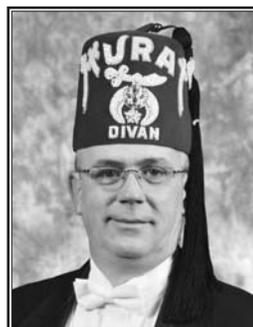
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POTENTATE MESSAGE

Boldly Go ...

The month of May in Indianapolis is nothing less than anticipation and excitement. The 500 is the greatest racing event of the world. Who will the drivers be, who will be the sponsors, what will the weather be, and ultimately who will be the winning driver of this great race? The first 500 Mile Race parade took place in 1958; this parade was the brainchild of the Murat Shriners, a Shrine parade.

The Murat no longer organizes the parade, but your temple has an exciting month planned. May 5 is the first of two ceremonies this year. Next, we will be headed for the Smoky Mountain Fun Fest on May 10, Stated Meeting on the 21st, the 500 events held at Murat, the Memorial Service on Thursday the 24th, dinner with Imperial Potentate Mike Severe on the 25th, with a Band Night after dinner, and last but not least, the parade on Saturday and the race on Sunday. Several of the outlying Clubs also have events in the month of May. If all of this activity does not get your engine started, I don't know what will.

You need to have that engine warmed up because Murat is really revved up for the summer. Just to hit a few of the highlights: JUNE – Potentate's trip to Holiday World, Parrothead Party, and several golf outings; JULY – the largest function for Shrinedom—the Imperial gathering in beautiful Charlotte, several golf outings, and the temple picnic late in the month. Fuel up your tank with knowledge by reading the Murat Magazine and be ready for a fast-paced summer.

All of these events should provide a lot of fun for Shriners, the ladies, and all of our chil-

dren. We must never lose sight of our serious side, which is our Shriners Hospitals. I will ask each of you this question: how many of the Shriners Hospitals do you want to close? If you answered one or more, then I believe you need to rededicate yourself. If you answered zero—none—no way, then you must help be the solution to our problem. If you are not part of the solution, then you are part of the problem. I started the year saying

BOLDY GO ... Have you boldly gone into your community or your mother Lodge and told the great story of being a Shriner? If you have, then you should be bringing a Master Mason to one of our ceremonies this year.

On a personal note, I had a great time with the Clowns at their convention in Ohio. They came home with a total of nine (9) awards, and Murat Outer Guard Chuck Shull was elected as the new president of the Great Lakes Shrine Clown Unit Association. The Directors Staff also had their convention March 28-31 in San Antonio, TX, arriving back in Indianapolis with many new and exciting ideas for skits to be performed at our ceremonies. What a wonderful trip! Thanks guys.

Yours in the faith &
May God Bless,

Charlie Crabtree
Illustrious Potentate





Oh What A Night...

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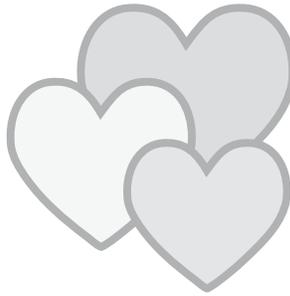
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What fun we had at the Ladies' Card Party last month. Thanks to the Divan ladies for all they did to make the day special. Thanks, too, to the Murat Men's Quartet who serenaded us in honor of Barbershop Quartet Day.

Be watching for a very special flag to be flying at Murat. Henry County (our home county) Shrine Club received this flag as a gift from the veterans as a thank-you for all they do. Our friends in Henry County have generously shared that flag with us for this annual memorial month.

Please plan to join us in August for a ladies only bus trip to the beautiful Biltmore Estate in Asheville, NC. The committee is working diligently to ensure that you have a wonderful experience on the four-day/three-night trip. The cost is only \$500. See the ad in this issue of the Murat Magazine for complete details.

May 6 is Beverage Day, No Diet Day ... and the last day



to secure your cabin on the Potentate's Panama Canal Cruise. I hope you will join us on November 2 as we set sail for the beautiful Caribbean and the Panama Canal. I know I can't wait!

May 15 is National Chocolate Chip Day. What a great idea! About time we celebrate that national treasure, don't you think? Bake some Chocolate Chip cookies (the Potentate's favorite) and share them with a friend. I have several special friends

who I know will celebrate the day.

Don't forget to join us for a Ladies' Purse Auction and Luncheon on September 22. We will have some beautiful, new handbags, purses, totes, etc. available to purchase and win! I know we have a gorgeous dark purple Cole Haan bag that I have my eye on. I am sure you will find something to your liking. What would a ladies' gathering be without surprises? You can count on it!

Hugs ... Faye



We are Baaaaaaack! The Knights of the Sea Induction will be held on Thursday, June 14, 2012, at the Saenger Chor Club, 1824 W. 15th Street, Indianapolis, Indiana. Zem-Zem at 6 p.m., Dinner at 7 p.m. and Induction at 8 p.m. Contact our Grand Knight, Bob Dancey, at 6200 S. Harding Street, Indianapolis, Indiana. Telephone (317) 788-9539. Cost is \$30 and includes dinner. Reservations are a must and the cut-off is June 8, 2012.

A Day of Tea, Fashion, and More

Saturday, May 12, 2012
At the Historic and Beautiful
Scottish Rite Cathedral

The event benefits children with dyslexia who become successful and confident students through the afterschool tutoring program provided by the Children's Dyslexia Center of Indianapolis with no charge to their families.

Share this very special afternoon with your mother or friends.

- 10 a.m. – Marketplace opens on the Mezzanine for shopping at the marketplace, relaxing with a sip of tea or coffee and viewing the lovely decorated tables below in the Banquet Hall.
- 11 a.m. – Silent Auction begins in the Banquet Hall.
- 12 p.m. – Lunch prepared by Thomas Caterers of Distinction and served by gentlemen of the Scottish Rite in black tuxedos.
- 12:45 p.m. – Fashion Show presented by Kohl's.

Cost \$30 per person, \$240 per table

Mail by April 25, 2012:

Scottish Rite Cathedral, 650 N. Meridian St., Indianapolis, IN 46204-1214

Attention: Donna Cofer

Checks payable to: Scottish Rite of Indianapolis Foundation, Inc. (Designate: Learning Center)

This foundation is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization as defined by the IRS. Parking and entrance is from the west side of the building. For more information call Donna at (317) 262-3100, ext. 228.

Your Hospital Holds a Special Place in My Heart

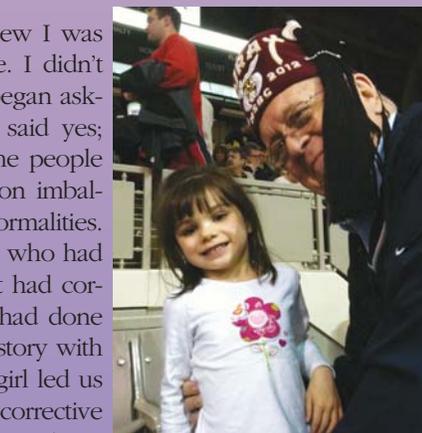
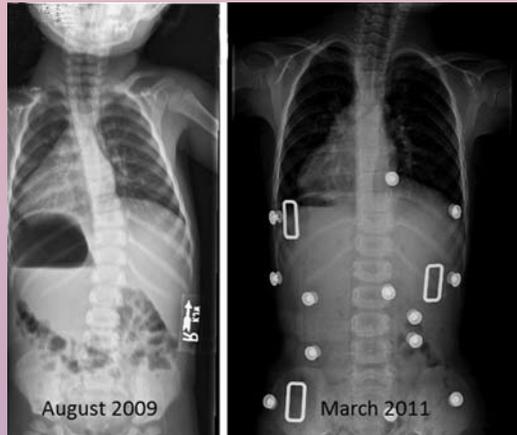
GORDON J HUSK, FORMER CHAIRMAN, SHRINERS HOSPITALS FOR CHILDREN®-CHICAGO

Dave and Amy Replogle and their daughter Makenna were attending the Shrine Circus. Don Richards, president of Murat Shriners Business Connection, began a conversation with them. We happened to be seated nearby, and Don introduced us. Amy agreed to have Makenna's story told in our magazine.

Parents are faced with seemingly insurmountable problems when a child has serious health issues. There is always an urgent desire to find the very best medical care and have all the problems quickly resolved. Unfortunately, it is not always that simple, but help is available.

Dave and Amy directly faced unsettling news and fears of the unknown when Makenna was born. Some complicated medical problems were promptly diagnosed, but the total depth of the problem was not fully evident until later. Amy says, "I first noticed Makenna's spinal curvature when she climbed out of the bathtub one day. She was 2. I had heard of scoliosis and knew I was most likely seeing a curve in her spine. I didn't know scoliosis could be progressive. I began asking everyone if they noticed it. Some said yes; some said no. I coach gymnastics, so the people with whom I work pick up very well on imbalances of movement and functional abnormalities. I happened to hear of a 2½-year-old girl who had received a series of casts for scoliosis. It had corrected her curve. That little girl's mom had done the best thing possible; she shared her story with others. I am forever grateful. That little girl led us to Shriners Hospitals for Children® and corrective casting. Makenna has a very rare genetic condition which is accompanied by progressive scoliosis. Because of the very small occurrence rate of progressive scoliosis in infants and toddlers, it seems there are not a lot of doctors well versed in the latest and best available treatment."

Dave and Amy sought local medical advice and began an internet search, which provided information about early treatment of infantile scoliosis at Shriners Hospitals. The treatment



involves a series of plaster casts, and research proves greater success with this method than with delays in treatment or surgery on very young patients.

Amy says, "Our first appointment with a local orthopaedic doctor was not very promising. We already knew the scoliosis associated with her genetic condition was progressive, and already had the knowledge that a casting treatment was available that could correct the curve. We seemed to be 'ahead of the game.' Makenna's curve on the initial X-ray only measured 20 degrees. This is borderline for any treatment, but we knew the curve was likely to get worse. They call it Horizontal Gaze Palsy with progressive scoliosis for good reason. I thought to myself, 'The doctor will surely take an aggressive approach. How often can you actually get in front of something like this?' I was very disappointed when the doctor said he wanted to watch and wait. 'Wait for what?' I wondered, 'For her spine to get worse, to curve to the point that we couldn't avoid surgery down the road?' I was very uneasy about this."

As Amy pondered the doctor's comments and her own unstated questions, the doctor said he wanted to put Makenna in a brace and see her again in three months. Amy asked, "What about casting? I hear there are facilities that offer casting. Is that a possibility for her?" The doctor replied, "Maybe; let's see what happens in three months." Since an application for treatment had been sent to Shriners Hospitals, the parents obtained the brace the doctor ordered and awaited the initial evaluation in Chicago. Amy continues, "We were happy we had done that, because it took a little under two months to get into Chicago. Our initial appointment was October 30, 2009. Dr. Peter Sturm did an X-ray and told us the curve measured 19 degrees. I cried, not because I was happy the curvature measured one degree lower, but because I didn't think Makenna would receive treatment, since it was less than 20 degrees. Dr. Sturm said her RVAD (rib vertebrae angle) was 39. RVAD is a different kind of measurement, which is important

only in infantile progressive scoliosis cases. It is a measurement that is predictive of the progression of a curve. The majority of progressive curves have an RVAD over 20. Her RVAD was a strong enough reason for him to move promptly. He scheduled her to receive a cast the following Tuesday.”

Makenna received a series of four corrective plaster casts at Shriners Hospital in Chicago, from November 2009 to August 2010. She then moved into a brace. Dr. Sturm did all of her casting and Dr. Kim Hammerberg did her follow-up with braces from October 2010 – July 2011.

Amy happily says, “Makenna was originally 20 degrees in August 2009. In March 2011, she measured 0. ‘Brilliant’ is how the research assistant for a lab working on Makenna’s genetic condition described it, and it truly is. The idea, the concept, just seems so easy. It makes so much sense, and there’s great research to back it up. Why isn’t it the first line of treatment for kids with infantile scoliosis? We are forever grateful to Shriners Hospitals for branching out and pioneering to save our kids. Through the network of Shriners Hospitals and its doctors, this treatment has become available across the country. Our experience at the Chicago hospital is a very happy memory in our lives. Makenna loved going to Chicago. She loved getting a new cast—a ‘hug machine’ we called it. Her experience was always very positive. Gwen, in the outpatient department, was always our nurse. She knows the kids by name, remembers if they have siblings or like movies or are terrible at getting their measurements taken. Tom in X-ray makes that part a breeze (the Beanie Babies help!). Ruby in pre-op makes sure the kids are comfortable. Robert and Gwen are masters at finishing a cast post-op. And you can’t leave out the brilliance of the doctor, orthotist and nurse in the OR. The entire team works together to make the

experience the best it can be. It’s exhausting. It’s emotionally draining. At times it feels like you are drowning and can’t tread water. But the tremendous support offered by everyone in the hospital, from reception to check-out, keeps you breathing.”

When we asked Amy to share her story, she said, “Dave and I are happy to share Makenna’s story with everyone—not to dwell on all the challenges and frustrations we have encountered, but to reach out to any family experiencing similar hurdles with their child. Searching for the best doctors and the latest research or treatment options is the very best we can offer our children. As parents, we are their best advocates. We should always have faith and keep searching for answers. There is another very appealing aspect to our story at Shriners—Chicago. A combination of an internet support group and shared cast dates has created a second family for us. There are many families looking forward to cast days because those days will be shared with new friends—friends we all count on, friends who know exactly what we are going through. Casting days in that hospital are not medical procedures; they become ‘play dates.’ Your readers can see more about what has transpired at the Web site: www.luckycastclub.com and if they are interested in reading more of Makenna’s experiences, they can visit www.sosmakenna.com which is a Web site we established for her. We are so grateful to every Shriner for providing such a great service. Your hospital holds such a special place in my heart.”

Shriners Hospitals for Children® is a pediatric healthcare system of 22 hospitals dedicated to improving the lives of children by providing specialty care, innovative research and outstanding teaching programs. 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, without regard to the patients’ ability to pay. Shriners Hospitals for Children relies on the generosity of donors to deliver this mission every day.



GREAT LAKES SHRINE ASSOCIATION

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of the patients’ ability to pay.

His Old Red Fez

BY DENNIS SCOTT

You never know who you will run into at the Murat Shrine Circus. There are a thousand stories that come through those doors at the coliseum, and this is just one of them. It seems that many years ago a Shriner and a member of Murat named Cecil Mullen began bringing his child Barbara (Mullen) Detrich to the circus on a yearly basis. He continued that practice when his grandchildren Debbie and Vaughn were youngsters, and they loved the circus and their grandfather. Unfortunately, in 1983, Cecil Mullen passed away but that didn't stop his grandchildren Debbie and Vaughn, now in their fifties, from attending the annual event. Their grandfather still attends with them, at least in spirit. You see, Debbie and Vaughn carry with them their grandfather's old red fez. That fez now tattered with age, stored in a little pouch, reminds them of days gone by, the love of their grandfather, and the love of the Murat Shrine Circus. Enjoy the photos.



Debbie Rigg and Vaughn Detrich and the old red fez
(Photos by Bob Wilson)

Pittsboro Lodge Golfing for the Shriners Hospitals for Children June 2

Pittsboro Lodge #620 F&AM is hosting a golf scramble at the Pittsboro Community Golf Course, 2227 E. U.S. Highway 136. Heading west on Interstate 74, turn south off of Exit 61, then turn right on Mitchell Avenue. Then turn right on U.S. 136 and the course is on your left. Proceeds will benefit the Shriners Hospitals for Children. Participants will compete in 18 holes, four person, and best ball scramble. Lodges are encouraged to sign up teams of four; non-Masons are welcome to play. The Lodge with the most participants will receive a traveling trophy to display at their home Lodge. The event is limited to the first 72 golfers. The cost is \$40 per player. Entry fees include green fees, golf cart, beverages, and lunch.

Contact: Chuck Cowley for more information.

chuckcowley@yahoo.com
(317) 309-1795

Dinner with the Imperial Potentate

Michael Severe & Lady Patty

Friday, May 25, 2012
Tunisian Room
6 p.m. Social
7 p.m. Dinner

Enjoy a great dinner. Tickets are \$30 per person and may be purchased after April 11 in the Fraternal Office. Band Night in Oasis Lounge at 8 p.m. for all nobility to enjoy.

Travel Club News

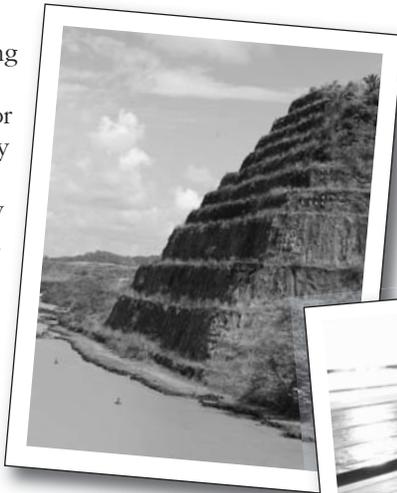
The Travel Club has two very exciting and fun trips planned during 2012.

The first is June 9. This will be for children of all ages and will be a one-day bus trip to Holiday World.

The second trip will be a 10-day cruise to the Panama Canal. This trip will be one to remember, traveling on Princess Cruise Lines. The trip departs Indianapolis on November 2 and returns home on November 12.

PLEASE NOTE:

THE CUT-OFF DATE FOR THE HOLIDAY WORLD TRIP IS MAY 9.



THE CUT-OFF DATE FOR THE PANAMA CANAL CRUISE IS MAY 6.

Reserve your spot **NOW**; space is limited. Visit the Murat Web site or call the Fraternal Office for reservations or for more information.



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AT GREENBRIAR

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AT NORA

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Indianapolis, IN 46240
317-815-8615

AT THE FORT

5645 N. Post Road
Indianapolis, IN 46216
317-547-6701

Flying Fezzes

Patrick DeCallier

Mr. Don Richards of the Murat Shriners Business Connection group was our guest speaker. Back in 2003, he and some other Murat Shriners got together and raised money for scholarships for kids who were going through the Shriners Hospitals. The purpose was to help further their education. The Shriners also became further acquainted with the kids' parents as well.

Those who were helped with private funds have had some interesting results. One of the kids who received a scholarship is now going through medical school to become a doctor at a Shriners Hospital.

The children involved have all come out of this with a definite resolve to help their own community to be a better place. For more information, contact Mr. Don Richards at (317) 414-2105.

After Mr. Richards' presentation, the Flying Fezzes held their business meeting to discuss planning their airplane's parade schedule.



Band Night

May 25
Combo Nation

8 p.m. – midnight

Boone County Shrine Club

Patrick Hornett

Can you believe it is May already? How time flies when you're having fun. It is hard to believe that the Shrine Circus has come and gone already. I would like to send a special thank-you to all of the Boone County Shrine Club nobles who were able to help at the circus. You gentlemen are awesome and the contribution of your time and effort certainly has a positive impact on the overall success of the circus.

Now that we are in the month of May and the Indy 500 is right around the corner, it is also time to remind everyone that the Club will be holding its spring Fish Fry at the Lebanon American Legion, 1020 Hendricks Drive, on Saturday, May 19, beginning at 4:30 p.m. Tickets are \$8 and are available at the door. Please come out and join us for some great fish, chicken, French fries, apple butter, and our famous coleslaw. This is one of two fish fries that we hold annually as our big fundraisers with all proceeds benefiting the Boone County Shrine Club. We look forward to seeing you there.

We would also like to extend an invitation for the nobles of Murat to come out and join us for our monthly Unit meetings. We meet on the third Tuesday of each month at the Lebanon American Legion. The meeting starts at 7 p.m. with a meal to follow. Our meeting in May will be on the 15th, so please feel free to come out and join us.

May is so busy with the activities surrounding the 500 Mile Race, proms, and graduations. The Boone County Shrine Club wishes everyone a wonderful month of May, and let's also take a moment on Memorial Day to remember those members of our armed forces who have sacrificed their lives for us to live as a free nation.

FREE PICNIC INDIANAPOLIS HORSE PATROL INC.

Remember the days when we

had a picnic at the Horse Patrol grounds?

Well, we are going to do it again, only this time

at Fort Ben State Park. The date is **July 22**

from **noon to five.** This is a family event so bring

the kids and grandkids. The reason is just to have Masonic

brotherhood in a relaxed atmosphere with good food and fun.

Your Murat dues card will get you in the gate, but we are going

to need an RSVP from you so we know how much food to order.

Please RSVP to the Murat office and give them a head

count for your Murat family. Expect some fun with

the Potentate and watch this spot next month

for more information.

George Clark

NexGen had another phenomenal annual birthday party this year hosted by our first vice president, Luke Stark. The party commenced in the Oasis Lounge after the Scottish Rite family game night at the cathedral last month. Brian and Phil have put on an excellent monthly game night at the Scottish Rite and many NexGeners have become regular attendees. The event is usually the final Friday of the month, starting at 6 p.m. with pizza and soft drinks. It's been a great family friendly event for fellowship and for just five bucks, it's a great value. If you haven't been, it's highly recommended ... just make sure to let Brian know you're coming.

May will be a busy month for the Unit and the temple. We start off with our first ceremonial of the year on May 5 (I hope everyone has their candidates ready). Right after that is our annual trek to Pigeon Forge the following weekend. NexGen will have our annual trip to Lexington two weeks later on Sunday, May 20. Of course, everyone should come out for the Band Night on Friday the 25th.

If you find yourself unable to join us in May, June has a couple highly anticipated events as well. We begin the month with the Chicago hospital visitation on Sunday, June 3, which promises to be a great time. Most of us will be heading up on Saturday to take in sights (and deep dish pizza) of the city.

Then, before you head off to Imperial, come join us for our fifth annual Indians game and tailgate party on Friday, June 22. This event is a great time and gets larger every year. Tickets are only \$12 and include food and beverage at our tailgate party beforehand. Refreshments are courtesy of NexGen and Calvin W. Prather Lodge, prepared by our own grill master, Mark Bailey.

Our tailgate will kick off at 5 p.m. and go till game time and quite possibly into the first couple innings (things normally wrap up before the seventh inning stretch). We convene in the White River State Park parking lot across the street from Victory Field; parking is just five bucks, but the lot does fill up fast, so come early. To get tickets for the game, RSVP to Joseph Stoutner (joseph.stoutner@gmail.com) by June 10. We have great seats, great food, great fellowship, and a great baseball game. You don't want to be the only one left out ... you never know what you're going to miss when you miss a NexGen event.

Finally, watch your e-mail for announcements of other upcoming events. Our second vice president, Jeremy Knoblauch, has been working on putting together some new experiences. We're looking into a comedy night and a beer tasting. If you've got ideas for another event or outing, please contact him at knob24@hotmail.com.

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Happy spring to everyone from the Legion of Honor.

First off, I must apologize to everyone. I had a computer glitch last month and the Legion of Honor article for April didn't make it into the magazine. Darn, it was a good article too; at least I thought so. Anyway, I'll see if I can get it right this month.

First, let's catch up on the old news. March is always a busy month for the Legion of Honor Color Guard, and this year was no different. Starting with the circus on March 1, 2 and 3, we were there to present colors at the Thursday and Friday evening performances, as well as the afternoon and evening performance on Saturday.

On Sunday, March 11, we were delighted to present colors for the Ladies Oriental Shrine installation ceremonial.

Then, of course, there was the Potentate's Ball, held on March 24 at the temple. Speaking of the Ball, I think we can all agree that Lady Faye did a great job singing our National Anthem. Wow, has she got a fantastic voice, or what!

I guess all our guys who attended

the International Association Legions of Honor annual convention, held this year in Alexandria, VA, made it back okay. At least I haven't heard of anyone being AWOL.

Now for current news. Don't forget we have a full "HOT SANDS" ceremonial coming to the temple on May 5. So, if you have a candidate in mind, or one who you have been working on, as I have, let's all push to get them ready so we can welcome them to the world's "greatest fraternity."

On May 22, our Unit will once again go to the VA Hospital, here in Indy, to visit with patients and distribute socks and quarters. On May 24, our Color Guard will present colors at the Memorial Service to be held at the temple.

Well, it looks like we're going horse racing again. At our February Stated Meeting, we selected June 16 as our date to visit Indiana Downs in Shelbyville. Oh

great, another opportunity for me to throw away some money. Oh well, everyone always has a good time and, besides, the food is great.

Nothing has been settled yet as to a date for the Unit to visit the Shriners Hospital in Lexington. As of right now, we are looking at September or October. I will keep you posted.

Have you seen the new Legion of Honor Challenge Coin? It's beautiful!! One side is a tribute to the Murat Legion of Honor. The other side is dedicated to our own Murat Shrine temple. If you haven't got yours yet, see Executive Vice Commander Tony Stout, or myself, to get your hands on one before they are all gone.

Well, that's all the news I have for now, so until next month, remember, "It's an honor to belong to the Legion of Honor."

Directors Staff

Gerald Frost

Greetings Nobles and Friends,

As of this day, many of your Directors have attended the SDA convention in San Antonio, TX. This past month, we had 13 members attending SDA, including three Divan members. We would like to thank everyone involved for their support of SDA.

Make a note for the Hot Sands ceremonial on May 5, 2012, honoring Past Potentate Illustrious Sir William H. Wimmenauer, Jr. Please plan on attending and working this fun event. This will be the only Hot Sands ceremonial this year. The ceremonial in December will be the Arch Degree program. If you have not watched the Arch program, please try to attend this also. I am sure you will enjoy this production.

We are still planning for this summer's Paper Crusade in June. Be thinking about the summer staff picnic. Dates are to follow. We are always looking forward to seeing everyone at all our events and functions. Meeting attendance is also very important so you can stay abreast of what's going on throughout the year.

I would like to remind everyone that I am looking for a couple of field reporters to keep me informed as to what you hear and see going on in the Directors Staff. Please contact me at (317) 881-5966. Your help is needed!

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Stated Meeting is May 21 @ 7 p.m. at Murat Shrine.

Directors Staff Meeting is May 21 @ 7 p.m.

Paper Crusade is in June. Volunteers sign up at any time.

Recruiting is ongoing. Our goal is 10 good Nubians for 2012.

We are always looking for good men to develop an even better Directors Staff.

Have a safe and enjoyable summer. "Shriners ... Having Fun and Helping Kids."

Attention Ladies!



Biltmore Estate Tour

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Join Murat's First Lady, Faye Crabtree for a wonderful 4-day weekend to the historical and majestic Biltmore Estate! This amazing trip is for LADIES ONLY and includes lodging accommodations (double occupancy); deluxe motorcoach transportation; admission to the Biltmore Estate and group lunch; and special stops in Berea, KY (Kentucky's Folk Arts & Craft Capital); Corbin, KY (Home of Kentucky Fried Chicken) and Lexington, KY (Chrisman Mill Winery).

Cost per person is \$500 with a \$100 deposit when making reservation. Reservations should be made on or before July 16, 2012. Reserve your seat by contacting Julie at the Murat Shrine Club at 317-635-2433.

Ladies Oriental Shrine

Judi Taflinger

Greetings to all as we are now in the spring solstice. We need to do our best to enjoy nature at its fullest. A new season has begun as well as a new year of Court activities.

The photograph is of our Lady Barbara Smith, PHP, presenting the following checks to Murat Potentate, Illustrious Sir Charles Crabtree: representing donations to the Cincinnati hospital, \$2,785; Lexington hospital, \$550; Chicago hospital, \$500; Shriners International, \$500; and Murat Transportation Fund, \$700. These monies from Tarum Court #14 were raised throughout the year by the hard work and dedication of our members. A heartfelt THANK-YOU to one and all! Kudos to our Junior Past High Priestess Lady Barbara Smith for a great year of fun, fellowship and philanthropy. She now joins the ranks of our glorious Past High Priestesses!

We are excited and busily preparing for our Ladies Oriental Shrine of North America Grand Council in



Past High Priestess Barbara Smith presenting LOS checks to Illustrious Sir Charlie.

Norfolk, VA, May 19–25. An enjoyable time is had by all renewing old friendships and making new ones. Our units—Harp Angels, Drum Corps, Cast, Desert Caravan, Chanters and Greeters—will participate in the drills. We also enjoy watching units of many other subordinate courts perform. The rest of the agenda includes a fun night,

business meetings, formal banquet, and the installation of Grand Officers. We will also set aside some time for sight-seeing and pure enjoyment! The men's events include a welcome breakfast, USS Wisconsin Battleship tour, golf and a special tour of the General Douglas MacArthur Memorial within walking distance to our hotel, the Norfolk Waterside Marriott. I hope to see many of you there.

Tarum Court #14 meets the first Tuesday of the month, except July and August, at 7 p.m. in the Corinthian Room at the Murat Shrine temple. We welcome new members, ladies with a Masonic or Ladies Oriental Shrine tie 18 years of age or over. Please contact any LOS member for a petition. Some upcoming events include a ceremonial on June 5 along with our Stated Meeting and a Ladies Luncheon/Style Show July 21. Remember that our ways and means projects enforce the Egyptian Ladies Class theme "Brighten a Child's Life."

Patrol

Dan Ryan

Greetings all; it's May and you better not forget Mother's Day! The circus is over, our Reverse Raffle is over, and we are already planning for our next HUGE event—the second annual Patrol Hog Roast. Our first was such a success, we can't help but have another. The food was awesome, the music sweet, and the company unforgettable.

The Murat Patrol is proud to host the second annual Hog Roast on Saturday, May 12, at Whitaker's Speakeasy Pub, 2002 N. Arlington Ave. The socializing begins at noon; Hog Time is 2 p.m., and only \$5 per person!

May also has some other days worth mentioning such as Cinco de Mayo, V-E Day, Armed Forces Day, Memorial Day, and the largest single day sporting event in the world (and possibly the entire universe), the 96th running of the Indianapolis 500. Vatican City can fit in its entirety inside the oval.

The Smoky Mountain Fun Fest is



Phil Goodwin, Vice President Mike Whitaker, Ron Fannin, Treasurer Richard Black, and President John Montgomery.

May 10–13. To you Shriners who plan on attending the Fun Fest and our famous hog roast on the same day, let us know so we can save you some food. It's quite a drive from Dollywood to Whitaker's, and we can understand how you would hate to miss the hog roast.

There will also be lots of Indianapolis 500 race activities going on toward the end of May. Usually there

are some tickets to be snagged. Keep your eye out for e-mail notifications.

A new and much anticipated event is coming in September. It's the "Sportsman's Raffle." There will be at least 20 drawings for various hunting and camping items. This isn't the cheap stuff either. It only costs \$20 per ticket and that includes food and camel's milk. What a deal. Our Assistant Rabban, Bill Rasner, is coordinating this event. Tickets are available at the temple office.

It's been noted that there were many suspensions this year. Reasons vary, but if we talk to our brothers, get them to participate, ask for their help and in kind help if asked, we may avoid this large number of suspensions. Bring a brother to a meeting.

Hello Nobles,

First of all, I want to take this time to thank Jeff Humble and his company, Humble Concrete, for the work they did in replacing the sidewalk and entryway to the Club. Jeff's crew consisted of Mike McIntyre, Dean Hogan, and James Hogan. The members of the Madison County Shrine Club want to say THANK YOU for donating your time. Also thanks to Rays for donating their dumpster for getting rid of the concrete.

In March, the Desert Patrol held their first all you can eat breakfast to raise money for the Unit. Wendell Hilligoss, P.P. Jeff Mock, president of the Desert Patrol and P.P. Mark Nugent, Brenda Stamm, and Terry Dickey helped do the cooking.

Also in March, we held our annual pool tournament and, once again, Bill Pitts came back from a year away and won again—congratulations to Bill. Finishing second was our first vice president, Bill McCarty, who gave Bill some competition

Coming up in May we have our Mother's Day buffet, Race Party, and our Madison County Shrine Club Golf Outing at Meadowbrook Golf Course.

The race party will feature the



Anastasha Band and the menu will be pulled pork and sides. Cody Hooker and Jerry Anderson will be chairing this event.

In July, we will be having a Polynesian Party on the Patio; Rich Christenson is chairing this event and the band will be Quincy's Brass Band.

Remember the first and third Friday is all you can eat chicken, and the second and fourth Friday is all the fish you can eat. The fifth Friday is a 2 lb. boneless pork chop dinner.



Also, if you nobles and ladies happen to be in Madison County on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday and looking for a place to eat dinner, come to the Madison County Shrine Club. We are open those days from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m.

Remember SHRINERS, THINK POSITIVE.

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Yours in Shrinedom ...

VCM

Mark Price

The Murat Voluntary Contributing Membership (VCM) enjoyed another successful year at the 2011 Indiana State Fair. Our 2011 president, Jeff Davis, performed a fantastic job of organizing and rallying the troops. The VCM members sincerely thank Jeff for a job very well done, as well as for his continued dedication to our Unit.

The 2012 VCM officers are: Bill Cothran, President; Mike Metzger, First Vice President; Mike Stevens, Second Vice President; Willie McKinney, Treasurer; and Sam Thompson, Secretary.

Please mark your calendars now! The VCM Sign-Up Party will be from 4 to 9 p.m. on Saturday, June 23, at the home of Sam & Fran Thompson, 7210 Steven

Lane, Indianapolis 46260. No RSVP is required; just drop in at your convenience to enjoy an evening of fun, food and fellowship—and to select your preferred volunteer shifts for the 2012 Indiana State Fair.

The VCM operates a food booth annually at the State Fair. The proceeds from our endeavors are donated to the Shriners Hospitals, the Transportation Fund and other related funds. The more than \$1,100,000 that the VCM has donated to these fine institutions over the past 59 years is a direct result of nobles just like you volunteering their time to work with the VCM at the State Fair.

The 2012 Indiana State Fair is scheduled for August 3–19. As the VCM membership continues to age, we need

your help more than ever. So please, if you haven't helped us before, volunteer this year. If you are a veteran VCM volunteer, please come back and consider adding an extra shift or two this year. Inquire how your Club or Unit can receive special recognition by assisting the VCM. You'll discover we mix a little work with a lot of fun—all for a great cause.

All nobles are encouraged to join us at any regularly scheduled meeting. The VCM meets on the third Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. For more information about the VCM, please contact Secretary Sam Thompson at (317) 201-5766.

It's the month of May and we're getting ready to keep track of what's going on on West 16th Street. Yes, the Indianapolis 500 is warming up with new cars, new drivers, and it should be quite a show. If you look closely, you will probably see a few Johnson County Shriners at the track.

This has been a pretty spring with winter taking it easy on the Franklin area.



Toddy

As everyone prepares for the upcoming summer, we do so with a bit of sadness. On March 14, the Club lost a very good friend. Yes, Carlis Toddy Inabnitt began his journey to the Unseen Temple. He will be dearly missed at the Johnson County Shrine Club.

Toddy was a loving husband to his bride of nearly 60 years, Barbara Ann. They were blessed with five children, four surviving. There are eight grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Toddy started his Masonic life in 1958 when he became a Mason at Bargersville Lodge #679 F&AM. He followed and loved the Masonic teaching of God, family and country for the rest of his life. He next received his 32° from the Indianapolis Valley of the Scottish

Rite in 1960. Later that same year, he was accepted into the Murat Shrine.

Not only did he belong to the Bargersville Lodge, but in 1965 he was the Master. Many Shriners say he was the Johnson County Shrine Club. You could go to the Shrine Club anytime and you would see Toddy in his golf hat. He helped with every golf outing the Club or Mini-Mystics ever had. Not only did he help, he many times won the event. The Shrine Club will not be the same without "Toddy."

I couldn't close this article without a short poem written by James Whitcomb Riley.

Away

I cannot say, and I will not say that he is dead. He is just away!

With a cheery smile, and a wave of the hand, he has wandered into an unknown land,

And left us dreaming how very fair it needs must be, since he lingers there.

And you - O you, who the wildest yearn for the old-time step and the glad return,

Think of him faring on, as dear in the love of There as the love of Here ...

Think of him still as the same, I say: He is not dead - he is just away!



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Stepping Forward Toward a Brighter Future



Patty Severe, 2011-2012 First Lady
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First Lady Patty Severe's 2011-2012 fundraising program, "Stepping Forward Toward a Brighter Future," is focused on increasing awareness and fundraising for pediatric burn care education and training.

Burn awareness is a subject matter that is extremely personal for First Lady Patty after losing her brother to burn injuries in a tragic accident. From experience, she knows that children who sustain burn injuries need the very best care from trained and well-versed physicians, nurses and supporting clinical staff.

As noted in the *Journal of Burn Care & Research* and the *Journal of Burn Care Rehabilitation*, there are concerns in the medical community about the future availability of a sufficient number of

surgeons and nurses specializing in burn treatment. In addition, burn specialty care is not available in a formalized program, as nurses are taught on the job.

For these reasons, First Lady Patty's goal is to raise funds and develop an educational fellowship for all medical professionals entering the burn reconstruction field. This fellowship will allow each medical professional to spend time at one of the four Shriners Hospitals for Children® that specializes in burn care, and learn the necessary treatment protocols and models of practice from their peers.

First Lady Patty's program will help future pediatric burn patients receive the same level of expert, compassionate care from burn specialists. In addition, it will promote the medical education programs offered and ensure that Shriners Hospitals for Children® continues on as the leader in pediatric burn care.

As First Lady Patty makes her visits throughout the Imperial Year, she asks that in lieu of personal gifts, nobles and ladies make a donation to "Stepping Forward Toward a Brighter Future." With each donation of \$25, you will receive your choice of a lady's beautiful pin or a gentleman's handsome tie. An optional golden 18" chain, for those who wish to convert the pin to a necklace, is available for an additional \$10 donation.

Completed order forms may be given to the First Lady. Order forms, along with donations made payable to Shriners Hospitals for Children®, can also be mailed to Shriners International Headquarters, First Lady's Program, Donor Relations Department, P.O. Box 31356, Tampa, FL., 33631.

Canadian order forms and donations may be sent to Shriners Hospitals for Children® — Canada, 1529 Cedar Ave., Montreal, Quebec, Canada H3G 1A6. Additional order forms and return envelopes can be obtained from the donor relations department at Shriners International Headquarters by calling (800) 241-4438 or by sending an e-mail to: psevere@shrinenet.org.



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Donations to the program can also be made online at www.shrinershospitals.org/FirstLadyPatty.aspx

Both the tie and pin are available from the Fraternal Office at Murat.

As we filed our taxes in April, it may have been time to "Let It Out." We all complain about government waste, our elected officials, crime and education. But it's my privilege to pay my taxes even though I think they are too high. Just like voting, if I vote and pay my fair share, I can register my displeasure without fear of retribution or consequences. When the American people lose this freedom, let all beware. It will make the Revolutionary War look like a tea party and not the Boston one. In

1775, Patrick Henry made his famous declaration to the Virginia Convention on March 23, "Give Me Liberty or Give Me Death." So it is today, morality and the voice of the people will be heard if we but exercise our freedoms, pay our fair share, and vote our protest.

No where else in the world do citizens have the privilege of freedom of speech, freedom of religious choice, and the freedom to make change if not satisfied.

No one is above the law regardless



We do not stop playing because we grow old; we grow old because we stop playing.

Chanters

Phil Thrasher

Hello, music lovers. Hopefully, you attended the 2012 Potentate's Ball and enjoyed the Murat Band and the Murat Chanters as they performed for almost 90 minutes to start the Ball. Congratulations to those hard-working Shriners, and guests, for a job very well done. Thanks also to Kelly Glass and the Directors Staff for handling the sound and lights—great job. And, did you like the Murat Clowns' skits? They outdid even their circus performances with this one.

By the time you read this, the Chanters' Barbershop Quartet will already have performed three times: at Greenwood Meadows, the Murat Ladies' Card Party, and for the Hancock and Shelby County Shrine Clubs at the Bluebird Restaurant in Morristown. We always have a lot of fun performing and, hopefully, the audiences agree. If you are interested in having the quartet at one of your events, or know of someone who would, please call me at the phone number below. Thanks.

The Chanters are very active in May, starting with the Mark Genung/Speedway Lodge Golf Outing on April 30, in which the Chanters are a corporate sponsor. Hopefully, you are planning on participating. Then, on May 5, we will perform for the full form Murat ceremonial at the Murat Shrine Club. The following day we will perform for patients at the Methodist Hospital Chapel on May 6, starting at 10. This event will be televised throughout the hospital.

Then, our first major performance of the year will be for the Grand Master's Reception at the Crowne Plaza Hotel on May 14. This should be a "Grand" affair! Finally, on May 24, we will again participate in the Murat Memorial Service, honoring nobles who passed away during the preceding 12 months. All surviving ladies are invited to join the Murat Divan, their ladies, and anyone else for lunch at the Murat Shrine Club at 11 a.m. If you intend on attending this event, please be sure to let the Fraternal Office know at 635-2433 in order to reserve a seat and a meal.

Then comes the big one: Imperial Session in Charlotte. The Chanters will be there in force and compete for the grand prize of best Chanter chorus in all of Shrinedom. Wish us luck!! Presently, we are also going to compete with at least one, and perhaps two, barbershop quartets. Should be great fun!

If your Club or anyone else you know is looking for 30 to 40 minutes of entertainment at a very modest price, please give me a call.

Our rehearsals are at 7 on Monday nights, with many Chanters gathering in the Oasis Lounge in advance for food and libation. We can give you or your referral a voice test at any time. Dues are a modest \$30. Uniform is a navy blue blazer and gray slacks. We will furnish the Chanter tie. Please call Phil Thrasher at 407-3650 for information. Thanks.

of race, creed, religion or national origin. Cemeteries are full of indispensable people.

With gas prices more than \$4 per gallon at this writing, family activities and recreation are taking an unwelcome decline. Isn't it time to consider more musical associations? So enter Murat Band, Parade & Concert. Why don't you consider music? How better can you entertain yourself, family and friends? Since the beginning of the 2012 concert season under the capable leadership of President and Director Ray Hauser, the Band has flourished. We have played six circus performances, three concerts for the elderly, veterans and citizens (locked in by their inability to travel due to the high cost of transportation), three parades and 20 "nights out" for rehearsals with "like problem." Friends help others to combat a humdrum lifestyle.

No activity involving the entire family could be more wholesome or entertaining.

For a solution to many of the above problems: as my daddy once lectured his family, "If you don't have an answer or a solution, don't criticize or complain."

Love that beautiful Stars and Stripes. Include the Pledge of Allegiance in your prayers and join the Murat Band.

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The flowers and trees are in full bloom, temperatures have risen, and what's the only thing missing to identify this as May? We all know what's missing. It's the "roar" of engines that we have come to know as the real welcome to Indianapolis.

The cars have been brought out of the garages. Tires have been checked, fuel systems checked, nuts have been tightened, brakes checked, and many of these neat cars are ready to come out to meet the fans.



Work Day for the Mini-Mystics



this same anticipation.

For some reason, I feel like I may have lost some of the readers. The cars, fans, etc. that I mentioned were none other than our very own MINI-MYSTICS; yes, Lee, Duane, Mike, Randy, Dave, Dan, Scott, Ray & Bob. Of course, we can't forget Bob Rash. Bob was one of the originators of the Mini-Mystics team and at 93 years young, he's still making appearances with us. I recently asked him about changes over the years. He quickly pointed out the \$4

As the fans gather, it's amazing the difference in ages of these people. There are adult men, ladies of all ages, children, both boys and girls, and the pet dog. Soon these fans will be gathering in various cities just to get a chance to see them perform.

With this year's group, will we see some new "rookie" rise to the top of the field or will one of the "old timers" make that one last rise to the top? It's kind of funny, but they follow a rule established several years ago in a Florida performance ... keep it upright on all four wheels. I have often wondered if the people involved with the Indianapolis 500 Mile Race have

a gallon for gas as the biggest change he could remember.

Yes, the 2012 team is in order and ready to start the parades for this year. Soon the "roar" will be heard throughout the area. Due to the expensive gas, the Club will probably pull their performances closer to home; however, the Fun Fest could beckon them to Pigeon Forge, TN. I'll just keep our fans informed as to upcoming performances. For now, I'd better get to shining up my car. Take care and we'll see you in the next issue.

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Well, by gosh and by golly, it's May 2012 already. Warm weather is here—time for some good cheer ... time to plan some fun for the rest of the year.

In July, it's time again for our annual Montgomery County Golf Outing to be held at Rocky Ridge Golf Course on the 23rd. Sounds like Chairman Greg Miller has it well organized again this year with good gifts, good food, and plenty of ice-cold Zem-Zem.

Another coming event is the annu-

al Montgomery County Shrine Fish Fry on October 13 at the Mo-o-o-se with Mark Hampton again in charge.

This month's shortened written word is coming to you from the beautiful beach of Cape Canaveral in sunny Florida. Of course, it's probably sunny in Indiana by now too.

Edd and Judy are back (with a new truck!) and Big Al should have his spring chores well along by now with his mower running full speed.

We hear Mike Hargrove is about to receive his 50-year pin at Masonic Lodge #50 ... congratulations, Mike!

We hear that the cutting board sales are going well. Good job.

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

Daughters of the Nile

Ruth Ann Kelly

Strawberries—the one fruit whose seeds grow on the outside instead of the inside. These berries are considered an accessory fruit that have character, aroma, a bright red color with juicy texture, and above all “lots of sweetness.” We eat large amounts of strawberries in many favorite items such as preserves, juices, pies, ice creams, smoothies, yogurts and milkshakes. They grow and reproduce in rows of sandy soil with ripening benefits from a full sun. These berries are consumed fresh, frozen, dried and preserved with lots of antioxidants and Vitamin C. Who doesn't remember grandma's “strawberry shortcake” made with homemade pie crust topped with whipped cream? Enjoy the many strawberry festivals in May and June.

At the May 2 Stated Meeting, Queen Cindy will honor mothers for the evening. Everyone has a “special lady” or mother who has been an integral part of their lives while growing up. Mark this date on your calendar and help celebrate this evening by honoring our mothers.

Our first project this year will be a Bakeless Bake Sale held in April and May. Try to get many donations for this bakeless bake sale from your family members, friends, and others to make this project a huge success. Announcements at our Stated Meeting and information forthcoming in the mail will list details for this activity. Let's make this a huge success for Koran Temple.

Time is fast approaching for Supreme Session in Portland, OR, June 10–15. If you plan to travel and attend Suzie's String of Pearls Supreme Session, be sure all registration and housing forms are completed before the deadline date. For further information, contact Queen Cathy at (317) 852-7952 (home) or (317) 409-0250 (cell) at your convenience.

At Supreme Session we will find out who will be honored as our Supreme Appointee for 2012–2013. Koran Temple will recognize these appointees at our Supreme Appointee Luncheon on Saturday, July 14, in the Tunisian Room at the Murat. Place this luncheon date on your social calendar and plan to attend this special event honoring our Koran Temple No. 30 representatives.

Sewing is held on the third Wednesday of the month from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Come and help prepare the many items for our children in the hospitals. You do not need to sew to help our group. Other ways to help at our sewing meetings might be cutting out, stuffing, and pressing items needed for the hospitals. Any help you can give our group will be greatly appreciated. The fellowship and great food make the day one you will enjoy. Come and be a part of this special group of ladies.

Final Thought: Never miss the opportunity to make others happy, even if you have to leave them alone to do it!



Clowns

Allan Hall

A 56-year-old gentleman I have worked with for 23 years had a heart attack and passed away a week ago. It made me think about my own mortality. Then I started to think about the future of this great fraternity we all belong to. If we do not replace ourselves and get new people in, what will become of the Shrine and who will do the work that we do? We are all good men and as such we know a lot of good men, so we need to talk to them about the fraternity. We have lots of Units and Clubs, so there has to be something for every interest. Our Potentate has set a membership goal for 2012 and we all need to do our part and help him achieve it. We will have two ceremonials this year at Murat—one in May and one in December. Your Clown Unit has been thinking of ways to tell the new people about us. We are talking about having a cookout and inviting all the newly made nobles and people who would make good nobles, and their significant others, to come and have a hot dog and cold drink with us and we can talk to them about clowning, but especially the Shrine.

I usually end each article with a corny joke but in memory of my fallen friend, I will just tell you to keep the faith and enjoy each day and live life to the fullest.

“We, not me.”

During a recent automotive breakdown, it struck me what brotherhood really means and how vital it is to Masonry in general and Shrinedom in particular. All five brother nobles I contacted immediately offered to drop what they were doing and inconvenience themselves to come to my aid and get me home, all at the height of rush hour no less. To those good men I say a big "thank-you"—your friendship means a great deal to me and my family.

Last month, I missed putting in an article in the Murat Magazine because I was sick. I had a fever, I had computer problems ... I, I, I. My mistake was not asking a fellow noble in our Unit to help with the article. We, not me, would have

gotten it done. Just like we got the circus set up, run, and broke down. Chief Rabban Jim Priest did a great job as circus chairman and we were happy to do our part to support the Murat Shrine just as all the rest of the Clubs and Units were glad to aid in making it a huge success. Thanks to all who made the circus run so smoothly, especially Jim and the circus committee. Also, a big thank-you to the ladies who make our Mobil Nobles kitchen run; without you, we would fail. Thanks to all who volunteered, donated time, money, and goods!

Now that May is finally here, the Indianapolis Motor Speedway is about to open and the sounds of the screaming turbos and fast cars driving off into

turn one will once again fill the hallowed halls of 16th and Georgetown. (I miss Tom Carnegie.)

Those brave and talented drivers who get all the attention, press, money, benefits and adoration of countless fans are well aware that they would not be there at all if not for the team behind the scenes making it happen. From the top to the bottom, from the owners to the guy who sweeps the floors, they all have a role in the team, just like we do at our beloved Murat Shrine, We, not me.

We, the Mobil Nobles, would like to invite you to join us the second Friday of each month at 6 p.m. for social hour and our meeting at 7:30.

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RED BULL MOTORCYCLE RACE – Raffle tickets were distributed to members in March for the race to be held in August. Every Colonel is encouraged to try to sell a book or more of tickets. Prices are \$5 for each ticket or \$25 for the book. All proceeds will go to generate funds for the Club. If you need more books, you can contact our president, Jim Huffman, or Wally Renn. The Club uses these proceeds so we can contribute to several fraternal groups, hospitals, and the Transportation Fund.

LEXINGTON HOSPITAL DAY – Sunday, May 20, is when we gather at Lexington Hospital along with 13 other Shrine centers for our annual Hospital Day. There will be tours of the hospital, plenty of good food, entertainment, and information followed by the world's shortest parade for the patients and all who attend. If enough Colonels are interested, we can parade in our white suits and salute the Shrine version of the Honorable Kentucky Colonels.

GOING, GOING, GONE – The Colonels, with the help of the Transportation Club, managed to pass out several thousand Paper Crusade papers during the circus. This is always a great way to inform the public about our hospitals. Many thanks to those who stood by the doors to inform the public about our hospitals.

OUT AND ABOUT – Members and their ladies will gather at the Milano Inn Italian Restaurant on Capitol Avenue in Indianapolis on Wednesday, May 2, at 6:30 p.m. It's always nice to treat the ladies with a night out and socialize with great food and fellowship. Dress is casual, no fez.

PAPER CRUSADE – June 22 and 23 are the dates for the annual Paper Crusade. This is another opportunity to inform the public about our hospitals. We will no doubt need many members and their ladies to participate. More information will be available at our May meeting.

NEW HONORABLE ORDER OF KENTUCKY COLONELS – Art Borton, Captain of the Guard, was presented a commission to the Honorable Order of Kentucky Colonels at our recent circus. The commission was



obtained by Colonel Bucky Everhart. I'm sure Bucky will give Art an application for our Club (see picture).

SPEEDY RECOVERY – Don Strawser, a dedicated member of our Club, recently had knee replacement surgery. We wish all the best to Don for a speedy recovery.

Have you been to a meeting lately? Come join us on the first Wednesday of the month in the Mecca Room for dinner. Our meeting starts at 7 p.m. See you there.

Highlanders

Jerry Lance

With the circus and St. Pat's Day all behind us, we now move to our summer parade schedule. Many requests are coming in. Check your e-mails each day.

DRUMS and DRUMMERS – Last month I promised to talk about the Highlanders drums and drummers. The drums have dated well back to 6000 BC. Drums have been used for thousands of years to send messages, at religious functions and to motivate marching troops. The **HIGHLAND GORILLAS OF AFRICA** used chest drumming to ward off unwanted primates and also to impress mama gorillas. **THE CANADIAN GROUSE** also produces a drumming sound by flapping his wings extremely fast. This also is a warning and a look-at-me call to mama grouse. Now, however, there have been a few occasional times when the primates of the Highlanders have been drumming their chest and flapping their wings instead of their drums. This, of course, is during and after Highlanders parties.

BIGGEST DRUM – Purdue University marching band has the largest drum. Their band has a 10- foot high bass drum. The drum measures four feet between heads and eight feet in diameter. This was first presented in 1921. The massive drum heads were first made of mammoth steer hides by Leedy Corp. of Indianapolis.

HIGHLANDERS BIG DRUM – **BOB STEVENS** will take this honor. Standing around 6'6", Bob's long arms keep the rhythmic beat moving.

HIGHLANDERS LITTLE DRUM – **ANDY HAMAKER** takes this honor. Andy, a very accomplished drummer, has been known to drum his chest and flap his wings at occasional Highlanders parties. Andy keeps the beat on time and in line with the magic beat of his drum sticks. If you want to become a Highlander drummer, Andy is your man for drumming instructions. The Highlanders drummers are the best. **ANDY, BOB, DAVID, LEE and TIM** keep the rhythmic beat going. One last note on drums: drums were forbidden on the Grand Ole Opry until 1944. Bob Wills Band was the first to use drums there.

Next month, the **PIPE MAJOR**.

There are many festivals throughout the summer and most are around Memorial Day, July 4, and Labor Day. If you are requesting the Highlanders to perform, please put your request in early to our Pipe Major. That's about it for this month. Have a good summer.

Until next time ...



Membership Corner

BOB HUDSON – MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR

Being a Murat Shriner means what to me? This is one of the first questions we must ask ourselves before we ask another Master Mason to join our great organization. Being a part of the greatest philanthropy in the world, Shriners Hospitals for Children, should be rewarding enough for any and all nobles. However, there are many other endeavors for Shriners to participate in at Murat temple. When was the last time I attended a Stated Meeting? When was the last time I attended a Unit and/or County-Club meeting? How many Units and Clubs do I belong to where I haven't been to in years?

Retaining members is just as important as initiating new members. Determining the value of your membership begins with you first. Then you have to decide how active you would like to be. We must first make our new members welcome inside the temple. We also must make sure our current members are excited inside the temple. If our current membership doesn't feel a value in being a Shriner, how can we expect new members to have any value at all in their membership?

Getting potential members to join is just half the challenge we have in growing membership. The other half of the

coin is keeping them engaged within Murat Shrine and being an active member in the temple. Don't think that you have to join several Units and Clubs and have to spend several days a week at the temple. Being a member is the first step. The next step is to do what your personal schedule and time allotment allows you to do. I encourage everyone who belongs to a Unit or Club to attend a meeting in May. Get reacquainted with old friends and see what you can do to become active again.

Do you have your one new candidate for our ceremonial on May 5? There is still time; if your candidate is a Master Mason, he is eligible. Even if you don't have a candidate, I encourage you to come and attend the ceremonial. This can be a great occasion to come to the temple and remember your own ceremonial from years past.

If you need assistance in speaking to a group or a potential candidate, please contact me directly at bob.hudson@muratshrine.org or contact the membership office at (317) 635-2433. Someone from the membership team will be more than willing to assist you and your Unit/Club in signing up a new noble. We look forward to seeing all of you on Saturday.

Open House/Hospital Day Sunday, May 20, 2012

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So get out there and ask your buddies to join you in supporting our Shriners Hospitals and our fraternity. Let them know how much fun you have at Murat Shrine!!!

Yacht Club

Bernard Wurger

A great prime rib feast was held by our Club at the White River Yacht Club in February with more than 60 in attendance at this posh event. The music provided by Janese Truver was simply terrific, the food delicious, and a good time was had by all!

The Knights of the Sea have advised us that the Murat Yacht Club is again being honored as the holder of its ultimate degree and the official keeper of its secret knowledge in the continents of Europe, Asia, North America, South America, Africa, Antarctica, and Atlantis! The ancient secret knowledge which will be received by the select few who will receive the honor of induction into this Order has been described as "incredible," "unbelievable," "astonishing" and "beyond words." All Shriners from any temple are eligible to be inducted into this super-secret order. The date set for this induction is Thursday, June 14, 2012. Zem-Zem is at 6 p.m., dinner at 7 p.m., and induction at 8 p.m. The cost is \$30 per person and includes dinner at the Saenger Chor Club, 1824 W. 15th Street, Indianapolis. Call our Grand Knight, Bob Dancey, at (317) 788-9539 for reservations. For new inductees, you will receive a one-year membership free of charge in the Murat Yacht Club and reciprocity in more than 2,000 yacht clubs in North America—the best deal in Shrinedom!

Keep Saturday, July 28, on your calendar for Margaritaville IV at the beautiful lakeside estate of Joann Perkins. This is the crown jewel of all Shrine events and for a mere \$20 per person, you will be entertained, wined and dined for the entire day. (That means unlimited free Zem-Zem for all of you in Loma Linda!) A great party! Lots of people! Great entertainment! Fun! Fun! Fun! Contact Ted Stewart, our hard-working secretary-treasurer, at Stew0627@aol.com for reservations.

Until then, we wish you fair winds and following seas!

Corvette Club

David Heacox

Spring arrived early this year and we've had the unexpected pleasure to enjoy our Corvettes earlier than usual. This has also raised our enthusiasm as we prepare for many parades and other fun activities.

During our March meeting, we welcomed Dale Erickson as new member of the Corvette Club. We also finalized our proposed 2012 parade schedule. The Club will be attending the Smoky Mountain Fun Fest (Kerbela) in Pigeon Forge, TN, May 10–13 and will participate in the parade on Saturday, May 12. Currently, we have 15 members planning to attend and expect that number to increase. We will be traveling together as in past years. For details contact Mike McLaughlin @ mcmcl@aol.com.

Additionally, on May 5, many of our members are planning to attend the Brown County Shrine Club and Nashville Masonic Lodge Car Show at the Nashville Masonic Lodge, 19 Artist Drive, Nashville, IN. Registration is from noon until 1:30 p.m. and awards will be presented at 2 p.m. Contact Harry Bond at hbond@att.net for further information.

With the winter months behind us, our Corvette Club Snowbird family has begun the migration back to Indy and we're looking forward to everyone's return and friendship at our May meeting.

We welcome all Shriners to check out our group which meets at 7 p.m. the third Tuesday of each month at the Murat temple (next meeting date Tuesday, May 15). Remember, you don't have to own a Corvette to be a member of our Club and participate in our activities. Come join us; we'd love to see you!

Smyrna Shrine Guild

Melanie Close

Hello Ladies,

First of all, I'd like to wish all of you a Happy Mother's Day!!

May has come fast and everyone knows what that means. The black and white is out and race fans everywhere are counting on Indy to host the greatest day of the year in racing. I hope a lot of you get to see the parade and enjoy a great race.

May also brings us Mother's Day. So take all those flowers you so graciously bought and get them planted, and hang those beautiful baskets. Have a great day and be happy and enjoy.

April ended with a huge bang; our bus trip was great ... a lot of fun and fellowship! It was a great success with a totally full bus.

I want to thank Starr Comer, Debbie Burton, Susie Lawson and Deb Vickery for a fun-filled day. Your hard work and your dedication are truly appreciated, and what a wonderful time everyone had. Congratulations to all winners of the prizes and the MONEY!!!

Our April Guild Night was membership night and what fun we had. Thank you to everyone who attended and welcome to our guests. I believe all Units performed graciously—what a show it was. Thank you to all Units for the wonderful performances. A great big thank-you goes out to Tammy Priest, our membership night chairman, for making our night so special.

May Calendar

May 2 – Guild Night & Flower Delivery

May 22 – Imperial Visitation, Board Meeting, Stated Meeting

June Calendar

June 3 – Hillbilly Brunch at Frans @ 1, \$10 per person

June 6 – Guild Night

June 26 – Board and Stated Meeting

“Believe in all we do; believe so our Shrine children will receive.”

In Tolerance, Maharanee Melanie

It is time to go racing!! Again, I would like to thank all of you who attended the Spring Presidents Party—it was sure a surprise. I hope everyone had a wonderful Easter. It was nice to hear some good news come out of the Ringmaster's Banquet; sounds like the circus was a success again this year. Thanks again to all the Reception Unit members who worked the circus and to those members who helped to raise the Corporate Sponsorships for the circus and the Unit.

May should be a fun month for the Reception Unit. We start off with the Murat ceremonial on May 5 and will need some guys for the doors, Fez sizing, and membership recruiting. Don't forget the fun times to be had May 10–13 at Pigeon Forge (Smoky Mountain Fun Fest). Enjoy the events surrounding the Indy 500.

Please keep Tuesday, June 19, open on your calendar for the Reception Unit Golf Outing to be held at Valle Vista Golf Club in Greenwood just off 65 and Main Street. The cost is \$65 per person and includes 18 holes of golf, 1/2 golf cart, Zem-Zem on the course, gifts, prizes and a buffet dinner to end a wonderful event. So get your golf partners together and get ready for the fun. Please contact Jeff Close at (317) 919-4426 or e-mail two_close@msn.com. I will send or e-mail you the sign-up form for the event.

May Reception Unit Calendar

Saturday, May 5 – Murat Ceremonial
Tuesday, May 8 – Reception Unit Meeting
May 10–13 – Smoky Mountain Fun Fest
Saturday, May 12 – Texas Hold'em
Sunday, May 13 – Happy Mother's Day to all the ladies
Monday, May 21 – Murat Stated Meeting

Sunday, May 27 – Indy 500

June Reception Unit Calendar

Saturday, June 9 – Texas Hold'em
Tuesday, June 12 – Reception Unit Meeting
Thursday, June 14 – Flag Day
Sunday, June 17 – Happy Father's Day
Monday, June 18 – Murat Stated Meeting
Tuesday, June 19 – Reception Unit Golf Outing
Saturday, June 30 – Imperial begins

Nobles and ladies, we meet the second Tuesday of each month except July and August at 5:30 p.m. in the Tunisian Room for dinner. Reception Unit meeting starts at 7 p.m. in the Mediterranean Room for men, and the ladies meet in the Mecca Room.

Thanks and have a great month of May race fans.



Nobles,

In the month of May, one of the most important holidays of the year, in my opinion, is Memorial Day. This is a day in which we remember those who have bravely given their lives for our freedom and our way of life in this country of ours, the United States of America. We should honor those individuals for all they have sacrificed on our behalf as well as their families. So this Memorial Day, if you would, take a moment to reflect and remember. Find a way to honor a fallen hero and when doing so, remember what they have sacrificed so you may live the life that you do. We should do this always, but especially this month. My wife and I personally have family members who were vet-

erans and have since passed or gave their lives during combat, and we will be forever in their debt for their service to this great country.

On May 5, the Dramatic Cast will be doing a ceremonial at the Murat Shrine starting at 9 a.m. If you have any brothers who would like to become nobles, this would be an excellent opportunity to bring them into the Shrine.

Also, as a reminder, the Dramatic Cast will be having their annual golf outing June 16 at Clover Meadows Golf Course in Cloverdale. Two months ago, I indicated the cost was \$50 per person. Recently, I received a phone call from Noble Larry Sutherlin and I am sorry to inform you, the cost is actually \$65 per

person. My apologies for this miscommunication. This will include green fees, golf cart, beverages on the course, and dinner afterward. The golf outing begins at 1 p.m. If you have any questions, please contact Larry Sutherlin at (317) 839-4443 or (317) 525-8450, which is his cell phone.

If you have any Mason jars that need to be returned to Ruthann Kepler, she would very much appreciate having those returned so she may reuse them.

If you are interested in joining the Dramatic Cast, we meet on the second Wednesday of every month for dinner at 6 p.m. followed by a meeting at 7 p.m.

Have a safe and happy Memorial Day weekend!

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The Potentate's Parrothead Party

Saturday, June 23
The Arabian Room
7 p.m. to 11 p.m. (ish)

Music • Cash Bar • Fun Cornhole Games
Island Pub Grub Available • Costume Contests
More Fun • Karaoke • Best Margarita Contest
Best Cheeseburger in Paradise Contest
Limbo Contest • Temporary Tattoos
Table-Gate Contests (customize
your own table tailgate-style)

For details on contests, e-mail
PirateFez@aol.com. Bring a potential
Shrine candidate so they can see
how we do things at Murat.

Potentate Charles L. Crabtree Hosts

2012 Potentate's Golf Outing

Thursday, July 19

Winding Ridge Golf Course ~ Indianapolis

5450 Bogey Drive, Lawrence, IN 46235

Shotgun Start at 9 a.m.

Cost: \$65 PER GOLFER

- Includes: Green Fees, 1/2 Cart, Zem-Zem on Course & Prizes
- Awards and Luncheon immediately following golf
- Format – SCRAMBLE – Prizes awarded by Bankers Handicap System
- Special Putting Contest Sponsored by McGee Jewelers
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Indianapolis, IN 46204
(317) 635-2433

GOLF CALENDAR 2012

Golfers,

Welcome to the golf season! Please review the attached listing of golf outings. As you will note, there have been some changes and some new listings from last month's Magazine. Our Grand Master 2013 is "New" and the Reception Outing has been changed. So please look the listings over closely. If you don't see your favorite outing listed, then we either don't have any information from your chairman or the Potentate has not approved the outing. Either way, contact us immediately so we can support your outing. Please send your request to: Charles L. Crabtree @ potentate@muratshrine.org, contact Julie in the Fraternal Office or call Julie @ 635-2433 and she can send you a form via e-mail. You may also request a form from Tim Whitaker, Golf Chairman, ctwhitaker@embarqmail.com. Your event must be approved before we can list it in our Golf Calendar.

Hit them straight & hit them long, but don't forget to make that putt!

2012 GOLF DATES ARE:

MAY 10 (THURSDAY)

Shelby County Shrine Club, Bear Chase Golf Club, 2660 N. Riley Hwy., Shelbyville, IN. \$65 per player, 12:30 p.m. Shotgun Start. Includes: 1/2 Cart, Range Balls, Green Fees, complimentary lunch & beverages on the course. Make checks payable to SCSC.

Mail to: Bill Rasner at 45 W. Washington St., Shelbyville, IN 46176, 339-0606 (cell), e-mail: MRRASNER@GMAIL.COM.

MAY 31 (THURSDAY)

Madison County Shrine Club, Meadowbrook Golf Course, Anderson, IN. \$55 per player, 11 a.m. Shotgun Start. Includes: Green Fees, 1/2 Cart, Zem-Zem on Course, Prizes and Dinner. **Contacts:** Dick Dawson, (765) 378-5285; Terry Dickey (765) 378-3211; Curly McNally, (765) 378-0031; Tim Limbrock, (765) 378-1698; Gary M. Dalzell, (765) 425-1077 (cell) or (765) 754-8447, e-mail: gary.dalzell42@yahoo.com. Make checks payable to Madison County Shrine Club.

JUNE 9 (SATURDAY)

Morgan Country Shrine Club, Bluff Creek Golf Course, 2710 South Old S.R. 37. \$50 per player, \$200 per team, 11 a.m. Shotgun Start, Florida Scramble. Hole sponsors available @ \$100 each. Includes: 1/2 Cart, Green Fees, Lunch & Beverages. **Contact:** Doc Holliday, (317) 407-2136 or Shawn Huff, (317) 440-0049, e-mail: DocPamHol@sbcglobal.net.

JUNE 16 (SATURDAY)

Dramatic Cast, Clover Meadows Golf Course, Cloverdale, IN. \$65 per player, Tee Times begin 1 p.m., then every eight minutes. Banker's Handicap. Includes: Green Fees, 1/2 Cart, Beverages on Course and Dinner. Form your own foursome or we will assign you to a group. **Contact:** (and make checks payable to) Larry Sutherlin, 1718 Esther Ct., Plainfield, IN 46168, 839-4443 or 525-8450 (cell). Directions to golf course: Go west on I-70 to Cloverdale exit, US 231. Turn south and go through Cloverdale to SR42. Turn right (west) on SR42 and go approximately one mile to where SR42 curves left. Don't turn, but instead go straight ahead for about one mile and the golf course will be on your right.

JUNE 19 (TUESDAY)

Reception Unit Golf, Valle Vista Golf & Conference Center, 755 E. Main Street, Greenwood, IN 46143. \$65 per golfer, 11 a.m. Shotgun Start, Florida Scramble with Bankers Handicap. Includes: Green Fees, 1/2 Cart, Prizes & Zem-Zem on Course; Lunch & Awards following Golf. **Contact:** Jeff Close, (317) 859-9617 or 919-4426 (cell), e-mail: two_close@msn.com.

JULY 13 (FRIDAY)

Montgomery County Shrine Club, Rocky Ridge Golf Club. \$60 per player, 10 a.m. Shotgun Start, Scramble. Includes: Green Fees, Cart, Prizes, Zem-Zem; \$10,000 Hole in One Prize. **Contact:** Greg Miller, (765) 366-4689, e-mail: millerg@regmillerlaw.com.

JULY 19 (THURSDAY)

POTENTATE'S GOLF OUTING

Honoring Illustrious Potentate Charlie L. Crabtree, Winding Ridge Golf Club, 5450 Bogey Drive, Lawrence, IN 46235. \$65 per player, 9 a.m. Start Time, Scramble with Banker's Handicap. Hole-Tee sponsors \$50 each. Includes: Green Fees, 1/2 Cart, Zem-Zem on Course & Prizes; Awards and Luncheon immediately following golf. Special Putting Contest sponsored by McGee Jewelers. Long Drive Seniors & Non-Seniors; Closet to Pin Seniors & Non-Seniors. Masonic Team Traveling Trophy Competition. Dress Code: Shorts or Slacks, Collared Shirts and Soft Spike Shoes.

Contact: Tim Whitaker, (317) 933-3734 or (317) 372-2375 (cell), e-mail: ctwhitaker@embarqmail.com.

AUGUST 9 (THURSDAY)

White County Shrine Golf Outing, Tippecanoe Country Club. \$55 per player, 12:30 p.m. Shotgun Start, Bankers Handicap. Includes: Green Fees, 1/2 Cart, Zem-Zem on Course, Light Lunch 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. & Dinner at 5:30 p.m. **Contact:** Dick Harner, 11646 W. Briarwood Drive, Monticello, IN 47960, e-mail: rlharner@comcast.net.

AUGUST 23 (THURSDAY)

Murat Chanters Golf Outing, Hawks Tail Golf Club, Greenfield, IN. \$65 per golfer, 9:30 a.m. Start Time, Scramble – Banker's Handicap. Hole sponsors available. Includes: Prizes and Lunch following Golf. **Contact:** Tim Jennings, 519-4283 or Andy Barbera, 1003 Maple Drive, Greenfield, IN, (317) 467-0775 or (317) 440-6925 (cell), e-mail: abarbera51@aol.com.

SEPTEMBER 6 (THURSDAY)

Johnson County Shrine Club Hosts "TODDY'S TOURNAMENT," Hickory Stick Golf Club. \$65 per player, Noon Shotgun Start, Florida Scramble. Includes: Prime Rib Dinner and Prizes at Johnson County Shrine Club. **Contact:** Steve Childers, (317) 695-0475.

SEPTEMBER 8 (SATURDAY)

Indiana Masonic Home Tournament, Golf Course: TBA. **Contact:** Brian Lane, (317) 736-6141, Ext 402, e-mail: BrianL@inmasonichome.org.

Note: Potentate Charlie Crabtree will provide golf balls to be used as prizes for each outing approved. Please contact Golf Chairman Tim Whitaker to make arrangements at ctwhitaker@embarqmail.com or telephone (317) 933-3734.

Nobles, if you don't see your event listed, please contact the Golf Chairman or the Fraternal Office and we will make sure it is included next month, after approval.

Thank You,
Tim Whitaker, Golf Chairman

Let me be the first to wish all a very Happy Birthday. On May 6, 1944, the Murat Police Club was organized as a Uniform Unit of the A.A.O.N.M.S. Murat Temple. The purpose of the Police Club was to furnish the Murat Temple with a safety committee under the direct supervision of the Potentate of Murat Temple, a social club for nobles of the Mystic Shrine, a motorcycle drill team and a color guard. Jack Small was our first Club president in 1944 and 1945. Currently, to my knowledge, the oldest living past Police Club president is John Mickey, who was president in

1952.

The spring ceremonial was held May 5. Our new nobles could not attend our May 1 Club meeting, but we look forward to seeing them at our next Club meeting.

A special thanks to all nobles who worked so very hard to make our ceremonial a success and to those nobles who brought a candidate into this great organization.

New nobles, please consider joining the Police Club; we are an active, robust club with a casual attitude. Our Club is a mixture of police and non-

police members and the best Drill Team in the realm. We meet at 7 p.m. on the first Tuesday of the month with a pre-meeting in the Oasis Lounge. No matter what club(s) you join, be active—it's hard to be fraternal sitting home on the couch.

Speaking of the Drill Team, May kicks the parade season into high gear. Three of the major parades are the annual Smoky Mountain Fun Fest, Pigeon Forge; Imperial Session, Charlotte, NC; and the Great Lakes Area Shrine Motor Corps at Kings Island. Upcoming local parades will be listed here or call the Hot Line at (317) 252-9027. Our Drill Team members are a dedicated group who work hard to perfect their routines to compete at a high level and most importantly, to entertain those who watch the parades. Let's do our best to show our support and attend the parades. Parades normally have food, fun and friendship. WOW!

Can you ride? Contact Bill Pike at billpike@att.net or (317) 498-4320. The Drill Team is always looking for riders, especially ones who can stay upright.

Our reverse raffle will be held September 29 in the temple with our favorite MC presiding. We will need everyone to buy and sell tickets—line up your friends and neighbors for a great evening. Remember our Club is dark July and August.

Pick out your golf outings from the calendar and remember the Potentate's Golf Outing is Thursday, July 19.

Take time to read the Murat Magazine cover to cover and if I don't see you before, I'll see you on the first Tuesday.

Transportation Club

Dennis Scott

PARADES – The Transportation Club participates in several parades during the spring, summer, and fall. The objective is to promote our hospitals and the Shrine by driving our colorful vans and handing out Paper Crusade papers to hundreds of people watching the parade. Past President Mike Harrison is in charge of organizing our parade season. There are eight parades scheduled so far. If you would like to participate in a parade or two, contact Mike Harrison. It's a great experience.

ONION SALES – The Club has ordered 150 bags of Vidalia onions to sell as a moneymaker. Each bag is 10 pounds but can be divided into two 5-pound bags if that would sell better. The particulars are not known as of this writing, but we will keep the membership advised when information is available.

RINGMASTER'S BANQUET – Several members attended the banquet on April 13. The circus seems to have been a success. Our members came out in numbers to help the handicapped while they were at the circus, sold novelties at our booth, and assisted the Kentucky Colonels with passing out papers. Thanks to all who participated.

HOSPITAL OPEN HOUSE – The Lexington Hospital open house will be on Sunday, May 20. Lexington will have free food, entertainment, tours, education, and end with the "world's shortest parade." Festivities begin at 11 a.m. and end around 3:30 p.m.

ANNUAL PICNIC – The Transportation Club picnic is scheduled for Wednesday, August 15. It will be at the Beech Grove Park as usual. Arrival time is around 5 p.m. and the picnic dinner will be at 6 p.m. Members are asked to bring a covered dish and the meat will be provided by the Club with Don Schildgen serving as chef. Bring your appetite and participate in this well attended get-together with the ladies.

MURAT PICNIC – Illustrious Sir Charlie Crabtree is having a Murat Shrine picnic on July 22. It will be held at Fort Benjamin Harrison State Park. There will be food and games for the whole family. The picnic will begin at 1 p.m. There is no cost to attend.

SICK LIST – Two of our members would love to have a visit or phone call. They are Elmer Habicht and Carl Schnepf. Contact our cheer chairman, Jim Marlin, for details.

The Club meets on the third Wednesday of the month at Murat. Come early and have dinner. The meeting is at 7 p.m. See you there.





Shriners Hospitals for Children - Cincinnati Receives Cleft Palate Team Designation

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The Story of the Newsome Twosome

It was a bittersweet moment when we were told our twin boys would both be born with a cleft. The day after our sweet boys were born, I posted on Facebook and announced to everyone that the boys were born with cleft lip and one also had a cleft palate. Once I made the post, a friend's brother, who is a Shriner, saw it and immediately said, "Shriners Hospitals for Children can help." He met me at the hospital, we filled out the paperwork and the rest - is history! We arrived in Cincinnati just a few months later. The staff was amazing! They made what was a very difficult time so much easier. We can never truly thank Shriners and Shriners Hospitals for Children for all they have done. Words and even actions will never be able to show the world the change they have made by providing our sweet boys with a better quality of life!

*- Barbie Newsome
mother of Ty and Colton*



Photo by Christine Hall

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(treadmill injuries, dog bites, lawnmower accidents)

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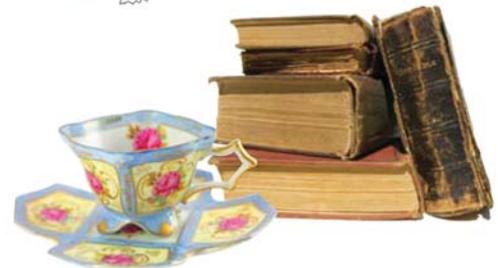


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Contributions

Photos by Dave McKinney

(March 2012)



Potentate Charlie Crabtree accepts a \$50 check for the Transportation Fund given in honor of Marie Ellis by the Flying Fezzes. Joining in the presentation are Unit members Mike Pfeiffer, VP; Bill Lambling, Joe Stoutner, Don Olvey and Charlie Merlau.



Murat Shrine Yacht Club Commodore Bernard Wurger and Club members Bob Dancey and Bob Bland present a \$2,000 check for the Transportation Fund to Potentate Charlie Crabtree. The check is presented in memory of Noble Toddy Inabnitt.



Potentate Charlie Crabtree presents Junior Past Potentate Kevin Rhodes with his official Divan photo from 2011 and a bound copy of the Murat Magazine from his year.



Potentate Charlie Crabtree proudly displays checks received at the March Stated Meeting from groups making the donations but could not be present in person. They were: Murpah Shrine Club – \$500 for Shriners Hospitals; Daughters of the Nile – \$500 for the Murat Transportation Fund; and Ladies Oriental Shrine – \$5,035 for the Transportation Fund and the hospitals.



Potentate Charlie Crabtree receives a \$4,000 check for the Transportation Fund from President Gary Dazell of the Madison County Shrine Club and Club members Jim Swain and Steve Wilson.



HOSPITAL VAN DRIVERS NEEDED ~ HOSPITAL VAN DRIVERS NEEDED

If you are interested in becoming a hospital van driver, it's easy to do. Don Schildgen, Hospital Coordinator, is looking for individuals who can devote some time to transport our children to and from our hospitals. Many of our families we transport cannot afford to drive themselves or have a vehicle that won't make the trip.

The requirements to be able to drive are just a few. You need to be a member of the Transportation Club, have a valid driver's license, have a good driving record, and be able to drive a day or two a month. That's all there is. The first thing you need to do is to contact Don Schildgen at (317) 375-1827 or e-mail him at schildgendon@sbcglobal.net. Ask any driver about the rewards. You won't regret it.

10TH
ANNUAL
MURAT

Memorial Service

Honoring the memory of all nobles who have passed to the Unseen Temple during the past year.

**Murat Shrine – Arabian Room
Thursday, May 24, 2012, at 11 a.m.**

The ceremony will include remarks by Potentate Charles L. Crabtree, Imperial Chief Rabban John A. Cinotto, and Imperial Potentate Michael Severe.

Honoring the memory of those among us whom we have lost is the last great tribute we can pay to our nobility. This is a wonderful opportunity for Units to participate and make this occasion truly special while showcasing your Unit's unique attributes.

Clubs and Units will be contacted shortly about participation as well as ways to help sponsor this Murat tradition. This year, we are offering Clubs and Units the opportunity to invite widows of deceased members at a cost of \$13 per lunch.

We hope you will make this time of remembrance part of your Club and Unit's spring calendar.

Co-Chairs

Suzanne Hancock, Honored Lady, and Timothy J. Murphy, High Priest and Prophet

Shriners Hospitals Contest

Each month we will run a photo of hospitals and the contest is to use the elevation to correctly identify the location. A form is included to submit the location along with the noble's name, address and Shrine number. Drawing of all correct entries to be held at each Stated Meeting for a \$25 gift certificate for the Oasis Lounge. You do not have to be present to win.

Elevation above sea level

529 feet



**May Hospital
Location** _____

NOBLE NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP _____ **SHRINE NO.** _____

COMING EVENTS

*(The current Murat calendars
for 2012 are available at
<http://calendar.yaboo.com/muratsbrine>)*

MAY

- TUE. 1 DEADLINE FOR JUNE MAGAZINE
- SAT. 5 Murat Shrine Ceremonial
- THU. 10- Smoky Mountain Fun Fest
- SUN. 13
- SAT. 12 Texas Hold'em
- TUE. 15 Grand Lodge Annual Communication
- MON. 21 Divan Meeting, Board Meeting
Stated Meeting 7 p.m.
- THU. 24 Murat Shrine Memorial Service
- FRI. 25 Band Night - Combo Nation
- SAT. 26- 500 Race Activities
- SUN. 27

JUNE

- SAT. 9 Potentate's Holiday World Trip
Texas Hold'em
- MON. 18 Divan Meeting, Board Meeting
Stated Meeting 7 p.m.
- SAT. 23 Parrothead Party

JULY

- SUN. 1- Imperial Session
- THU. 5
- SAT. 14 Texas Hold'em
- MON. 16 Divan Meeting, Board Meeting
Stated Meeting 7 p.m.
- THU. 19 Potentate's Golf Outing
- SUN. 22 Murat Shrine Picnic

AUGUST

- WED. 1 DEADLINE FOR SEPTEMBER
MAGAZINE
- THU. 9- Ladies Bus Trip
- SUN. 12
- SAT. 11 Texas Hold'em

SEPTEMBER

- MON. 3 DEADLINE FOR OCTOBER
MAGAZINE
- FRI. 7 Annual Bean Supper - Indianapolis
Valley AASR
- THU. 13- Great Lakes Shrine Association
- SAT. 15
- MON. 17 Divan Meeting, Board Meeting
Stated Meeting 7 p.m.
- SAT. 29 Murat Shrine & Prather York Rite
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