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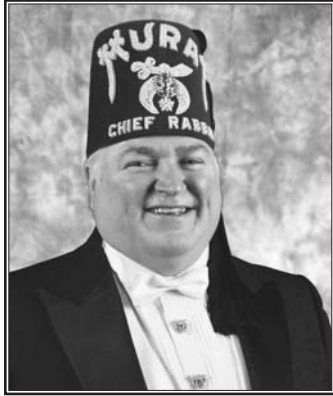
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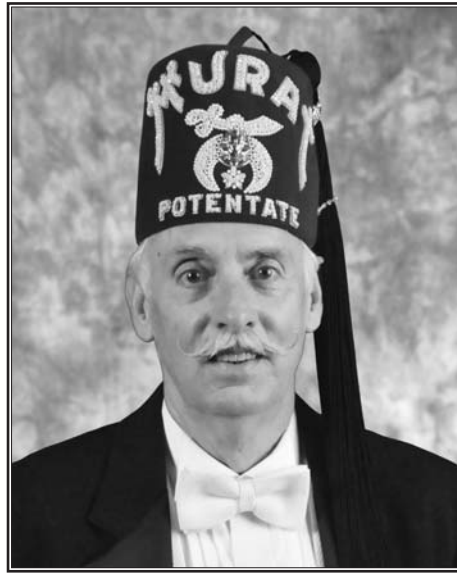




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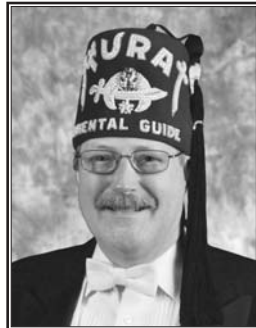
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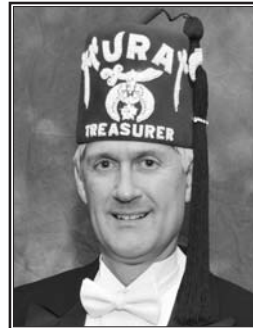
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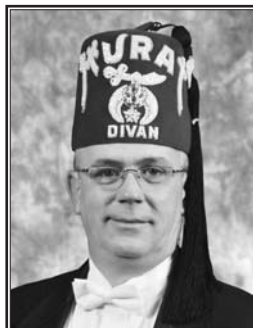
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## POTENTATE MESSAGE

# Boldly Go ...

It is a great honor and privilege for me to serve as Potentate for Murat in the year 2012. I wish to thank you for your confidence and electing me to this office. No man can lead without the support of those around him, and I have the best supporter in my wife of 42 years, Faye.

The theme for this year is BOLDLY GO. Yes, it does come from *Star Trek* but it also applies to Shriners. We must Boldly Go into our communities and promote Masonry, Shrinedom, and our hospitals. Boldly Go in a new way to grow our membership.

I would like for you to welcome my appointment to the Divan line, Charles B. Shull. I know he will be a great addition to the leadership of Murat for years to come. Chuck and his lady Pam are easy people to get to know; I encourage you to get to know both of them.

Throughout this year, you will see pictures of our hospitals in the Murat Magazine. There will be a monthly contest to see if you know where each specific hospital is located. A HINT: the elevation of each hospital city will be provided with the picture; you need to use Google Earth to find that elevation. The correct entries submitted to the Fraternal Office will be in the drawing at the next Stated Meeting.

This year is going to be a busy one with some new events as well as our annual events. So that you can put these events on your calendar now, I will list the first part of the year:

- Jan. 21 Leadership Seminar with a new format that includes the ladies
- Jan. 24-28 Florida Visitation
- Feb. 17 Little Pig
- Feb. 23 Information Presentation on Potentate trips  
 Trip to Holiday World on June 9  
 Trip to Panama Canal Nov. 2-11
- March 1-4 The Greatest Show on Earth ...  
 Murat Shrine Circus
- March 24 OH WHAT A NIGHT...Potentate's Ball
- May 1 Murat Ceremonial
- May 10-13 Smoky Mountain Fun Fest
- May 24 Memorial Service
- May 23-27 500 Festivities
- June 23 Potentate's Parrot Head Party
- July 1-5 Imperial Session in Charlotte, NC



All of the details will be listed in future magazines. The full year of events can be viewed on the Murat web page, which includes a lot of other very useful information.

My door will always be open for you to come in and talk, for it is only with your support and hard work that our fraternity and hospitals can survive and Boldly Go forward.

BOLDLY GO ...

May God Bless,

Charlie Crabtree  
 Illustrious Potentate



# Charles L. Crabtree



Charles L. Crabtree was born June 3, 1949, in New Castle, IN. His parents are Charles R. and Leta S. Crabtree, both now deceased. Charlie grew up in Spiceland, IN, where he graduated from Spiceland High School in 1967. He attended Ball State University and Indiana Business College, graduating IBC with a degree in accounting.

Charlie was fortunate enough to marry his childhood sweetheart, Angela Faye Rose, in the fall of 1969. Charlie and Faye have two grown sons, Chris (wife Debbie) and Chuck (wife Sarah), and are proud grandparents of Katie, Christopher, Becky and Hunter.

Charlie was raised a Master Mason in June 1974 at Spiceland Lodge #699. In 2004, Spiceland Lodge merged with New Castle at which time Charlie elected to move his membership to Calvin W. Prather Lodge #717. He became a member of the Scottish Rite (Indianapolis) in 1977 and is now a life member. He joined the York Rite in 2005 at Calvin W. Prather. Charlie joined the Murat Shrine in 1990 where he is also a life member. He has a unique story about why he decided to join the Shrine—ask him sometime. Charlie immediately joined the Clown Unit and became known to many as Flatfoot T. Clown. He has remained active with that Unit and served as president in 2001. During the mid-1990s, he competed in the Make-up Competition, International Shrine Clown Association, and placed in the top three.

In the past years, Charlie branched out a little. He served for three years as an assistant to the Divan and joined a few other Units. He belongs to the Murat Shrine Circus Clowns, Corvette Club (serving as treasurer in 2002–2003), VCM, 2008 president of Kowad 'Al Sabikin,

Knights of Venus, O.F.E. of NexGen, Order of the Q, Hancock Co. Shrine Club, Henry Co. Shrine Club, Madison Co. Shrine Club, Murpah Shrine Club, Antique Power Club, Firemen's Club, Reception Unit, Kentucky Colonels, a life member of the Kachina Klub, chairman of the Murat House and Grounds Committee ('08–'10), Murat Shrine Circus Director 2011, Transportation Club and a driver for the hospital children. In 2009, he served as an Associate Member on the Board of Governors Cincinnati Hospital and was elected as a full Board Member for a three-year term starting January 2010.

Outside of his Masonic circle, he belongs to Local 699 of the United Auto Workers, is a life member of Tau Kappa Epsilon, volunteer at the Indianapolis Zoo, and a member of Cumberland Christian Church.

Charlie was employed as a journeyman carpenter for Allison Transmission, a division of General Motors, and had been with the company for more than 28 years, with a four-year assignment in Wentzville, MO. Prior to that, he worked at an accounting company, as a door-to-door salesman, a commercial builder, a journeyman tool and die maker for McDonnell Douglas Aircraft, and a short time at Chrysler Corp. Retiring in February 2009, he has more time to play with his grandchildren and work for Shrinedom.

Charlie says he doesn't have any real hobbies except that he loves to Clown, drive his Corvette, dance with his wife, and play with his grandchildren, but not necessarily in that order. He is happy to say he has been fortunate enough to visit all 22 of the Shriners Hospitals with Faye joining him at 20 of them.





# Charles B. Shull



Charles Bryan Shull was born September 3, 1959, in Martinsville, IN. His parents are Gordon W. Shull and Lucille Shull. He attended Perry Township Schools through 1976 and graduated from Center Grove High School in 1978. Following graduation in 1979, he was accepted into the I.B.E.W Electrical Apprenticeship program and graduated in 1982 as a journeyman wireman.

Chuck married Pamela Jo Chaffin on September 25, 1982. Chuck is the father of Shawntell Ainsworth (husband Ryan), Jacob Shull (wife Ronda), and Melissa Shull. Their grandchildren are Lacy (19), Cameron (16), Kaylob (15), Ryleigh (6), Addalynn (4), and Grayson (2). His grandfather, Arthur Brown, has been a member of the Eckerty Lodge #719 since 1931; his brother Scott is currently a member of Murat.

Chuck has been employed by Ermco Electric for 22 years and currently is serving as a project manager in specialty contacts overseeing high voltage and testing. Pam has been employed by the Tom Wood Automotive Group at Premier Acceptance Finance for 11 years.

Chuck was raised as a Master Mason January 15, 1999, at Greenwood Lodge #514. He joined the Scottish Rite Valley of Indianapolis and Murat Shrine in 1999.

Chuck has been active as a Shriner in the Murat Shrine Circus Clowns since 1999. He served as the business manager for three years, and served as the president of the Clowns in 2007. He was involved in starting the "Big Snozola," which is an annual event held in June to encourage membership into the Clowns. The event consists of a day of food, fun and fellowship and up to and including membership. Chuck is also a member of the International Shrine Clown Association (I.S.C.A.) and the Great Lakes Shrine Clown Unit Association. He was elected to the GLSCUA board of directors in 2009 and will serve as the president in 2013. Other memberships include Kowad 'Al

Sabikin, Knights of Venus, Order of Quetzalcoatl, and the Hillbilly Clan 14.

At the urging of Illustrious Sir Bill Wimmenauer, they took their daughter Melissa to a mini clinic to be evaluated for possible orthopaedic surgery to correct her gait in 2001. Dr. Smith suggested they do surgery to consist of

a tibial osteotomy, hamstring lengthening and a staple procedure on her right leg. This surgery enabled Melissa to maneuver with added independence. They were extremely impressed and thankful for the treatment they received from the Chicago Hospital physicians and staff.

Outside of his Masonic interests, Chuck had a long relationship with Edgewood Athletic Association, a south side youth baseball and softball facility. There he enjoyed coaching from pee wee through the senior league, and serving on their board of directors, including three terms as president, a Perry Meridian Special Olympics basketball coach leading their team to the state finals, four-time runner-up and then state champions. His travels to Indiana State University to assist in coaching multiple sporting events in the State Special Olympics competition was exciting and rewarding, just being a part of such an affair.

Chuck also enjoys boating, traveling, sporting events, attending the grandkids' sporting events, and spending time with his family.





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## Ladies Corner

Faye Crabtree

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

2012 will bring many "new" things! Here at Murat, for instance, I have chosen to have a ladies' pin. As you can see, it consists of three hearts. Those three hearts represent the three Shriners Hospitals where we have board members and the three ladies' organizations here at Murat—Daughters of the Nile, Ladies Oriental Shrine, and Smyrna Shrine Guild. Murat may be the only Shrine temple that has all three ladies' organizations in residence. I hope you will accept one of these pins as my gift to you and will wear it proudly. I would love to be able to give each of you one personally, but that probably won't happen. So, the other Divan ladies will have them to share as well. Please don't be afraid to ask!

We will present another "new" on January 21. The Divan will hold the annual Leadership Seminar that day for the leaders of all the Clubs and Units. We are including the ladies of those leaders this year. Please join your noble here on January 21 for a day filled with information and fun with the Divan ladies. You will have an opportunity to meet other ladies and try something new like belly dancing and cake decorating as well as several more activities. Please RSVP with your noble so we will know how to plan.

2012 will bring many more opportunities for the ladies of Murat. I look forward to sharing this year with you!

Please make plans to join me and the other Divan ladies as we welcome our newest member, Pam Shull, on February 17. The Mobil Nobles will initiate Pam's husband, Chuck, into the "Ascender's Club" that evening in an event fondly referred to as "Little Pig." The ladies will meet in the Tunisian Room for an informal dinner while the men are participating in their shenanigans. Band Night will follow in the Oasis Lounge. I hope you will come and meet Pam—she is a great addition to our team. Tickets are \$25. Please make your reservations through the Fraternal Office and pay at the door.

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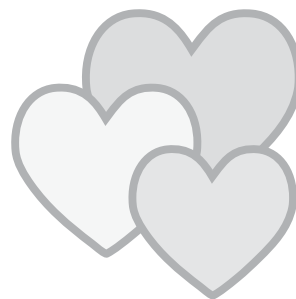
## Flying Fezzes

Patrick DeCallier

Our Flying Fezzes have had a busy month, first with the Indianapolis Veterans Day parade, then the parade at Flora, IN.

At our meeting, we conducted the annual election of officers for 2012. Elected were: John Blaydoe, President; Mike Pfeiffer, Vice President; Benton Pittman, Treasurer; and William Lambing, Secretary. The installation will follow in January.

We held our annual members' Christmas party on December 12, followed by the kids' Christmas party at Lutherwood Social Services on the 22nd of December.



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## Smyrna Shrine Guild

Melanie Close

Happy New Year to all!

What a wonderful installation we had. Thank you everyone for attending. I believe it was a very enjoyable day for all. With the beautiful decorations, touch of Italy, and the Zem-Zem, how could we go wrong?

Most importantly, I'd like to congratulate Tammy Priest for her successful year and thank her for all the guidance she has given me, leading to my position as 2012 Maharanee.

A special thanks to Candy Close, Dianna Craft and Committee for making such a special day for me. Thanks to our installing officer, Susie Lawson, for the introductions and Installing Marshal Starr Comer for escorting all ladies into their positions.

Our officers for the 2012 year are as follows: Maharanee, Melanie T. Close; Ranee, Linda Abdon; Marshal, Karen Waldrip; Sergeant at Arms, Lynn Moeller; Secretary, Christina Stout; Treasurer, Sharon Ross; Scribe, Susie Brown; and Parliamentarian, Lou Benell. Thank you ladies for making our team complete.

Our own Mary Lou Taber is Imperial Maharanee for 2012. Congratulations Mary Lou—we will be working toward a successful year for you.

### January Calendar

January – no Guild Night  
Tuesday, Jan. 24 – Board Meeting:  
6:30 p.m.; Stated Meeting: 7 p.m.

### February Calendar

Wednesday, Feb. 1 – Guild Night  
Tuesday, Feb. 28 – Board Meeting:  
6:30 p.m.; Stated Meeting: 7 p.m.

Connie Cantrell is our Guild Night chairman. We are requesting you contact her for reservations at (317) 253-9766. Contact Dianna Craft for Cheer or Concerns at (317) 882-8587.

"Believe we can make a difference for our Shrine Children; Believe so they may receive."

In Tolerance, Maharanee Melanie T. Close

# Shriners are Like Big Brothers

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

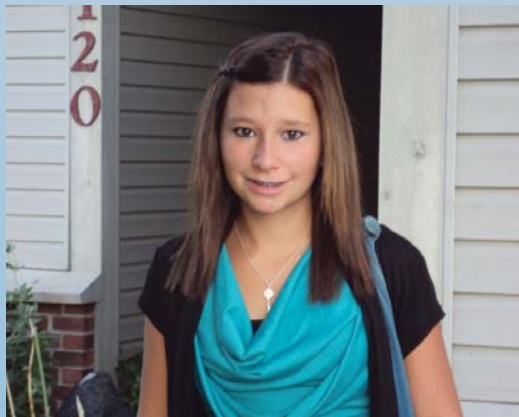
At the age of 8, Lexi Stewart was a lovable little lady. Her days were filled with happiness as she lived a quiet, normal life. In June 2006, her mother Joy noticed a scab on Lexi's scalp near the part in her hair. The itching scab bothered Lexi. Joy told her a scab usually does itch, which indicates the wound is healing. A month later, the scab still itched and Joy noticed hair loss around the scab.

A pediatrician referred Lexi to a pediatric dermatologist. The appointment was to have been only for consultation, but the doctor suspected scleroderma. She asked Lexi if she could take a biopsy to confirm this preliminary diagnosis. Joy says, "Lexi was scared, but she agreed. This was just the first of many times I saw Lexi put on her brave face and do whatever was asked of her."

Scleroderma may take several forms, some rather mild and others very serious. It is actually a group of diseases that can cause skin and sometimes internal organs to become hard and tight. In fact, the word scleroderma means "hard skin." Doctors believe scleroderma is caused by the immune system mistakenly attacking the body's own tissues. The immune system attack causes inflammation and an overproduction of collagen. Too much collagen produces the skin changes. Researchers are not sure what triggers this autoimmune response. Both genetics and environment may play a role.

Localized scleroderma may be one of two types. Morphea scleroderma produces oval patches of skin and may appear on the chest, back, stomach, arms or legs. Linear scleroderma may produce streaks of hardened skin that appear on arms, legs or forehead. Scleroderma occurs more often in women than men. It is most common among people of 20 to 50 years of age, and it is relatively rare in children. Appropriate medication can reduce the discomfort of symptoms and help prevent more severe complications.

About a week after Lexi's biopsy was taken, the results were received. Lexi had linear scleroderma, with a further diagnosis of a rare case of en coup de sabre, which may not be truly related to other forms of the disease. "En coup de sabre" is a French phrase that was used to describe the injuries of foot soldiers struck on the head by the sword of a cavalry soldier riding a horse. The injury often had a scar and thick-



ened skin on one side of the forehead and extending along the scalp toward the back. Children with linear scleroderma en coup de sabre have an area of skin that resembles this scar, but they usually do not have significant underlying problems.

Joy was told the condition, if left untreated, could result in deformity and scars that could proceed down the middle of the face and all the way back down the scalp. She was also told the scars could cause problems with the growth of the bones in the forehead and face. Joy says,

"Trying to explain all of this to Lexi, who was then 8 years old, was probably the hardest thing I have ever done. She asked me if she was going to die. I was thankful that I could say no. She then asked me if other kids were going to make fun of her. I told her they may, but they may also make fun of her because she has glasses or brown hair. She thought hard about this and then said, 'Okay.' Suddenly, it seemed like no big deal to her. Her attitude was amazing. I knew she would need that attitude to get

through this problem. She named her scar 'Lenny,' which again shows her attitude."

Lexi was referred to a rheumatologist, who began a treatment of steroids, along with a medication that caused Lexi to vomit. Her reaction to the medication was so strong that she began to vomit simply at the thought of the medicine she was required to take each Friday. While Lexi was in a local hospital, residents came to see Lexi's scar. Joy says, "Lexi loved the attention. She was invited to visit a dermatology convention. Tons of dermatologists visited her over a two-hour period. Most of them had never seen someone with en coup de sabre. None of them had any suggestions or tips, so we continued the course of monthly I.V. treatments and Friday medicine (or vomit sessions, as I called them). The growth of the scar had been slowed, but it was still active."

Joy's father, Jerry Breedlove, is an active Shriner and a strong supporter of Shriners Hospitals®. Jerry became frustrated with the lack of progress for Lexi and suggested application for treatment be made at Shriners Hospital for Children®-Chicago. Joy and Lexi were elated with the hospital, beginning with the first visit in January 2007. Joy says, "We instantly fell in love with Dr. Karen Onel. When she came into the room,



she talked to Lexi, not to us. She asked Lexi questions, and she listened to Lexi. She suggested treatment based upon Lexi's feelings, not just her disease. Dr. Onel was happy to work with Lexi's local doctors. I truly believe she helped keep the local doctors on their toes! Lexi went through treatments for the next couple of years, along with her weekly injections. We had another visit at the Shriners Hospital in June 2008 and it appeared things were at a standstill. Dr. Onel suggested changing Lexi's Friday medication to one that is better tolerated by Lexi."

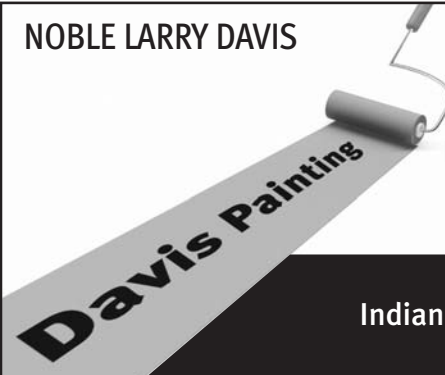
Joy says, "About a month ago, we noticed another small indentation on Lexi's forehead. We asked her if she wanted to go to the local hospital or to Shriners. She chose Shriners Hospital without any hesitation." Dr. Onel considered the scar a residual situation from the initial scar and not evidence of the condition becoming more active. Lexi is scheduled for a follow-up visit in January 2012.

Joy adds, "What do Shriners and the Shriners Hospital mean to us? They are like big brothers! They are always there to take care of us and are always honest with us. We know they are going to give Lexi the type of treatment she needs, not just the normal protocol that is determined to be the treatment for en coup de sabre. Everyone at the Shriners Hospital

is so nice, from the security guard who checks us in, to the doctors, nurses and cafeteria workers. They all make a point of saying hello to Lexi and treat her with total kindness. We love the Shriners Hospital!"

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# Reception Unit

Jeff Close

To all, Melanie and I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year with their friends and family.

As I start my year as the newly-elected Reception Unit president, I would like to thank past Presidents Mike and Sylvia Metzger on their successful year and the leadership they gave us in 2011; again, thanks for a job well done.

Melanie and I would like to thank those in attendance at the Reception Unit Christmas party; it was a nice way to start our stint as the Reception Unit leaders as the food, fun and fellowship flowed freely.

I would also like to thank those who stepped up in the Reception line: Vice President Robert (Bob) Hudson, Secretaries John and Raynel Wilson, Treasurers Kent and Barb Smith, and a special thanks to newly elected Recording Secretaries Joe and Becky Essex.

We will be having our next Reception meeting January 10, 2012, same time and place as normal. Melanie and I won't be at the meeting, as we will

be on vacation, but Bob Hudson will take his first official step as V.P. and be acting president. Thanks for stepping up, Bob.

All Reception Unit members are welcome to attend the Reception Unit organizational meeting to be held in the Shrine Corinthian Room Sunday, January 15, at 1 p.m. This is a change from the original date so please take note of this. Kent Smith will be bringing his famous chili, and Melanie and I will be bringing hot dogs, chips and a covered dish. All Reception Unit members are welcome. All we ask is each family bring a dessert or covered dish of their liking; there will be Zem-Zem as well. At the meeting, we will discuss the dates of the events for the 2012 Reception Unit year as well as fun and fellowship to be enjoyed by all. Hope to see everyone there.

I will end my first article thanking all of you in the Reception Unit for electing me as president as I hope I will not disappoint. I ask for help from all of you to make this a successful year for the Murat Reception Unit. Please stay safe

and secure until we meet again.

## January Calendar

Tuesday, Jan. 10 – Reception Unit Meeting: 7 p.m., Murat Corinthian Room

Sunday, Jan. 15 – Reception Unit Organizational Meeting: 1 p.m., Murat Corinthian Room

Monday, Jan. 16 – Murat Stated Meeting

## February Calendar

Tuesday, Feb. 14 – Reception Unit Meeting: 7 p.m., Murat Corinthian Room

Monday, Feb. 20 – Murat Stated Meeting

## March Calendar

Thursday, March 1-4 – Murat Shrine Circus

Tuesday, March 13 – Reception Unit Meeting: 7 p.m., Murat Corinthian Room

Monday, March 19 – Murat Stated Meeting

Saturday, March 24 – Potentate's Ball

Thanks and have a great day.

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# Dramatic Cast

Mark Bartolovich

I wish you all a very happy, healthy, and prosperous New Year! Recently, I was going through the channels on television when I came across a program in which Joel Osteen was preaching on the topic of "I Am" and positive thinking. After listening to his message, I began to think about what it was he was trying to convey to everyone. The message was you are what you think of yourself and the thoughts that you think are what God will bring to your life. He told a story of a young man whose guidance counselor told him he would never amount to anything and therefore he should aim for the simplest job. The young man took that to heart and got a job in a factory at the lowest position, stayed there for years, the factory closed, and he was out of work. He applied for another job and needed to take a test to see which job he would

qualify for. He scored the highest anyone had ever scored in the company's history of 63 years. He was a genius, but because someone else told him he was nothing, he believed it. He since left that job, started two other companies, and became very successful. The power of positive thinking and encouragement can do great things.

He also stated that if you believe you are old and worn out, then that is how you will feel. He said to repeat "I am getting younger, I am healthy" and those things will come to you because God will send that in your life. If you say you are broke all the time, then you will be; if you say you are wealthy, then wealth will come your way—maybe not always monetarily, but wealth in other ways, such as peace and satisfaction in helping those less fortunate, helping a friend in need, or just giving someone a

smile in passing and not knowing what hardships they may be enduring in their life. How that simple smile made them feel noticed and not invisible could make all the difference to them.

So in the spirit of the New Year, and all year for that matter, let's all focus on the positive things we have in our life, be thankful, and share our blessings with those around us. Let's help those less fortunate and just give everyone a smile, friendly hello, handshake or a hug—you just never know what that may lead to in their life or how it may even change it in some way.

It is our mission as Shriners to help the hospitals to care for those children who are in need of their services and provide as much support as possible to them and their families because you just never know the greatness that may be ahead for that child or family.



# White County Shrine Club

Kevin Anderson

The White County Shrine Club had our Madam Carroll Boat Cruise, which sold 305 tickets and was attended by more than 200 people. This was our fourth year of the event, but this time was even more rewarding. We were honored with the presence of Emily's family and our special guest, her daughter Grace. The family had been going through some pretty rough times with their daughter Grace in pain every day, and told they couldn't be helped because they didn't have any insurance. They came on the Madam Carroll Cruise and told their story to all who attended. I don't believe anyone had any doubt as to what great work the Shriners do and how rewarding it was to hear her story. If you looked around, you probably saw a lot of teary-eyed people, and I was one of them. After her story, it was hard for me to even talk to people I was so choked up. Emily wrote a letter and I believe it needs to be printed so everyone can share in their story and life and the difficulty they faced. I know they are not the only ones going through this same problem. I hope we can reach out to every child who is in need and the families who think there is no hope for their child. As long as there is a Shriner, there is always hope. We need to reach out to these families and give them the opportunity to improve their child's life.

## EMILY'S STORY



My name is Emily Anderson and my daughter is Grace Anderson. In May of 2011, she was complaining of back pain and upper leg pain. I took her to our local chiropractor, who proceeded to tell us that nothing was wrong. So, I waited two more months, trying over the counter medications to see if that would help. All the while, I was taking her to another chiropractor, who said she had a definite

curve, but it was so bad that he didn't feel comfortable handling it. Finally, in August, we took her to Peyton Manning Children's Hospital. We were told she was at a 49 degree curvature in her spine; they didn't do surgery until she was at 50 degrees. We didn't have insurance so they told us to contact Shriners Hospitals for Children because it was free.

We contacted Mr. Dick Griffith through a series of phone calls. We were able to meet with him and he gave us all the information we needed. He told us he couldn't make any promises but within two weeks Shriners had called. I'm embarrassed to say that I cried when the receptionist called. It had already seemed like such a long road and we had only just begun. We had to make several visits to the hospital and every single time we went, we never saw a single person in a bad mood or with a frown on their face. They acted like my daughter was their one and only priority, as she is mine.

The worst possible thing for an 11-year-old girl is to not be able to ride her bike during the summer. She was having problems walking, and breathing. She was

getting choked at almost every meal due to her spine leaning on her esophagus. All the while, she rarely complained. Her teachers were even noticing that she was in pain, but she never missed a day of school except for doctor appointments.

Gracie was able to have her spine surgery on October 26, 2011, at Shriners Hospital in Chicago. It was a life-changing experience for all of us. She had wonderful nurses, and excellent doctors, making sure she was comfortable in every way. She is totally pain free, can ride her bike, rarely gets choked at meals, and is breathing fine now. The most precious words a mother can hear when her daughter wakes up from surgery is "Mom, my leg doesn't hurt anymore." I will never forget those words.

We couldn't have asked for a better hospital and couldn't have asked for better men to help Gracie, many of whom we consider family. I have never understood why people say "thank you from the bottom of my heart." When I think of all the Shriners who stepped up to help our daughter, I say "thank you, from my entire heart."

## 2012 MURAT SHRINE CASH CALENDAR RAFFLE

**A SPECIAL PRIZE  
DRAWING WILL BE HELD  
ON JULY 16, 2012, FOR SALESMEN  
FOR EVERY 10 RAFFLE TICKETS YOU SELL.  
TURN IN A SALESMAN TICKET FOR YOUR  
CHANCE TO WIN PRIZES.**

**MORE THAN \$13,000 IN CASH PRIZES!**

**\$20 per TICKET**

**Cash Winners \$20 Daily Monday thru Saturday**  
(Except March 31, June 30, September 30 and December 31)

**Cash Winners \$100 every Sunday**  
(Except March 31, June 30, September 30 and December 31)

**Cash Winners \$500**  
March 31, June 30, September 30 and December 31

Drawings for each day of the month will be drawn on the last day of each month at 2 p.m. at Murat Shrine Temple, 510 N. New Jersey St., Indianapolis, IN 46204

*Proceeds of this Raffle are for the benefit of Murat Shrine and not deductible as a charitable contribution.*



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## Transportation Club

Dennis Scott

Here we go again. The celebration of the old year has passed and it's time to settle in for another great year for the Transportation Club. I said it before, but must repeat our appreciation to our immediate past president, Mike Metzger, for a job well done as well as the officers for 2011.

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS** – At our November meeting, we elected our new officers and board members for 2012. They are as follows: President, Chuck Crabtree; First Vice, Ryan Powell; Second Vice, Frank Tharp; Treasurer, Jim Marlin; and Secretary, Ron Harris. Our board members are Don Schildgen, Ken Bernard, Bob Wilson, and Terry Boyer. This is a great slate and they will do a good job of leading the Transportation Club in 2012.

**CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY** – What a great time was had by one and all at the December kids' Christmas party. As usual, the Arabian Room was at capacity for the fun-filled afternoon. Thanks to all the members who participated. A special thanks to our chairman, Bucky Everhart, who works tirelessly to put together a great party. We couldn't have done it without the help of several groups including the ladies organizations and the dedicated entertainment provided by our Clowns and Murat Band. Our magician, Jay McLaughlin, was great as usual. Thanks to all for an impressive afternoon.

**INSTALLATION/CHRISTMAS PARTY** – On December 15, we installed our new officers for 2012. The party was held at the University of Indianapolis. It

was well attended and great to see everyone dressed in their holiday attire. The ladies especially looked great. Since I am writing this in November to get in the January issue of our magazine, I cannot tell you who the "Murat Transportation Club Man of the Year" is but will include it in the February issue.

**LEADERSHIP SEMINAR** – Saturday, January 21, is our annual seminar for all 2012 officers. All officers are encouraged to participate. It starts at 9 a.m. and should end at 1 p.m.

**NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION** – Add to your resolutions for 2012 to try to attend as many meetings as you can. We meet on the third Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m. Come early for dinner in the Oasis Lounge. See you there.

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## Kentucky Colonels

Dennis Scott

Welcome to 2012. I trust everyone had a great Christmas and New Year so it's time we start anew, but first let me take this opportunity to thank our past president, Mike Harrison, for a great year in 2011. The Club had activities that were different and exciting for some, and we hope to continue to inspire the membership with new and different activities and maybe take on another Club mission.

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS** – At our November meeting, we elected our new officers and board members for 2012. They are as follows: President, James Huffman; First Vice, Michael Waldrup; Second Vice, Mike Harrison, P.P.; Secretary, Craig Hinshaw; and Treasurer, Dennis Scott, P.P. Our 2012 board members are Raymond Hunt, Victor Sullivan, P.P., Alanson Abel, and Luke Whitehouse. I'm sure this group of Colonels will do a great job of leading the Kentucky Colonel Club through 2012.

**INSTALLATION/CHRISTMAS PARTY** – A great time was had by all at our annual party. Our new officers were sworn in by Potentate Kevin Rhodes, including some levity in the swearing in of the ladies. Many thanks to Colonel Wally Renn for organizing the program and officiating as M.C. It was great to see some of our widows attend including Peggy Hoose, Betty Kennard, and Joann Perkins. To cap off the evening, we were entertained with some Christmas music by our old friends Doug and Carla Spencer.

**LEADERSHIP SEMINAR** – All officers are asked to attend the Murat Leadership Seminar on Saturday, January 21. This is a very informative exercise on how to run your Club and the requirements and obligations of our officers. The session will start at 9 a.m. and last until 1 p.m.

**OUR NEW POTENTATE** – As we all know, our 2012 Potentate is none other than Colonel Charlie Crabtree. Our Illustrious Sir has several new and exciting things he wants to do during his year as our leader. Let's all get behind and support Charlie in all his endeavors.

**NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION** – Please make one of your resolutions to attend as many meetings as possible in 2012. We need your input and suggestions. We meet on the first Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m. Come for dinner in the lounge or Mecca Room around 5:30 for some fellowship. See you there.

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## Past Masters

Cliff Lewis

The officers of the Murat Past Masters Club were duly installed by Oriental Guide and Past Master Timothy J. Murphy on Tuesday, November 29, 2011.

Your 2012 officers are: President, Jason Greth; First Vice President, Rich Stevens; Second Vice President, Mark Bailey; Secretary, Brian Lewis; and Recorder-Treasurer, Cliff Lewis. These nobles, except for Noble Stevens who was unable to attend, are shown in the photo accompanying this article.

Nobles who are not members of the Past Masters Club are encouraged to join. In addition to offering assistance with PM Degrees, the Club engages in discussions regarding the needs of the Symbolic Lodges for their successful operation.

Come be with us at our next meeting, which is on Tuesday, January 12, at Murat.



# Yacht Club

Bernard Wurger

I cannot believe that the year of Commodore Delbert Drummond, the leader of the Murat Yacht Club for 2011, has come to a close and the responsibility for the successful administration of the Club now falls on my shoulders. I wish to publicly thank Delbert and his great staff who rendered yeomen service to the Club and contributed to a great year in 2011. I wish to especially thank past International Commodore Bob Dancey for all of the fundraising and effort he has expended on behalf of the Club. Bob is an ultimate master of fundraising and performs this function in many unique ways. He is truly deserving of our gratitude and a sincere and public "well done"! In addition, I wish to thank Ted Stewart and his wife Joanne for keeping track of the more than 300 members of the Murat Yacht Club and for their tireless efforts in keeping all of us abreast of upcoming events.

We had a successful Knights of the Sea induction and a wonderful fall cook-out at the lovely lake home of Joann Perkins. We have an informal lunch at the American Legion Post in Broad Ripple each Friday at noon and everyone is invited to join us.

The new officers for 2012 were elected at the November meeting and are as follows: Commodore, Bernard Wurger; Vice Commodore, Don Dawson; Rear Commodore, Dave Schroeder; Fleet Captain, Kevin Scott; Secretary-Treasurer, Ted Stewart, P.C.; First Director, Greg Miller; and Second Director, Don Borski.

I am very anxious to develop a great social program for 2012. We are already making arrangements for a winter party to be held around Valentine's Day. Because our Club is so large, we cannot send notices by mail as often as we would like, so be certain that our

hard-working secretary-treasurer, Ted Stewart, has your correct e-mail address. Ted can be reached at Stew0627@aol.com. By now you should have received your 2012 dues notice. Please send in your dues right away as we cannot keep you on the rolls if you do not pay your dues. Please pass the word that the Murat Yacht Club has reciprocal privileges with more than 2,000 yacht clubs in the U.S. and the Caribbean. You do not have to own a boat to be a member of the Yacht Club and most of our members do not. However, it is a Club rule that you have to know what a boat looks like. This rule is strictly enforced! Contact Ted Stewart for an application or download the application on the Murat Web site and send in your remittance for \$15. It is that simple!

Until next month, I wish you all fair winds and following seas!

# Johnson County Shrine Club

Dave Alspaugh

It's 2012 ... we're off on a new adventure. The Johnson County Shrine Club is greeting the new year with new faces in their officers. Barry Cook has stepped aside, and Duane Burgess has stepped up as president. It should be noted that Barry served the Club for 2011 and walks away after doing a real fine job. The rest of the new officers are as follows: First Vice President, Don Borski; Second Vice President, Barry Cook; Secretary, Ron Bailey; and Treasurer, Jim Carter.

It should be noted that all of the officers except Don Borski have served as president in recent years. With this kind of leadership, the membership of Johnson County Shrine Club should be looking at a very good year with more good years following.

Duane says the Club can look forward to more innovations such as some of the things Barry was able to put in place. There will be dinners on Friday evenings followed by a live dance band or progressive Euchre parties, a reverse



Barry Cook, Second Vice President



President Duane Burgess

raffle, and many others. Look for Duane to come up with his own selection of events.

He assured me that the kitchen will remain open on Fridays with a spe-



President Burgess with First Vice President Don Borski

cialty on certain nights, such as Prime Rib on the first Friday of the month. For the time being, the remaining Fridays of the month will be served from the menu. Look for some specials such as spaghetti and meatballs, fish and chips, and possible others.

Duane says the Club is open to any suggestions, such as casino trips. Just let your ideas be known.

So until our next issue, let all the Johnson County Shrine Club members wish you a very Happy New Year, and we'll look forward to seeing you in the next issue.



With the holidays now behind us and a new year upon us, the time for the 2012 Murat Shrine Circus is about eight weeks away. Preparations have been ongoing for months now, and the final touches are being made for the first weekend in March.

Our circus cannot become a success unless you become a part of it. Your support is needed to volunteer your time by attending the performances and/or sponsoring a child to attend. By turning in your circus coupons with your check to the Shrine Fraternal Office, it will make it possible for a child and special needs people of all ages to attend the circus. In 2011, using your coupons and sponsor sales, Murat was able to send about 20,000 kids and senior citizens to the circus. Without your help, many children will not get the benefit of seeing a show that will create memories for a long time to come.

This is also a great opportunity to raise money for your Club and Unit by selling activity book ads and corporate sponsorships. Twenty percent of the sales of circus ads and corporate sponsors are returned to your Club/Unit. Any

## 2012 Murat Shrine Circus

### MARCH 1-4, 2012

### Pepsi Coliseum

### Indiana State Fairgrounds

Thursday, March 1	10 a.m.	6 p.m.
Friday, March 2	10 a.m.	7 p.m.
Saturday, March 3	10 a.m.	2 p.m.      7 p.m.
Sunday, March 4	11:30 a.m.	3:30 p.m.

money over \$10,000 in total sales will net your Club/Unit 30 percent. If your Club/Unit has not received a circus packet, please contact Julie Grammer in our Fraternal Office at (317) 635-2433.

Also, please return your circus coupon monies and ads/corporate sales to Julie in the Fraternal Office by January 15. The monies generated from these programs help to offset so many costs related to the circus, which makes our circus more profitable.

If you haven't signed up to volun-

teer, your help is still needed; your lady is welcome to work as well. Please contact Julie Grammer in the Fraternal Office. We need help in all areas, so any position you would like to work is available.

In closing, please remember that OUR Murat Shrine Circus is a great family tradition. Let's all be a part of it!

## Murat Shrine Circus

### Indiana State Fairgrounds Pepsi Coliseum

### March 1-4, 2012

Opening Night—March 1 at 6 p.m.  
General Admission \$10

School Days—March 1 & 2 at 10 a.m.  
No Charge (Abbreviated Show)

All Other Shows — Reserved Seats  
\$10 • \$14 • \$18 • \$20

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

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

# Of Tickets	Seat Price	Total Amount
Thursday, March 1    10:00 am		
Thursday, March 1    6:00 pm		
Friday, March 2    10:00 am		
Friday, March 2    7:00 pm		
Saturday, March 3    10:00 am		
Saturday, March 3    2:00 pm		
Saturday, March 3    7:00 pm		
Sunday, March 4    11:30 am		
Sunday, March 4    3:30 pm		
<b>SERVICE CHARGE</b>		<b>\$3.00</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$</b>
<b>Less Coupons (must be enclosed)</b>		
<b>AMOUNT DUE</b>		<b>\$</b>

Check Number \_\_\_\_\_  
 or  
☐ VISA    ☐ MasterCard    ☐ Discover


CREDIT CARD NUMBER _____	EXP DATE _____
SIGNATURE _____	V-CODE _____
NAME _____	SHRINE # _____
ADDRESS _____	PHONE # _____
CITY _____	STATE _____ ZIP _____

**Ladies' Leadership Seminar**



**“What’s He Gotten Me Into?”**  
**January 21, 2012**

Come to Murat with your noble for a morning of new experiences. Try some new things like: Belly Dancing, Cake Decorating, Fancy Bow Tying and more – or, perhaps participate in an activity you already enjoy! Then, join your noble for lunch. Please join the Divan ladies for a day of Information & Fun!



**20TH ANNUAL**  
**Murat Leadership Seminar**

**Saturday, January 21, 2012**  
**9 AM – 1 PM**  
**Arabian Room, Murat Temple**

## NexGen

Joseph Stoutner

We're ready to start off another big year for NexGen. 2011 came to a spectacular close with a fabulous event with the Misfitz and our own Murat Quartet. It's always a popular event and has now had three great years. As is our tradition, we started things off in 2012 with our New Year's Eve party. Per Unit tradition, we installed officers at our New Year's Eve party. This year's officers include Joseph Stoutner as President/Treasurer, Luke Stark as First Vice President, Jeremy Knoblauch as Second Vice President, and Kevin Scott as Secretary.

As we look to the coming year, we're firing up for another year of great events. We'll be starting with the return of the NexGen Ultimate Band Night to follow Little Pig on February 17. This is a tradition we started last year; it was a smashing success and will be repeated this year and hopefully for years to come.

We've already begun getting ready for the Murat Shrine Circus March 1–4. We'll be running a novelty booth and hopefully setting new sales records again. What's a circus without a loud, flashy, blinky souvenir to play with in the backseat on the way home?

NexGen has been working diligently to bring people to the circus this year. We've coordinated a field trip for the Little Star Center to come to the circus for the Thursday morning show. Little Star works with children with autism. The Unit has also agreed to donate tickets to the Jackson Center which works with children with cerebral palsy. We've worked with the Jackson Center before, and they love the circus. This year, the Jackson Center couldn't coordinate a field trip to the circus. Since NexGen just can't stand for kids to not go to the circus, we're donating tickets to the center for their children and parents to go at no cost.

There are lots of things to look forward to in NexGen this year. Several popular events will continue, such as our fifth annual Indians' baseball game with tailgate party. In the fall, we'll also see the return of the NexGen Bonfire. Finally, there will be new events coming this year. A trip to Pokagon State Park to include their famous refrigerated toboggan run, winter hike, and sledding is in the works for the first part of the year. There will be a canoe trip (probably) to Sugar Creek this summer. Some dates are still TBD and some venues are still being negotiated. If you've got an interest in, or idea for, an event, please reach out and let us know. Most events will be open to the entire temple and several are being planned to be 'family friendly,' so watch your e-mail, mark your calendars, and come out to join us.

You never know what you'll miss, if you miss a NexGen event.



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## Tarum

Jeff Dickey

Happy New Year to one and all. Hard to believe another year has passed. It was a busy one at the Club. 2012 looks to be another good year for Tarum. First of all, thank you to all of 2011's officers; you all worked hard and brought the Club through another good year. Congratulations to the new officers for 2012. We know you will work every bit as hard to keep Tarum in good stead throughout the year. The 2012 slate of officers is as follows: President, Robert Whalen; First Vice, Roy McClurg; Second Vice, Randy Whalen; Treasurer, David Bartlemay; and Secretary, Matt Fisher. Please see any of them to find out how you can help them and Tarum this year. At the time of this writing, I did not have a list of the ladies officers for Tarum.

The Children's Christmas party was held on Saturday, December 10. Thank you to all the ladies for the wonderful cookies and treats, and for all the gifts for our kids. This is what we are all about—the children and getting them the medical treatment they need. So please keep up the good work.

Once again, Tarum helped the Depot District Old-Fashioned Christmas by taking pictures with Santa. Roger Richert, owner of Richmond Furniture Gallery, donates all the profits from these pictures to the Shriners burn hospital. Roger's generosity has provided thousands of dollars to the hospital. We here at Tarum and the burn hospital gratefully thank Roger for his kindness. The Depot District has helped our Club and the kids for several years now. What a great bunch of people they are and we are fortunate to be involved with such generous business owners. Please stop in and support them in the revitalized Depot District.

Again, Happy New Year to one and all. See you at the Club for dinner on Friday nights. Also remember to come to breakfast at the Lodge. The food is great and the people are wonderful.

See you at Tarum.

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## Boone County Shrine Club

Patrick Hornett

Ready to kick off a SUPER year? I'm sure all of the nobles of Murat can answer that with a resounding "YES." The Boone County Shrine Club wishes everyone a very happy and joyous New Year. The Super Bowl is just around the corner, and it will be a very exciting time for Indianapolis and the surrounding counties.

Along with the close of our year in 2011 came the business of selecting the leadership for our Unit for 2012. The Boone County Shrine Club is pleased to announce the following officers for 2012: Pat Hornett, President; Chuck Carson, Vice President; Chris Hollis, Secretary; and Denny Cunningham, Treasurer.

Our installation dinner will be held at the Lebanon American Legion, 1020 Hendricks Drive, on Saturday, January 21, beginning at 6 p.m. The cost is \$40 per couple and we ask that you RSVP no later than January 10. Please send your RSVP to the Boone County Shrine Club, P.O. Box 422, Lebanon, IN 46052 or call Pat Hornett at (765) 326-3004.

The officers and nobles of the Boone County Shrine are looking forward to promoting Shrinedom in 2012 through our involvement and participation with the Shrine Circus, our two Fish Fries, and in our local community events. I am very excited to be the Boone County Shrine Club president for 2012, and I want to thank all of our members for their support of our Unit each and every year. One thing I have learned over the past several years is that the members of the BCSC will do whatever it takes to get the job done, and I'm very proud to be associated with every one of them. We are looking forward to a very exciting year.

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## Madison County Shrine Club

Gary Dalzell

Hello Nobles,

2011 is over and we are starting a new year in 2012. We hope everyone had a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and hope they can live by the New Year's resolutions they made.

This year's theme is the same as last year and that is THINK POSITIVE.

We have had our elections and they are as follows: Gary M. Dalzell, President; Bill McCarty, First Vice President; P.P. Jim Vest, Second Vice President; Jerry Stamm, Treasurer; Cody Hooker, Board Member; and Terry Dickey, Board Member.

This year we will be breaking a tradition in that we will be having our Potentate's party and installation the same day. We will be installing the officers and also the officers of the Desert Patrol. One of our members will be installing our officers this year and that will be Illustrious Sir Charlie Crabtree, the new Potentate of the Murat Shrine.

The Potentate's party will be Saturday, January 7, 2012. The doors open at 5 p.m. Installation and dinner will follow. Entertainment will be the Kyxx Band.

I want to congratulate the new officers of the Desert Patrol: President Mark Nugent, past president of the Madison County Shrine Club; Vice President Jeff Welker; Secretary-Treasurer Jeff Mock, also past president of the Madison County Shrine Club; and Parade Marshal Jeff Humble.

Again, we are looking forward to a FUN year with a lot of parties.

Remember to THINK POSITIVE.

Shriners ... Having Fun Helping Kids.

Yours in Shrinedom ...



# Johnson County Mini-Mystics

Dave Alspaugh

Happy New Year ... 2012. As the Mini-Mystics roll into the new year, many new things are on the docket. The officers for 2012 will be the same ones who led us through 2011. The officers are: President, Lee Langlotz; Vice President, Dave Alspaugh; Secretary-Treasurer, Duane Burgess; and Parade Chairman, Don Borski. Since there is no change in that area, the Club should have a leg up on the new year.

Some major changes among our "old timers" have occurred. Col. Jack Brown has finally hung it up. Age and health have sent Jack to the Murat Band where he can ride in parades and toot his horn he loves so much. Jack just recently came to Lee Langlotz and said he wouldn't be parading anymore in the little car. Due to his decision, he was left with the car and a trailer. After careful thought, he decided to give the Mini-Mystics both the car and trailer to let them use in the best way possible.



Thanks, Jack, and good luck in your Band efforts.

Another surprise came back in November when Dan Gillahan announced he was coming back from his surgery, but not as a driver. Again, health was one of the problems. Dan, who has probably driven in as many parades as anyone currently driving, says he's found a new member for the Club and he will be buying Dan's car and trailer. So here's a case where the current membership gains a driver and



car owner. Dan will not be leaving the Club. He plans to be our "wrecker" hauler, pulling the trailer to all parades, then driving in the parades and towing home anyone unable to make it to the end of the parade on their own.

As for 2012, the Club is hoping to improve on the number of parades we drive in. Along with that, the members will be helping Duane out with the Johnson County Shrine Club. As he's our secretary-treasurer, he's also president of the Club. Another BIG Good Luck to our friend.

See you next issue.



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Greetings Nobles and Friends,

We in the Directors Staff hope everyone had a very safe and happy holiday season. We are all looking forward to another successful year ahead of us in 2012. As we look over the past year, we would like to thank Illustrious Sir Kevin D. Rhodes for his leadership and friendship as part of our Unit. We enjoyed the many good times together and wish him the best of luck in the future. The Directors Staff would like to congratulate Illustrious Sir Charles L. Crabtree on his new position as Potentate of Murat Shrine. We welcome him to attend our meetings and functions whenever time permits. He can count on the full support of the Directors Staff throughout the coming year.

On November 19, 2011, we held our first annual holiday party at Fireside South. This was a huge success. We had more than 20 couples attend and it was a great turnout. We are planning on more of these this year. Hope everyone had a happy holiday.

Since this is the first article since the

installation of our new Directors Staff officers, we would like to thank our past president, Mike Glenn, for the outstanding leadership and performance he provided throughout the year. Thanks again, Mike, for a job well done. Congratulations are in order for our newly installed officers for 2012. For those of you who could not attend, the new officers are as follows: President, Jack Kleingartner; First Vice President, Randy Shockley; Second Vice President, Rick Chambers; Treasurer, Ron Williams; Secretary, Mike Glenn; and Chief Director, Mike Adams. We are looking forward to another year of smooth operation under their leadership.

I would like to thank everyone on the Directors Staff for all the help and support I have received as secretary these past few years. I look forward to helping Mike Glenn any way I can in the future.

## IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Directors Staff Meeting is Jan.16, 2012 @ 6 p.m. at Murat Shrine. This is the

third Monday of the month due to bylaws that say it must coincide with the Murat Shrine Stated Meeting. Please plan on attending both meetings.

Stated Meeting is Jan. 16 @ 7 p.m. at Murat Shrine.

Murat Leadership Seminar is Jan. 21@ 9 a.m. Anyone can attend. Contact Jack Kleingartner for reservations. All new officers should attend this seminar.

Shrine Circus is March 1-4. Start selling your ads now. We need corporate sponsorships as well as your normal size ads. Nobles, we need everyone to try to sell at least one ad per person. Small or large, it all adds up. Due date for ads is Jan. 16, 2012. Any questions contact Jack K. or Mike K.

Continue membership recruiting this winter. Keep up the good work. We are always looking for good men to develop an even better Directors Staff.

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## Firemen's Club

Tim Whitaker

### HAPPY NEW YEAR NOBLES!

President Elder wanted to convey his appreciation for the support given to him during the past year. He looks forward to supporting the new officers and staying involved in Club functions in the coming year.

Our new officers for 2012 are: Tracy Badgley, President; Harry Morris, First Vice President; Bill Joyner, Second Vice President; Joe Olofson, Secretary; and Joe Krebsbach, Treasurer. Mark stated he is especially proud that he was able to award the Firemen's Club "Man of the Year" to a very deserving Club member before leaving office. He also was very proud to have been involved in the services for past President George Day.

On January 4, 2012, our Club will honor our new Potentate, Charles L. Crabtree and his Lady Faye. The event will take place at the Murat Shrine Arabian Room and will be the first event for our new president, Tracy Badgley. We look forward to a nice evening of good fellowship, good food, and good friends. Dress is casual and the ladies are invited. This should be a nice way to spend an evening with friends. We hope to see lots of Club members and ladies present to help give a warm welcome to our new Potentate.

Did you know our small Club will be 63 years old on January 6? We have traveled much, helped a bunch, and have much more to do! To join our Club, contact any member.

Chief Rabban Jim Priest is our Circus Director for 2012. Jim is also a member of our Club. As the 2012 Circus Director, he has already been holding planning meetings to make this year's circus a SUCCESS. We can help by selling ads again this year and by volunteering. (Did you know our small Club was number two last year in circus ad sales?)

Joe Krebsbach will once again coordinate the First Aid/Lost Children Room. Tim Whitaker will help plan the "Public Safety Night" which will be held on Friday, March 2, at 7 p.m. Special tickets may be purchased at the Murat Ticket Office, Firefighters Credit Union, Firefighters Union Hall, and Professional Police Credit Union.

All firefighters, police officers and National Guard personnel are encouraged to attend this performance where they will be recognized for their contributions to our city. It would be great to sell this performance out!

### January Calendar

January 4 – Potentate's Reception: Arabian Room, hosted by M.F.C.

January 16 – Murat Stated Meeting: 7 p.m.

January 21 – Murat Leadership Seminar: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Arabian Room

January 21 – Ladies Leadership Seminar: "What's he gotten me into?"

January 24-28 – Florida Visitation: "See you at Fort Myers Beach"

From the men of the Firemen's Club, Happy New Year!

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## Legion of Honor

Bob Watson

HAPPY NEW YEAR from the Legion of Honor. I can hardly believe it's 2012. What in the world happened to 2011? Wherever it went, it's gone and it's time to move forward with the new year. I hope everyone had a great Christmas and New Year's holiday.

On December 3, Murat Shrine held its only "Hot Sands" ceremonial of 2011. To all those new nobles, welcome to the world's greatest fraternity. Also, to those new nobles who are still undecided as to which Club or Unit to get involved with, if you are a military veteran or are currently serving in one of our country's military branches, you might want to consider the Legion of Honor. We are the guys you saw posting colors the morning of the ceremonial. We present colors at all Shrine Stated Meetings as well as various other events like the Potentate's Ball and the Shrine Circus. So if you would like to belong to a fun group with a purpose, you might think about the Legion of Honor. We meet on the fourth Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. or join us around 5:30 in the Oasis Lounge for dinner and we'll be happy to fill you in on what we are all about.

On December 13, we met and elected our officer line for 2012—more on that next month.

On the 20th of December, we held our last Stated Meeting of 2011 at the VA hospital here in Indy and then proceeded with our mission of visiting with some of our veterans and passing out socks and quarters.

The 14th of this month, we will have our installation dinner to install our new officers for 2012. We have some surprises in store for some people and it should be quite an evening.

Speaking of officers, our newly elected executive vice commander, Tony Stout, is proceeding quite nicely with the development of the Murat Shrine Legion of Honor "Challenge Coin." At a price of only \$10 each, several people have already expressed an interest in owning one. I know I can't wait to get my hands on one, or two.

Well, I think I hear the ole drill sergeant coming, so it must be about time for "lights out." Soooo, until next month, remember, "It's an honor to belong to the Legion of Honor."

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## Mobil Nobles

Craig Stevenson

January 2012 ... "New Beginnings"

Happy New Year nobles and ladies and welcome to 2012. I hope the Christmas season was an enjoyable time with family and friends, filled with love and laughter and great food. When "Auld Lang Syne" is sung every New Year's Eve, it signals both an ending and a new beginning—of not just a calendar year but of seasons within ourselves and without. Traditionally, New Year's Day is the time to take down the tree, lights and decorations and make resolutions to better our lives. That's why these are the top three New Year's resolutions year after year: (1) lose weight & get in better shape, (2) manage money better, and (3) spend more time with family and friends.

I wish you all the best in your efforts to accomplish any resolutions you may have made for this new year. One I can help you with is by inviting you to the Mobil Noble meeting the second Friday of each month—social hour at 6 and the meeting at 7:30. The December meeting marked the passing of the gavel from our 2011 president, Mark Shelton, to our 2012 president, Dan Stewart, moving myself into the position of first vice president and Mike Stevens into the position of second vice president.

The Mobil Noble installation dinner will take place on January 13 at 6 p.m.; Unit attire is appropriate for members, with officers and board members in tuxedos. Bring your fez and join us for a wonderful time and start 2012 off right with family and friends.

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## RV Club

Dan Ouimette

HAPPY NEW YEAR! The RV Club finished 2011 off with a bang as we celebrated Dave Maudlin's tremendously successful presidency and welcomed Ron Estell as he picked up the gavel of leadership at our annual Christmas party. The party was a wonderful event with several guests from the Divan and their ladies in attendance. Although plans will continue for the 2012 camping season, the Club will hibernate as they go dark until March for their first meeting of the new year. We will sleep soundly in our dens waiting for the long, cold winter to pass, dreaming of the campfires to come.

Whether you travel with a tent or a million dollar coach, please give us a call at (317) 308-0244; we would love to have you join us. Hope to see you on the road this summer.



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## Band

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Leonard Hull

As you read this epistle, the turkey has met its demise; old whiskers has unloaded his bag and the kids are making a list of things he forgot, parts list for the new broken toys and what they expect next Christmas. Should we take down the holiday decorations or just leave them up for next year since shopping for Christmas begins the day after? Did you get a card from everyone on your list? Have you exchanged all of your Christmas gifts? Did you get everything you hinted you wanted?

As the holidays for Old Father Time 2011 approach conclusion, he sits down to reminisce his activities as he sharpens his scythe and we ask ourselves, "What have I accomplished these last 365 days? Have I earned the respect of family, friends and associates with whom I have contact daily? Have I helped the needy or contributed to a cause that will make life better for those less fortunate?"

Yes, it's that time of year for decisions, resolutions to be broken, and planning for the new millennium. What a wonderful life our freedoms afford us.

New Mr. 2012 (in his tri-cornered uniform) doesn't know what's in store or expected of him in the next 12 months—that depends on our guidance.

But the one thing I'm certain that will never change is the need to help our hospital children and enjoy life regardless of the season. Nothing will replace this.

You ask what this has to do with the Murat Band, and I say everything. We're not a bunch of stuffed shirt musicians. We're just people with so many memories and good times, we just want to share our happy thoughts, good fortune, and Seasons Greetings with everyone. We rehearse most Wednesdays at 7 p.m. in the Corinthian Room in the lower level of the Mosque. Come on down—we'll make you glad you did!



Be a happy Shriner.

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## Southeastern Indiana Shrine Club

Noel Houze

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At the December meeting, Southeastern Indiana Shrine Club held its annual election for nobles who will lead the Club in 2012: President, Joe Roark; First Vice President, Allen Goodman; Second Vice President, Ed Wolfe; Secretary, Tom Deville; and Treasurer, John Race. The newly elected directors who will each serve a three-year term are Nobles Don Grace, Rick Metzler, and Lou Rumsey. We know the Club is in good hands for 2012 with the newly elected leadership. We'd also like to thank our outgoing president, Chad Elliot, for all his work in 2011. Per club bylaws, Chad will also serve a one-year term on the board of directors as the immediate past president.

Also in December, the Club held a Christmas party for our hospital patients. Food and drinks were provided for the kids and their families, and we also had a visit from Santa Claus who passed out gifts to the kids. Later that evening, we held our club Christmas party which was well attended and a great time was had by all.

It's now January and we're beginning the new year. Any noble who still hasn't paid his dues for 2012 is now delinquent and you need to get those paid up to continue your membership in the Club. Please send a check in the amount of \$25 payable to the Southeastern Indiana Shrine Club to our new secretary, Tom Deville, 9105 Holmes Hill Road, Aurora, IN 47001.

Monthly Club meetings are the second Monday of the month with dinner at 6:30, director's meeting at 7, and Stated Meeting at 7:30 p.m.

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## Murat Shriners Business Connection

Don Richards

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With another year completed, MSBC succeeded in awarding 10 scholarships to some remarkable young people who at one time were patients at a Shriners hospital. The final two scholarships were awarded at our annual silent auction on Saturday, November 12, 2011. All of the recipients' stories were moving and told us once again why we do what we do.

The MSBC scholarship program is made possible, due partly to our fundraising efforts at the silent auction, but equally important are the contributions from people and entities outside MSBC such as Charlie and Jean Owens, the Scottish Rite Foundation of Indianapolis, Ancient Landmarks Masonic Lodge #319, and Kay Hinshaw and the Divan ladies of 2010.

This year's Silent Auction Gala Event was the best program yet, with entertainment provided by Act One from the Booth Tarkington Junior Civic Theatre, and offered numerous auction items headlined by a Harley-Davidson Black Road motorcycle. A resounding thank-you goes out to everyone who attended the event and those who worked so hard to make it successful.

Finally, the new officers and board members were elected in December and they are as follows: Don Richards, President; Randy Nail, First Vice President; Duane Davis, Second Vice President; Jason Crace, Treasurer; Chris Kinsey, Secretary; Board Members: Wally Renn, Mel Anspach, and Joel Hall. These new officers and board members are enthused about the prospects for 2012 and the hope we can once again help some kids defy the odds.

Congratulations and thanks again to soon-to-be Past Potentate Kevin Rhodes and soon-to-be ex-President Dale Harmon for an outstanding 2011. Gr-r-r-eat!

A real neat thing happened to one of our nobles recently. Along with several other fellow nobles, he trekked to the Murat Stated Meeting in Indianapolis on December 29, 2011, to support Illustrious Sir Kevin Rhodes at his last meeting as such, his being a fellow Montgomery County Shrine Club member and perhaps the only Potentate we will have. As the meeting went along, Russ Fruits was called to the podium. Seems he was being honored by Kowad 'Al Sabikin as Man of the Year. This honor is bestowed upon a Shriner who has done outstanding work in his Masonic career. The recipient cannot have ever been president of any Shrine Club or Unit, but has stood out as a

Mason and Shriner. Russ has been Past Master of Alamo F&AM Lodge #144 and has held all the other chairs also. He is currently treasurer and has contributed financially to his lodge. What an honor! Unbeknownst, the several nobles from Montgomery County Shrine Club were also there to support Kevin Rhodes. Boy, did we get an unexpected, pleasant surprise! Made for quite an evening for all of us!

One of our nobles passed to the Unseen Temple in November. Though we hadn't seen him at our recent meetings, Ed Switzer had been a good Shriner for many a year.

When learning several nobles were concerned that Jim Myers had been quite ill, currently recovering slowly at home with pneumonia, we were keeping him in our prayers for a full recovery ... and at the next meeting he was there ... and looking good!

Noticeably, our Club secretary was missing at our last couple of meetings. He had a foot procedure that became infected and was told "no weight on it at all" for several weeks. It required additional surgeries. Our best, Mike!

On December 4, at our final project of the year, we passed out much candy at the Christmas parade again this year. Br-r-r-!!

Nominations and election of officers for 2012 took place at the November 29, 2011, meeting. Edd Consoer ran shotgun with the slate of officers again this year. He does a good job with it. He has to or we wouldn't have permitted Judy and him to head south for the winter.

The newly elected were sworn in at the Installation of Officers/Ladies Night on December 10.

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# Ladies Oriental Shrine

Barbara Smith

Happy New Year to you from the Ladies Oriental Shrine and Tarum Court #14. Welcome to a new year and welcome Potentate Charlie Crabtree. Our holiday festivities have come to an end and we want to thank all who supported us with our Santa's Sweet Shop in December and all of the sweets made and sold by our ladies. We enjoyed sharing the day with Speedway Lodge's Breakfast with Santa.

Our lady Sandy Newby, Grand

High Priestess of the Ladies Oriental Shrine of North America, visited the Chicago hospital recently, touring our remarkable hospital and staff. LOSNA is a major benefactor annually of Shriners Hospitals for Children and as one of her special projects, Sandy has chosen Chicago's advanced therapy endeavor—the Lokomat program; the other is sending children to camp.

Speaking of fundraising, our ladies are again taking pizza orders to be made

on January 21, 2012. A portion of our funds will be given to our high priestess's chosen project, such as Shriners Hospital in Cincinnati, at the conclusion of her court year. We ladies are here for our Shrine children and thank you all for your support.

May the year 2012 be one of peace, caring and helping our Shriners Hospitals children however we can.

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## Corvette Club

Bruce W. Smith

It is with mixed emotions I write my last article for the Murat Corvette Club. Moving up the line to First Vice in 2012 removes this responsibility while I take on new duties.

With this article I am extending thanks and a salute (yes, that's the old soldier in me) to the Murat Corvette Club. First, to the outgoing officer, Gary Cleveland, former Club president, who gave time and duty to the Unit with his mystery trip planning (and opening his home to tasty goodies afterward), leadership of the Unit, overseeing all activities, and being an all-around good guy. Same to Danny Diehl, former first vice, for his parade planning, documentation, parade follow-ups, and also for being a super person! To Mike McLaughlin as the keeper of the history, money, and all activities involving them ... oh yes, as another great guy!

Next, salutes to the incoming officers who are: Danny Diehl, President; yours truly, First Vice; Dave Heacox, Second Vice; and Mike McLaughlin, Secretary-Treasurer. These people bring with them a combined effort to keep the Club strong, caring, genuine, supportive, and admired.

Last, but certainly not least, is the "oo-rah" (military hurrah) to our own Charlie Crabtree as he spearheads the 2012 year as the Murat Potentate along with the support and strength of his partner in life, Faye. Remember, we Murat Corvette Clubbers strongly support and include our life partners.

Added note of importance: Get well calls and wishes have been extended to our own superb member George Massey and wife Norma during his illness and recuperation.

Thanks on behalf of myself to the Club for their support of my wife, Rebecca, during the loss of her mother. Harry Bond "That's Bond ... Harry Bond" received get well wishes during his recuperation as well. Condolences went out to Pip Hapgood during the loss of his father too. Special thanks to Mike and Mary Jane McArthur for opening their home for a "just because" holiday feast. I'm sure there are others I may be remiss in mentioning but, as you can see, this Club cares.

We continue to welcome any and all Shriners to join us at our parades or come to a meeting night (third Tuesday of each month at the Murat) to check out our group and you don't have to own a Corvette to do so.

So, here's to you Murat Corvette Club. Salute!

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## Police Club and Drill Team

Don L. Weilhammer, Jr.

It is December 1 already and time for me to send in January's article. Wow, I cannot believe it is almost 2012. Nominations were accepted for your Club officers in November and also on December 6. Since this article has to be in by the first of December, you will have to wait until February to find out who was elected—that is unless you attended the meeting in December.

I trust and hope everyone had a chance to attend the ceremonial on December 3 at our temple. I am already looking forward to the Potentate's Ball and, of course, the circus in March. Please plan on assisting at the circus; this is the major fundraiser for our temple and it goes easier for everyone the more help we have.

Important decisions are made at each meeting concerning your Club, so please try to attend on the first Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. Try inviting a new member to come along with you to the meeting. We can vote on them that night and our treasurer, Randy West, is always more than happy to take their dues for the year. Speaking of dues, if you have not received your dues billing yet, talk to Treasurer Randy West and if you did receive it, please send it back in or, even better, bring it along with your money to the meeting. See you at the meetings!

# Board of Governors

**G**ordon Husk served five years as an Associate Member, then was appointed a regular member. At the end of 2011, he completes his ninth year as a member of the Board of Governors. This is the maximum number of years a regular member may serve.

He became a member of the Executive Committee when he was elected Treasurer, and continued on the Executive Committee as he served as Vice Chairman. At the end of 2011, he completed his second year as Chairman of the Board of Governors.

He has been appointed Emeritus Member, and will continue to serve on various committees.

Craig T. Hinshaw, the 2010 Potentate of Murat, is completing his seventh year as an Associate Member. During those years, he served the hospital in various capacities, including membership on the Hospital/Shrine Relations Committee, Human Resources Committee, and the Performance Improvement Committee.

Effective January 1, 2012, he has been appointed to a three-year term as a regular member and will receive additional committee assignments.

George N. Clark has been appointed an Associate Member, effective January 1, 2012. He will automatically serve as a member of the Hospital/Shrine Relations Committee, and will be appointed to other committees.

## Shriners Hospital 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

27 feet

### January Hospital

Location \_\_\_\_\_

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# GOLF CALENDAR 2012

Nobles,

The golf season is right around the corner. We hope to help increase your number of players by getting the information into the Murat Magazine early and often. Please send us the date, location, cost and format of your outing. If a chairman has been appointed, have him send the information in as soon as possible. Please remember the Potentate must approve your outing before it can be published in the Murat Magazine. Once approved, that information will be listed monthly in the Murat Magazine in the Golf Calendar section. You may also want to send in a quarter page ad to the magazine editor to help increase awareness of your outing.

You may send the information to: Potentate Charles Crabtree at [potentate@muratshrine.org](mailto:potentate@muratshrine.org) or Tim Whitaker, Golf Chairman, at [ctwhitaker@embarq-mail.com](mailto:ctwhitaker@embarq-mail.com). Be sure to include a contact person and telephone number or e-mail address where they can be reached.

To date, we have received the following information on proposed golf outings for 2012. As you can see, only the Potentate's Golf Outing has been approved.

Potentate Golf Outing at Winding Ridge Golf Course – July 19

\*\* May 10 – Shelby County Golf @ Bear Chase

\*\* June 16 – Dramatic Cast @ Clover Meadows

\*\* July 13 – Montgomery County Shrine @ Rocky Ridge G. C.

\*\* August 9 @ White County Shrine Golf Outing

\*\* Indicates awaiting approval from 2012 Potentate.

As you can see, nobles, the list is forming now. Don't be left out; get your information in as soon as you have it available.

Thank You,

Tim Whitaker, Golf Chairman



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## *2nd Annual Mardi Gras Party & Ultimate Band Night*

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2012  
TUNISIAN ROOM/OASIS LOUNGE**

**Music and Mardi Gras Festivities Start at 8 PM-ish**

(Directly after the Little Pig festivities)

- ~ Murat Shriner Pickup Band will be playing Jazz and Mardi Gras Style Music
- ~ 50/50 Drawing
- ~ 2nd Annual "PUTTING THE BAND BACK TOGETHER" event.

Come join in the fun and music after the Little Pig festivities and feel free to wear your favorite Mardi Gras attire or come as you are.



# Daughters of the Nile

Ruth Ann Kelly

Indianapolis will host Super Bowl XLVI (46) on February 5 at Lucas Oil Stadium. This Super Bowl will be the first NFL championship sporting event ever played in our town. It represents only the fourth game ever played in a cold-weather city following Detroit, Minneapolis, and Michigan. Fifteen different U.S. regions have or are scheduled to host a Super Bowl. Miami and New Orleans have held this event 10 times each. "Super Bowl Sunday" is the second largest day for U.S. food consumption after Thanksgiving Day. It is the most watched American television broadcast of the year. Downtown Indianapolis will also feature an outdoor Super Bowl Village and other programs at the Indiana Convention Center.

Do you have ticket(s) to the "Pacific Isles" luncheon style show on Saturday, January 14? If not, stop whatever you are doing, call Past Queen Manuella Jefferson at (317) 844-6222 or

Past Queen Ossie Pryor at (317) 638-8282 and make your reservations. Our models have assured us the clothes Ginger 'N Spice introduce will make our pocketbooks much lighter than when we came to the show. Boutique and silent auction items are waiting for new permanent owners if the price is right. This ways and means luncheon/style show is only \$24. Doors open at 10 a.m., lunch at 11:30, followed by our style show. Come and participate in this special Saturday.

Mark your calendar for Saturday, February 12. This will be our regular Stated Meeting plus the "White Rose Ceremonial," all within the same day. Because Indianapolis will be hosting the NFL Super Bowl that first week in February, the regular Stated Meeting will be combined with our ceremonial on this date. More information will be forthcoming at a later date.

Koran Temple No. 30 was deeply

saddened at the passing of one of our highly respected and loved members on November 28, 2011. Past Queen Betty J. Rathbun left our presence to be with her heavenly Father after many months of illness and failing health. Betty was a 52-year member of our organization, joining in 1959, and was elevated to the highest office as our queen in 1965. She was also a charter member of the Koran Temple Dancers. In 1997, Past Queen Betty was elected Recorder and served 13 years, retiring in 2010. That same year the honor of recorder Emeritus was bestowed upon her for the many years of recording minutes, keeping records, and taking care of all correspondence pertaining to her office. And now to our dear friend Betty, farewell and may God bless you forever.

Closing Thought: Do not take yourself too seriously, no one else does ...

## Chanters

Phil Thrasher, P.P.

The year 2011 was a busy one for the Chanters. We performed at all the normal places for us: Potentate's Ball, Murat Memorial Service, various ceremonies, Chanters Mens' Show ("The Road to Charlotte"), Lebanon Blue Lodge outdoor degree, Madison County Shrine Club, Hancock County Shrine Club, Reception Unit Christmas Party, and many more. The Quartet was also quite busy, particularly at conventions, but it was fun and we would do it again. If in 2012 your Club or Unit needs some entertainment, please keep us in mind. The evening will definitely be memorable.

Thanks to all non-Chanters who helped us along the way, including our ladies, the Directors Staff, the Reception Unit, the Murat Shriners Business Connection, and many, many others. We could not have accomplished our goals without your help.

If your Club, Unit, Lodge, York Rite, Kiwanis, Sertoma, American

Legion, or other gathering of like-minded men and/or ladies is looking for entertainment, please give me a call at the number below for available dates. Likewise, we are available for "commercial" events with donations for our expenses and, if appropriate, to the Murat Transportation Fund. And, now that the Super Bowl is back on track, if

you have a contact to a local or visiting group that could use an hour of music-filled entertainment, please give me a call.

Next year is going to be very active. The Chanters will definitely be going to the 2012 Imperial Session in Charlotte and helping with the SCAI Chanter Competition. That will be in addition to our other Murat duties and performances, and weekly rehearsals. We are always looking for singers and once a person joins, he and his lady find that it is one of their best investments. At present, we are gaining members and can always use more. If you have a particular talent on piano, bass, drums, trumpet, trombone, or tenor sax, please consider yourself welcome at any of our rehearsals.

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







For the last couple of years, Shriners International has been busy developing new tools to help increase awareness of the fraternity. One of those ongoing efforts is the website **beashrinernow.com**, which was created specifically as a way for interested potential members to learn about the fraternity, easily and quickly.

"**beashrinernow.com** has been an extremely helpful resource in recruiting new members," said Randy Rudge, membership development director of Shriners International.

"In today's world everything is about convenience, and the website allows prospective members to sign-up and learn about the great benefits of being a Shriner in a matter of minutes."

To help bring traffic to the website, Shriners International Headquarters has put together a marketing campaign. You can find online banner ads for **beashrinernow.com**, as well as print ads and inserts that were created for temples to hand out to prospective members.

The website is a terrific educational resource because it helps explain the relationship between the Masonic Order and Shriners International, and also features a video about the fraternity's history. Site visitors can learn about the fraternity's connection with Shriners Hospitals for Children® and take a virtual tour of one of the hospitals.



**beashrinernow.com** also helps answer any questions about the necessary steps to becoming a Master Mason and Shriner. If, after reviewing the process, an individual would like to pursue membership, all he has to do is select "The Next Step" tab, fill out a short questionnaire, and he will be paired with a virtual mentor.

One of the great features of **beashrinernow.com** is the interaction membership candidates have with their virtual mentors. Virtual mentors are Shriners who are active in their temple and Masonic Lodges and have volunteered to guide interested applicants through the membership process.

Candidates are paired with virtual mentors who best suit their professional and personal interests. The mentor becomes a trusted friend and advisor through exchanges of knowledge about

Freemasonry and becoming a Shriner. The process is intended to re-create the Masonic teaching of developing close, trusting relationships with prospective Masons through personal communication.

Statistics prove **beashrinernow.com** is helping the fraternity more effectively reach a younger demographic, given that the most recurring age for these new members has been 32. This number is especially interesting to Shriners, since one of the fraternity's co-founders, Dr. Walter Fleming, was the same age when he developed the concept of the fraternity.

By continuing to spread awareness with initiatives like **beashrinernow.com**, we look forward to adding more exceptional men to the "world's greatest fraternity."

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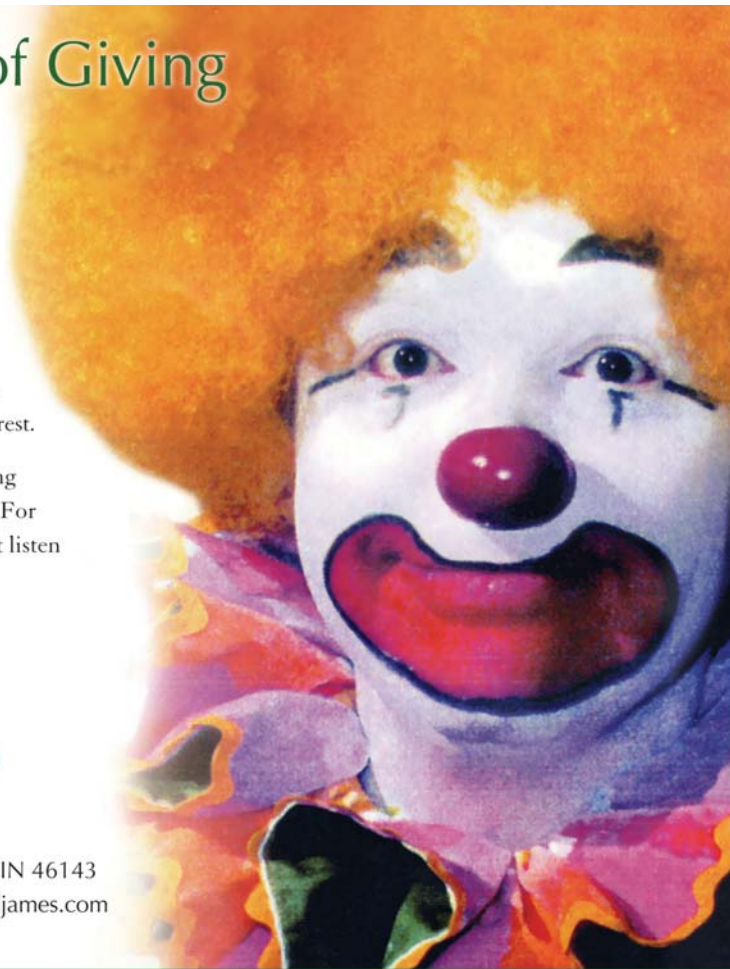
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Nobles Bill Ayres, Frosty Featherstone, and Chief Aide George Clark, representing the Tipton County Shrine Club, present Past Potentate Kevin Rhodes with a \$1,500 check for the Chicago hospital.



President Ralph Kauffman, along with Noble Dick Harner, hands over a \$1,000 check for the Murat Transportation Fund to Past Potentate Kevin Rhodes on behalf of the White County Shrine Club.



Shelby County Shrine Club is represented by President Dennis Parks and members Tony Stout, Jim Ross, and High Priest and Prophet Bill Rasner in the presentation of a \$2,000 check for the Transportation Fund and a \$1,000 check from the Club's Paper Crusade to Past Potentate Kevin Rhodes.



Past Potentate Kevin Rhodes accepts a \$5,000 check for the Transportation Fund in memory of Noble Ed Switzer from President Dale Harmon, Jim Stevenson, Steve Lewis, and Greg Miller on behalf of the Montgomery County Shrine Club.



Past Potentate Kevin Rhodes receives a \$500 check from Transportation Club President Mike Metzger for the Transportation Fund. Joining in the presentation are Nobles Luke Whitehouse, Richard Kirkman, Terry Boyer, Mike Harrison, Kenneth Barnard, Ryan Powell, Bucky Everhart, Recorder Emeritus Gordon Husk, and Imperial Photographer Bob Wilson.

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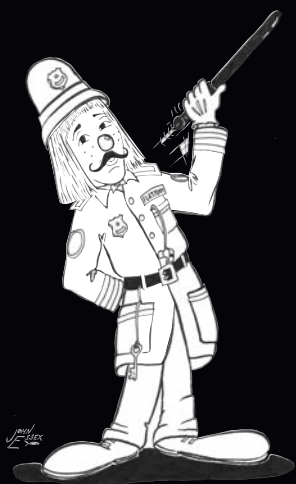
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The Travel Club has two very exciting and fun trips planned during 2012.

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 cruise departs Indianapolis on November 2 and returns home on November 11.

Please join us for an informational meeting and trip presentation in the Murat Tunisian Room on February 23 at 7 p.m. for all of the details. If you cannot make it to the meeting, the information can be found on the Murat Web site.

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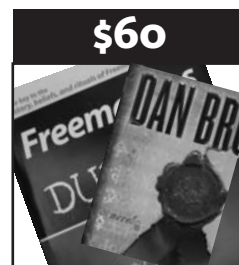
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# COMING EVENTS

*(The current Murat calendars  
for 2012 are available at  
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## JANUARY 2012

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

## FEBRUARY

WED. 1 DEADLINE FOR MARCH MAGAZINE  
SAT. 11 Texas Hold'em  
FRI. 17 Little Pig Initiation  
MON. 20 Divan Meeting, Board Meeting  
Stated Meeting 7 p.m.  
THU. 23 Murat Travel Club 7 p.m.

## MARCH

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

## APRIL

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

## MAY

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

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