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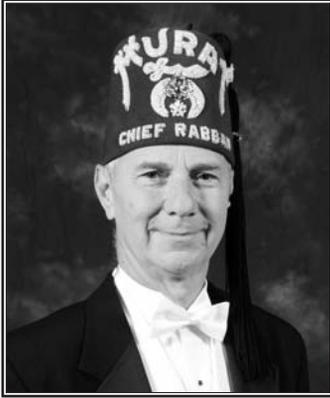
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Happy Holidays from the 2009 Divan

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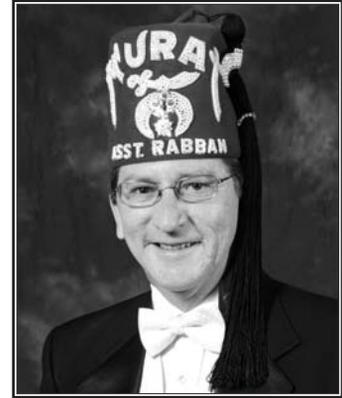
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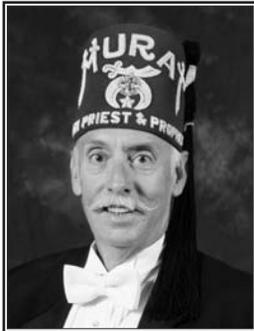
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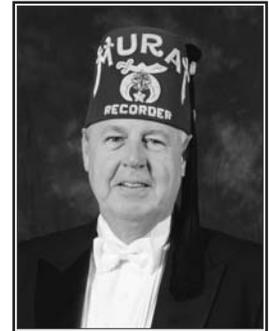
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POTENTATE MESSAGE

Together We *Did* ...

Much to promote Shrinedom in 2009. This year has been full of many activities, both old as well as new. Part of the new was having to replace two dedicated Shriners. Larry Selig's untimely passing in 2008 necessitated my finding a new circus director. I was fortunate to have Andy Clayton's name recommended to me. Andy accepted the great responsibility of circus director and has done a tremendous job. In his first year as circus director, our circus was a success. Additionally, our recorder, Gordon Husk, tendered his retirement in 2008. As with Andy, I was fortunate to have Ed Wolfe of Southeastern Shrine Club step up and accept the recorder's position. I cannot tell you enough how important the recorder's position is and how much I appreciate what a super job Ed has done. Thanks, Ed. And a big thanks to Shelby, Sherri and Lesa!

As part of the new, this year I developed a new lapel pin program. Every noble of Murat was mailed a lapel pin and was requested to make a donation to Shriners Hospitals for Children. I am extremely proud to say that Murat was able to send more than \$12,000 to Shriners Hospitals. To all who contributed, thank you!

Another first for 2009 was our 125th anniversary of Murat Shrine. The celebration, the downtown parade, and the ceremonial made for a memorable day on June 6. As a follow-up to the celebration, our September Murat Magazine was dedicated to our history. The editors, Mike Moxley and Cliff Lewis, along with their staff, put together an outstanding keepsake edition. A very special thank-you goes out to Paul Page who wrote and gathered information so we would have a full history of Murat Shrine. I am very proud of that edition and what it will mean in the future.

Our other first for 2009 was our ceremonial at the Indiana Masonic Home in August. Even though we had fewer candidates than we would have wished, it was a great day to show off the Dramatic Cast with their portrayal of the first section in a public setting.

Happily, we experienced many recurring events during this Shrine calendar year, too many to mention all of them. My thanks to

Larry Jefferson, PP and treasurer, who with his lady, Manuella, once again produced a fantastic Potentate's Ball. Larry and his committee spent many hours to see that we were "Dancing with the Stars." Larry also took on the responsibility of rooming assignments for the Imperial and Great Lakes conventions. I think, even though we experienced some extremely hot weather, everyone enjoyed the sights and sounds of San Antonio.

Space does not allow me to mention everything we experienced this year, but to those who worked the VCM booth at the State Fair, thanks! Thanks also to all the Clubs and Units that help promote Shrinedom and the hospitals. The true backbone of any Shrine temple is the activity of its Clubs and Units. We are fortunate to have so many (71) areas of interest so every noble can find something he enjoys.

To the 2009 Divan and your ladies, Debbie and I sincerely have appreciated your dedication and attendance at all our functions and activities throughout the year. Your support has been meaningful to both of us. We could not have had the year we did without your involvement. The nobility does not comprehend the countless hours all of you put in. Thanks also to Chief Aide George Clark and all the aides.

To Murat's first lady, my love and best friend, Debbie, you are special and have made my journey through the Divan a lot easier. Thanks for what you have done and "standing by your man!"

Finally, I want to thank everyone for the great honor and privilege of being your 98th potentate. If I failed to mention you by name, I have not forgotten you and what you have meant to us and Murat. All my best wishes go out to Craig and Kay Hinshaw as they assume leadership in 2010. They will do a super job!!!!

Thought to remember: *"You can't always control the result, but you can control your efforts!"*

So Mote It Be.

George E. Proctor
Illustrious Potentate

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Recorder's Message

Ed Wolfe

December is a very busy month for the Divan and Murat. We have our final ceremonial of the year scheduled for December 5 at Murat. As you meet the new nobles, make them feel welcome and honored to be a Shriner and part of the Murat family. Several Clubs and Units have planned their holiday events and installation of officers for 2010. If you have not, contact the Fraternal Office with your Club or Unit plans. It is imperative you do so as soon as possible if you would like to be included on the Murat website calendar. Also, the public installation will be held at Murat on January 3. Always a special day is the Children's Christmas Party on December 13. This event continues to grow each year and exemplifies the true meaning of being a Shriner—taking care of the KIDS! If you haven't attended this event, you are missing out on a lot of smiles and happy, excited children. From all of us in the Fraternal Office, we wish you and yours Happy Holidays!

Tippecanoe Shrine Club

DeWayne Sorah

Hello nobles. I hope everybody had a nice Thanksgiving, and now it's time for the Christmas and New Year's holidays. What a busy time of year for all of us.

Nobles, our Club may be at a crossroads as we approach the New Year. The past two years have seen some changes for the better in our Club, thanks to President Ed Rockhill and Secretary Jason Hoagland. I think the Club is heading in the right direction, but we need to make sure the changes don't go by the wayside.

We would like to see more participation by members at our meetings and activities. We welcome everybody's ideas and suggestions to keep us moving forward. Dues cards have been sent out; please pay your dues as soon as possible. Happy Holidays to all.

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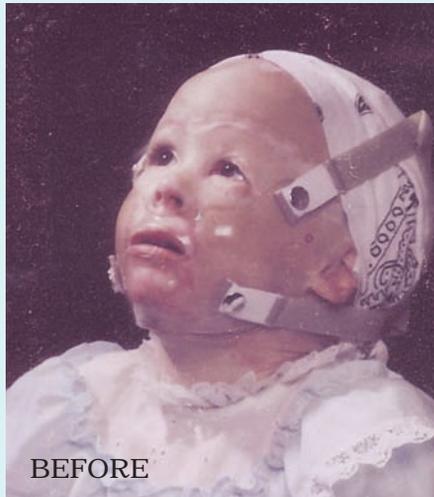
Darby is now 11 years old. When she was 3 years old, we interviewed her family for a story. Noble Tom Fager made arrangements for us to meet Darby and her family at the Courtyard by Marriott in Kokomo. The manager welcomed us into the lobby and offered us a table in the dining room for the interview. Hotel staff began stopping by. A staff member brought Darby a carton of chocolate milk. Another employee gave her five inflated balloons.

Darby's mother is named Marna Leeann. Her mother calls her Leeann, but she prefers her longtime nickname, "Tunie." Darby's grandparents, Dick and Candy Jones, joined Tunie in telling about Darby's injuries. Darby was with her father in Jacksonville, FL, when she pulled a deep fryer off a kitchen counter and suffered third-degree burns over 85 percent of her body. Her father called 911, then called Tunie, who lived 10 minutes away. Tunie drove as quickly as she could to her former husband's home, but arrived as the ambulance was leaving the subdivision. She followed the ambulance to the hospital. Doctors were very pessimistic and said the child must be airlifted to a Gainesville, FL, hospital burn unit.

Doctors in Gainesville said they were not equipped to treat such severe burns and asked Tunie if she would like to have Darby treated at Shriners Hospital for Children in Cincinnati, OH. In fact, the doctors had already contacted the Cincinnati hospital, where air transportation was on hold, awaiting parental consent.

Tunie had called Dick and Candy Jones in Indiana, asking if they could come to Florida. They left immediately for the long drive. From the Gainesville hospital, Tunie again called her parents' cell phone. She said, "Mom, where are you right now?" Candy replied, "Cincinnati." Tunie responded, "Thank God. Stay there. They are going to fly Darby to the Shriners Hospital in Cincinnati." Tunie and Darby flew to Cincinnati on a Lear jet sent to Florida by the Shriners Hospital. The well-trained and compassionate medical team comforted Tunie, while working with Darby during the trip. The plane flew through strong thunderstorms. The medical team ignored the weather and continued treating the patient.

Darby was rushed from the airport to the hospital. After an



evaluation, a doctor came out to speak with Tunie. He described the procedures they had planned, and Tunie said, "Wait a minute. Are you saying she has a chance of surviving?" Tunie still gets tears in her eyes when she says the doctor put his arm around her shoulders and said, "Honey, we don't just fire up that jet for nothing. She's going to make it. I'll give her a 90 percent chance." After being told by two hospitals her daughter was not likely to survive, those wonderful words nearly caused Tunie to collapse.

Since the original story appeared in Murat Magazine, Darby has had several surgical procedures. Tunie says, "Darby has grown into one of the strongest individuals I have ever known. She has not let her injury slow her down at all. She lost all the hair on the top of her head, and on one side of her head, due to her burns. Doctors suggested the use of tissue expanders to stretch the skin that had hair in order to cover parts of her head that did not have hair. Doctors said she should be 10 to 12 years of age before that was done, but Darby convinced the doctors she was ready, and she had the procedure at age 6. She knows she will need several more surgical procedures, but she doesn't mind going to Cincinnati at all. In fact, she loves it when she is being admitted for a few days, because she loves the nurses and staff so much."

Darby and her mother moved from Indiana to Sumter, SC, before Darby started kindergarten. Tunie worried about whether Darby would like the school, whether she would make friends easily, and if other children would treat her well. Shortly after school started, a boy was teasing Darby on the school bus. "Your scars are ugly," he said. Darby's immediate reply was, "Dr. Warden can fix my scars, but he can't do anything about your stupid." That encounter paid off. The boy became her friend, as did many other classmates. Darby is now 11 years old, and when this story was being written, she was preparing for her first school dance. Tunie said, "She has a really cool dress to wear, and she will be going to the dance with her boyfriend unless she decides to go with another boy."

Tunie says, "Darby's best friend is Chloe, who is a year older than Darby. They have been best friends since Darby was in kindergarten. Darby is very particular about choosing her

close friends. She knows a lot of people, but hangs out with only a select few. She is making good grades. She is in a special tutoring program for extra help in math and is maintaining a B math average. She had a 99 on her language arts midterm exam, the highest grade of anyone in the class. Darby wants you to know she is unique. She does not follow clothing trends. She prefers to be a trend setter and not a follower. She loves to wear makeup and straighten her hair with a flat iron. Her hobbies include roller skating, drawing, making videos on the computer, and horseback riding. She wants to be a cartoonist like her favorite, Thurup Von Orman. She likes alternative rock music. Her favorite bands are Metro Station, Fallout Boy, Alltime Low, and Slipknot. She is such a normal kid, despite her injuries. I am most fortunate to work for the best employers in Sumter County, Little's Personal Cleaners. The owners, Gary and Lisa Elmore, are the best. They know our situation and when I need time off to take Darby for surgery or checkups, they work it out for us."

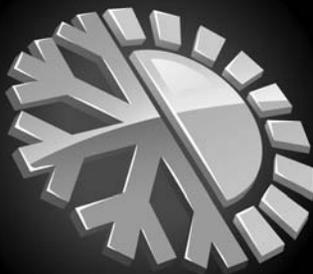
While Darby was not present to approve messages, Tunie added, "I want you to know how the Shriners have personally changed my life. I was told by the Gainesville hospital there was nothing they could do for my baby. When Shriners sent

the plane to get us, I still had very little hope. Her first week at Shriners Hospital is still a blur. I kept thinking I was going to lose my baby girl. During the first week in Cincinnati, I had a dream. God was in my dream and he told me my baby was not going to die and I needed to pull it together to help her. When I awoke the next morning, the dream was still very clear to me. I had a different attitude from that day on. I knew my baby was going to be just fine. Thanks to the state-of-the-art care she received at the Shriners Hospital, my baby lived. Shriners gave me her third birthday and many more birthdays. Because of Shriners, I experienced her first day at kindergarten, many Christmas mornings with her, many beautiful cards she has made for me over the years, far too many mornings disagreeing over what she could wear to school, and many boo-boos that needed a kiss to make better. I got to teach her how to ride a bike, how to roller skate, study for school work, and I saw her walk on stage to get awards for her hard work at school. There are many other things in daily life that most people take for granted, but I treasure each and every one with Darby. Shriners gave Darby her life and they gave me my baby girl. I am eternally grateful to all of you for the difference you have made in our lives. I could never thank you all enough."

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Flying Fezzes

Patrick DeCallier

There is an old saying: "Time flies when you're having fun." This has been true for the Murat Flying Fezzes.

On Labor Day, Mr. Benton Pittman, one of our members, hosted a barbecue picnic at his home. Needless to say, a good time was had by all.

A couple of parades then got the Flying Fezzes involved. But on October 8, Mr. Louis Lourich, the commander of the International Shrine Aviation Association, made a presentation to the Murat Caravan Club. Strangely enough, Mr. Deo Carter is the current president of this club.

On Oct. 12, we had our next meeting. Mr. Scott Engwald talked to us about an "icon" aircraft—the Ford Tri-Motor. Back in June, Mr. Engwald got to fly on the one that the Experimental Aircraft Association owns. He showed us slides and videos of this airplane. The Ford Tri-Motor, produced in 1929, became the first commercial aircraft for flying passengers and cargo.

At the business meeting, the Flying Fezzes announced they will participate in the Veterans Day Parade. But also coming up, Dec. 14 will be the annual Christmas party and installation of officers.

Dec. 16 will be when the Club holds its annual "Kids" Christmas Party at Lutherwood Social Services.



Reception Unit

Joe A. Stoutner

As we near the end of the Shrine year, it always seems that November and December are two of the busiest months. In November, most of the Clubs and Units nominate and elect officers for the coming year.

At the November 10 Stated Meeting, the Reception Unit and Lil' Istiks elected their new officers for the year. The installation and Christmas party will be held on Tuesday, December 9, in the Tunisian room at the Shrine. This party is always a great way to wrap up the current year and start a new one. We hope all members are planning on attending.

As the parade season winds down, several of the Shrine Units participated in the Veterans Day parade on November 11 honoring all of our past and present service people. The attendance is good and people are appreciative of this annual parade.

In December, there is something going on almost every day. Hopefully, the biggest and best attended event will be the ceremonial on December 5. Reception Unit members are reminded if working this event, please report at 7:30 a.m. on Saturday. The dress code is winter tuxedo. We will also have a display table at the Unit Fair in the afternoon. Let's all work together and make this the biggest and best ceremonial of the year with the most new members for Murat Shrine.

Sunday, December 13, is the Murat Shrine Children's Christmas Party. If this year's party is any bigger than last year's, we are going to have to consider moving it to a larger room. Christmas is for kids and nobody does it better than Santa Claus and the Murat Shriners.

Finally, at the Murat Stated Meeting Monday, December 21, we will elect the Divan and officers for the New Year. Then we can all relax, enjoy Christmas with our families, and get ready for an exciting 2010.

Happy Holidays to all.

VCM

Mark Price

Thanks to an unprecedented number of volunteers at the 2009 Indiana State Fair, the VCM (Voluntary Contributing Membership)—in unison with the Clubs and Units noted below—is pleased to announce that a donation of \$20,000 was made to the Transportation Fund at the Murat Stated Meeting in November.

This contribution denotes a significant milestone for our Unit, as the total of the VCM's donations to Shrine philanthropies since our founding in 1952 now exceeds \$1,000,000!

The generous commitment of time and talent from hundreds of nobles, their ladies, and friends over the past 57 years has ensured that the VCM continually meets our charitable goals. We couldn't do it without you!

Our newly installed president, Tommy Jacobs, is counting on your support again in 2010. His goal is to exceed the record-setting volunteer effort of this year.

The VCM sincerely thanks our 2009 partners: Illustrious Potentate George Proctor and the Murat Divan, Transportation Club, Chanters, Reception Unit, Flying Fezzes, Mini-Cycles, RV Club, Arab Patrol, Smyrna, Firemen's Club, Clowns, Mobil Nobles, Montgomery County Shrine Club, Boone County Shrine Club, Ladies Oriental Shrine, Police Club, Business Connection, and Dramatic Cast.

To learn more about the VCM, please join us at any regularly scheduled meeting.

We meet at the Gatling Gun Club on the third Wednesday of the month (except November and December) at 7 p.m. Please contact Secretary Sam Thompson at (317) 201-5766 for membership information.

The end comes to another great year of camping for the Murat RV Club. There were a few minor mishaps, but no major problems. Well, then there was a little rain, but that didn't stop the fun. If you have an RV or camper, you should join us at one of our outings. Shriners are always welcome. The fun begins at our shakedown in 2010 at Nashville, IN, at the Last Resort on May 7, 8, & 9. Then on Memorial Day weekend, we will go to Zorah Shrine Hilltop Campground in Terre Haute, IN.

Our last campout at Ceraland was a great success. We were able to visit Zaharako's Ice Cream Parlor in Columbus, tour Grandview Lake, and hold an auction to raise funds for the Unit and Transportation. The Maudlins and Isoms did a fantastic job to the enjoyment of all.

New officers will be installed at our December 15 meeting: Irv Lewis, president; Dave Maudlin, first vice president; Ron Estell, second vice president; Ollie Willoughby, third vice president; Herb Green, secretary; and Frank Davis, treasurer. Board members: Paul Herzog and Jerry Wasson.

Thanks to Bob Bailey for a great year as president.

Also, the Club is grateful to Paul Shambaugh for his 11 years of service as secretary.

We collect aluminum tabs for the Shriners Hospitals, and Barb Sword has had another fine year leading our efforts. Have you seen 500 pounds of tabs at one time? Bring your tabs and camper and have some fun, laughs, and great friendship.

Our meetings are on the third Tuesday of the month in the Tunisian Room at Murat Temple. Dinner is at 6 p.m. and the meeting starts at 7 p.m. Come by and join us for a good time.

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Johnson County Shrine Club

Dave Alspaugh

2009 is coming to a close ... Johnson County Shrine Club is hoping everyone had a very good year and is looking forward to a prosperous 2010. Before leaving, we still have our month of December to contend with.

With the winter winds starting to blow, snow can't be far behind. And with the snow will come all the various Christmas parties and celebrations of the birth of our Lord and Savior. All of our members want to wish all our Shriner friends a very Merry Christmas!

As our month of October drew to a close, our president, Mike Percy, was spending time in St. Francis Hospital. After quite a session, he underwent the removal of "stones" and is back to normal, winding up his year as president of our Club.

This year has been quite trying for all our members, but at this time, I think we have turned the corner and are headed towards better times. We should be back into the BINGO business very shortly. Mike and I recently attended a daylong seminar on Indiana gaming laws, while some of the other members will also be attending another seminar in the future. With this action, and supplying the state with the various documents for reinstatement, gambling can't be too far off.

The Johnson County Shrine Club is now open only on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. We're trying this new approach to see if it's more profitable. The kitchen is still open on Fridays. Come to Franklin on Friday evenings and join us for dinner. Enjoy the Christmas decorations, the Christmas trees, and the Johnson County friendship. We'll look forward to seeing you and will have a special "Happy Holiday," but more importantly, a "Very Merry Christmas" just for you!

See you next issue.

Johnson County Mini-Mystics

Dave Alspaugh

At this time of year, "Ho-Ho-Ho, Merry Christmas" can be heard coming from the fat man in red ... Santa Claus, or maybe it could be some of the Mini-Mystics in a party mode. Whether it's the real Santa or the Mini-Mystics, it's still the Christmas month. Enjoy the season—make it a "meaningful" holiday.

During a recent parade at the Apple Festival in Bloomfield, IN, we were pleased to be introduced to Sarah Waterman from Shelburn, IN. Sarah was one of our Shrine Kids. She had been operated on to correct club feet. This day she was walking in the parade. Her appearance made those of us parading that much happier for our efforts.

I do want to report there are not two Dan Gillahans or two Dave Alspaugh's on the Mini-Mystics parade team. Until parade shirts could be obtained, we outfitted our new members, Vern Smith and Brian Armour, with a couple of our shirts. If you were around Cumberland on Halloween, you could have seen them in their new shirts.

As snow clouds gather, many of the miniature cars will be heading for the paint shop. Several of the cars will be sporting a new look: freshly painted, new decals, etc. Be sure to watch for the "new look" at the spring parades.

I'd like to introduce the new officers who will lead the Club for the next year. Dan Gillahan is the newly elected president. Duane Burgess will continue as the secretary/treasurer, while Lee Langlotz will become the new vice president. The gavel will be passed and all the members wish them success in 2010.

December 12, the Mini-Mystics will celebrate this festive season with our annual Christmas Party. NOTE: it's not a holiday party, but a Christmas party. The evening will open with Mike's world famous Shrimp Cocktail at 6 p.m. Dinner will follow. After dinner, there will be a short program with Oriental Guide Jim Priest swearing in the new officers. Then the evening will close out with lots of dancing!

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



Caravan Club



Caravan Club President Deo Carter presented a Certificate of Appreciation to MWB Charles Marlowe, Grand Master, who spoke at the weekly luncheon meeting on September 10. Assisting in the presentation is Joe Smith, president of the Murat Past Masters Club, who arranged for the annual visit of the Grand Master to the Caravan Club luncheon.



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Holiday Greetings from the Murat Patrol. As the holidays fast approach, the officers and members of the Patrol would like to say Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, from our family to yours. We would like to remind everyone to be safe during this holiday month. Let's take time to remember some of the following things and to give back some of your blessings. Remember to take time to be with your family and friends to reaffirm your love for them. Remember what the season is truly about and the sacrifice made. Remember to help out the less fortunate so they may have a great Christmas—give as liberally as you can. Invite someone who has no family or would be alone to join your family on the holiday. Remember to start a tradition, maybe a Yule log, and keep it every year. Remember to let people know your thoughts are with



them; send out some Christmas cards or make some calls. Remember to help at your Blue Lodges and find out if they are going to help decorate at the Masonic Home. Remember to help those you can, and to pray and give thanks for what you have.

As this year draws to a close, the Patrol, like all the other Clubs, is getting ready to hold elections and a new officer line will soon take over to lead us into the future. Dates to remember: Dec.



5 – Ceremonial, Dec. 13 – Children's Christmas Party, Dec. 21 – Stated Meeting, Dec. 31/Jan. 1 – NexGen New Year Eve's Party.

Also remember the upcoming Florida Visitation and SELL a circus ad! If everyone would only sell one ad, we would have quite a program.

If you want to join the Patrol, we meet on the first Friday of the month in the basement Past Masters' Room. Remember, Patrolling is where it's at.

Tarum

Jeff Dickey

Merry Christmas from all of us here at Tarum. October and November have passed, with them so too Halloween and Thanksgiving. Like all of you, the Club has been busy. Friday night dinners are still going strong; thank you to all who have been attending. You are greatly appreciated. There are two big holiday parties scheduled for December. Coca Cola will have theirs on Saturday the 5th and TSN will have theirs on Saturday the 12th. These parties help the Club tremendously and both events will need plenty of help. Please contact First Vice President Chad Greulich to see how you can help. As always, the Children's Christmas Party will be held in December (at the time of this writing, I did not have the date so check your bulletin) and we need people to help with it. If you have not been to one of the children's parties, you really need to come. The sheer delight on

the children's faces as they enjoy the food, entertainment and, of course, the presents will cause your hearts to overflow with the holiday spirit.

The box for toys and gifts for the hospital is at the Club. Check with the ladies to see what is needed for the kids and the hospital. While we are on the subject of the hospitals, I would like to thank the tireless efforts of the Can Committee, the Children's Committee, and the nobles who drive the hospital van. These people work very hard all year long and they are fantastic. A job well done, nobles.

Well, the election of next year's officers has also come and gone in November. Congratulations to Tarum's 2010 slate of officers. We know you will do a good job guiding Tarum throughout the year. Next month's article will have the listing of who the new officers are for both the men and the ladies. The

2009 officers for the men and women have done a great job. When you see them, make sure to thank them for all the hard work and time they have devoted to Tarum this year.

As I close this article, I would like to ask all of you to reflect on what Christmas means. Remember the true meaning of the season and the promise it brings to all of us. Please keep in mind those who are less fortunate than us and lend a helping hand where you can. Think of the families you know who have sons and daughters who are serving in our armed forces here and abroad and keep them in your prayers. Above all, cherish your family and friends for they are your most precious treasures.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to everyone!

See you at the Club.

THANKS NOBLE PRESIDENT – As 2009 comes to an end, on behalf of all Club members, I would like to thank our 2009 president, Terry Boyer, for a job well done.

During the past year, the Club has transported many patients to our hospitals, attended several parades, and recognized our ladies with dinners and a picnic. The Club is doing well retaining members, which speaks well for what we do as a mission and social endeavors. Thanks also to the officer line that does so much in keeping the Club headed in the right direction.

OCTOBER OUTING – The Club had a dinner meeting at the Milano Inn with our ladies in October. This is one way we can say thank you to the ladies for supporting us in our Transportation Club duties. The food was great as attested to by some 40 people in attendance.

KIDS' CHRISTMAS PARTY – Sunday, December 13, is the date for the annual Children's Christmas Party. Committee chairman Bucky Everhart has a great party lined up this year. Through the donations of toys and funds by several Shrine Clubs and Units, we will be able to make lots of kids happy. Thanks to all on the committee who worked the last few months to make this party memorable and to all the volunteers it takes to put on a great show. Please park in the north parking lot for this event.

CEREMONIAL – The final ceremo-

nia is on Saturday, December 5. There is still time for you to get your candidate signed up to go through this class. There will also be a Club and Unit Fair from 1:15 to 1:45 p.m. in the Arabian Room.

CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY/DINNER – Our annual Christmas dinner/installation will be held on Wednesday, December 9, at the University of Indianapolis. Social gathering will begin at 5 p.m. and dinner will be served at 6.

LEADERSHIP SEMINAR – The leadership seminar will be held on

January 23, 2010. This is the time all officers of Clubs and Units receive valuable information and instruction. Please plan to attend if you are a line officer, secretary or treasurer.

NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION – As the New Year approaches, let's all resolve to make 2010 our best year ever. Bring in new members, participate in our activities, and support our new potentate. We meet on the third Wednesday of the month in the Mecca Room for dinner and go to the Mediterranean Room downstairs for our Stated Meeting.

Kentucky Colonels

Dennis Scott

THANKS COLONEL PRESIDENT – On behalf of the entire Club, I would like to thank our 2009 president, Paul Schneck, for a job well done. During the year, we worked at the circus, participated in the Paper Crusade, sponsored the Plaque Program, and had some great social outings. Thanks also to the officers and members who helped make this a successful year.

SOCIAL OUTING – Many of the Colonels and their ladies were in attendance for a night out at the Milano Inn in October. The dinner was hosted by President Paul Schneck and his lady Janet. This was a great time for the Club members to bring their ladies for some fellowship topped off by a great Italian dinner.

PLAQUE PROGRAM – As sponsoring club for the Plaque Program, we are about to enter our third year promoting the program to raise funds for our hospitals. So far, the program has been very successful but we still need to find individuals, Clubs and Units, and businesses who are interested in supporting this endeavor. We are in this together and all members need to promote the Plaque Program.

SICK AND DISTRESSED – Longtime member Darwin Hoose has been admitted to the memory care section of Brownsburg Meadows Senior Community. I am told Darwin is adjusting well. Please keep him and all our sick in your thoughts and prayers.

CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY – December 2 is the date of our annual party. It will be held in the Tunisian Room at Murat. As of this writing, the particulars have not been worked out but should be communicated by the November meeting. All members and their ladies are invited to share in this special holiday.

KIDS' CHRISTMAS PARTY – Sunday, December 13, is the date for the Christmas party for the hospital patients, children, and grandchildren of the nobility. Colonel Bucky Everhart has put together a great program for kids and adults alike. Please check the magazine for details.

LEADERSHIP SEMINAR – The 2010 leadership seminar will be held on Saturday, January 23, at Murat. This is the time all officers of Clubs and Units receive information and instruction that will make your job easier. Please be sure to attend if you are a line officer, secretary or treasurer.

NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION – Please make one of your resolutions to attend as many meetings in 2010 as possible. The Club needs your input. We meet on the first Wednesday of the month in the Mecca Room. See you there.



Greetings Nobles and Friends,

Can you believe it is Murat Shrine Circus time already? It is only four months away ... March 4-7, 2010. Start selling your ads now. We need corporate sponsorships as well as your normal size ads. Ad sizes run from \$75 for an eighth page to \$350 for full page ads. Nobles, we need everyone to try to sell at least one ad. Small or large, it all adds up. Contact anyone you do business with and ask them for their support. If you need ad packets, contact Mike Glenn; he has all you need. This is our biggest fundraiser of the year for our Unit and the Shrine. Let's keep up the good work. Volunteers will be needed, so sign up now to work the booth this year.

By the time you receive this article, we will have voted in our new Directors Staff officers. Welcome to all and we are looking forward to another successful year

under your leadership.

Committee volunteers for 2010 are needed. Would you like to help run your Directors Staff Unit? You can by being a volunteer on and of the committees. Please step forward and help. New ideas and suggestions are needed all the time. Perhaps you can provide that new spark to make us even a better Directors Staff. Contact an officer today.

It is not too early to start planning for next year's SDA Convention. Dates are April 21 through April 24, 2010. Location is Abou Ben Adhem Shriners, Springfield, MO. More will follow later as we get closer, so just make note of the dates for future planning. Let's have a great turnout as in years past.

Changes of address, phone numbers and e-mails are due for the new 2010 roster book. Please send to Gerald Frost or

Mike Glenn as soon as possible.

Important reminders for upcoming events:

Hot Sands Ceremonial – Dec. 5, 2009, at Murat Shrine. We will have a work night on or around Dec. 2, 2009. All members are encouraged to attend. Nubians are expected to attend.

Correction of meeting dates in roster for December 2009:

Directors Staff Meeting – Dec. 14 at 7 p.m. at the Murat Shrine.

Murat Stated Meeting – Dec. 21 at 7 p.m. at the Murat Shrine.

Continue Membership Recruiting ... this is ongoing this winter. Keep up the good work. We are always looking for good men to develop an even better Directors Staff.

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

NOTICE OF ELECTION December 21, 2009

THE STATED MEETINGS OF MURAT TEMPLE A.A.O.N.M.S. AND MURAT TEMPLE ASSOCIATION WILL BE HELD AT 7 P.M., MONDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2009, AT MURAT SHRINE CENTER, 510 N. NEW JERSEY ST., INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA. THE ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND REPRESENTATIVES FOR 2010 WILL BE HELD.

ARTICLE 25, Section 325.11 Election Regulations.

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ARTICLE 32, Section 332.2 requires payment of dues in advance before January 1 by all members. A 2009 DUES CARD IS REQUIRED TO ATTEND THIS MEETING.

George Proctor, Illustrious Potentate
Ed Wolfe, Recorder

ADDITIONAL NOTICE:

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



18TH ANNUAL Murat Leadership Seminar

Saturday, January 23, 2010
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Veteran Car Club

Darrel Wilkinson

As of this writing, the Club has had a busy late summer/early fall. We have attended the Masonic Home Day at Franklin, the Bears of Blue River Parade at Shelbyville, and the Willkie Parade in Rushville. We have yet to participate in the Martinsville Fall Festival Parade. Starting with this issue, a Club member and his car will be featured in the article. This month's car is a 1966 S-55 Mercury convertible owned by member Darnel Wilkinson. Darnel has owned the car since 2000. He has participated in many parades and tours, both Shrine and community sponsored.

Pictured are Veteran Car Club members on our recent overnight tour to southeastern Indiana and northern Kentucky. We traveled several scenic back roads and enjoyed the beautiful fall foliage. We arrived in Vevay, IN, where we had lunch at a unique '50s themed restaurant. We stayed overnight at the Ogle Haus, a



very nice hotel. Several members decided to visit the Belterra Casino and lighten their wallets and purses somewhat.

Sunday morning we crossed the Ohio River and traveled through northern Kentucky, stopping at General Butler State Park. Afterward we proceeded to one of the member's son's Alpaca and goat farm west of Madison, IN, for a delicious cookout. We then motored to our various homes.

Plans are currently underway for a nice outing for the Club Christmas party. Again, if you have an interest in antique or old cars in general, you are welcome to attend our Club

meetings which are held the second Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Murat. You do not have to own an old or classic car to be a member of the Veteran Car Club.

Smyrna Shrine Guild

Barb Wimmenauer

Maharanees' Message:

"I want to sincerely thank each and every member of Smyrna for this past year's support for me and our organization. I also want to express special thanks to my committee chairmen for their hard work and dedication to our cause. Lastly, a great big thank-you to all board members and officers for the expertise, support, and dedication shown to me at each meeting. I will remember this past year with love in my heart for each of you!! However, I must now step back to allow our new Maharanees-elect, Vicki Wilson, to lead us into the new year of 2010! I am so excited for her; she will learn so much and become so proud of her Guild! In conclusion, I want to give my support to our new team of officers and committee chairmen for the ensuing year!

In Tolerance, Maharanees Susie"

Three cheers to Susie for a wonderful job as Maharanees! Please continue to give your support to Maharanees-elect Vicki Wilson and her officers. At this writing, she still needs to fill a few positions; please let her know if you can be of assistance.

December Calendar

Wednesday, December 2—Guild Night: 5:30 p.m. at the Gun Club.

Tuesday, December 8—Board Meeting: 6:30 p.m. and Stated Meeting: 7 p.m. at Murat.

Saturday, December 12—Installation of Officers: 2 to 4

p.m. in the Corinthian Room at Murat to install Maharanees-elect Vicki Wilson and her 2010 officers. Please mark your calendars, sign up, and show your support!

Special date and time.

January Calendar

No Guild Night in January—Happy New Year Smyrna members!

Tuesday, January 26—Board Meeting: 6:30 p.m. and Stated Meeting: 7 p.m. at Murat.

February Calendar

Wednesday, February 3—Guild Night: 5:30 p.m.

Tuesday, February 23—Board Meeting: 6:30 p.m. and Stated Meeting: 7 p.m. at Murat.

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

2010 Public Installation and Reception

Your Club/Unit is invited to have your 2010 officers installed along with the 2010 Murat Shrine Divan at a public installation on Sunday, January 3. The installation will be held in the Arabian Room of the Murat Shrine Club. It will begin at 2 p.m. with a reception following.

Your Club/Unit may have already scheduled an officer installation on a different date; however, I would like to see your Club/Unit participate in this public installation also. It will be great to see many Club/Unit officers being recognized publicly. Even if your Club/Unit does not participate in the public installation, we hope many of you nobles will come to see the 2010 Divan installed.

—Craig Hinshaw, Chief Rabban

Yacht Club

Ted Stewart

I cannot believe this year is almost over. It has really gone too fast. After our winter party, we had a successful Knights of the Sea induction in May and two theater parties thereafter. In September, we had a wonderful party at the beautiful lake home of Frank and Joann Perkins. Approximately 100 Shriners and their ladies attended this event, and Frank and Joann's home was transformed into Margaritaville, complete with parrotheads, sharks, and other Jimmy Buffett memorabilia. Boat trips were available on beautiful Lake Maxinhall, and we were thoroughly entertained by Frank and Joann with their charm, wit, and hospitality. Our own Bob Abel was the duty disc jockey and he proved to be a maestro at spinning the Caribbean tunes. This was truly the crown jewel of all Yacht Club parties. But there is more to come.

The Murat Yacht Club is helping the International Association of Shrine Yacht Clubs in promoting their midwinter cruise to Cozumel. This cruise begins February 18, 2010, from Mobile, AL, on Carnival's Fantasy—a large ship and one of the finest in Carnival's fleet. This is a great way to get out of Indiana for some rest and relaxation this winter. This is an affordable opportunity for all and if any Shrine member desires to go (you do not have to be Yacht Club members), the cost is about \$350 per person for a four-day cruise. You can bring your friends, family, children, grandchildren, and whoever might like to see Mexico for a pittance. The advantage of this cruise is that you can drive to Mobile in about 12 hours and beat the cost of airfare. The response to this cruise is simply fantastic and you will see many of your fellow Shriners on this cruise because of the price and the ease of driving to Mobile. Contact any Yacht Club officer for details. A good time is guaranteed!

Our fund drive for the hospitals continues and will end in December. To date, we have collected more than \$1,000 for the hospitals and are asking all Yacht Club members to send at least \$15 to me prior to December 15. If you can afford more, this would be great. E-mail me at stew0629@aol.com for further details. We simply cannot let our kids down in this financial crisis, and I wish to thank all who have sent me their checks to date.

The Yacht Club has its Stated Meeting on the third Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. at Murat. Come and join us for dinner prior to the Stated Meeting at about 6 p.m. In addition, on each Friday, the Yacht Club has a luncheon at noon at the Kennington American Legion Post at 6444 Westfield Blvd. in Broad Ripple. Please join us for a laugh or two and some Zem-Zem.

As I end my year as your commodore and secretary-treasurer, I wish to thank each and every member who has helped the Yacht Club and all who have made this a most memorable year. The members who have helped are simply too numerous to mention, and I want you to know that I appreciate your hard work, counsel, and guidance. I especially wish to thank my wife, Joanne, for everything she has done to assist the Yacht Club—not only this year but for the last 10 years. As I sail off into the sunset as your commodore for 2009, I wish all of you fair winds and following seas!

Madison County Shrine Club

Jeffrey D. Mock

The parties on the patio are over, the leaves are falling, and a new year awaits us. We have had a great time this past year at Madison County, and we hope you were able to make it here for some of the parties. If you didn't, then let me tell you about some of them. Margaritaville came to the Club in August—what a fun party! One of our past presidents lit the tiki torches in a toga outfit and, of course, there was a lot of dancing. In October, we had our fall/Halloween party, sponsored by the Desert Patrol, with Spike and the Bulldogs as the entertainment. There was "other" entertainment but you had to be there to see it. You should try to be there next year to find out what I am talking about.



Our Desert Patrol has been busy with parades and making children happy. They started a new thing this year by giving each child they see in the crowd, who is in a wheelchair, a stuffed animal and a salute. The crowds, parents, and children really love it. A special thanks to Jeff Humble! They can't wait till next year to start buggin' again!

On December 12, we will be having our Children's Christmas Party. On December 19, we will be having our Christmas Dinner/Dance with the ETC band. To finish out the year, we will be having a New Year's Eve Bash on the 31st (imagine that). Look for me as the Baby New Year at midnight. I hope that doesn't keep you from coming. It will be a lot of fun. Call the Club for reservations or information at (765) 643-2730.

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These restrictions are intended to protect the health of our patients, their families, and our staff. The H1N1 flu is different from the regular flu because it targets young people. People can be contagious with an illness before they show signs or symptoms of being sick.

Restrictions include the following:

Until further notice, anyone under the age of 18, other than patients, will not be allowed to enter the hospital. This includes siblings, family members, volunteers and other persons under the age of 18. The concerns for the continued health and safety of our patients, staff and adult visitors necessitate this temporary enforce-

ment while H1N1 influenza is deemed a pandemic by all levels of public health.

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Persons who have recently been ill (as above) should not visit unless they have been symptom free for at least 24 hours.

Persons from households where others are ill (as above) should be alerted to watch for signs of illness in themselves. If they become ill, they should leave promptly.

All tours, school groups, and special events are cancelled during this time. If you have any questions, please call or e-mail Director of Performance Improvement Terri Aiello at (773) 385-5825 or taiello@shrinenet.otg during-business hours (M-F 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.) or call the house change nurse after hours at (773) 622-5400.

Did you know both male and female reindeer grow antlers? They have been called Arctic deer in Russia, Siberia, and Scandinavian countries, and caribou in Canada. The idea that Santa Claus drives a sleigh pulled by flying reindeer is usually credited to one man's "flight of fancy." In 1822, Clement Moore, a professor at General Theological Seminary, wrote a children's poem entitled "A Visit from St. Nicholas." Officially published in 1844, eight flying reindeer, named Dasher, Dancer, Prancer, Vixen, Comet, Cupid, Donner and Blitzen, were assigned the task of pulling Santa's toy-laden sleigh through the land in the northern part of the world, the North Pole.

Montgomery Ward introduced Rudolph, the Red-Nosed Reindeer to all of us through a poem and song about a reindeer who was rejected for "being different" because he had a large, shiny red nose. It was then that Santa discovered the brightness of his nose and had

him lead his sleigh through the murky night skies. This is how Rudolph came about. His story is told in 25 languages, sold over two million song copies its first year, was made into a network TV special, and found in hundreds of Christmas knickknacks. Yes, all ages of people "love" Rudolph.

A huge thanks to everyone who helped to make our Supreme Queen's visitation a memorable success. To the officers, Queen Jeanette commends you on your work. Our Units again were outstanding with their performances. The "falling leaves" decorations were everywhere for this special occasion thanks to those on the decorating committee. Yes, Koran Temple members should be proud of all their efforts on this special "Supreme Visitation Day." Everyone attending will long remember this day of friendship and "Hoosier Hospitality."

Remember the "Toy March" at our December 1 Stated Meeting. Bring

Christmas items to send to the children in our hospitals. Monetary gifts will also be accepted. They will be applied to a gift card and used by the hospital staff to purchase items for the children as needed. Let us be a part in making the children's Christmas a happy and enjoyable occasion.

Final thought: Remember the true meaning of Christmas and God's gift of his only son, Jesus. Hold this blessing in your heart throughout the New Year. Merry Christmas to all and to all a good night!!

There will be NO sewing in December, January, or February. Please try to attend our Stated Meetings on the first Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m. in the Corinthian Room at the Murat Shrine. Make a call and bring a member to the meetings on January 5, February 2, and March 2.

Railroad Club

Raymond E. Gotshall

Our November 24 meeting was devoted to our election of officers; however, since this article is written before the meeting, we do not have a report on the 2010 officers of the Club. After the election, we will be devoting time for setup of the railroad room and making sure we are ready for the open house for the Murat Children's Christmas Party, which is being held on Sunday, December 13. The Railroad Club room will be open at 11 a.m. All Railroad Club members are urged to come up to the Railroad Club room and help and/or just watch the faces of the happy children as they enjoy the wonders of railroading.

The March 23, 2010, meeting will be dinner with our ladies at a place to be announced at the November meeting.

President and Chief Operating Officer Don Gordon, on behalf of the officers and members of the Murat Railroad Club, wishes everybody a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We will be dark in December and January with our first scheduled meeting February 23, 2010. This, of course, is subject to any special "work calls" by our president.

If you haven't been up on the fourth floor of the Murat Shrine to see the Railroad Club's exhibits, the Club meets the fourth Tuesday of most months at 7 p.m. and guests are always welcome. The Railroad Club is still looking for some more interested members. Look in the Shrine Club lounge for a noble with railroad related clothing, and he will either direct you or show you where the Railroad Club layout room is located. If no Railroad Club member is available, go past the Fraternal Office into the Murat and take the small elevator to the fourth floor and you are there.

Ladies Oriental Shrine of North America

Betty J. Rathbun

Tarum Court recently hosted a wonderful Great Lakes Unit Meet under the guidance of President Roberta Griffith. There were 234 registered members attending from the Great Lakes area. Detroit, MI, will host the event in 2010 and tell us they have a tough act to follow.

On December 5, Tarum Court will have a COOKIE DAY from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Speedway Christian Church. Cans and bags will be supplied to the purchaser who will pay according to the amount of cookies they select. Come join us at this fun event.

We wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving!

HELP WANTED:

Fifty years ago, the Murat Band boasted nearly 150 members but like most other fraternal clubs and organizations, age takes its toll. To march five miles up a 3 percent grade in 90 degree weather, blowing or carrying a 30-pound instrument is no longer a piece of cake. So, what's the solution? "Get wheels!" Now celebrating its silver anniversary, Murat Band's parade float, after many improvements, has served us well in excess of 30,000 miles. In the beginning, she had no seasonal protection, being stored wherever "Mother Nature" allowed. As she became more elaborate and valuable, year round indoor storage became imminent and after a complete redesign and overhaul, storage in an abandoned used car facility became available in Lafayette Square. However, parents not being able to monitor their offspring, vandalism now necessitated a new home for the prolonged life of this jewel and for the promotion of our 22 Shriners Hospitals for Children and the honor of Shrinedom and our posterity.

At present, our pride and joy resides protected in a barn in Plainfield, IN, some 30 miles from home base. What we're (Murat Band) asking for is a facility on or near the south side of Indy for availability and maintenance before the 2010 parade season. The unit (honoring a past bandsman, "Worden's Wagon"), 40 feet long and



Eight small banners and two 35' banners.

8 feet wide, requires a space: (1) 50' x 20", (2) easy in and out with 10 x 10 foot door, (3) waterproof, and (4) secure for maintenance and protection.

"Worden's Wagon" enhances not only Murat Band but Shrinedom as a



As remodeled today.

whole and is the responsibility of all Shriners and Shriners' acquaintances to preserve this icon for the future of our kids.

Firemen's Club

Tim Whitaker

Merry Christmas from the Murat Firemen's Club!

The season is upon us! The golf clubs, fishing poles, and fire engine are stored for the winter. Our agenda of plans comes to a close after the December 5 ceremonial and Unit Fair, and we begin to celebrate the season. (Not too much fellows!) We reflect on what we did, what our accomplishments were, and start wondering how we can make 2010 better. Also, how we can motivate members to participate even more to help us grow our Club and support the goals of Murat and our new potentate. It has truly been a pleasure to serve the Murat Firemen's Club this past year as president. The parades and special events we have participated in have been well attended, and we have supported our Illustrious Potentate George E. Proctor and he has supported our Club. We, in the Club, appreciated all of his support as well as his Divan's. We look forward to a busy 2010!

I would be remiss if I didn't thank the people who have made this past year a success. Men like Bob Wilson who is there with camera in hand at every function we attend, helping straighten our FEZ so we represent the Club and Murat well. Lewie McQueen for doing a fantastic job with our Casino Trip and also his and Linda's hospitality following the Riley Days Parade. Joe Olofson for continuing his monthly mailings to both e-mail and snail mail members. Joe (Elephant Man) Krebsbach and Jim Ashley for taking care of the circus duties. Ron (my last parade) Elliott, P.P. for his traveling and participating in the numerous parades. Jim McMahan and Gerald Blazek for serving as our chaplains during the year. John and Judy Aldrich for their hospitality at the Weiner Roast. Willie Baugh for his support as parade marshal. Tracy (rescue man) Badgley for serving as our chief mechanic. Secretary Harold Pierce for serving another year of his 35 years as an officer in our Club. Ed Pierce for serving as our treasurer and a 50-year member of Murat. I am very appreciative of our new members who are starting to support our activities and Club functions. To our 50-year members like Jim Mitchell, Bob Cooper, Ed Pierce, and Bob Borgmann, thank you for continuing to keep our Club strong even though some of you have battled through health issues. With any Club or Unit in Murat, a leader can only be as strong as his team and his support group. We have a strong team and I have a strong support person who is always there to assist in any way that she can. I would like to thank my lady Colleen for her continued support in Club functions and in life.

As the year closes, WE would like to thank and wish Illustrious Potentate George E. Proctor and all of the nobility A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS.



Frame in weed patch.



Carpeted and fenced.

Well, it's that time of year that every Corvette owner who lives in the Midwest dreads. Yes, it's time to put your baby to bed for the winter. This has been a great year for the Corvette Club. Some of this year's highlights include the Club's first ever car show which will hopefully become an annual event, Murat's anniversary parade, and, as always, the very popular Masonic Home Parade. The Club stepped out of its comfort zone this year and participated in many different parades and events it hadn't done in the past. A big thank-you goes out to Gary Cleveland for planning and organizing the Club's first ever Mystery Road Trip. A total of 17 cars participated in the daylong event, which took them on a beautiful trip through the back roads of southern



Indiana and finally ended up at the Cleavelands where they opened up their home for an evening of fun and fellowship.

This has also been a great year for the Club as far as adding new members. At every meeting, there seems to be a few new faces. So if you're interested in joining a club that's always growing, and looking for fun and interesting things to do, then the Corvette Club may be the right fit for you. And, no, you don't have to have a Corvette to join or be included in our events. So if you are interested in seeing what we are all about, we meet the second Thursday of the month at 7 to 7:30 p.m. in the Oasis Room for dinner and the meeting to follow. As usual, your ladies are always welcome.



Boone County Shrine Club

Pat Hornett

Hello nobles,

We had our Fall Fish Fry in October and it was another big success. We served more than 600 people in three hours, and it is due to the dedication and help from our nobles and ladies that this event happened. On behalf of our president, Larry Sheets, we want to thank all of those members who made this a memorable evening.

Over the summer while we were "dark," our Club decided to have a couple of informal cookouts that were well attended by our members and family. It was nice to just enjoy the good weather and chat with each other. We hope to continue this next summer as well. Thanks to everyone who brought the side dishes and desserts. With the fish fries and these cookouts, we are all going to have to diet—after Thanksgiving of course.

Speaking of Thanksgiving, we hope everyone had an enjoyable and festive time with their families during this holiday. It is hard to believe that what seems like a short time ago, I was elected into the officer line of this Club as our treasurer, and now it is time to prepare for next year. The time and effort that our Divan and Club officers put into making the Shrine what it has been, and always will be—the Greatest Philanthropy in the World—is worthy of recognition. But more importantly, it is our membership of nobles that makes us successful. As members, it is our responsibility to see that we are active in the recruitment of new members and continue to build on the foundations of our Masonic heritage.

Finally, as we close out 2009, the Boone County Shrine Club would like to congratulate President Larry Sheets on a very successful year. We would also like to thank the Divan and Illustrious Potentate George Proctor for their leadership and support over this past year. Our installation of officers will be conducted in January, so please look for the details in the January magazine. On behalf of the entire Boone County Shrine Club family, we wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Southeastern Indiana Shrine Club

Noel Houze

Christmas is just a week or so away and we are winding down 2009. Congratulations to Noble Fred Hofstetter, the outgoing president at Southeastern Indiana Shrine Club, on a great year. Under Fred's leadership, our Club continued its successful endeavors. Despite a declining economy, we did very well with our steak dinners, had a successful golf tournament, and once again, had outstanding results from our paper drives.

Speaking of the paper drives, thanks to all the nobles who participated this year. As a club, we collected more than \$17,000—a new Club paper drive record. All involved should be very proud of their efforts, but the real benefactors will be the children. You all should be proud to be Shriners!

Now as we head into 2010, thanks to our outgoing officers. We wish the best of luck and continued success to our officers for the New Year. Now from all the nobles and ladies of the Southeastern Indiana Shrine Club, Merry Christmas and a blessed and Happy New Year to all.

President Jimmy Stevenson ... looks like your year as president is about up!! How did we do?

First up was the Shrine Circus. Mike Cloncs and our nobles got out the parent letters, the lunches with drinks ready, the bus drivers lined up, the fourth graders and helpers onto the buses early on the Saturday morning and back again, and all had an enjoyable day at the super circus. Fred Baker and Jim Byers contacted the sponsors and received their good help again this year.

Then there were the Vidalia onions. With Marvin Ramsay ordering them, Larry Smith getting them to town, Stan the onion man leading the way in selling another ton of them, Big Al and Jerry Stevenson chairing the project, and the nobles pitching in, we had another big year.

Again, with Dale Harmon leading the way and our nobles helping, we had another good paper drive with record funds for the hospitals.

The Countdown was another sell-out. Bob Chezem was again our point man and he always gets the job done with good help.

Our first car show was held at Circle Square Mall. Thanks Todd Stevenson and nobles for getting this new project rolling.

Greg Miller took charge of this year's Montgomery County Shrine golf outing. This event has been an enjoyable one each year and even with rain the first day, we had a good crowd of nobles and guest nobles who enjoyed the golf, dinner, Zem-

Zem, prizes and fun time on the second day,

Thanks to Charlie Homsher for again getting our speaker for the annual 500 Mile Dinner/Race program. Race driver Ed Carpenter was our featured speaker this year, making this a most enjoyable program for our nobles and guests.

Then there was the annual Montgomery County Shrine Fish Fry held at the Moose Club this year. Bill Woodall and his crew have been doing an excellent job frying for us for a number of years, and they seem to get better each time. Mark Hampton and Steve Lewis did a super job with good help from our nobles. It's a big job but somebody has to do it. It's fun for a lot of nobles, doing a lot of things, for a

lot of people, who look forward to it each year.

With big Al in charge of last year's Christmas parade, we had good help from the nobles. Marilyn passed out a lot of candy and good cheer, and all had a good time.

Congratulations Jimmie Stevenson! It was a full and most successful year! Edd Consoer has left town for the winter—hibernating I guess—but we'll make it anyway. Oh, by the way, the Installation of Officers Night will be held Saturday, December 12, at the Elks Club.

G'night Edd!

God bless America! God bless Shrinedom! A child's smile makes it all worthwhile!

Tri-County Shrine Club

Conrad Storz, III

Tri-County Shrine Club is celebrating another good year for the Club. Under the leadership of then president David Disponett, the 2008 year has flowed over into 2009, continuing it to be as good, and in some respects an even better year under our current president, Paul Chandler.

Our current president has a lot to be happy about this year since his tireless efforts as president and club manager have been a big factor for our Club having such a great year indeed. Besides being at the Club on weekdays, he has worked many nights and weekends as well. Our Tuesday night Bingo has seen him there almost every week, and Paul is always willing to work any position that needs his help and volunteers at all the events.

Our monthly Texas Hold'em tournaments have also added to our success this year and last. Noble Arnold Holder and past President Dave have worked tirelessly on the tournaments, and yes, along with President Paul. We have an average turnout of approximately 100 players per tournament, but they will not be satisfied until their goal of 200 average players per month is reached.

All of our members and the units and organizations at our Club working in unity with all of the events like the Bingo, Car Show, Card Party, Parades, Valentine's Dance, for some examples, have made it possible for us to increase our Club donation amount. This brings our total amount to help Shriners Hospitals and Murat Transportation to what may be an all-time high for Tri-County Shrine Club donations of \$22,500.

We must also thank all the volunteers from all of our members, women, and organizations that make our events successful. Without everyone working together, we could not prosper and make our upcoming years even better.

President Paul, including all of our other officers, directors, trustees, and many Club members, have put in excessive hours of time and worked extremely hard to achieve these amounts. They are all to be congratulated for their efforts on behalf of our Shrine organization.

Please come and visit us anytime! Everyone is welcome at all of our events and functions. Keep in mind: "Romans 8:28 – We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose."





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Dramatic Cast

Michael J. Smith

Nobles,

I want to thank each of you for allowing me the opportunity to serve as an officer of the Dramatic Cast, and a BIG thank-you to Carl Culmann for a great year in 2009.

Congratulations to all the officers for 2010.

Reminder: It is time to sell those circus ads and don't forget to turn in your forms to Larry Davis indicating which times you are available to work the circus doors March 4, 5, 6, and 7.

The Dramatic Cast has a busy calendar for 2010 so I have added some upcoming events.

"MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS!"

December 9 – Christmas Party/Installation of Officers;
February 10 – Ladies Valentine Dinner; March 4-7 – Circus Doors; March 10 – BRASS HAT Dinner; March 20 – Potentate's Ball; and April 9 – Ringmaster's Banquet.

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

I wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

65th Annual Murat Shrine Circus

ANDY CLAYTON, CIRCUS DIRECTOR

The holidays are now in full swing and preparations for your 65th annual Murat Shrine Circus are well underway. As we all participate in the joyous festivities of the season, let us not forget our beloved circus. Are you having a hard time finding a special gift for someone? Is a last minute shopping spree on your agenda? Have you taken your children or grandchildren out for a special day lately? Tickets to the Murat Shrine Circus should be on your Christmas list. Tickets to the nobility are on sale December 1, 2009, with public tickets going on sale January 1, 2010. Hurry now and get your seats before they are gone.

As part of your holiday preparations, I ask you to share our circus in your circles of life; please do all you can to help us promote our circus. Although ad and corporate sales have been ongoing since September, it is never too late to share our circus with your communities. You still have until January 15,

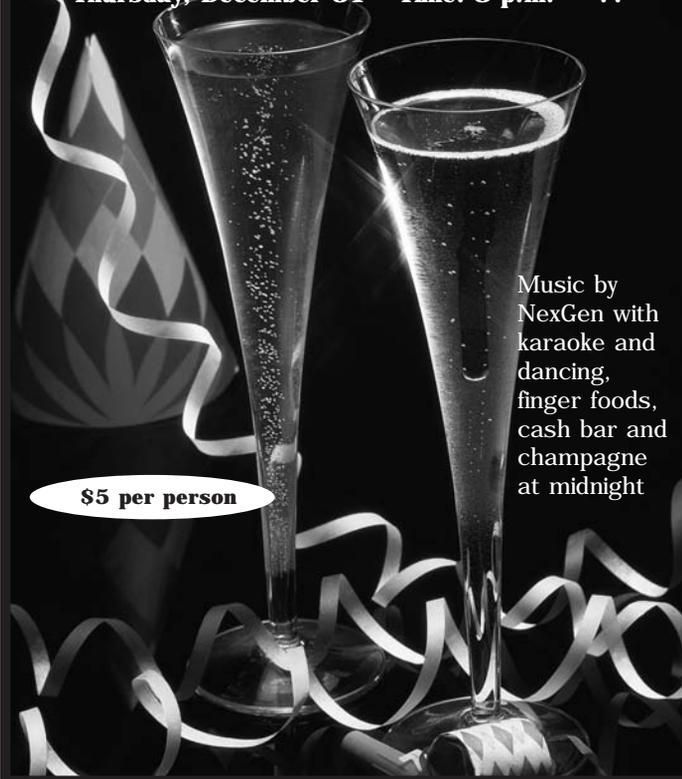
2010 Murat Shrine Circus MARCH 5-7, 2010 Pepsi Coliseum Indiana State Fairgrounds

2010, to get your ad/corporate sponsorships sold. If you need contracts, please call Sherri in the Fraternal Office and she will be glad to help. Give a wonderful gift to your Club or Unit by selling an ad or sponsorship—20 percent of your sale will go to your Club or Unit! Don't forget to send your \$24 in for your circus coupons; those coupons are very important in helping provide our morning shows to the schools and special needs friends of Murat.

Have a safe and happy Holiday Season and I'll see you "under the big top"!

HAPPY NEW YEAR'S CASUAL AFFAIR

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



\$5 per person

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

2010 Murat Florida Visitation January 26-30, 2010 Ft. Myers, Florida Cost \$300

Stag Event

Includes: Four wonderful evening meals, souvenir shirt, hospitality room, lunch at Araba & Sahib

Not Included: Golf available at addition expense; let Fraternal Office know if you want to play golf when making your reservation. Book your airfare on your own and provide flight information to the Fraternal Office when making your reservation. Contact the Fraternal Office @ (317) 635-2433 to reserve your hotel room.

"Snowbirds" – Please contact the Fraternal Office @ (317) 635-2433 to make your luncheon reservation. The cost is \$20 each.

Schedule of Events:

Tuesday – Arrive in Fort Myers, Florida; hospitality room open, dinner @ 6 p.m.
Wednesday – Lunch @ Araba, Fort Myers @ 12 noon, hospitality room open, dinner @ Legend's Country Club.
Thursday – Golf @ Sanibel Country Club, dinner @ Bill & Thelma Blankenship's.
Friday – Lunch @ Sahib, Sarasota @ 12 noon, hospitality room open, dinner @ Mike & Candy Close's.
Saturday – Depart for Indianapolis, cookout at Rasner's @ 1 p.m. for those with late departure flight.



Grand Master's One-Day Class

"All the Way in One Day"

Hosted by Indpls. Valley Scottish Rite

In honor of the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons of the State of Indiana, Charles F. Marlowe

Saturday, March 27, 2010

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

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

NOTE: All Candidates for the degrees of Symbolic Masonry will need to have a mentor present who can vouch for their eligibility. The mentor will need to bring the apron, Bible and Monitor for each of his candidates. As a reminder, candidates for this class must have been elected prior to March 27, 2010.

Schedule of Events

7 AM

Registration of all Candidates
Coffee and doughnuts available

8 AM

Symbolic Lodge opened and
conferral of the Entered Apprentice

10 AM

Break, followed by the
Fellow Craft degree

12 PM

Luncheon Buffet served
Cost is \$10 per person.

1 PM

Lodge resumes Labor and conferral
of the Master Mason degree.

3 PM

Scottish Rite confers the fourth
and fourteenth degrees.

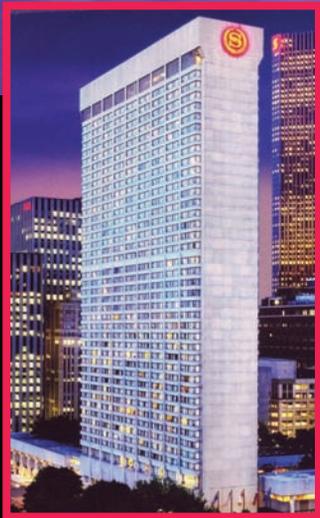
4:30 PM

Murat Shrine Ceremonial



136th Shrine Imperial Session • Toronto • July 4-8, 2010

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The Sheraton Centre is our hotel in downtown Toronto. A First night room deposit of \$235 including tax and room binder is due by **March 25, 2010**. A four-night stay is required.

Temple Party • Monday, July 5, 2010

TWO GREAT PARADES

Tuesday — Daytime Parade

Wednesday — Evening Parade

Murat has contracted a chartered bus to Toronto leaving on Sunday, July 4 and returning July 8, 2010. Cost per person is \$85. Reservations on a first come basis.

Contributions

Photos by Dennis Wood

(October 2009)

Murat Shriners Business Connection Scholarships

Murat Shriners Business Connection awarded three \$1,000 scholarships to Garrett Wilson, Corey Scott, and Erika Schillings. Each recipient is joined by their families in accepting their checks which were presented by MSBC members Don Richards, Ned Cline, and Robert Hudson. Joining in the presentation ceremony is our Illustrious Potentate, George Proctor.



Garrett Wilson



Corey Scott



Erika Schillings



Potentate George Proctor welcomes the Most Worshipful Grand Master for the State of Indiana to the Murat Shrine October Stated Meeting.



Treasurer Buddy Antle from the Brown County Shrine Club hands over a \$100 check for the Children's Christmas Party to Potentate George Proctor.



Drillmaster Bill Pike of the Police Club Drill Team is joined by Rick Lane, Randy McMains, Fred Golgart, Tom Bond, and Willard Payne in the presentation of a \$250 check for the Transportation Fund to Potentate George Proctor.



Grant Mumford from Murpah Shrine Club gives Potentate George Proctor a \$500 check for the Transportation Fund.



Potentate George Proctor receives two checks from Veteran Car Club members Phil Free and Fred Johnson. One is in the amount of \$500 for the Transportation Fund. The other is \$100 for the Children's Christmas Party.



Potentate George Proctor accepts a check for \$800 for the Transportation Club and one for \$100 for the Children's Christmas Party from Henry County Shrine Club's President Tom Dinkins and Club members Tim Shaw, Harold Hedges, and High Priest & Prophet Charlie Crabtree.

COMING EVENTS

The current Murat calendars for 2009 are available at www.muratshrine.org

DECEMBER

- TUE. 1 **DEADLINE FOR JANUARY MAGAZINE**
- THU. 3 Caravan Club – Diane Rinne Medicare Benefits
- SAT. 5 Murat Ceremonial
- THU. 10 Caravan Club – Jennifer Hanson Indianapolis Downtown, Inc.
- SAT. 12 Texas Hold'em
- SUN. 13 Children's Christmas Party
- THU. 17 Caravan Club – Hillbilly Band
- MON. 21 Divan Meeting, Board Meeting **Stated Meeting 7 p.m.** Election of Officers
- THU. 24 Fraternal Office Closed
- FRI. 25 **Merry Christmas!** Fraternal Office Closed
- THU. 31 NexGen New Year's Eve Party in the Tunisian Room

JANUARY 2010

- FRI. 1 **HAPPY NEW YEAR!** Fraternal Office Closed
- SUN. 3 Public Installation & Reception
- MON. 4 **DEADLINE FOR FEBRUARY MAGAZINE**
- THU. 7 Caravan Club
- SAT. 9 Texas Hold'em
- THU. 14 Caravan Club – Potentate
- MON. 21 Divan Meeting, Board Meeting **Stated Meeting 7 p.m.**
- THU. 21 Caravan Club
- SAT. 23 Leadership Conference
- TUE. 26 Florida Visitation
- SAT. 30
- THU. 28 Caravan Club

FEBRUARY

- MON. 1 **DEADLINE FOR MARCH MAGAZINE**
- THU. 4 Caravan Club
- THU. 11 Caravan Club
- FRI. 12 Little Pig/Ladies Night Out Band Night
- SAT. 13 Texas Hold'em
- MON. 15 Divan Meeting, Board Meeting **Stated Meeting 7 p.m.**
- THU. 18 Caravan Club
- THU. 25 Caravan Club

MARCH

- MON. 1 **DEADLINE FOR APRIL MAGAZINE**
- THU. 4 Murat Circus
- SUN. 7
- MON. 15 Divan Meeting, Board Meeting **Stated Meeting 7 p.m.**



Putnam County Shrine Club President John Jackman, along with Club members John Blaydoe and Bill Cockrell, hands over a check for the Shriners Hospitals to Potentate George Proctor in the amount of \$3,050.31.



Potentate George Proctor is presented with three checks from the Tri-County Shrine Club. The first is for the Transportation Fund in the amount of \$16,000. The second is for the Shriners Hospitals in the amount of \$5,000. The third check of \$1,500 is for the Children's Christmas Party. Participating in this presentation is Club President Bill Chandler and Club members Dave Disponett, James Disponett, and Dan Hines.

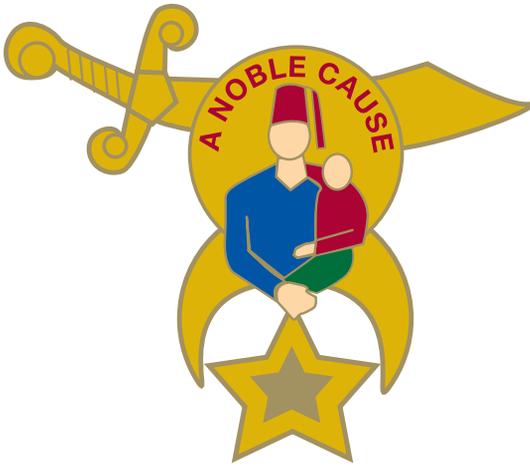
500 Club

Jerry Lance

Well, the 2009 parade season is officially over and our parade chairman, Dan Price, stated we had 21 parades this season. It was a good summer of parading and the final activity was at the track on October 10. Good times were had by all. The 500 Unit had 10 cars and the Mini-Mystics had 12 cars. Also, our brother nobles from Ft. Wayne joined us with their mini-Indy cars led by their potentate, David Yarde. They had nine cars in the big lap around the track. After a roaring lap around the track, we all were off to the Brickyard Restaurant for breakfast. It was a good morning. Thank you, Bruce, for putting it all together.

In other news, dues notices will be coming out along with new officers for 2010 and planning for the events of the year. We also will be thinking of ways to get more cars parading. Our incoming president, Mike Wagner, has informed me he has lots of ideas and activities planned for 2010. Let's all come to the December meeting to greet your new officers and pick up your new directory. A big thank-you to Bruce Raymond, our outgoing president, for putting together our tours and track days. Also, thanks to the following for the countless hours getting the directory ready and to print: Cathy Raymond for helping Bruce, Rodger Stafford, and Mike Wagner.

So members, all that is left is to come to the December meeting, vote, meet your new officers, and pick up your new directory. Thanks to all the members for making 2009 a good year. Let's get behind our new officers and make 2010 the best of the best. Wishing all members and their families the best Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Until next time.



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