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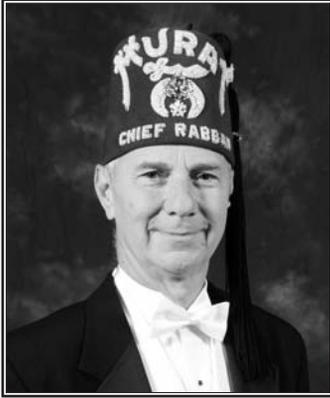
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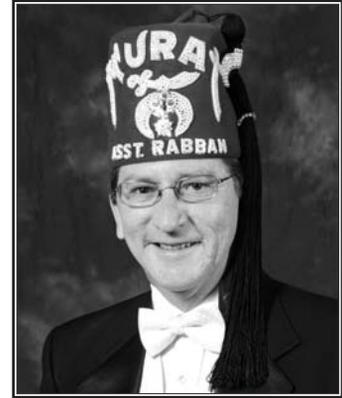
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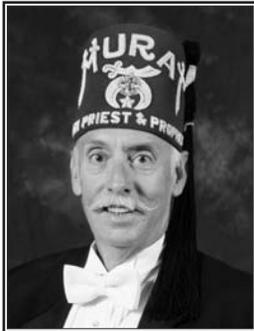
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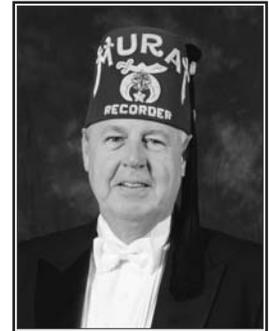
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## POTENTATE MESSAGE

# Together We Will ... Travel America in 2009

Continuing with our 2009 theme of "Together We Will ...," I hope many of you will join us on our trips to Tennessee and New York City. We have attempted to put together two enjoyable and affordable excursions to American landmarks. These trips are also over weekends so the working nobles and their families can have an enjoyable vacation without taking a lot of time off of work.

### "Tennessee Sounds" – May 29 through June 2

We will journey south on a deluxe motor coach to enjoy the sights and sounds of two of America's "Music Cities." Our first stop will be in Nashville where we will stay two nights at the awe-inspiring and world famous Opryland Hotel. We will see a Grand Ole Opry evening show, take a Nashville city sightseeing tour including the Ryman Auditorium, have a dinner cruise on the General Jackson Showboat, and visit The Hermitage—President Andrew Jackson's home.

We will then be off to Memphis, known as the birthplace of the King, Elvis Presley, as well as the birthplace of the "blues." Our accommodations for two nights will be at the Hampton Inn Peabody Place adjacent to Beal Street so you can enjoy many great music venues. We will have a very special platinum tour of Graceland with its fabulous displays of Elvis memorabilia, and we will have dinner at B.B. King's Palace restaurant on Beal Street.

**Reservations for this trip need to be made as soon as possible as the deadline for payment is March 16.** So hurry and contact our travel agency, Provident Travel, in Cincinnati, OH, today. For information and reservations, please contact Jim Mogan at (513) 247-1104 or (800) 354-8108. You can also e-mail Jim at [jmogan@providenttravel.com](mailto:jmogan@providenttravel.com). (Informational flyers are available from the Fraternal Office.)

### "New York Getaway" – October 1 through 4

We are off to the "Big Apple" in October for a four-day and three-night experience of the neon lights and limitless sights of the city of excitement, New York City. We will be staying at the Hilton Garden Inn, walking distance to Times Square, theatres, fabulous Fifth Avenue, Central Park, and many of New York's famous attractions.

This "once in a lifetime" fully escorted trip will begin with round trip economy airfare from Indianapolis to New York. In New York, we will take a Circle Line boat cruise around Manhattan to enjoy magnificent views of the New York skyline. There will be a four-hour private motor coach tour with a local guide. One evening we will dine at the famous Carmine's restaurant in the theatre district and then attend a Broadway play. There will be opportunities to observe New York from atop the Empire State Building, tour Rockefeller Center, and go to the American Museum of Natural History or the Metropolitan Museum of Art. And yes, ladies, you can shop, shop, shop up and down Fifth Avenue.

For cost and information on our New York Getaway, contact Jim Mogan at Provident Travel, (800) 354-8108, (513) 247-1104 or [jmogan@providenttravel.com](mailto:jmogan@providenttravel.com). The deadline for our New York trip is July 27. (Informational flyers are also available from the Fraternal Office.)

Lady Debbie and I hope you will be able to join us on one or both of our trips across America! "Together We Will ... enjoy seeing the sights and sounds of many of our national treasures!

George E. Proctor  
Illustrious Potentate

PS: The Potentate's Ball is March 21!! Join us for "Dancing with the Stars!" Make your reservations today. Contact the Fraternal Office.

# "Shriners Hospital Has Been a Real Blessing for Us"

GORDON J HUSK

*Note: This story is based upon a front-page article that appeared in the Rushville Republican. We thank that newspaper's managing editor, Kevin Green, for allowing us to publish a portion of his excellent article. Noble Kevin Green is a member of HSUR Shrine Club (Rush County).*

**D**aniel Lee Miller was 3 years old when severe pain in his left knee and leg caused his parents to take him to his pediatrician. After running a series of tests and x-rays, the doctor told the parents he had Legg-Perthes Syndrome, also known as avascular osteonecrosis. In other words, the head of the femur bone was dying because blood supply to the bone had been interrupted.

Daniel was referred to a specialist, then to a second and a third. The third doctor performed three surgeries, resulting in "thousands of dollars" in medical bills. The family's health insurance covered only a portion of the expenses.

Daniel's parents, Darrell and Kristi, are general manager and assistant manager, respectively, of Country Cooker Restaurant in Rushville. One of their customers, Byron Oldham, suggested the family make application to the Shriners Hospital for Children in Lexington, KY. Oldham had them contact Bob Gotwals, an officer of HSUR Shrine Club, who helped them complete an application for treatment. Within two weeks, Daniel had been examined by a doctor at Shriners Hospital.

Kristi says, "That was in April, and they have already done one surgery. That was done free, and the Shriners provided transportation to and from Lexington when we needed it." Until Daniel is in his late teens, it is likely he will need additional procedures as he grows. He is scheduled to visit the Lexington hospital every three months.

Daniel is now 6, is a kindergartner at Rush Elementary School, and is progressing well. The family is also feeling better about his situation. "The Shriners have been a great, great help to us," Darrell says. "I'd recommend the Shriners to anybody. They've treated Daniel and us like kings. Instead of us doing most of what's involved, the Shriners have taken care of everything." Like many people, Daniel's parents didn't realize the high level of care provided by Shriners Hospitals or that the hospital's services are completely free. "It's been a really big relief," Darrell says. "We have to plan for Daniel's future and now we don't have to worry about an extra



\$300 or \$400 per month, plus gas, in medical bills." Kristi began to explain how Shriners had lifted great worries from her, but she became emotionally overcome and Darrell picked up the thread of her comment. He said, "This has been huge for us. They are, in my opinion, the best doctors around. You couldn't find a better group of people. Our whole experience with Shriners and Shriners Hospital has been a real blessing for us, it really has."

Shrine clubs from many locations, such as HSUR Shrine Club, donate to support many Shrine activities. In his article, Managing Editor Green says, "Those clubs are able to make those donations because of fundraisers like Saturday's Shrine breakfast at the RushShelby Energy Community Building. We're hoping for a big turnout Saturday."

*Special Note: Kevin Green's article was published the day before the annual breakfast fundraiser, and attendance was 33 percent greater than usual. Nobles, if your local newspaper is interested in speaking with Kevin Green about printing such stories, please suggest an e-mail to him at [Kevin.Green@indianamediagroup.com](mailto:Kevin.Green@indianamediagroup.com) or a phone call to (765) 932-2222, x108. He would welcome comments or questions.*



# 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, Jeffery P Zaring

## Saturday, April 4, 2009

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

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

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

## Schedule of Events

7 AM

Registration of all Candidates  
Coffee and doughnuts available

8 AM

Symbolic Lodge opened and  
conferral of the Entered Apprentice

10 AM

Break, followed by the  
Fellow Craft degree

12 PM

Luncheon Buffet served  
Cost is \$10 per person.

1 PM

Lodge resumes Labor and conferral  
of the Master Mason degree.

3 PM

Scottish Rite confers the fourth  
and fourteenth degrees.

4:30 PM

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## Flying Fezzes

Patrick DeCallier

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The Flying Fezz's meeting was most interesting. First we had James Baize talk on the Pacific island of Iwo Jima. Although very young, Jim was a Bosun's Mate assigned to a landing craft with Marines and the craft was severely damaged.

A report was given about the members' Christmas party, and Mr. Charles Merlau, Jr. was installed as president.

However, our members were somewhat subdued due to the passing of William Reisa's wife. Several members were in attendance at the service.



## Can Tabs Benefit Shrine Children

Longtime Shriner and member of the Madison County Shrine Club, John Smith, has spent the past nine years coordinating an effort to collect tabs from cans to support needy children. John and his wife Mary have owned the Lost Lake Campground in Daleville, IN, for many years and have solicited the help of his campers, American Legion and its ladies, SAL members and many bartenders to collect tabs. John started collecting the tabs for a 9-year-old student in his grandson's elementary class to help with funding for his dialysis treatments. After the treatments were completed, John continued to collect the tabs with the intention of donating them to the Shriners Hospital in Cincinnati, OH. John and his friends' efforts have paid off with two large burlap bags and a large box full of tabs which will be taken to the Shriners Hospital this month via the Madison County Shrine Transportation Unit. Shriners Hospitals will use the proceeds to help further treatment and research for our kids.

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## Madison County Shrine Club

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Jeffrey D. Mock

Hello fellow nobles. The Madison County Shrine Club has had a busy year so far and we are looking forward to staying busy the rest of the year with lots of fun, activities, parades, and dances.

Our Ladies Club had their installation on January 8. The new officers for this year will be Pam Mock, President; Susan VanSkyock, Vice President; Rosella Lamb, Secretary; and Dottie Payne, Treasurer. We wish these ladies the best for the New Year (and will help them as much as needed). On January 10 we had our installation of officers with our Illustrious Potentate, George Proctor, presiding over the ceremonies. He made a new noble on the spot that evening and we welcome Jeff Welker to our Club. The music that followed was provided by Tollgate Road with much dancing and fun had by all.

We have a men's meeting every Wednesday with doors opening at 5:30 p.m. and dinner at 6:30 p.m. Please check our Web site ([www.madisoncountyshrineclub.com](http://www.madisoncountyshrineclub.com)) for a complete list of all the things that are coming up and what's to eat. This is a good time for renewing old acquaintances and forming new friendships. Lunch is served everyday at the Club from 11:30 to 2 p.m. and is open to the public. Our menu is also listed on the Web site.

On March 14 the Club will be hosting a party in honor of our Illustrious Potentate, George Proctor. Doors open at 5:30 p.m., dinner is at 6:30 p.m. with the band ETC performing for a little dancing and fun. Please give us a call and let us know if you will be able to attend.

As always, we are having fun to help children walk.

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## 500 Club

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Jerry Lance

500 members, the parade season is just around the corner. Get the old buggy out, shined up and ready to go. Please remember to turn in current insurance cards to our parade chairman, Dan Price. This is a must if you want to parade. Dan is currently working on the 2009 parade schedule and by the April meeting, we should be voting on what parades we want to attend. The picnic and staging area for the 500 Festival has been reserved for this year.

The table banner mentioned in the February issue has now been purchased and looks good on our table at the Unit Fairs. At least we now have identity at Hot Sands Unit Fairs. The only problem we have had at the past Hot Sands is that the weather has not been good enough to bring the cars out for the new nobles to see.

The club membership directory is still being updated. An information sheet newsletter will be mailed out soon. Please take the time to fill out the info so we can have a current and accurate membership directory.

As mentioned in the January issue, the Club has many new ideas and upcoming functions that will be taking place in 2009. Come to the meetings and meet your new officers and hear the plans for 2009.

At last count we had 10 cars for sale. Some are parade ready and some will need some TLC. Call me at 271-8296 for an updated list.

That is it for this month, 500 members. Anything for the good of the Club, remember our info line (466-8383) and Tim's direct number is 627-1580. Also, our third Sunday brunch is at 9:30 at the Brickyard Restaurant. Please RSVP Roger Stafford at 253-8457. See you at the meetings and the brunches and at the Stated Meetings.

Potentate George E. Proctor and Lady Debbie  
cordially invite you to the

# 2009 Potentate's Ball

dancing  
with the stars

**March 21, 2009**  
**Murat Egyptian Room**  
*Featuring Double Exposure*

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Fraternal Office. Charge purchases can be made by telephone at (317) 635-2433.*

# Imperial Line Loses a Leader Deputy Imperial Potentate Passes

Deputy Imperial Potentate for Shriners International, Terry McGuire, passed away on Sunday, January 11, after a four-month illness.

He was serving his 10th year as a member of the Boards of Directors for Shriners International and Shriners Hospitals for Children. As Deputy Imperial Potentate, he was a part of the 13-member body that helps govern the Shriners fraternity. He was also an emeritus member of the Houston Shriners Hospital Board of Governors and treasurer and chairman of the Finance Committee.

Terry was raised a Master Mason in 1959 and was a member of Triune Lodge #15, where he also served as Worshipful



Master. He was Past Potentate of Alzarfar Shrine and served as president of the Mounted Horse Patrol and the Alzarfar Golf Unit. He served as District Deputy Grand Master in 2000, and was a member of the Scottish Rite and a Knight Commander of the Court of Honor. He was a member of the York Rite. For the last 35 years, Terry served as a representative to the Imperial Council. He also served as chairman of the Dispensations and Charters Committee, and as the vice chairman of the Imperial Marshal Aides Committee. In 2008, he was invited into membership in St. Anthony Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine and received his 50-year pin from the Grand Lodge of Texas.

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# Tippecanoe Shrine Club

DeWayne Sorah

Hello nobles. It's been a while since you've heard from our Club. I plan on changing that by having an article every month.

We had our installation of officers at our Stated Meeting in January. Illustrious Potentate George Proctor installed the following officers: Ed Rockhill, President; Jonathon Fisher, Vice President; Jason Hoagland, Treasurer; and DeWayne Sorah, Secretary. Other members of the Divan were present and a good evening of fellowship was had by all.

A thank-you goes out to every noble who helped and participated in the kid's Christmas party and the Lafayette Christmas parade.

We can always use van drivers; if interested, contact Everett Morgan, Ed Stephenson, or me. Our meetings are on the second Monday of the month at 7:30, and we have dinner at 6:30. Come on out and enjoy the fellowship of your brother nobles.

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## Dramatic Cast

Mike Smith

Nobles, spring is just around the corner and I hope the snow is all behind us now. I would like to thank our president, Carl Culmann, for the wonderful Valentine dinner and also thank Larry Davis for his hard work of scheduling manpower to work the circus doors, along with a BIG THANK-YOU to everyone who worked to make the circus a success. Our second vice president, Rob Hancock, has Ties, Hats, Bolos, and can order Shirts and Jackets.

If you are interested in joining the Dramatic Cast, then come out on the second Wednesday of each month, except July or August, and eat dinner with us in the Tunisian Room at 6 p.m. and we will have a petition for you to fill out.

Upcoming events to watch for are the April 4 ceremonial to be held at the Scottish Rite, June 6 ceremonial at the Shrine, June 10 at Beef and Boards, and the annual Cast Golf Outing TBA.

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# Yacht Club

Ted Stewart

The Murat Yacht Club plans to have a host of parties this year and has developed a new way to communicate with our members. If you have an e-mail address, you need to send it to me at [stew026272@aol.com](mailto:stew026272@aol.com). Once we have your e-mail address, we will keep it as a confidential item and will use it only for our communications for Club events. You can expect to receive many e-mails from us this year. If you do not have an e-mail address, please refer to the Murat Magazine for Club functions and parties or find a buddy who is connected with e-mail.

On behalf of the Yacht Club, I want to express our sincere appreciation to Kevin Keating who served as our commodore for 2008. Kevin took our Club to new heights and enrolled many more members than we have ever had in years past. We are now one of the biggest Clubs in all of Shrinedom! This was a job well done and we are eternally grateful to you, Kevin! We know Kevin will stay active in the Club and will assist us with his wise counsel and advice.

The Club had its first annual Winter Chili-Fest Party on February 28; it was a great success and was well attended by our members and guests. The food was great and the Zem-Zem flowed all day and night. Our members are just fun people! Thanks to all who helped put this party on and who contributed to the party atmosphere, entertainment, setup, and cleanup. This party is just the first of many social events that the Club will be sponsoring this year. Stay tuned!

Do not forget the Knights of the Sea Induction on Thursday, May 14, 2009. The secret wisdom conveyed in this initiation can only be described as "incredible." This will be an evening you will never forget! For all members of the Knights of the Sea, please get a candidate and join us. For all Shriners who have not been inducted in this ancient brotherhood, simply call Bobbi Tate at (317) 788-9539 and send in your remittance. Make checks payable to "Knights of the Sea" and send to Bobbi Tate, c/o Far West Construction, 6200 S. Harding Street, Indianapolis, IN. This event takes place at the Gatling Gun Club and costs only \$25, which includes a delicious dinner and a free year's membership in the Murat Yacht Club. There are no dues associated with the Knights of the Sea. Shriners from all temples are welcome for this stag event: Zem-Zem at 5 p.m., dinner at 6:45 p.m.

For those Shriners who are not a member of the Murat Yacht Club, you should ask yourself why you are not. This Club is one of the largest Clubs in all of Shrinedom and your membership will give you reciprocity in over 2,500 yacht clubs in North America. You do not need a boat. Membership is only \$15 annually and will open the door to fun and friendships all over the world. Please e-mail me for more information at the above e-mail address.

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## Mobil Nobles

Ron McCoy

Here we are three months into the year. We had the installation of officers in January, the "Little Pig" indoctrination of our new Outer Guard in February, and here it is March and we are getting ready for "Dinner at the Circus." We would like to remind everyone that we will be ready for the hungry workers and those who are going to and from the circus. I know that Bob and Maggie are working very hard so that everything will go smoothly that week. I think the Mobil Nobles are looking for a break in April—I know our ladies are.

Saturday, April 4, 2009, will be a Grand Master's One-Day Class. We would like for the new nobles who come in to look at our Unit and talk to someone regarding what the Mobil Nobles are all about. We are looking forward to meeting all our new nobles that day. We just may be the Unit that fits your needs.

We were surprised and happy to hear that our magazine is read in Minneapolis at the Zuhrah Shrine. So we would like to send a special hello to the president of the Mobil Nobles, Dick Grant, and all his nobles.

We hope to see all of you at the circus!

Murat Shrine Circus! March 5, 6, 7 & 8, 2009, are the dates for this year's annual event. Please help Joe Krebsbach at the circus by calling and volunteering some time. We need members who are EMT trained, First Aid trained or higher, and we need members who want to make the circus safe. Remember, if you work three (3) shows or more, you are invited to the Ringmaster's Banquet which will be held Saturday, April 4, at Murat. Call Joe today and volunteer!

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

Meeting Night – We still meet at the Shrine the first Wednesday of each month. If you haven't been to your Club lately, you should try to make a meeting. You are never too young, or too old, to help our Club.

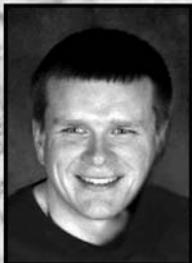
Try to attend our meetings. They start at 7:30 p.m. and there is normally a group that shows up one to one and a half hours early to have popcorn, dinner or some Zem-Zem in the Oasis Lounge, enjoy some liquid refreshment, or just share conversation. Come meet some old friends and meet some of our newer members.

Our Casino Trip is now on the schedule and the date is set for June 16 which is a Tuesday. If you have not made plans yet, please call Lewie McQueen and let him know how many seats you want to reserve. The cost is going to be very reasonable.

Before closing out this month's article, I would like to remind you that a Scottish Rite convocation will be held shortly as well as a Shrine ceremonial. Let's try to support these organizations and help bring in new members.

Finally, please keep our distressed brethren in your thoughts and prayers as they battle with various health related issues. Give them a call, send them a card, or just drop in to say hello. I know they would appreciate hearing from you. Until next month, stay warm (hopefully you're out of the snow), stay safe, and congratulate all of your "Steelers Friends"! They did it again!

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The River Walk in San Antonio  
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Summer – and the next Imperial Council Session – will be here before you know it. Shriners and their families and friends are all making plans now to attend the 135th Imperial Council Session, which will be held July 5-9, 2009, in San Antonio, Texas. Be sure you're doing the same – you don't want to miss the fun and fellowship!

Like Shriners International, San Antonio is rich in history and tradition, with activities and attractions to entertain people of all ages. The city boasts a wide assortment of restaurants, ranging from Tex-Mex to Deep South cuisine. Shopping is also plentiful, with outlets, malls, galleries, unique shops and Mexican markets. There are also areas in San Antonio where you can find unique crafts, antiques, local art and south-of-the-border imports.

When it comes to attractions, San Antonio has it all: historical sites, including the famous Alamo and four other Spanish missions, art galler-

ies and museums, including the San Antonio Museum of Art and the Witte Museum, which will have an exhibit on the myths and realities of the Wild, Wild West.

For those who prefer theme parks, area favorites include Six Flags Fiesta Texas and SeaWorld San Antonio. Another popular spot is The River Walk, also known as Paseo del Rio, which winds through the downtown area and is lined with an interesting array of restaurants and shops. To learn more about all the wonderful things San Antonio has to offer, please visit [www.visitsanantonio.com/2009ImperialSession](http://www.visitsanantonio.com/2009ImperialSession).

In addition to these activities, families can look forward to having a great time at the Shriners' competitions, where clown units, motor patrols, horse patrols, band units and more vie for top honors. And, of course, there's always the parade, a Shriners specialty looked forward to by youngsters and adults alike.

While the Session will be tinged with sadness due to the unexpected and sudden passing of Deputy Imperial Potentate Terry McGuire of Alzarfar Shriners in January, the Alzarfar Shriners, with the guidance of Director General Robert Jett and Deputy Director General David Martin, have continued to pour their efforts into ensuring the success of the 135th Session and are looking forward to welcoming every Shriner to their great state of Texas.

The Session promises to be a very exciting week, full of the unique combination of the serious business of managing an international fraternity and philanthropy, and Shriners fun that defines this great organization. The Imperial Sir's Evening on July 8, with entertainment by Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons, is sure to be just one of many memorable events of the Session. For more information about the 2009 Imperial Council Session, please visit [www.Imperial2009.com](http://www.Imperial2009.com), and check back often for updates.



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**RED BULL MOTORCYCLE RACE** – This marks the second year of the Red Bull Motorcycle Race at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway. Last year the Club sold raffle tickets for two excellent seats for the event. At our March meeting, the raffle will be rolled out among the members to sell the raffle books to family, friends, businesses, and fellow Shriners. The proceeds will go into the Club treasury. This is the only money maker for the Club.

**PLAQUE PROGRAM** – We are entering our second year of the Murat plaque program. So far we have received donations from several Clubs and Units, individuals, and businesses. All Shriners are asked to continue to promote the plaques, especially to businesses you deal with. A plaque hung on the wall of a business does more to promote our hospitals than anywhere else.

**CIRCUS** – The circus is in full swing and promises to be very successful even in these hard times. As usual, the Club will pass out hospital papers to help inform the general public regarding the excellent care provided to the children of central Indiana.

**SMOKY MOUNTAIN FUN FEST** – May is the annual gathering of Shriners from many Shrine centers. This is a great time for good fellowship and fun, so plan to attend this pil-

grimage to Pigeon Forge, TN. There will be plenty of Shrine activities including a parade on Saturday morning which will leave plenty of time for the ladies to shop. Please check with the Fraternal Office for hotel reservations.

**SICK LIST** – It was reported that Jack Hopper, Ed Andrews, and Eddie Ellis were recuperating from various problems. Please keep all of these Colonels in your prayers.

**NAME BADGES** – Colonels' name badges are currently being designed and should be ready soon. They will replace the badge no longer available but should be of similar design. Each badge will include the magnetic holder and should cost around seven to eight dollars.

**PAPER CRUSADE** – Don't forget the annual paper crusade to be kicked off on June 19 and 20. Last year, the Colonels were third in total collections but more importantly, we were able to pass out several hundred papers. President Paul Schneck will work with our crusade chairman to man our site for the two-day crusade.

Please join us on the first Wednesday of the month in the Mecca Room for dinner followed by our Stated Meeting at 7 p.m. We look forward to seeing our newest members and those who rarely attend. Come to the meetings and get involved.



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**WHITE ELEPHANT** – At our December dinner, the Club decided to have each couple bring a gift which would be auctioned off as a fundraiser for the Club. Our auctioneer was Oriental Guide Jim Priest assisted by Past Potentate Ron Elliott. Everyone had so much fun it was suggested we do the same thing at our annual picnic in August. I'm sure we will hear more as time goes by.

**POTENTATE'S BALL** – If you haven't signed up to attend the Potentate's Ball, you had better hurry. Potentate George Proctor has planned a great evening and is doing things differently this year.

**SICK LIST** – Carl Schnepf and Dale Harris continue to be on our sick list. Ernie Jackson is recuperating nicely and should be back in action by the time you read this article.

**STATED MEETINGS** – President Terry Boyer announced in the January meeting that the Club will still have dinner in the Mecca Room but will meet in the Mediterranean Room downstairs.

**LEADERSHIP SEMINAR** – Several of the officers attend-

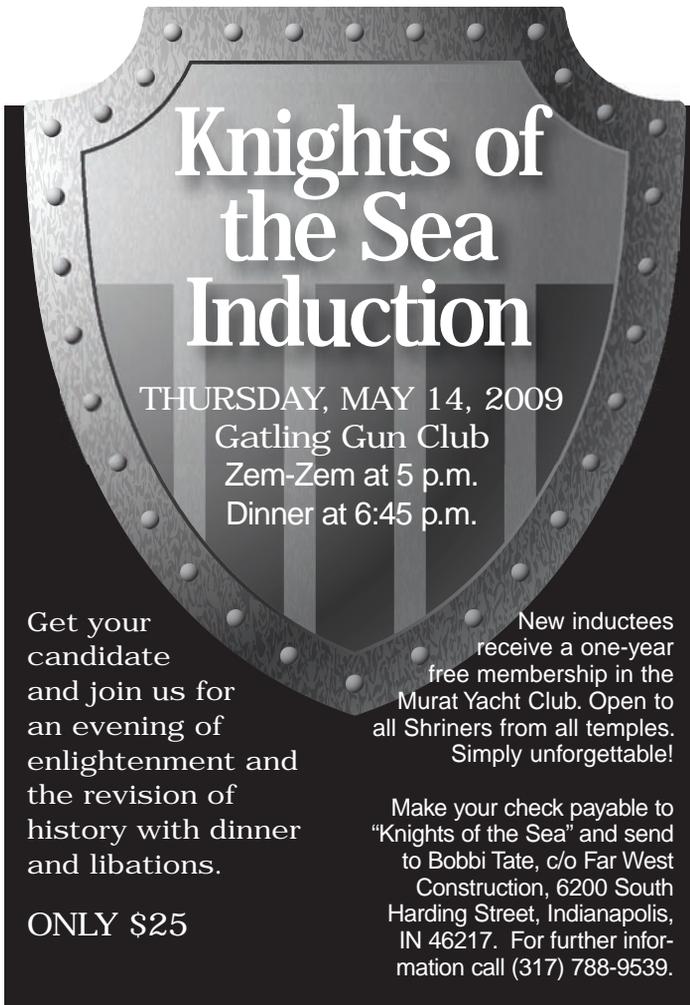
ed the annual seminar which was very informative. This event is a good way to receive instruction on the workings of Murat and the proper way to conduct our meetings, etc.

**SUMMER SHIRTS** – Whit Smith, Ron Harris, and Terry Kimble are assigned to look into the purchase and design.

**PAPER CRUSADE** – The annual paper crusade will kick off on June 19 and 20. This is the best opportunity to inform the public about our hospitals. There will be sign-up sheets available at future meetings. Please consider working a shift or two. Your ladies are more than welcome to participate with you.

A discussion was held regarding the purchase of Potentate pins to hand out to drivers from other Shrine centers. It was also suggested we have our own transportation pin to hand out. Members are looking into which way to go and will report back.

Please join us every third Wednesday around 5:30 p.m. in the Mecca Room for dinner and our meetings at 7 in the Mediterranean Room downstairs.



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**2009 Murat Ringmaster's Banquet**

Nobles and Ladies,

A heartfelt thank-you for all the efforts you have put forth to make the 2009 Murat Shrine Circus a success! Now, it is time to celebrate and honor your commitment and hard work! The 2009 Ringmaster's Banquet will be held Saturday, April 4, 2009, in the Arabian Room at Murat. A cash bar will begin at 6:30 p.m. with a delicious buffet dinner to follow at 7:30 p.m.

**FOR THOSE WHO REGISTERED AND WORKED THREE (3) PERFORMANCES, YOUR DINNER IS FREE AND AN INVITATION WILL BE SENT FROM THE FRATERNAL OFFICE TO YOU FOR YOUR RSVP!**

For those who just wish to be part of the evening, tickets are \$25 each and may be purchased from the Fraternal Office at 635-2433 on or after March 16. We must have an exact number of attendees by Monday, March 30, 2009. Again, thank you for your support of our circus and see you on April 4!

Here we are rolling into March and hopefully into spring and some warmer temperatures. Looking back at our first two months of 2009, about all you can say is "WOW!" We survived the sixth worst snowstorm on record. We had 12 inches of snow before it finally stopped. The Mini-Mystics were especially happy to not have a parade that weekend. Can you imagine driving those little cars in snow deeper than the total height of the car? I'll bet it could have been fun.

Recently, the Mini-Mystics took part in the Founder's Day at the Scottish Rite Cathedral. Paul Page put on a tremendous show using the 500 Mile Race as the backdrop. The Mini-Mystics' cars were used as the celebrity cars and represented the activities at the starting line of the 500. After the "flyover," the track was cleared and our little white

cars were quickly taken away. At that point, Grand Master Jeff Zaring rolled out onto the Scottish Rite stage as a driver of one of the 500 Club cars. The audience was really surprised when the Grand Master took off the helmet. All reports about the Founder's Day Program were absolutely wonderful. Paul Page deserves a big pat on the back for a job well done.

As president of the Mini-Mystics, I would really like to thank the people who helped with the Founder's Day Show. A lot of preparation was needed to get the cars in place outside the theatre. Three car owners, Mike Percy, Duane Burgess, and I, acted as drivers, while Brian Biehn, Randy Bell, and Bill Sparks were our pushers. Dan Gillahan was also on hand if needed. Everyone did a super job. It was decided by all

that driving the cars in a parade was a lot easier than pushing them. Thanks again, gang!

Rolling into March, thoughts are on parades again. Smoky Mountain Fun Fest at Pigeon Forge, TN, is just around the corner. San Antonio, TX, is only three and a half months away. It appears the Mini-Mystics will be at San Antonio with a pretty large group to parade. Watch for us to be in the parade in your neighborhood.

April 23 the Hickory Stick Golf Club near Bargersville will be rolling out the red carpet once again for our golf outing. Come join us for some Zem-Zem, golf, dinner, and some great fellowship. Hope to see you there.

See you in the next issue.

## VCM

Mike O'Malia

### 2009 VCM Schedule

Wed., February 18 – Meeting  
Wed., March 18 – Meeting  
Wed., April 15 – Meeting  
Wed., May 20 – Meeting  
Wed., June 17 – Meeting  
Wed., July 15 – Meeting

Indiana State Fair – August 7 through 23. (With all of the changes this year, we do not have a confirmed schedule for setup. More information will follow.)

Wed., September 16 – Meeting

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Well, it's March and that means it's time for the circus. As usual, the Legion of Honor Color Guard will be on hand to present colors at this annual event. Come on out and join us—no one is too young or too old for the circus.

Speaking of events, don't forget the Potentate's Ball scheduled for March 21 in the Egyptian Room at the temple. It should be a fun-filled evening.

Congratulations to the Legion of Honor new officer line for 2009. They are as follows: Commander, Bob Watson (can you believe that?); Executive Vice Commander, John Cheeley; Chief of Staff and Adjutant, Ron Bolyard; and Finance Officer, Bruce Hall.

Next month some of our membership will head out to Louisville, KY, for the annual International Association Legions of Honor convention. Also, our executive vice commander, John Cheeley, is in the process of gathering information for a bus trip to Washington, D.C., for the wreath-laying ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. The trip will take place either the weekend before or the weekend after the Veterans Day holiday, since Veterans Day itself falls in the middle of the week. If you have never been to our nation's capitol, this is one trip you won't want to miss. I will have more details, exact dates, time, cost, etc., as they become available.

On a somber note, the Legion of Honor lost one of our own in January. Legion of Honor Past Commander Ellsworth (Chappy) Chapman was called to the unseen temple to be with the Grand Architect of the Universe. Chappy was a tireless champion for the Legion of Honor and he will be greatly missed.

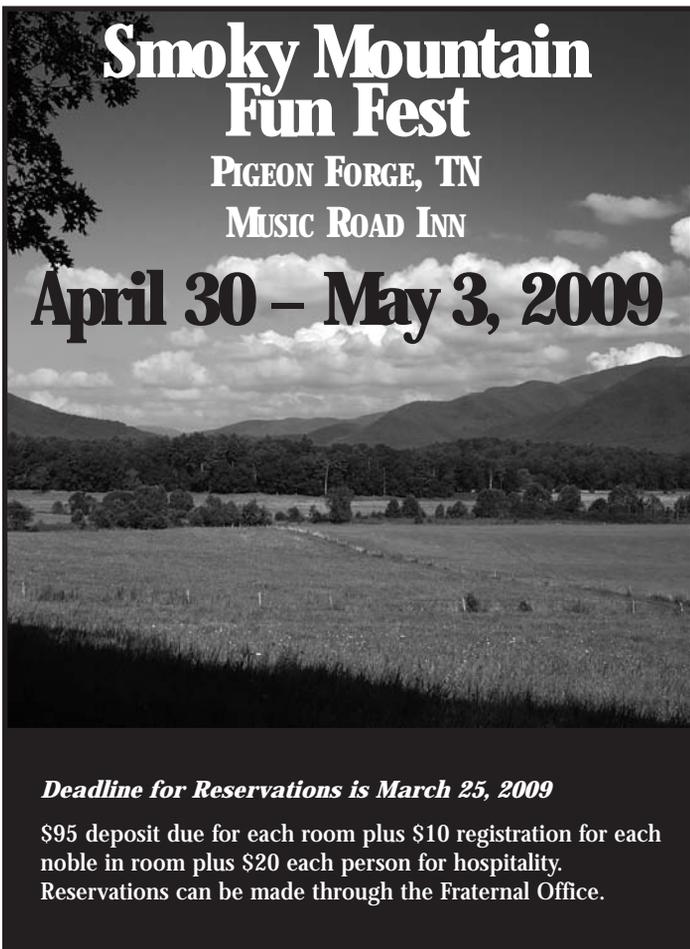
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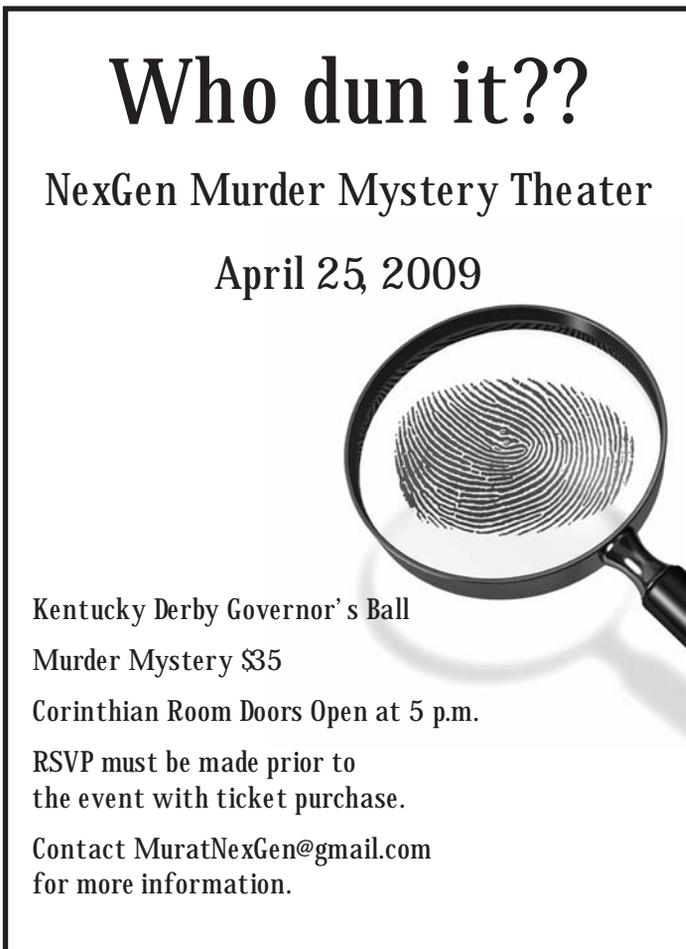
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Before you read the rest of this article, you may want to stop and grab your calendar. We have exciting plans for the next three months! Let's all show our support for our guild and plan for great times and fun fellowship!

## Greetings from Maharanee Susie Lawson:

"Hello everyone! I hope that soon we will have warm spring weather so everyone can attend all of our activities! Smyrna is planning a fantastic March casino bus trip to Horseshoe Casino, so make your reservations now—don't miss out on the fun day to raise money for our Shrine children. We will also have our Imperial Visitation and Dinner at Stated Meeting, so please attend to support Smyrna's very own Imperial Maharanee Virginia Inkhoff. April will be busy too, so keep your calendar open for Friday, the 24th. We are having a "Race into May" Party for all race fans! It should be a fun evening for everyone who attends. Our Garden Item Auction should make May's Guild Night enjoyable too. I am looking forward to a busy spring season, and I want the same for each of you! Thank you, Maharanee Susie."

## March

Wednesday, March 4—Guild Night: 5:30 p.m. (Membership Night). Please plan to attend and welcome new members.

Tuesday, March 24—Board Meeting: 6:30 p.m., Stated Meeting: 7 p.m. This will be our Imperial Visitation and Dinner. Sign-up sheets will be posted at Stated Meetings.

\*Saturday, March 28—Smyrna has planned a bus trip to HORSESHOE CASINO (used to be Caesars down past Louisville). The casino has offered us a free lunch buffet and a \$5 voucher for each passenger to use in the slot machines. We have a 55-passenger bus scheduled to leave Murat Shrine at 8:30 a.m. We will return to Murat Saturday evening. The cost of this trip will be \$25 per person. We will have coffee and doughnuts for breakfast on the bus as well as free Zem-Zem, snacks and all kinds of games during the trip. Sign up early as this trip is sure to fill up fast. You won't want to miss this one! For reservations contact: STARR COMER @ 888-2484 or 881-7269 or DIANNA CRAFT @ 882-8587 or 441-6128. Seating is limited to the first 55 people who sign up!

## April

Wednesday, April 8—Guild Night: 5:30 p.m.

Friday, April 24—"Race Into May" Party for all race fans! It should be a fun evening for everyone who attends. Tickets are \$10 per person, pay at the door. Reservations can be called to Maharanee Susie Lawson at 861-1792 after 5 p.m. or leave a message. Also, a sign-up sheet will be posted at the Stated Meeting to get a head count for food. Start your engines ...

Tuesday, April 28—Board Meeting: 6:30 p.m., Stated Meeting: 7 p.m.

## May

Wednesday, May 6—Guild Night: 5:30 p.m. We will be having a Garden Item Auction just in time for spring planting. What a great idea! Please mark your calendars so we can have a huge auction; someone I know likes to plant a lot of flowers!!!!

Tuesday, May 26—Board Meeting: 6:30 p.m., Stated Meeting: 7 p.m.

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

## NexGen

Luke Stark

### YOU ARE INVITED!

See an event in the magazine, an e-mail, or anywhere else that has the words NexGen next to it? You want to go to that event or for that matter wonder what it is we're doing? YOU ARE INVITED!

Our Illustrious Sir has made his goal for the year "Togetherness." And NexGen wants to run with it in our own way ... "show up" ... meaning if you see an event, then show up.

One of NexGen's goals is to get young Shriners involved in the Shrine in general, which I can't do alone. I'm not involved with the entire Shrine. So do you want NexGen (or young Shriners in general) involved? You have to show up. Help us be more involved by spending time with us.

Check out the calendar in the magazine for our upcoming events and always feel free to get in touch with us at MuratNexGen@gmail.com.

Hopefully, through the coming months you'll show up and enjoy some camaraderie with NexGen. We'll be more than happy to share with you. I hope you're enjoying the year of Monkey Business. Remember to Show Up! —Luke, Monkey #42, President 2009



## Business Connection

Don Richards

Our motto is "Nobles you can trust with your Business." You can also trust us to have fun too. In that regard, come enjoy yourself and help deserving students at the same time.

Raffles, good cheer, lots of fun, and ample beverages will be available all evening. The tournament is open to nobles and non-Shriners alike who are at least 18 years of age. Doors open at 5 p.m. and the game begins at 6 p.m. We expect a large turnout for this event, so you should register and pay the buy-in early to insure a seat.

The grand prize could be as much as \$5,000, based on 200 or more players, and we expect to pay down 10 places depending on the number of entries. A buy-in of \$50 includes tournament and snacks. If you register and pay in advance, your first beverage is also included. One re-buy is allowed, during the first hour only.

Since 2003, the Murat Shriners Business Connection has awarded scholarships to more than 40 qualified young adults who were or are patients of

Shriners Hospitals and sponsored through Murat Shriners. The Shriners Hospitals have helped their bodies; now it is our turn to help their character. All net proceeds from this tournament are controlled and accounted for in strict compliance with Indiana Gaming Commission regulations and are used solely for the Murat Shriners Business Connection Scholarship Program.

So, plan to attend, bring your business partners, and tell 100,000 of your closest personal friends where they should be on March 28 at 5 p.m. Where they should be is at the Murat Shrine Club, 510 N. New Jersey St., Indianapolis, IN 46204.

By being there, you and your friends truly are "Helping Kids Defy the Odds."

For more registration information, call Don (Big Blind) Richards (317-576-9100 or cell 317-414-2105) or email to [drichards@rcpag.com](mailto:drichards@rcpag.com).

Let's "Shuffle up"!

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## Johnson County Shrine Club

Dave Alspaugh

The holidays are in our rear view mirrors, and everything else is an excitement of what's to be for the rest of 2009. Rumor has it, once again, that Mike Percy, you'll remember him, president of the Johnson County Shrine Club ... has been paying this writer to get his name and pictures in the monthly issue of the Murat Magazine. Nothing could be further from the truth. My mailbox, billfold, and palms have not seen any monetary gains. I just love to torment Mike!

Before I get too carried away on this month's article, I have something to share with you. This is an unbelievable math problem. In fact, it is so unbelievable that you will try it more than once to check it out. Personally, I would like to know who came up with this and why this person isn't running our coun-

try. OK, follow the directions carefully ...

Grab your calculator (you can't do this in your head)

Key in the first three digits of your phone number (not the area code)

Multiply by 80

Add 1

Multiply by 250

Add to this the last 4 digits of your phone number

Add to this the last 4 digits of your phone number again

Subtract 250

Divide this number by 2

Do you recognize your answer?

Did you try your cell number to check it out? I found this quite amazing, even more so than tormenting Mike Percy.

As 2009 moves toward spring and summer, plans around the Johnson

County Shrine Club are starting to take shape. Recently, the Club had a membership meeting and voted to make the Club a smoking facility. Smoking will no longer be just in certain areas. A little further into 2009 will be the Shrine Club outing. Once again it will be held at Hickory Stick Golf Club near Bargersville on September 10. Check the magazine listing golf outings for details. Plans are already in action for the Johnson County Fair. To quell any rumors, Mike doesn't catch all the fish we sell. We have to order it.

Well, I suppose I've picked on Mike enough for this issue, so I'll wind this up with our usual plea for volunteers! We need help for the BINGO on both Tuesdays and Saturdays. Please help us out.

See you next issue.

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## Tarum

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Jeff Dickey

Happy Valentine's Day. January finished on a strong note. The weather did not always cooperate and a big thank-you goes out to all of you who braved the weather and the cold to come out to the Club. February looks to be a good month at the Club also. Installation was held February 6 with Illustrious Sir George Proctor and his Divan and their ladies as Tarum's guests. The Potentate was the installing officer. We especially wish to thank them for coming for the second time. It seems there was a double entry on the Potentate's calendar, and he and the Divan came to the Club on January 6 thinking installation was that evening. The Potentate also made some new Shriners during the evening. All in all, it wasn't a bad night.

Tarum's ladies held the annual Sweetheart Dinner in February also. The new Sweetheart King will be announced next month also. President Dave and his officers held a Super Bowl party. All

who came out saw the Steelers win one of the best games for awhile.

Finally, to follow up from last month, Toby Isaacs, a brother from Richmond 196, has been a Mason for a little over a year. In that time he has accomplished some amazing things. Toby has brought in more than 15 new members to the Lodge with several more to follow. He was installed as Junior Deacon for 2009 and is in training to become Senior Deacon. His ultimate goal is to sit in the East. I have no doubt that he will do so. Toby wants to become a member of the Shrine during 2009. He believes in helping children and all that we do. Undoubtedly, some of his petitioners will follow him to Murat and Tarum. Toby and his wife Shaye and 5-month-old daughter Callie have become part of our Masonic Family and we are glad they did.

Come out to the Club, have dinner, see your friends, and have a good time. See you at Tarum.

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## Clowns

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Mike "Tic-Kits" Nelson

It's with a saddened heart when I tell you that the "Black Camel" made its visit to one of our veteran clowns, Charles W. "Key-O" Johns. Our prayers and condolences go out to his Lady Roselyn and family. "Key-O," who came into the Uunit in 1978, will be sadly missed.

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

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

"Bump a Nose."

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## Motor Corps

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Mike Pearcy

We had our elections for 2009 and here are the officers: President Tom Austin, First Vice President Jerry Barker, Second Vice President Steve Mellene, Secretary Mike Peary, and Treasurer Mike O'Malia. We hold our meetings the third Thursday at Murat. We are planning on going to the Smoky Mountain Fun Fest the first weekend of May. So if you have a motorized vehicle that you parade in, we would like for you to join our Unit. It is only \$10 a year.

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## Police Club and Drill Team

Don L. Weilhammer, Jr.

By the time you read this article, the Shrine Circus will either be in full swing or starting in just a few days. Don't forget the dates: Thursday, March 5, through Sunday, March 8. As mentioned in last month's article, there are plenty of opportunities to volunteer to help. The Police Club and Drill Team are tasked with helping to park all of the buses during the morning performances on Thursday and Friday. We also take care of security for all of the shows. So even if you can only help during one show or even a part of the show, please come on out—we can use the help.

The Police Club and Drill Team were well represented at the 17th Annual Murat Leadership Seminar on January 24. President Mike McClary, First Vice President Dennis Parks, and Second Vice President Mick Reddick were present from the Police Club. From the Drill Team, Commander Willard Payne, First Captain Rick Lane, and Second Captain Randy McMain were in attendance. Secretary/Treasurer Randall West from the Police Club and Drillmaster Bill Pike from the Drill Team were unable to attend; however, I think they have been to their fair share of seminars in the past!

I hope to see you at the circus and the Potentate's Ball on March 21! Don't forget about the Grand Master's One-Day Class and the Ringmaster's Banquet coming up in April.

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## Reception Unit

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Joe A. Stoutner

As I write this article, I am looking out the window at 14 inches of snow in 18 degree temperatures and wonder why in the world I didn't go on the annual winter visitation trip to Ft. Myers, FL.

The officers and members of the Reception Unit attended the Leadership Seminar and also participated in the registration of attendees and presentation of the program. The seminar was well attended by all the Units and Clubs of Murat.

February 28 was the annual President's Spring Party in the Corinthian Room at Murat. This is one of our major parties of the year with a theme of "attempting to roast" the president. The entertainment was by our own Murat Hillbillies Band and yours truly. Never fear, we have survived worse. Tim Murphy also survived Little Pig and was the master of ceremonies.

We now turn our attention to the Murat Circus and the amount of volunteer workers it takes for a successful circus. The Reception Unit members and ladies participate with worker registration, daily coffee and donuts, ushering, and any other work that is needed. Since this is the major fundraiser of the year for Murat, we pray for a successful and profitable event.

On our regular meeting night of March 10, we will have the Past Presidents and white elephant auction event in the Tunisian Room, starting at 5:30 p.m. We hope all members plan on attending. This is a good time to wrap up all those things you don't know why you still have and auction them off and help the Lil' Istiks.

To all members, remember to get your tickets for the Potentate's Ball on Saturday, March 21, 2009. We still need Reception Unit volunteers to assist with our assignments for this event. This night is in honor of the Illustrious Potentate George E. Procter and is the formal ball of the year.

Finally, though it seems a long way off, it is time to start planning to attend the Smoky Mountain Fun Fest, April 30 – May 3, 2009. Rooms are limited and reservations are now being taken by Sherri at the Fraternal Office. This is definitely a fun trip to Pigeon Forge, TN, to meet with other Shriners, participate in a Shrine parade, and enjoy the spring weather in the mountains.

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## Arab Patrol

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Delbert Drummond

Just got back from the Florida visitation. Several Patrol members attended and had a great time. The weather was good until the last day. Our snow was sand. More Patrollers should try to attend next year and support our Divan and see our Snowbirds.

We will be parading at the Shrine Circus on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, March 5, 6 and 7. The bus will leave the Harvester at 5:15 and line up at 6 p.m. on Thursday, March 5. It will leave the Harvester at 5:45 with lineup at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, March 6. The bus will leave at 12:45 Saturday with lineup at 1:30 for the 2 p.m. show. Also, it will leave at 5:15 with lineup at 6:30 for the 7 p.m. show.

There is still a need for workers at all shows from Wednesday, March 4, through Sunday, March 8. Anyone who can HELP please contact Sherri in the Murat Office at (317) 635-2433 or show up at the CIRCUS.

The Murat Patrol March meeting has been moved to The Harvester Bar and Grill on Saturday, March 7, at approximately 3:30 p.m.

Anyone interested in joining a fun and active Unit, please join us at our Friday, April 3, meeting at 7 p.m.

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## Corvette Club

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Pip Hapgood

This month's newsletter may not be my best effort as I am literally writing it minutes before the Super Bowl.

All the Club officers were present for the Shriners Leadership Seminar which was held January 24 of this year where we were briefed on everything from the Shriners' Web sites, legal issues, event planning, and the all important circus. The Potentate also formally announced that the Corvette Club will be hosting our first ever car show located on the north parking lot of the Shrine on Saturday, August 8, 2009. An all class car show offering door prizes, entertainment, food & beverage, and trophies, this is the Club's largest undertaking, yet we are hoping for a successful first Club car show.

March 21 is also a very important date as it is the annual Potentate's Ball. This year's theme is "Dancing with the Stars." The Club is planning on reserving several tables. Anyone planning on attending, please contact Rod Kyle or me for a final head count. Reservations are \$110 per couple and formalwear is required with Fez.

The Smoky Mountain Fun Fest is April 30 through May 3. Anyone who has been before knows this is a fun and exciting weekend for all. The men enjoy the parade while there is great shopping for the women. We will be staying at the Music Road Inn in Pigeon Forge, TN. Room reservations can be made through the Fraternal Office.

We would like to thank the Clevelands for opening their house for the January meeting. Lots of fun and fellowship was had by all. After the meeting, they were kind enough to give dance lessons to those who wanted to partake.

We are always looking for new Corvette Club members. No Corvette necessary, just enthusiasm for the brand. Meetings are held the second Thursday of every month in the Oasis Room. Ladies are welcome. Contact Rod Kyle or me if interested. The Corvette Club has several events planned this year, starting early. Please be sure to sign up.

# Contributions

Photos by Dennis Wood

(January 2009)



The Past Masters Club of Murat Shrine carries on its annual tradition by presenting Potentate George Proctor with a gavel. Joining in the presentation are President Joe Smith, J.D. Moore, Mike Smith, Bucky Everhart, and Dennis Wood.



Robert Gotwals representing HSUR Shrine Club presents Potentate George Proctor with three checks. They are \$1,000 for the Transportation Fund, \$1,000 for the Shriners Hospitals, and \$150 for the Circus Bond/Bike Fund.



Arab Patrol President Bill Sparks is joined by Club members Ray Miller, Ron Fannin, Delbert Drummond, Chris Lawson, and Oriental Guide Jim Priest in presenting Potentate George Proctor with an \$800 check for the Murat Transportation Fund.



Potentate George Proctor accepts a gift of \$1,000 each for the Cincinnati, Lexington, and Chicago Hospitals from Murat Legion of Honor members Commander Bob Watson, Lloyd Hearn, and George Choung. The donation is made on behalf of AMVETS Post 99.



Potentate George Proctor and Recorder Ed Wolfe present Noble Richard Fite with a driver's jacket signifying he has made 100 trips to our Hospitals.

## Plaque Program Recipients



Circus Chairman Andy Clayton on behalf of the Clayton family.



Carl Culmann on behalf of Indiana DeMolay.

We must begin by celebrating our own transition of officers that took place at our installation dinner in January. The nobles of the Boone County Shrine Club would like to extend their sincere appreciation and gratitude to our 2008 president, Larry Leap. Larry was a great leader for our organization, and his year was marked by two successful fish fries and many other special moments. It would be an injustice

if we failed to summarize a couple very noteworthy events and accomplishments that Larry led our Club through this year.

First of all, we were very privileged to have a special guest with us at our November meeting. Past President Jerry Breedlove gave us the honor of meeting his daughter, Joy Stewart, and his granddaughter "Lexi" (Alexis). Jerry explained to our group how "Lexi" was being treated at

the Shriners Hospital in Chicago. Without getting into too much detail for this article, "Lexi" was being treated for a condition that other hospitals struggled with. "Lexi" is doing very well, and it really meant so much to our members to see firsthand the results of the "Greatest Philanthropy in the World." It should also be noted that Jerry was very thankful to Gordon Husk, Recorder Emeritus, for his help in getting "Lexi" started on her path to Shriners Hospitals. We are grateful to Michael, Joy, and "Lexi" Stewart, and Jerry Breedlove for sharing their story with us.

This story leads to one of President Leap's major initiatives in 2008 about refocusing our efforts toward the Shriners Hospitals and the Shrine Transportation Fund. Through discussions in meetings and his leadership, the Boone County Shrine Club presented donations toward our area hospitals and the Murat Shrine Transportation Fund. We want to thank Larry for his efforts in getting this accomplished.

On January 17, 2009, the Boone County Shrine Club held its installation dinner at the American Legion in Lebanon. We had a very good turnout for this special evening, including several members of the Murat Divan. The BCSC would like to thank Divan members Craig Hinshaw, Kevin Rhodes, Charles Crabtree, and Tim Murphy for being with us.

The 2009 Boone County Shrine Club officers are: Larry Sheets, President; Jerrit Clayton, Vice President; Devon Dumford, Secretary; and Pat Hornett, Treasurer.

The BCSC members wish Larry Sheets the very best during his year as our president and look forward to his leadership in building upon the great path that has been established by our past officers.

Finally, the biggest award that the Boone County Shrine Club can give to a member is that of "Shriner of the Year." Past President Larry Leap proudly presented the 2008 "Shriner of the Year" award to Noble Gerald Coffman. Gerald is very deserving of this recognition for all of the work he puts in throughout the year. On behalf of all of the nobles of the Boone County Shrine Club, congratulations Gerald!

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## Daughters of the Nile

Ruth Ann Kelly

March is a month that contains two interesting facts. Did you know that 87 years ago in 1912, the Girl Scouts of the United States of America were founded on March 12? Through their teachings and principles, many young women were guided into womanhood. In addition, who can refuse purchasing those delicious Girl Scout cookies we have all grown up with and love to eat? Secondly, did you know that on March 3, 1931, the Star Spangled Banner was made the United States anthem? When our national anthem is played, show your patriotism, stand reverently and sing with pride.

Welcome to our new members who were initiated during the "White Rose Ceremonial" on February 7. Koran Temple No. 30, Daughters of the Nile is very proud to welcome Rita Scales, Annette Newton, and Edna Betzler into our Ladies of the Household membership. The officers are to be commended for a beautiful ceremony. Thanks also to those who attended the luncheon prior to the meeting. Wow!! That's entertainment!! Our Koran Temple Units did an awesome job during their performance to the new Ladies of the Household and the rest of the membership.

Queen Cheryl Kuritz asks that we remember to support the Murat Shrine Circus in March at the state fairgrounds. She also wanted everyone to know that she was sorry she could not preside at our February "White Rose Ceremonial," but many thanks to Princess Jeanette Roberts and the rest of my officers for making this day possible. To everyone who had any part in making her year a success, she shall forever be grateful. Queen Cheryl also wants to express her thanks to all her committee members, those serving as pro tems, and anyone who helped to set up and tear down the Corinthian Room throughout her year. Finally, huge appreciation to her sewing chairpersons, Past Queens Dorothy Abel and Vera Williams, for all the items sewed, donated and taken to the Shriners Hospitals. Our main reason for belonging to this philanthropic organization, Daughters of the Nile, rests in helping these children have a more beautiful life.

Congratulations to Patricia Tomes for winning the beautiful necklace at the style show. Past Queen Cathy Rose presented a fabulous style show for everyone who attended. She and her committee made "Fashions Around the World" a day to remember. The many donated door prizes and "opportunities to own" items were enjoyed by all.

Queen Cheryl will host the final sewing session on March 18 at the Shrine Center from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Mark your calendars for this last get-together.

To the newly elected officers for the coming year, good luck and best wishes for a successful year.

Final thought: Those who bring sunshine to the lives of others cannot keep it from themselves.



## Ladies Brunch & Card Party



**Saturday, April 25**  
**11 a.m.**  
**Arabian Room**

**Tickets available in**  
**the Shrine Office**

## Band

Leonard Hull

Why do we submit articles for the monthly Murat Magazine?

(1) Of course, to remind the nobility of the great philanthropy for which we are responsible: 22 children's hospitals – remember the kids.

(2) Our dedication to the 125-year-old Murat Shrine.

(3) To relay news, events and activities of our Units and Clubs, the Shrine Band being one of the oldest, largest and most recognized nationally with its musical contribution and letting the world know we're alive and well.

(4) To add a little humor and trivia.

a. Silver is the most popular color for cars in the U.S.

b. Albert Einstein never knew how to drive a car, no matter what color it was.

With the passage of the March 2009 Murat Magazine deadline, we look to the future at what lies ahead. The Band, after the holidays, gets under sail again, preparing for six circus performances, March 6–8. Oh yes, tax deadline – April 15. Start saving to pay for that prosperity promised last November. Gas today is below two dollars per gallon. I can remember when it was 17 cents, but I can also remember when a penny post card was what a post card once cost. Yesterday, I topped off my gas tank for \$25 and it was only half empty. I went home (broke into my piggy bank) and got out 25 one-dollar bills and measured them: one eighth of an inch. With the aid of a pre-WWII slide rule and a world almanac, I calculated that a stack of uncirculated \$1,000 bills, 6 inches high, would be one million dollars. A billion dollar stack of thousand dollar bills is 500 feet and a trillion dollars would be 94.7 miles. With our country's national debt at (you name it) plus or minus 10 trillion dollars, it would be 950 miles (the distance from Indy to Daytona).

Oh, we miss our Snowbirds but not the torrential rains, the fog, wild-fires, the 90 degree days, followed by 45 degree nights with 100 percent humidity, and you call this living?

With the main activity bingo, shuffleboard, horseshoes, cards and swatting bugs are some of the more strenuous activities. Sour grapes you say? Not on your tin-type. "Gimmie that ol' time Hoosier variety" any time.

But you know what, after January 28's 12.5 inch snowfall, it's good to stay home and save an inch of greenbacks.



Save a couple 200's



## Patients Overcome Challenges and Gain Independence and Communication Skills

Some patients at Shriners Hospitals for Children – Chicago are unable to verbalize their needs and wants. Over time these patients have developed their own means of communication using codes and signals with family, teachers and close friends. While they may use communication systems such as an adaptive talker device, they have become efficient with their own preferred modes.

Together Beth Christensen, speech/ language pathologist, and Jami Green, certified child life specialist, pursued an opportunity to plan and implement a camp for patients to gain independence while initiating communication with peers, staff, and others in the community – people who are unfamiliar with the campers' individualized way of communication.

During Independence and Communication Camp the three attending patients were challenged: if you were in a mall, would the clerk know the sign for "help"? How would you get help in this unfamiliar environment? Would your server know to wait while you pushed the buttons on your "talking computer" to place your order? The camp was about bridging the gap between communicating with familiar listeners and figuring out the best way to communicate with someone new.

Beth and Jami, along with Laura, speech/ language clinician graduate student, hosted the week-long camp at our Chicago hospital December 15<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>, 2008. The campers, ages 13-15, arrived Monday morning, nervous but excited: it was the first overnight trip away from home for all patients. While homesickness and adjusting to a new routine was challenging at first, staff continually encouraged the campers to stay positive, and a few phone calls home served as a much-needed remedy!

Other goals included independent self-care away from home, exploring self-awareness, problem-solving ways to have their needs and wants met, and developing new peer relationships.

The girls were given the opportunity to put these new skills into action during the week through a dinner outing to TGIFridays, a shopping trip to Target, a swim in the pool, participation in peer interaction groups, completing problem-solving projects, occupational and physical therapy (OT and PT), and help with homework. One of the most popular activities was a "spa day" where the girls made smoothies and indulged in lemonade pedicures.

"It was the little triumphs that made the camp so great," says Beth, "watching the girls overcome their fears and try their best all week."



(From right) Elizabeth, Sara, Laura, Beth, Jami and Mary enjoy lunch in the cafeteria.

Nursing staff and OT guided the campers through daily hygiene and bedtime routines. OT and PT addressed individual goals and sent home a list of suggested activities to continue their independence and well-being. Throughout the week the girls collected a surplus of memorabilia to share with their families and teachers in order to continue what they learned during their camp experience.

"We went through her bag and talked about camp when she came home," said Linda Hendrickson, Sara's mother, "The hospital did a great job of dealing with unforeseen issues and Sara was made to feel very comfortable."

At the end of the week the campers successfully achieved their goals, were hugging each other good-bye and promising to keep in touch. We are grateful to Beth, Jami, Laura and Shriners Hospital staff who worked tirelessly to make the camp a success; and to our ambitious campers and their families for their willingness to try and benefit from something new.

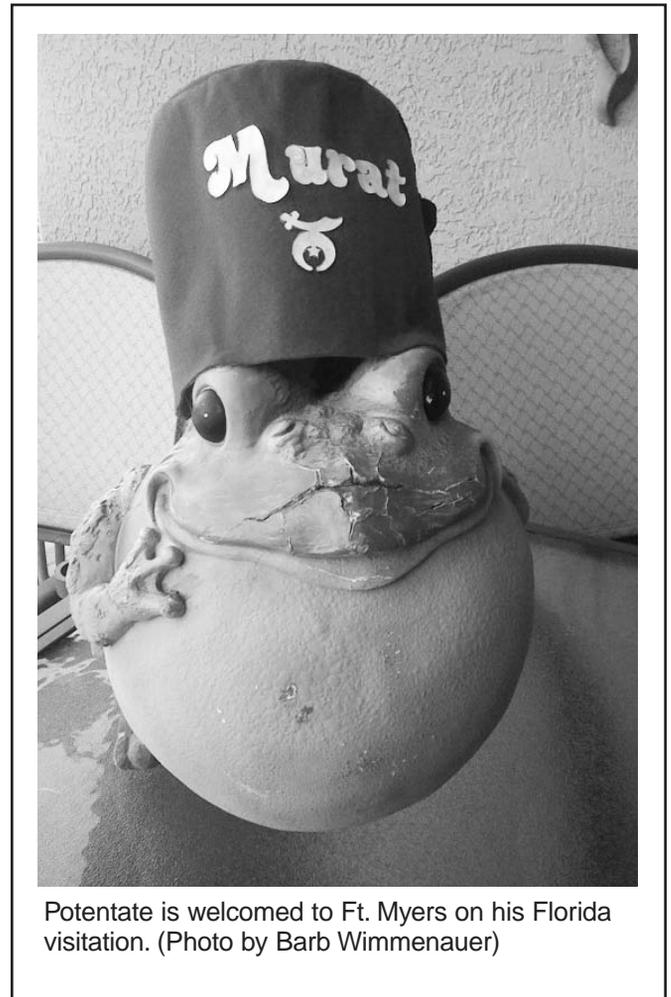
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January 2009

A warm welcome to our newest members of Tarum Court No. 14, Ladies Oriental Shrine of North America who were initiated on February 21, 2009. Congratulations to these new ladies: Jennifer Richey, Katherine Sparks, and Rebecca Brazzell. We look forward to seeing you at our Court meetings on the first Tuesday of each month, except July and August, at 7 p.m. in the Corinthian Room at the Murat Shrine.

Tarum Court's new officers for 2009-2010 were elected at our February 3 Stated Meeting. I am happy to report the following results: Lady Sue Calvin, High Priestess; Lady Ruby Warmouth, Princess; Lady Barbara Smith, Associate Princess; and Lady Judi Taflinger, First Ceremonial Lady. Congratulations to these ladies as they prepare for a successful and fun year.

Ladies, the many homemade soups, salad and desserts that you provided for our annual "Souper Supper" were enjoyed by everyone. After hearing several comments indicating that their "seconds on soup" really hit the spot, I know everyone enjoyed our event on this cold evening. The variety of donated door prizes made it difficult to select an item when their number was randomly called. Closing out the

eventful evening, Murat Shriner Al Zumpe again did an outstanding job as auctioneer for the many special baskets and other gifts that were finally awarded as "bargains" to their newly acquired owners. With everyone's dedication and efforts, our last Ways and Means project, the "Souper Supper," was a HUGE success!! Thank you one and all.



Potentate is welcomed to Ft. Myers on his Florida visitation. (Photo by Barb Wimmenauer)

**August 29**

**Potentate's Golf Outing**  
**Winding Ridge Golf Course**

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Contact: Joe Inabnitt, (317) 730-1300.

### MAY 28

**Madison County Shrine Club, Meadowbrook Golf Course, Anderson, IN** \$65 each, 11 a.m. Shotgun Start. Includes: Green Fees, 1/2 Cart, Zem-Zem on Course, Prizes on Par 3's,

Prizes and Madison County Shrine Club's famous 1 lb. Pork Chop Dinner at the Madison Co. SC after golf.

Contact: Skip Waymire, Chairman, (765) 649-6210; Curly McNally (765) 378-0031; Tim Limbrock (765) 378-1698; Dick Dawson (765) 378-5285; Scott Schuster (317) 841-8125.

### JUNE 1

**Murat Shriners Business Connection, The Fort** \$95, 12 Noon Shotgun Start. Includes: Lunch by Chik-a-Flic, Lessons, Zem-Zem available, Prizes on Par 3's, Prizes and Dinner after golf.

Contact: Randy Nail

### AUGUST 20

**Potentate's Golf Outing** \$62 each, 12 Noon Shotgun Start. Includes: Green Fees, 1/2 Cart, Zem-Zem on Course and Prizes for Closest to Pin on ALL Par 3's. Lockhart Cadillac will give a SPECIAL Prize on one Par 3. Dinner and Prizes at Winding Ridge Golf Club.

### SEPTEMBER 10

**Johnson County Shrine Club, Hickory Stick Golf Club** \$65 each, 12 Noon Shotgun Start. Includes: Green Fees, 1/2 Cart, Prizes on Par 3's, Zem-Zem on Course, Dinner and Prizes at Johnson County Shrine Club after golf.

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### Friday Nights at the Oasis Lounge

#### March:

FRI 13 Feeling lucky? NexGen's official start to St. Paddy's Day  
FRI 27 Seth Jenkins Live

#### April:

FRI 3 NexGen Karaoke Night  
SAT 4 One-Day Class After-Glow

#### May:

FRI 15 NexGen Elvis Party  
FRI 22 Imperial Night-Shooter Band

### Oasis Presents in the Arabian Room

SAT APR 11 Caribbean Night at the Shrine  
FRI MAY 5 Sounds of Tennessee - Music and Line Dancing

## COMING EVENTS

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

### MARCH

MON. 2 DEADLINE FOR APRIL MAGAZINE  
THU. 5 Murat Shrine Circus  
SUN. 8  
THU. 5 Caravan Club - Scottish Rite Play Preview  
THU. 12 Caravan Club - Grand Master Jeffery Zaring 200th Year Celebration - Vincennes Lodge  
FRI. 13- SAT. 14 Grand Lodge 200-year Celebration at Vincennes Lodge #1  
MON. 16 Divan Meeting, Board Meeting Stated Meeting 7 p.m.  
THU. 19 Caravan Club - Don Richards Tax Time Again  
SAT. 21 Potentate's Ball  
THU. 26 Caravan Club - Kathy Diehl, Indianapolis's New Central Library

### APRIL

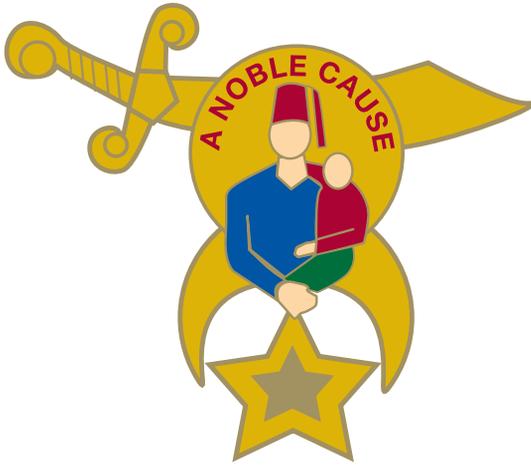
WED. 1 DEADLINE FOR MAY MAGAZINE  
THU. 2 Caravan Club - Ed Wolfe, Murat Recorder  
SAT. 4 Grand Master's One-Day Class One-Day Class After-Glow Ringmaster's Banquet  
THU. 9 Caravan Club  
THU. 16 Caravan Club  
THU. 16- SAT. 18 Indianapolis AASR Convocation  
MON. 20 Divan Meeting, Board Meeting Stated Meeting 7 p.m.  
THU. 23 Caravan Club  
SAT. 25 Ladies Luncheon  
THU. 30 Caravan Club  
THU. 30- SUN. 3 Smoky Mountain Fun Fest

### MAY

FRI. 1 DEADLINE FOR JUNE MAGAZINE  
THU. 7 Caravan Club  
THU. 14 Caravan Club  
SUN. 17 Lexington Hospital Day  
MON. 18 Divan Meeting, Board Meeting Stated Meeting 7 p.m.  
THU. 19- WED. 20 Grand Lodge Annual Communication  
THU. 21 Caravan Club  
FRI. 22 Imperial Night-Shooter Band  
THU. 28 Caravan Club  
FRI. 29- TUE. 2 Potentate's "Sounds of Tennessee" Trip

### JUNE

THU. 4 125th Anniversary of Murat Shrine  
SAT. 6 Murat Ceremonial 125th Anniversary Celebration



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