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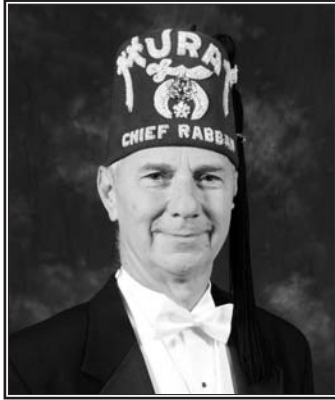


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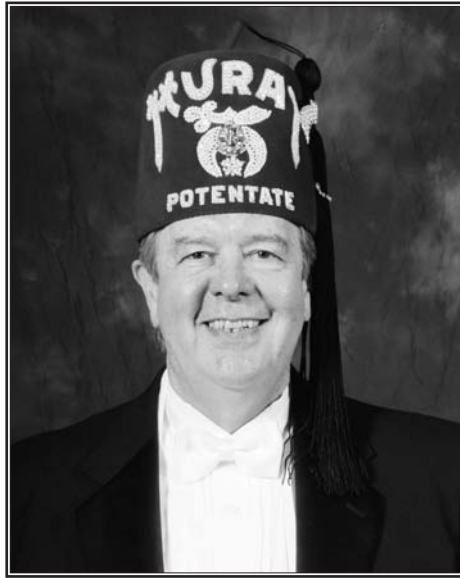
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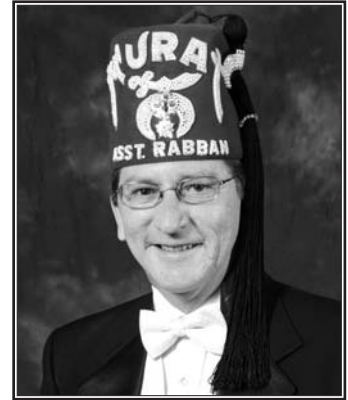
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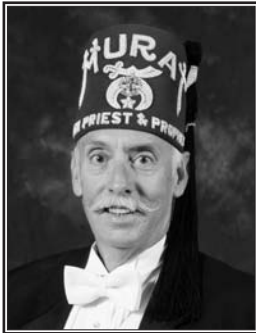
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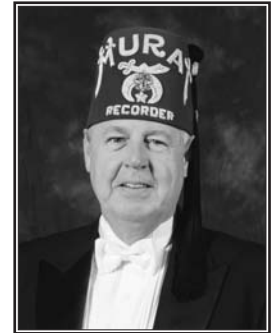
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## POTENTATE MESSAGE

# Together We Will ...

Develop leadership throughout the family of Indiana Freemasonry! The Grand Lodge of Indiana, in conjunction with affiliated bodies, is sponsoring Masonic Leadership Training Seminars in various locations in Indiana and on different dates. The first seminar is being held at Orak Shrine in Michigan City on October 3. Murat is anticipating sending three nobles to this first seminar.

Based on John C. Maxwell's "21 Irrefutable Laws of Leadership," this program is open to anyone who is a member of the Masonic Fraternal Family. Invitations are being sent by the Grand Lodge to all Symbolic Lodges, Scottish Rite bodies, York Rite bodies, Shrine temples, and other related Masonic organizations.

The Grand Lodge of Indiana believes that leadership training is extremely important to all phases of our Fraternity; therefore, they have agreed to sponsor this important program. The thought is that we will all be beneficiaries of improved leadership skills in all of our Masonic organizations.

Please put this important date on your calendar. November 7 will be the second seminar and will be presented in Indianapolis at Speedway Lodge. Everyone is invited, especially those of you who hold any leadership role in your Club or Unit. Even if you are not an officer, this seminar will be of benefit to you as well. Specific details will be available in the Fraternal Office. A third seminar is scheduled for January 30, 2010, at a location to be announced. The fourth seminar will be February 27, 2010, at Webb Lodge in Richmond.

I hope many nobles from Murat will take advantage of this opportunity. Today, more

than ever, the need for strong leadership is becoming more and more important. The recent decrease in membership has made the "pool" for those willing to assume leadership roles also become smaller.

## Leadership – Another Perspective

I recently was made aware of a small booklet written by Greg Ballard, mayor of Indianapolis. The booklet, "Small Unit Leadership," was written before Mr. Ballard became mayor. It draws on his experiences in the U.S. Marines, in the corporate world, as a coach and as a small business owner. As I read the booklet, I was struck by how much of what he said applied to the fraternal world, especially to Murat leaders.

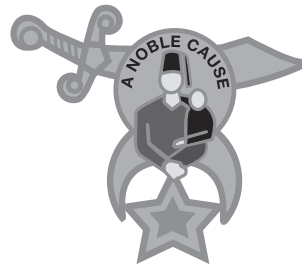
While it is impossible to mention everything in the booklet, I was impressed with what Mr. Ballard considered to be the essential leadership traits or distinguishing qualities of a leader.

In summary, these traits are: Integrity, Competence, Dependability, Energy, Optimism, Decisiveness, Tact, Presence, Loyalty, and Anticipatory Initiative.

As we go into the season when we elect officers for our Units and Clubs and consider nobles for positions of leadership, I hope each Club and Unit will give thought to those leadership traits mentioned by Mayor Ballard. I also hope each Club and Unit will take advantage of the November 7 seminar at Speedway Lodge. For information on that seminar, contact Mark Genung at mark@indymason.com.

Remember the old adage, "If you are not the lead dog, the view is always the same."

George E. Proctor  
 Illustrious Potentate



About the Cover: Members of the VCM (Voluntary Contributing Members) gather to celebrate a successful 2009 Indiana State Fair. Due to the extended length of this year's fair, the VCM had more volunteers working more total hours than at any time in their history.

Pictured on the cover are: Back Row - Left to Right: Cindy O'Malia, Tammy Priest, Treasurer Willie McKinney, Secretary Sam Thompson, Fran Thompson, Charlie Merlau, John Crook, Jim Morgan; Front Row - Left to Right: Mike O'Malia, Oriental Guide Jim Priest, President Mark Price, and Shane O'Malia.

# A Former Patient Fondly Remembers

GORDON J HUSK, CHAIRMAN-ELECT, BOARD OF GOVERNORS, CHICAGO HOSPITAL

In 1936, in a farmhouse outside Fairfield, IL, a woman was giving birth to a baby. It was a breech birth, and the baby weighed eight and a half pounds. The attending physician struggled with the difficulties of such a delivery. That was James Donald Robertson's introduction to this world.

The baby appeared normal in every way, and his parents were elated to have him. Unfortunately, the parents separated when the baby was 11 months old, and later divorced. By the time Don was 1 year old, the family noticed his head tilted toward his left shoulder. The condition was diagnosed as torticollis, a progressive disorder that can eventually pull the head onto the shoulder, prevent facial muscles to properly develop, and displace the mandible. Doctors believed the problem resulted from the baby's size and placement within the uterus before he was born.

Don's mother faced very serious problems. Her brother had died at an early age, and she took her nephew to raise. As she pondered Don's need for surgery, the responsibility for raising two boys with an age differential of 15 years, the need to make a living and the lack of employment opportunities in Illinois, she decided to return to her home state of Indiana. She attended a beauty school, settled in her hometown of Huntingburg, and opened a beauty shop. She had been an Eastern Star member since

she was 18. Her deceased brother had been Worthy Patron of the Eastern Star, Past Master of Dubois Lodge #520, and a member of the Scottish Rite and Hadi Shrine in Evansville.

When Don was 2 years old, some local Shriners who knew the family suggested that an application for treatment be sent to Shriners Hospital in St. Louis. The application was approved, and surgical procedures were performed when Don was 3, 9, and 12 years old. Don has no recollection of the first surgery, but he has vivid memories of the second and third surgeries. He also recalls the twice-a-year trips to St. Louis.

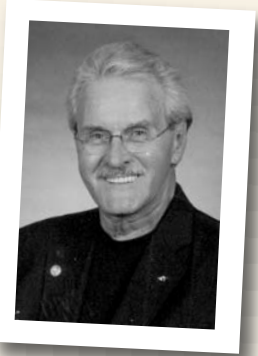
Since some of the trips were made during World War II when gasoline was severely rationed, transportation was by bus, train or airline. Don was fascinated by trains and enjoyed the Southern Railway trips.

The trips were in summer or winter, and Don preferred the summer trips that often meant he could visit the St. Louis Zoo, the Jewel Box outdoor musical productions, and Sportsman Park to attend baseball games. The first baseball game he ever attended was between the St. Louis Browns and the New York Yankees. Two days later, he saw the Cardinals play the Brooklyn Dodgers. He has remained a fan of the Cardinals and the Yankees.

Don knew more surgery would be needed and during each trip he asked his mother, "Are they going to keep me this time?" She told him she didn't know and the doctors would tell them both when it was determined it was time for surgery. The doctors told Don and his mom the second surgery was needed. Don says, "I was 9 years old and I still remember the anguish of being kept there and seeing my mom walk out of the examining area to go back home. The surgery was performed in June. I would heal during the summer and be ready to go back to school in the fall. I'm still looking for the anesthesiologist who gave me the ether they used in those days. The smell and the feeling of spinning and roaring in the ears is never forgotten. Anesthesia is certainly better now. I was asked if I didn't like the smell. I said I did not and I was told to blow it away. I took a couple of deep breaths to blow it away and I was asleep in no time. As I said, I am still looking for him!"

After the second surgery, Don had a cast from the hips to the top of his head. From the hips up, only his face, arms and ears were exposed. While Don was in that cast, Bob Hope visited the hospital and signed the cast, "To the ghost of Ward 3." When the cast was removed, the cast crumbled through the autograph.

Don recalls that almost no hospital had air conditioning at that time. He says he tolerated the heat well, but the cast added a few degrees. Pedestal fans were set up in the ward to circulate air. Don was in the boys' ward. Girls were in a





separate building. Don says, "The nurses were some of the most compassionate and understanding people I have ever been around. We were allowed visitors only on Sunday afternoon for one hour. My mother always found a way to visit me. A nurse named Ruth was my favorite. When our family was not there, Ruth was our mother, sister and our dear friend. She helped ease being away from home and was always cheerful and happy. I can't begin to describe how much Shriners have done for me, not only with surgery but with the self-esteem it helped me develop through the years. They helped me become active in athletics, music and drama. My life would never have been so wonderful without Shriners. I am happy to say I am a Shriner."

Don's interest in music has become a fascination. He holds bachelor's and master's degrees in Music Education from Indiana State University and has done postgraduate work at Indiana University. To briefly list some of his marvelous accomplishments: Don served four terms on the board of State School Music Association, memberships in the Indiana Music Educators Association, Indiana Bandmasters Association, National Bandmasters Association, American School Band Directors Association, Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia, and Phi Beta Mu. He was awarded Outstanding Bandmaster's Award, and he was inducted into the International Bandmasters' Hall of Fame. Under his direction, the following Indiana high school bands achieved the following: Tell City –

Inaugural Parade for President John Kennedy; Scottsburg – Placed in top 25 each year and the Sweet 16 twice at the Indiana State Fair Marching Contest; ISSMA bands won Grand Sweepstakes three consecutive years and one was featured band in the 1968 Orange Bowl Festival in Miami; concert bands were consistent Division I award recipients; 1970 concert band featured at Indiana Music Educators Association conference (while at Scottsburg, Don was named the Outstanding Young Educator in Indiana and also named one of top three educators by the Indiana Jaycees); Southridge, Huntingburg – Sweepstakes winners eight consecutive years; Indiana State Marching Band Champions, Class C; 1979 Raider Band featured in Cotton Bowl Festival in Dallas; bands appeared in Peach Bowl, Gator Bowl and Sugar Bowl; at Peach Bowl, band won parade and field competition. Please note: Space does not permit a complete listing of achievements. During the 38 years Don taught, his bands achieved 94 Division I ratings and one Division II rating.

During our discussions about this story, Don said, "I can never thank Shriners enough for totally changing my future and helping me develop. I share my hospital experiences only to help others understand how good our hospitals are. I am proud to be a Mason, Scottish Rite Mason and Shriner. I also need to thank my wife Linda. She is my rock and my true love in life!" Don then asked, "How can I become a hospital van driver?"

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## Recorder's Message

Ed Wolfe

Nobles, by now, you have had the opportunity to read the September magazine that highlights the 125th anniversary of Murat Shrine. A special thank-you goes out to the committee who spent countless hours researching the archives and compiling data to share with you the phenomenal history of Murat Temple. Great job!

As we enter into the fall season, we must keep in mind the importance of membership and the impact it plays on the future of Murat. To date, we have more than 400 nobles who are past due on their 2009 dues. Yes, the downturn in the economy has impacted some while others are faced with various challenges. In order for our membership to grow, we must look for alternative ways to attract new members. We have our final ceremonial of the year scheduled for December 5. Let's all put forth an extra effort to bring a new petition to this ceremonial and make the new nobles proud to be members of Murat and our great philanthropy. Remember, it's all about the children and network of hospitals we support throughout the world. Think MEMBERSHIP!!

## Hancock County Shrine Club

Fred Grace

The Hancock County Shrine Club held their August meeting at the Greenfield FOP. A delicious dinner was served to all at 6:30 p.m. followed by a meeting at 7 p.m. Everyone present was welcomed by President Lloyd Young and thanked for coming out to the meeting. The final report of our 2009 paper drive was announced, and more than \$1,200 was donated. This money will be turned over to Murat at a regular meeting. Noble Young thanked the chairman who in turn thanked all the nobles who gave of their time to help.

The HCSC welcomed our two newest members: TRACY BAGLEY and PAUL ADKINS. Hope to see them at all future HCSC functions. A health update on Murat's HP&P Charlie Crabtree was given, and we shall continue to pray for a safe and speedy recovery.

President Young reminded the members that any Shriner who lives in Hancock County is welcome to come out on the fourth Tuesday of each month and join us in the activities of our Club. Hope to see you there.

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## Don't Miss the Golfing Event of the Season



Justin Timberlake

Six-time Grammy-winner Justin Timberlake and Shriners Hospitals for Children are pairing up again for the Justin Timberlake Shriners Hospitals for Children Open, Oct. 12-18, 2009, at TPC Summerlin in Las Vegas. The world's greatest golfers will vie for victory in this PGA TOUR Fall Series event.

It's a week of great golf, celebrities and fun – all to benefit Shriners Hospitals for Children and the expert, life-changing care and services provided by this world-renowned health care system.

**Celebrities and Entertainment**  
“I couldn't be more excited to be the celebrity host for the tournament and to be involved with Shriners Hospitals for Children,” said Timberlake. “Last year's tournament was very successful, and we're working hard to make the 2009 event even better – and maybe add a few surprises.”

In addition to the tournament, Timberlake will host a celebrity Pro-Am on Wednesday, Oct. 14. Motown great Smokey Robinson has already signed on, and more celebrities will be announced as the event draws near.

“I'm thrilled to be a part of the Pro-Am to support such an amazing organization,” said Robinson. “The Shriners Hospitals for Children provide outstanding care for children every day, and this event is a great way to show support while partaking in a sport I enjoy.”

Timberlake will host a special concert during tournament week. Last year's concert featured Rascal Flatts, Lionel Richie, Leona Lewis, Rihanna, the Jonas Brothers and more, and raised \$1 million for the hospital system.

**Get Your Tournament Tickets**  
Shriners International members and Shriners Hospitals for Children employees can take advantage of a special buy-one-get-one purchase on tournament tickets online. Just use the code “Shriners 09” when you purchase your tickets through the official tournament site at [www.jtshrinersopen.com](http://www.jtshrinersopen.com).

**Sign Up to Volunteer**  
For those wanting to be part of the action, the tournament is actively seeking volunteers for a variety of positions during tournament week. There is a fee of \$40 that covers the cost of the volunteer uniform,

which includes the tournament polo shirt, hat/visor, jacket, week-long tournament badge, meals during the volunteer shift and one ticket to the volunteer appreciation party. For more information, visit the “Volunteers” section of [www.jtshrinersopen.com](http://www.jtshrinersopen.com).

### Play with the Pros

If volunteering isn't enough action for you, why not take part in the Wednesday pro-am? Each foursome includes a PGA TOUR professional golfer and three amateur players. A full list of amenities and pricing are available at [www.jtshrinersopen.com](http://www.jtshrinersopen.com).

### Play Like a Pro

And, don't forget to pack your clubs so you can participate in the Shriners International Golf Invitational on Monday, Oct. 19, at TPC Summerlin. This is the perfect opportunity to spend quality time with friends and family, or impress key clients and talk business while playing 18 challenging holes with the same pin placements as the PGA TOUR pros. Space is limited, so register today by calling (702) 589-4947.

Make your plans now – the event will be here before you know it. Let's see a lot of fezzes at TPC Summerlin!





# Reception Unit

Joe A. Stoutner

June was a busy month for the Reception Unit. Many of our members participated at the 100/125 Shrine Ceremonial on June 6. From welcoming all attendees with coffee and donuts, issuing fezzes, parading the big yellow truck, being at the Unit Fair, and finally closing the doors, made it a long but enjoyable day for all.

June 19 and 20 were the days we worked the annual Paper Crusade at the Sam's Clubs on the west and east side. Thanks to all the members who worked to promote and receive donations from the public to continue the cause of the Children's Hospitals.

The Reception Golf Outing at Valle Vista was rained out on June 18 and was held the following week on June 25. It was a super hot and humid day but with an abundant refreshment cart, a good golf course, and an air-conditioned room with good food, a good time was had by all. Thank you to all who donated gifts and prizes, the hole sponsors, the members who worked so hard, and most of all to the players who made this a successful and fun-filled day.

Several of our members made the trip to the Imperial Session in San Antonio, TX, in July. Participating in the parade, attending the business sessions, and sightseeing made this a good time. When members were asked what was the best part of the pilgrimage, the one word that explained it all was "HOT."

This spring we made several trips to Charlestown, IN, to spend time and help Past Potentate Jerry Markovich and his wife Dianah any way we could. We were deeply saddened when he passed on July 6. The Masonic and Shrine orders lost a great friend and leader. The memorial and Masonic services which were held at the Murat Shrine Center were well attended and showed everyone's respect for Jerry.

August opened with the State Fair being six days longer and the busiest ever for the VCM food booth. Many Reception Unit members assisted with this worthwhile project to help the Transportation Fund for the hospital children.

The Reception Unit participated in the Masonic Home annual parade and open house. In addition, this year there was a full ceremonial for five new Shriners. The day was humid, hot, and sunny. The fried chicken and ribs buffet by the IMH cooks was the best food ever. The afternoon parade entertained all and put an end to a perfect day.

September was another busy month. The Reception Stated Meeting was Tuesday, September 8. The following Sunday, September 13, was our annual member picnic and auction held at the Firemen's Union Hall and Museum on Massachusetts Avenue. Then it was off to the GLSA convention in Merrillville, IN, September 17-20.

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### October 21, 2009

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- Meet at Murat at 9:30 a.m., returning to Murat about 6 p.m.
- Tickets are \$30 and available through the Murat office.
- For planning purposes, please purchase tickets by October 12.

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## Directors Staff

Gerald Frost

Greetings Nobles and Friends,

Nobles, here we are again back in the light and getting ready to close out another successful year in the Directors Staff. Although it has been dark, we have been very busy this summer. More on this later.

As many of you already know, the Black Camel has passed the way of the Murat Shrine this summer. Past Potentate Illustrious Sir Jerry Markovich passed away in July after a battle with cancer. Many of you know that he was very close to the Directors Staff and always supported our efforts. He was a good friend and will be missed dearly. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the entire family and close friends.

As I stated earlier, we have been very busy this summer. With the help of all Directors and a lot of Nubians, we completed the 125th Murat Hot Sands Ceremonial. The parade and ceremonial went off with only a few minor problems. A thank-you goes out to Mike Adams and his staff for a job well done again. Also, to all Directors and Nubians for all the hard work and the long day spent for this ceremonial. And to all new Shriners, welcome to Murat.

We completed a successful Paper Crusade June 19 and 20. Although it was not what it was last year due to the poor economy, it should be better next year.

We brought back an old and honored tradition with the Directors Staff. We held our first "Ancient & Honorable Order of Yellow Dog" ceremony July 11. Around 12 new members were brought into Yellow Dog for the first time in many years. Welcome to all who could attend. Those of you who are not members (yet) will get your chance before the year is out. You can count on it!

For any other Club or Unit that would like to run your members through a "Yellow Dog" ceremony, contact Bob Bland of the Directors Staff (317-339-7793). We will be more than happy to put it on for your group. This is a fun and enjoyable event and organization that all Shriners would be proud to belong.

As the year starts to close, keep in mind that election of officers for 2010 will be coming up at the annual meeting in November. Only full Directors can run for office. If you would like to run for office, please notify, in writing, current President Bob Bland before that November meeting. We are looking forward to seeing new blood and fresh ideas to make us the best Directors Staff around.

Important reminders for upcoming events:

Changes of address, phone numbers or e-mails are due for new roster book 2010. Please send to Dick Smith, Gerald Frost or Mike Glenn ASAP.

Hot Sands Ceremonial – December 5, 2009, at Murat Shrine.

Continue Membership Recruiting: this is ongoing this fall and 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 fall and winter.

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## Ladies Oriental Shrine

Betty J. Rathbun

Greetings! We hope everyone had a happy and safe summer. Now it's back to business.

Tarum Court attended the Grand Council Session in May and was honored with several Grand Appointments for 2008–2009. Our High Priestess, Sue Calvin, is a Grand Page; Past High Priestess Ruth Ann Kelly is the Grand Musician; Past High Priestesses Leslie Condre and Peggy Hoose are Honorary Aides; Peg Strawser is Honorary Page; and Lady Joan Rose is a Page. Past Grand High Priestess Betty J. Rathbun is a member of the Grand Executive Board of Directors, Grand Chairman of Philanthropy, Grand Co-Chairman Historical and Public Relations, and Grand Deputy North Central Area for New Courts.

The Grand High Priestess, P.C. Mabray from Arami Temple No. 72, Houston, TX, made her official visit to Tarum Court July 14. A delicious dinner was held in the Arabian Room of the Murat Shrine followed by our meeting.

Tarum Court is the host court for the Great Lakes Unit Meet "Under the Big Top" scheduled for September 24–26 at the Indianapolis Hilton Hotel. The ladies from Tarum Court's Units have been very busy planning to make this event very enjoyable. Past High Priestess Roberta Griffith is the president.

We are selling "Zoo Books" if anyone is interested in purchasing one. Please call Ruth Ann Kelly at (317) 881-4422.

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## Corvette Club

Pip Hapgood

It's been a very busy summer for the members of the Corvette Club. The parade season has been in full swing with a great showing from all our members at most events. We have been graced with beautiful weather all summer. One of several notable highlights for the Club this season was the Shrine's 125th year celebration in downtown Indianapolis where we were honored to be available to transport the Potentate and Divan members. Our next and probably the

biggest undertaking to date was our first ever car show which was held on the grounds of the Shrine August 8. After almost a year of planning, the event went off without a hitch. The weather was great, as well as the turnout, and the help from all the Club members was tremendous. The entire membership would like to thank our president, Rod Kyle, for all the long hours and sleepless nights he put into pulling this event off. We owe its success to him.

On a personal note, as many of you know, I lost the love of my life, Tammy, to cancer in June. We were married 26 years. I would like to let every member of the Club know how much I appreciate everything they did for Tammy and my family during that trying time. This is why I am so proud to be associated with this wonderful group of people and proud to be a Shriner. It is a true fellowship you will find nowhere else.



# Gordon J Husk Elected Chairman of the Chicago Board of Governors

In the history of Shriners Hospitals for Children in Chicago, all Chairmen of the Board of Governors have been members of Medinah Shriners in Chicago—except for two men. Both are members of Murat Shriners. Edgar McGonigal was Potentate of Murat in 2003 and was the first non-Medinah member to be elected Chairman.

Gordon J Husk, Recorder Emeritus of Murat, was elected Chairman for 2010. He served the Chicago hospital as Associate Member for five years and is currently serving his seventh year as a Board member. In 2007, he was Treasurer and he is now in his second year as Vice Chairman of the Board of Governors. Gordon has been a volunteer hospital van driver for many years and has more than 500 trips to his credit. In 1998, he was president of the Murat Transportation Club and later was Hospital Coordinator at Murat.

Gordon has served as a bank examiner, banking regulator, bank president,



and banking consultant. He has been an expert witness in banking litigation. In his community, he has served as president of Kiwanis Golden K and president of Habitat for Humanity of Boone County.

Gordon became Murat's Recorder on October 1, 2000. On October 1, 2008, he resigned that position in order to spend more time with the love of his life, Marian. Then-Potentate Ronald M. Elliott present-

ed him with a plaque to commemorate his designation as Recorder Emeritus for Life.

Gordon received his Entered Apprentice degree June 1, 1959, his Fellowcraft degree June 13, 1959, and his Master Mason degree June 20, 1959, in Crawford Lodge #470 in English, IN. He maintained membership in that Lodge for many years and later transferred to Boone Lodge #9 in Lebanon, IN, where he now resides. On July 18, 2009, Boone Lodge #9 presented him the 50-year Award of Gold.

Gordon holds memberships in many Murat Units and Clubs. Some of his other Masonic-related honors and memberships are:

- York Rite
- Scottish Rite
- Murat Shriners – Life Member
- DeMolay Honorary Legion of Honor
- Royal Order of Scotland
- Red Cross of Constantine
- Crowned a 33rd Degree Scottish Rite Mason

## Chanters

Gayle Byers

### A SHOW OF SHOWS!

After a year of hiatus, the Chanters are once again presenting their annual Men's Show. The event will be held at the Shrine Club in the Arabian Room on Saturday, October 24, 2009. The evening will start with a cocktail hour, involve a silent auction, a magnificent dinner, and culminate with a fantastic display of talent—as only the Chanters can do it!

Tickets for the evening must be purchased from a Chanter at the price of \$75 per couple. You can secure your reservation by purchasing from any member of the Chanter unit, or by sending your check directly to the reservations chairman, Dr. Richard Abdon, 6368 Green Leaves Road, Indianapolis, IN 46220. There will be no ticket sales at the door—your check is required in advance.

Seating is at tables of eight and both Shriners and non-Masonic friends are invited. It is also a great time to expose your Masonic brothers who have not yet joined Murat to one of the best attended events of the fall.

The show will include a range of talented musical and comedic offerings—and also an opportunity for non-shy attendees to participate in a talent contest. The Chanters promise you a wonderfully satisfying evening. Plan now to join us!

## Tippecanoe Shrine Club

DeWayne Sorah

Hello nobles. I hope everybody had an enjoyable summer and is ready for the cool weather. A couple of thank-you's are in order. First, thanks to all the nobles who sold tickets and helped at our fish fry in September. Also, a big thank-you goes to Noble Everette Morgan who is stepping down as driver and our hospital coordinator. Everette has made well over 200 trips with the kids to the hospitals. Thank you Everette. Our new coordinator is Ed Stephenson.

We will once again be participating in the Feast of the Hunter's Moon. This year it will be October 10–11. We'll be making rib eye sandwiches and selling water. Any help will be greatly appreciated.

After three months of no articles written for our magazine, it seems difficult to put the pen to the paper again. I did manage to find the pad, eraser, and pen still intact, so here we go again ...

The Johnson County Shrine Club has had quite a summer! I'm sure President Mike Percy is saying his prayers daily that he survives. If the Johnson County 4-H Fair is any indication, he will be smiling big time!

This year's fair opened July 19, and the Shrine Club had the Ralph Simpson Building loaded with volunteers and food. For one solid week the Club served three meals a day. To do this, it required lots of things to happen behind the scenes. For instance, all the fish had to be cut into pieces for sandwiches. By the way, that smell coming from the Club wasn't Ron Bailey ... he was just the person cutting up the fish. He was also called upon to rescue the serving line when the coke dispenser quit. So, Ron made the repair and things continued



smoothly. Things like this happened daily.

I know Mike, as president, as well as the board of directors, wants to thank ALL the volunteers for their hard work. Some volunteered six or seven days, for the entire fair. A Big Thanks goes to all the volunteers. This includes the ladies who stepped up and served the meals, ran the register, parked cars and cooked. We couldn't have had a record fair without them. It was a job well done by ALL.

As the fair was drawing to a close, we were very fortunate to meet Kelly

Gilvin, grandmother to Rowan Gilvin. Rowan is a new "Shriner Kid." She is just 18 months old and is from the Johnson County area. She was recently taken by the Transportation group at Murat to Lexington Hospital where she received her first surgery on her left hand to correct her webbed fingers. She faces more surgery, but she was using her new hand while visiting us. Grandma said she just wanted to say "thank you" to those wonderful Shriners. She made us all that much prouder to be Shriners.

As we greet new Shrine-kids, we were saddened by the loss of one of our members. Past president of the Johnson County Shrine Club, Bob Blevins passed on to the Unseen Temple on August 17. Bob will be missed by all Shriners.

Once I got this pen going, it's become a job to stop. Before leaving ... the Club wants to thank those responsible for the anonymous gift of batteries and exit lights. Thanks heaps!

See you next issue.

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## Tarum

Jeff Dickey

Happy Labor Day!

Well summer is past and what a busy one it was. The pool was busy every weekend and new Party Chairman Chad Greulich has done well in his first season. Well done First Vice! Just think, now you have Holiday parties coming up and then another year of parties will be done. Next summer's parties are already being booked, so if you want a date, see Chad.

Tarum Shrine Day was September 12 and President Dave and his cohorts had the Club looking good. They fed all who came and played host to members of the Divan and Shrine Club parade units from various places. The parade went well although, since our mayor decided to make it a daytime parade, it was not as impressive as usual. But then

we can't control what our "mayor" and the city dictates. Well maybe next year they will see the folly of their ways and return the parade to the nighttime, where it should be.

Tarum's ladies have been busy this summer also. They have geared up for their annual Bingo Salad Bar which should be a major success once again. They set up and sold food at the Richmond Arts Festival. They even managed to sneak a wedding reception in there. Tarum's ladies do a great job and are to be congratulated.

On a more somber note, 2009 continues to be a rough year for Tarum and Murat. Tarum lost three more nobles: Ron Edwards, Bob Thorman, and Jim Lasley. All had been longtime members and good friends of the Club. Jim was a

former president and Children's Committee head. Bob and Ron would help the Club in many ways, often behind the scenes. You all are missed and our heartfelt condolences go out to their families. Murat lost Past Potentate Jerry Markovich. What can we say about Jerry. He was a Shriner through and through. Always ready to do what it took to get the job done. He was our brother in Masonry and the Shrine. All of these nobles have left big shoes to fill. Let us make sure we don't let them down.

Finally, remember to attend Tarum functions when you can. We can't do it without you!

See you at Tarum.





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# Johnson County Mini-Mystics

Dave Alspaugh

It's hard to believe, but very shortly, people will be making their fall pilgrimages to Nashville to view the beautiful colors of autumn. Yes, our summer has slipped by us. Just a few days ago, we were discussing the upcoming parade schedule, and now we're looking at closing the parade season. Summer has come and gone, and I have to say that I must have slept through part of it.

As a Club, we have been busy: helping the Shrine Club at the Ralph Simpson Building during the County Fair, sponsoring a golf outing at Hickory Stick Golf Course, besides several parades. As president, I've been somewhat disappointed with our participation in the parades. Where we used to always have 8 to 10 vehicles, sometimes more, we now are lucky to get 3 or 4 cars at a parade. I kind of want to put on a cheerleading outfit and stir up some excitement. Come on fellows, where's our old spirit? We have about 13 parades left. Let's see some of those cars that have not been out of their trailers in ages, dusted off, and put back on display.

We want to welcome Vern Smith to our Club. Vern



became a Shriner at the Masonic Home parade and has already bought a car and has paraded in his first parade at Shelbyville. Sadly, he broke down, not too far from completing the parade. Needless to say ... Dan Gillahan couldn't wait to present Vern with the beautiful and colorful "breakdown necklace." Unfortunately, we felt, since it was



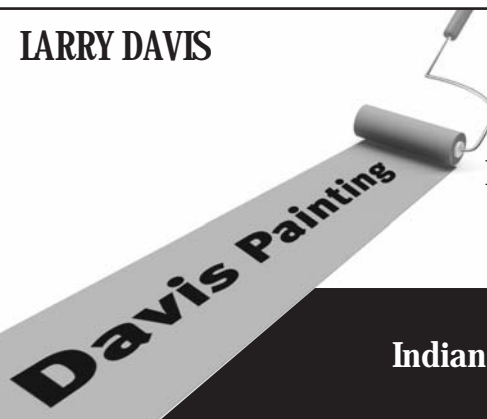
Vern's maiden voyage in a parade, he will not be presented with the necklace. But if it would happen again, Dan will show no mercy. Welcome aboard Vern, glad to have you.

As you can see, the Mini-Mystics have lots of fun, even away from parading. We meet every fourth Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m. at the Johnson County Shrine Club in Franklin. Come down and visit us, and attend a meeting to see what we're all about. That's what Vern did.

Being president of the Mini-Mystics gives me the pleasure of seeing the many good things we do. I, personally, want to thank everyone, and that includes our ladies, as well as the members who volunteered their time to help make the Mini-Mystics night at the Johnson County 4-H Fair such a success. Both Tuesday and Thursday evenings were successful. Thanks again for making us look good.

Well, after a four-month vacation, we're back! Hope to see you again in the next issue.

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# Imperial Council Session

GORDON J HUSK, CHAIRMAN-ELECT, BOARD OF GOVERNORS, CHICAGO HOSPITAL

In San Antonio, voting delegates were presented with the greatest number of items of legislation ever to appear on the agenda of an Imperial Council Session. It had been proposed that six Shriners Hospitals be closed. The voting results determined no hospitals would be closed, and the Galveston hospital is to be restored to full operation. Delegates approved a proposal to change the definition of "hospital," thus giving the joint boards authority to provide patient care in a variety of ways, as determined appropriate to meet patients' needs in each hospital's area. We will continue delivering the same high-quality medical care for which the hospitals have become widely known, continue care for all patients currently in the system, and accept new patients. Those goals are to be met in the most effective and efficient manner, to assure delivery of the greatest possible help to the greatest number of children in the most efficient and cost-effective manner.

This summary shows action taken on each numbered resolution:

## Iowa Corporation (Fraternal)

**Failed #1** All Past Potentates who are Colorado representatives would automatically become Iowa representatives.

**Passed #2** Temple's auditors not required to make recommendations on controls relating to depositories unless requested by Imperial Council Board of Directors.

**Passed #3** Allows Ainad Shriners to utilize alternative balloting as previously approved for others.

**Passed #4** Allows Karnak Shriners alternative balloting.

**Passed #5** Requires Treasurer to be a signer on all financial accounts; prevents local temple bylaws from providing otherwise.

**Passed #6** Specifies requirements for temple under dispensation and for the temple's charter members.

**Passed #7** Allows use of temple member lists for soliciting donations for Colorado Corporation without seeking permission from temples.

**Failed #8** Requires Recorder to keep additional member information, e.g., e-mail addresses and forward applicable information to Recorder of temple where noble resides, if outside of home jurisdiction.

**Failed #9** Allows members of a noble's family to participate in parades as part of a temple Shrine unit.

**Passed #10** Gives Mahi Shriners exclusive jurisdiction over the Republic of Cuba and the Republic of Honduras.

**Withdrawn #11** Allows Kosair Shriners concurrent jurisdiction of Northern Ireland, with Ahmes Shriners, which has exclusive jurisdiction.

**Passed #12** Revises Ritual of the Order to remove many Arabic references.

**Passed #13** Allows Zenobia Shriners to move Charter to new facility.

**Passed #14** Allows Hasan Shriners to join Dixie Shrine Association.

**Failed #15** Allows dispensation for new temple in

Heidelberg, Germany, to be named Emirat Shriners.

**Passed #16** Allows dispensation for new temple in Manila, Philippines, to be named Mabuhay Shriners.

**Passed #17** Allows dispensation for new temple in San Juan, Puerto Rico, to be named Al Rai'e Saleh Shriners.

## Colorado Corporation (Hospitals)

**Passed #18** Changes definition of hospitals to accommodate patient care facilities with affiliated hospitals as well as ambulatory care facilities used for outpatient care. Also allows hospital use for day surgeries and outpatient care with the approval of the Board of Trustees and the Board of Directors.

**Passed #19** Allows amendments to Bylaws to be sent to Secretary of Colorado Corporation by e-mail and fax.

**Passed #20** Sets guidelines Board of Trustees and Board of Directors must use to suspend operations of a hospital.

**Failed #21** Makes all members of Board of Governors of our hospitals members of the Colorado Corporation.

**Failed #22** Prohibits former Imperial Officer from running for election to become a Trustee of Colorado Corporation.

**Withdrawn #23** Permits hospitals to charge patients for medical services.

**Withdrawn #24** Allows hospitals to accept insurance from patients having coverage.

**Failed #25** Requires financial reports to show amount of failure to meet investment benchmarks.

**Passed #26** Auditors not required to recommend external or internal controls for depositories unless requested by the Board of Directors.

**Passed #27** Allows hospitals to accept payments from insurance companies and government entities.

**Withdrawn #28** Allows hospitals to accept payments from insurance companies and government entities.

**Withdrawn #29** Allows hospitals to accept payments from insurance companies and government entities.

**Withdrawn #30** Allows closing of six hospitals.

**Withdrawn #31** Creates committee to study and make recommendations regarding hospital system at the 2010 Session, and prohibits any closings or suspensions until that time.

**Withdrawn #32** Requires Boards of Directors and Trustees to meet with Boards of Governors of all hospitals to evaluate and modify care delivery model, with goal to reduce operating cost.

**Withdrawn #33** Allows Boards of Directors and Trustees meeting jointly to modify care delivery model of hospital to meet needs of community, all to be done in consultation with Boards of Governors of affected hospitals.

**Passed #34** Requires returning Galveston hospital to full operation.

**Withdrawn #35** Prevents closing of Greenville hospital at 2009 Session.

**Withdrawn #36** Prevents closing of Springfield hospital at 2009 Session.



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## Police Club and Drill Team

Don L. Wellhammer, Jr.

Well summer is over, the kids and grandchildren are back to school, and the Police Club and Drill Team had their first meeting after being dark over the summer. Shelby in the Shrine office is reminding me that an article is due (actually Shelby did not have to remind me this time, but she usually does!). While I am on the subject of the Shrine office, the next time you call or stop by the office, make sure you say thanks to all of the ladies in the office who help keep the day-to-day activities of the Murat Shrine in order—with a great big smile on their faces too!

How many of you made it downtown to the 125th anniversary of the Murat Shrine and saw the parade on June 6? It was a gorgeous day, with the Legion of Honor in front carrying the colors, and then our very own Drill Team looking sharp doing precision moves on the streets of Indianapolis right after the colors. After the parade, there was a re-dedication of the Murat Shrine cornerstone that was conducted by our Masonic brothers from the Grand Lodge of Indiana. I have seen this ceremony before, but I am still impressed each time by how well they perform their parts.

The annual summer picnic for the Club was Sunday, September 13, and was held at the American Military Heritage Foundation at 1215 S. Franklin Rd. on the east side of Indianapolis. It was held off of a gravel road in an airplane hanger. I was told it was really neat and a good time was had by all. I had to miss it this year, since I was on my annual fishing trip to Canada, but I thought of you guys! Hopefully, you remembered to bring your lady! While I am on the subject of your lady, please remember to thank her for allowing you to be gone so often for Shrine events.

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, October 6, at 7 p.m. downstairs at the Shrine. If you get a chance, arrive early for a "pre-planning session" in the Oasis Lounge. If your mail is slow and you get the magazine after the October meeting, the November meeting is planned for the third. I hope to see you there!

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## Honored Ladies

Betty J. Rathbun

The Honored Ladies will meet on Thursday, September 27, for our first fall meeting. Lunch will be served at 11:30 a.m. followed by a program. The speaker will talk about handkerchiefs and show her extensive collection. If you have an old handkerchief, bring it to the meeting and if you have one you no longer want to keep, she would like to add it to her collection.

The Honored Ladies are the widows of Shriners. We meet the fourth Thursday of each month, except July and August, and have lunch and a program. We meet for fun, food and friendship. Ladies, come to one of our meetings as a guest and see if you would like to join. By participating in this group, we still feel a part of the Shrine, which we have enjoyed in the past. We help with the children at the Christmas Party, make cookies, and are invited to many activities. If you would like to make a lunch reservation, call Audrey Apple at (317) 786-2016. Reservations are a must and the cost is ten dollars (\$10).

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## 500 Club

Jerry Lance

The August board meeting was held and the following topics were discussed: Track Day (September 26). An invitation to other motor units to join us at Track Day was approved. The other Units are the Corvette Club, the Mini-Mystics, and the Motor Corps.

In other business, we are still trying to get the monthly newsletter organized. Again, we will be using e-mail and mailings to those who have no e-mail address. This will start soon after our new directory is printed. The final corrections to the directory have been made and we are ready to go to print. Also, the board will be working to update our Murat Web site.

Board member Bob Kelso has announced that his world famous cookout will be held Saturday, October 10. Remember to bring your own lawn chairs and drinks and a covered dish.

The regular August meeting was not held because we had too few members there and had no quorum.

Our third Sunday brunch was held the fourth Sunday in August because of the Masonic Home Festival being held on the third Sunday. In September, we will return to the third Sunday. Remember, we are at the Brickyard at 9:30 a.m. At our August brunch we had 14 members attending. We have reserved seating, but please give Rodger a call for a head count if you intend to go; it really helps.

Well, members, that's about it for this month. Trust you had a good summer. Remember, anything for the good of the Club, please give Tim a call at 627-1580 or our general info line at 466-8383. Also, if there are any late-breaking parades coming up, please contact Dan Price, our parade chairman, so he can get approval and get the info out to the membership. Dan is doing an excellent job keeping us all up to date on our parades. Until next time ...

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## Caravan Club



President Deo Carter presents a Certificate of Appreciation to Recorder Ed Wolfe as one of the speakers at the weekly luncheon meeting of the Caravan Club.

The Veteran Car Club met at Dottie Forth's home for a delicious meal before the August 10 regular meeting. The members were very appreciative to Dottie for inviting the Club to her home and for the wonderful dinner.

The Club was saddened by the passing of President Jim Lasley on August 2. Several members participated in the funeral as pallbearers and also furnished several antique cars for the funeral procession.

Activities for the month included Masonic Home Day at Franklin with several members in attendance. On August 23, seven members and cars participated in the Bears of Blue River parade in Shelbyville. A well-attended afterglow at the Shelby County 40 & 8 was enjoyed by all Shrine parade units.

The next meeting of the Club will be on September 14. Location for the

dinner and meeting will be the Ponderosa on IN 9 in Greenfield with the meal at 5:30 p.m. followed by the meeting at 7 p.m.

All Shrine members who have an antique car or an interest in antique vehicles are invited to attend.

## Sports

***This is from the August issue of the Indy USBC magazine – "CONGRATULATIONS WES!"***

Wes Kidwell, Grand Duke of the Year – This award honors our senior male bowlers (age 70 years & over). In the fall of 2008, the board of directors approved renaming this award in honor of Wes Kidwell, whose history of service and dedication to our local association and the Indiana State BA is remarkable. Much thought was given as to who should receive the first Wes Kidwell Grand Duke Award. The selection committee could not think of any one person who deserved this award more than the person for which it is named. Wes not only served on the local GIBA Board of Directors as director, president, and secretary/treasurer, but also served as a director and president of the Indiana State USBC BA and a director on the previous ABC Board of Directors. He joined the GIBA Board in 1955 and became president in 1968. He was elected secretary/treasurer in 1972 and served in that capacity until 1987. He served as an Indiana State USBC BA director from 1955 to 1989 and as its president in 1972. He is both an Indiana State USBC BA and an Indy USBC Life Member. He is also a member of the Hall of Fame for both of these associations.

## Band

Leonard Hull

While the rest of the Masonic Order goes dark during July and August, the Murat Band is business as usual: four rehearsals, three parades, two concerts, a fish fry and a fishing tournament.

This year the Murat Band celebrates its 112th birthday, chartered in 1897. Few of us remember that monumental occasion but the awards, changes and history of this nationally recognized organization would fill not only a Sears Roebuck catalog sized book but a complete library of books this size.

Murat Band didn't attend the San Antonio Imperial this year but as noted above, "The Band played on."

What does it take to get 30 retired and employed bandsmen to an Imperial Session? Here are just a few of the questions and problems that must be considered. It takes more than a week of earned vacation—can you afford four nights in a luxury hotel? Will the Band help on finances? What about Murat Shrine? Fuel cost for "Worden's Wagon" at 15 mpg – 2,500 miles at \$3/gallon = \$500. Can my family go? Will there be outside activities? How are the tires? Check the brakes. Who will take the music, stands, big horns and drums? Have you checked the music folders for completeness? What about chairs? Is the "break-away" battery charged?

Do we take the generator, calliope and the five-foot drum? What about a chauffeur and towing vehicle? Just a touch of the myriad of questions that must be addressed.

Some think members just come to sit down, play and go home is quite enough. But what did it take to make all this touch and go so easy? It's not just an accident—somebody made it happen. Who's responsible, who's to blame? The trailer needs paint and repair; where's the paint, brushes, rags and rollers?

Since quartermasters and rookies are almost non-existent today, it becomes the responsibility of all to fill the gap. This is the hub of camaraderie, fellowship, and the sense of belonging for which the Murat Band has no equal.

The rhythm of the supporting Murat Band to any parade is so necessary we can make no excuses but just go whenever possible.

"Why do we do this?" you ask. "Cause we're fun, sez I."

Visit rehearsal of this icon any Wednesday at 7 p.m. in the Corinthian Room. Bring your horn and sit in.



Debut of Worden's Wagon circa 1984, 2009 Silver Anniversary



# Logansport Shrine Club

Bill Rynerson

## LOGANSPOrt PATIENT SENIOR PROJECT

My name is Bill Rynerson. I have been a member of Murat Shrine for 25 years. The last 14 years I have had the pleasure of taking one of our patients, Saree Titus, to the Chicago Shriners Hospital. Saree was diagnosed with juvenile rheumatoid arthritis at 7 years of age by her primary doctor, Dr. Vogel, at the hospital.

Last April I received a telephone call from Saree, who is a graduating senior from Logansport School. She chose as her senior project to collect toys for the children at the Chicago Hospital. She asked me to be her mentor and if I would guide her through this project. This involved two elementary schools in Logansport that participated in the project. Classes volunteered to collect toys and the class that collected the most toys was entertained by Saree with a carnival.

This Senior Project mushroomed into a collection of toys you would not believe. My wife and I were asked to attend the carnivals where games were played and refreshments served. Saree's father told me they started putting the boxes of toys in her bedroom and it grew so very much that it had to be moved to the garage. Collection boxes were placed at the Logansport Shrine Club, our Methodist Church in Rochester, and strategic places in the Logansport area.

After the carnivals, she called to say she was ready to go to the Shriners Hospital. She informed me that her father would rent an enclosed truck to take the toys and that she had collected almost 3,000 toys—which filled the truck. We were all astonished at the participation for this project. Early in May, Saree, her mother and father, Noble Bob Harger, our transportation chairman, and his wife Anne, my wife Nancy and I took off with the toys to the hospital.

Noble Bob Harger made all the transportation arrangements and the P.R. at the hospital. We thank Noble Robert Cotner, director of development at the hospital, for greeting the group and making it a perfect day. When the truck was unloaded at the ramp, there was a janitor with one little cart. When the door opened, the question was asked, "How many of these boxes?" and Saree's father was quick to answer, "All of them." Saree wanted to serve the children as she feels she has been served.

The Logansport Shrine Club Hospital Unit has been averaging around 80 patients, and we love all of the children. Once in a while, a special one comes along such as Saree Titus. Believe it or not, I have only been with her father about three times in all these years, and her mother is an extraordinary person. This is a remarkable family and very appreciative of the Shrine Hospital.

Saree's deceased grandfather, Gene Kaufman, was a Murat Shriner and a member of the Logansport Shrine Club. Saree dedicated this project to him. Saree received four "A's" on this project. She has graduated and will be attending Ball State University in the fall to study public relations, and her goal is to work at a Shriners Hospital. She is a very happy patient and she wants to share her happiness with others. To our knowledge, this is a first at the Shriners Hospital and we certainly "thank Saree" for the happiness she has brought to the children.



# Smyrna Shrine Guild

Barb Wimmenauer

## Maharanee's Message:

"I hope everyone had a wonderful summer! It certainly passed quickly and now we are heading into a busy fall season for our Smyrna members. Our Casino Bus Trip to Hollywood is this month; I hope to see many members to make this a successful fundraising venture! In addition, this month, we will travel to Gatlinburg, TN, to attend our Imperial Convention. We always look forward to an enjoyable trip full of fellowship and fun with our members across the country from all the guilds. Smyrna also mourns the loss of some of our dear members this past year; their presence will be especially missed at convention. We will keep them in our hearts forever and honor them at the convention Memorial Service.

In Tolerance, Maharanee Susie"

## October Calendar

Wednesday, October 7—Guild Night: 5:30 p.m. at the Gun Club.

Saturday, October 24—Annual Card Party.

Tuesday, October 27—Board Meeting: 6:30 p.m. and Stated Meeting: 7 p.m. at Murat.

## November Calendar

Wednesday, November 4—Guild Night: 5:30 p.m. at the Gun Club.

Tuesday, November 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 Waldrup at (317) 856-1629 and leave a message. Reminder: Dianna Craft is our cheer chairman. Please contact her with news regarding our Smyrna membership and their families so we can communicate the news in a timely fashion. Her number is (317) 882-8587. If no answer, please leave a message.

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## Firemen's Club

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Tim Whitaker

Welcome, nobles, to the Murat Firemen's Club article!

I am sorry to report that our Club has lost two active Masons and Shriners: Brothers Jerry Markovich, P.P. and Harry Bertram. Both men were active in our fraternity and both will be missed by our Club and Shrinedom.

A lot of positive events have taken place since our last article. We have gone to the Argosy (Hollywood) Casino and brought back enough money to donate \$250 to the Transportation Fund. We participated in Murat's 125th Year Celebration Parade and Unit Fair. Some were able to attend the Shrine Imperial Session in San Antonio and some attended the Masonic Home Parade and Public Ceremonial in Franklin. Yet others participated in the Corvette Club's Car Show at Murat, the Indiana State Fair Parade, Shelby County Parade, while other members supported and played in golf outings for our Potentate (Don Melvin Memorial), Chanter's, Johnson County, Shelby County, and the Masonic Home Fundraising event. Yes, we truly do try to support not only our own Club, but the many other Units and Clubs of Murat. It is our belief that if we all work together in our efforts to strengthen Murat, that our organization will grow and be strong for the future.

As we look to the future, we know that by bringing in new, younger members from various fire departments and other walks of life, we will not only preserve our Club and Murat another 60 years (as our Club has), but we will pass on our knowledge, skills and abilities to those who will lead us into the future. Our Club is changing, Murat is changing, and Masonry is changing. We can either embrace those CHANGES or try to keep doing business as we have always done in the past. My hope is that we continue to grow and strengthen each year as we become a more diversified Club. Welcome to the newest members of our Club. They are: Kevin Rhodes, Ed Wolfe and Mark Borgmann.

We would like to extend our Club's congratulations to one of our newer members, Brother Scott Elliott. Scott, a Greenfield firefighter, recently became married to Renee K. Grotz on the first day of August 2009. They are a fine example of the future of our Club. I hope all will welcome Renee into our fold with open arms. They are fine examples of youth and our future!

Please don't forget these important dates:

October 3 – Riley Days Parade, Greenfield, IN, times TBA

October 7 – Murat Firemen's Club Meeting at 7:30 p.m.

October 11 – Martinsville Parade Staging and step-off, times TBA

Let's end our Parade Season with a large turnout for this event.

October 24 – Aldrich's Wiener Roast (Watch for e-mails & snail mail for this event).

Finally, remember to get those petitions in now for the December Hot Sands Ceremonial at Murat.

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## Dramatic Cast

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Michael Smith

Hello nobles. The Dramatic Cast has been busy with an August 1 golf outing at Clover Meadows where everyone had a wonderful meal and a good time. A special thank-you to Larry and Sally Sutherlin for overseeing the event. I hope everyone had a wonderful and safe summer!

On August 16, we performed in an open ceremonial at the Indiana Masonic Home Festival.

If you are Interested in joining the Dramatic Cast, please see us in the Tunisian Room at 6:30 p.m. on the second Wednesday night of each month.

Don't forget to get your RSVP in for our Christmas Dinner and Officer Installation on December 9, 2009.

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## Southeastern Indiana Shrine Club

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Noel Houze

Summer is over and we're winding down the parade season calendar. We'll be finishing up with the Farmers Fair Parade in Aurora October 3 and the Navy Bean Festival Parade in Rising Sun October 10. We've enjoyed the summer parades and the opportunities to spread information about the good works of the Shrine.

In August, all family members were invited to a Club picnic and members were encouraged to invite any friends they thought might be interested in petitioning for membership as a Shriner. The picnic was well attended with lots of delicious food, fun and games, door prizes, and fellowship. Thanks to all who helped prepare the food and get the Club ready for a great day.

It's still not too late to come out and have a delicious Southeastern Indiana Shrine Club steak. We have two steak nights left this year—one is scheduled for October 16 and the last one is scheduled for November 13—and we serve from 5 to 8 p.m. After the November steak night, we'll hang up our cooking utensils, stow the charcoal, and give the cook shack a final cleaning for the winter. Thanks to all the nobles who have helped out all summer and a special thanks to the ladies who work just as hard as the rest. As always, we could not do what we do without your continued love and support.

The Southeastern Indiana Shrine Club meets the second Monday of each month. We have dinner at 6:30, a director's meeting at 7:30, with the regular monthly meeting at 8. If you are a member who hasn't been to the Club in awhile, come out and join us. It's your Club too. We also welcome any noble who would like to attend as a guest. Don't wait for an invitation; all nobles are invited to attend.

# Let the Real Fun Begin

ANDY CLAYTON, CIRCUS DIRECTOR

It is hard to believe the 2010 circus season is upon us. After a summer that I hope was filled with rest, relaxation, and fun for all of you, it is now time to turn our attention to our temple's biggest fundraiser. The 2010 Murat Shrine Circus is but five months away and preparations are well underway.

As you read this article and prepare for the upcoming Holiday Season, I want you to think about what you can do to help with this year's circus. This past circus year was full of great success and tremendous fraternalism; those who worked and helped last year really did a fantastic job and had fun.

Our success in 2010 will once again depend upon you. If you have not already, you will soon be receiving your annual circus coupons which we hope that you will continue to support. In addition, this year you will find a circus activity book sponsor application. I ask that each of you think about someone you might know who may want to be a sponsor.

**2010 Murat Shrine Circus**  
**MARCH 5-7, 2009**  
**Pepsi Coliseum**  
**Indiana State Fairgrounds**

Our goal is for twice as much sponsorship as last year. Please do what you can in helping us reach our goal ... ask your dentist, doctor, barber, local Lodge, favorite restaurant, any business/people you know.

Ultimately, we want you to be involved in some manner. Your efforts could be big or small; it matters not. YOUR involvement will assure that it will be a success! Enjoy your fall and let the real fun begin ... the 2010 Murat Shrine Circus!

## Prather York Rite One-Day Class



Illustrious Sir George Proctor is surrounded by the 61 new members of the York Rite One-Day Class named in his honor which was held in the Corinthian Room at Murat on August 29. (Photo by Luke Stark)



It's been a great summer so far for President Bill Sparks and the Patrol. We would like to spotlight a Patroller each article. This month it is Paul Ballard. The Illustrious Sir George Proctor recently got the opportunity to award Paul Ballard, a lifelong Patroller, his Shrine 50-year award. Noble and brother Ballard has notably carried on a tradition of a wheelchair pusher at the Veterans Hospital, assisting its patients in getting out and visiting while undergoing care. On a side note, Paul still owns one of the original Arabic themed patrol parade uniforms which he recently brought to the Patrol Room to be laid up among the archives and displayed (also the only Patroller who can fit into it, and no, they did not wear black socks and shoes with shorts).

We participated in many parades with a great turnout. We were at the Shrine Circus, 125th Anniversary Shrine parade, Johnson County Fair, Masonic Home Day, Indiana State Fair, Bears of Blue River Shelby County, and finished our parade season with the Zionsville parade. Big thanks to the Clubs providing afterglows. Remember, we Patrollers ride in the "little bus" pulling the "big long trailer."



We have attained several new members this year; the Patrol would like to welcome Terry Gamble and Troy Pace to its ranks.

We had a great time taking a shift at the VCM booth this year and look forward to helping more next year. Much knowledge was gained, the most important that we wear aprons at the VCM for a good reason. By the way, new Patrol shirts may be obtained by seeing the quartermaster.

Events coming up: Potentate's "New York City Experience" trip October 1-4, Ladies' Trip to Nashville, IN, October 21, Hot Sands December 5, Children's Christmas party December 13, and December 31st - January 1, 2010, is NexGen's New Year's Eve Temple Party. So mark your calendars.

The Patrol is looking for a few new members. If you can't decide on which Club to join, we are it. If you are a noble interested in joining the Patrol, we meet the first Friday of the month in the Past Masters Room at 7 p.m. Come early and enjoy an adult beverage with us in the Oasis.

"Remember, Patrolling is where it's at."

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Murat Chanters  
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**October 24, 2009 • 5:30 PM  
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2. Silent Auction for Great Stuff, 5:30-7. Christmas is coming soon.
3. Reverse Raffle Tickets at the door. 50/50 Payout.
4. Multi-Themed Buffet Dinner before Show.
5. High-Jinks w/the Chief Rabban, Craig Hinshaw.
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**\$37.50 per Person**

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Fall is just around the corner and the dog days of summer are behind us. Every year about this time, I ask where has this year gone and it seems to go faster the older you get.

September is the time to start planning for the rest of the year as far as Club activities and events go, but I would like to recap briefly what happened during the summer.

**HOSPITAL DAYS** – In May, several members of the Club attended Lexington

Hospital Day. As usual, it was a full day of tours for those who haven't seen the hospital, good free food, entertainment, and a short parade. It was all held inside the hospital and seemed to go pretty well. Chicago cancelled their Hospital Day this year but may have one next year as the economy improves.

**PARADES** – This summer the Club attended several parades, showing off the vans and advertising our hospitals. Some of the parades attended were Batesville, Bears

of Blue River, Franklin Masonic Home, Johnson County, and the Indiana State Fair. Many thanks to all the members who participated in these parade activities.

**PAPER CRUSADE** – The Club had some trouble in getting a business location for the June 19 and 20 kick-off. The crusade was extended this year through September 19 to allow time to reschedule a location and recruit workers.

**PICNIC** – Many members and their ladies were on hand for the August picnic at Beech Grove Park. Great food was prepared by the ladies, and Paul Herzog was the chef, as usual, preparing tenderloins, hamburgers and hot dogs on the grill.

**FUNDRAISER** – The "White Elephant" conducted at last year's Christmas party went really well and was a good moneymaker for the Club. We scheduled another fundraiser at the picnic in August which was also successful. It's always fun to see what the members bring to raffle off.

If you haven't been to a Club meeting in a while, please stop by and join us in good fellowship and help determine our activities for the rest of the year. We meet for dinner in the Mecca Room around 5:30 p.m. and the meeting starts at 7. See you there.

## Kentucky Colonels

Dennis Scott

This is the first magazine since June. We are close to preparing for our fall activities, but first let me share what transpired this summer. The Colonels continued to meet in June, July, and August and worked on several projects.

**LEXINGTON HOSPITAL DAY** – Several of the Colonels attended the annual Hospital Day and enjoyed the activities, free food, entertainment, tours, and parade. Thanks to Colonel Ernie Condra for participating in the parade. It was also an encore of the Arch Program which attracted so many people that a second program was scheduled just to accommodate the attendees. What makes the program special is that it gives the public, including the ladies and fellow Masons, a dramatic presentation of what our fraternity is all about.

**PAPER CRUSADE** – The Colonels came through as usual and handed out papers and collected donations for our hospitals. President Paul Schneck would like to thank all who made the time and effort to work the crusade.

**DONATIONS** – The Club made donations to two of our ladies' organizations to help support their activities. It was a pleasure to support the Ladies Oriental Shrine and Smyrna Shrine Guild.

**INDIANA DOWNS** – Several members and their ladies attended Indiana Downs in July to watch the thoroughbreds run and also enjoyed a wonderful buffet—all in the comfort of the clubhouse. There was even a race named in honor of the Kentucky Colonels Club.

After the racing was over, the group tried their luck at the beautiful casino. Some won and some lost a little, but in either case it was a great day. Thanks to President Paul Schneck for organizing the outing.

**GP MOTORCYCLE RACE** – During the August meeting, a drawing was held to determine the lucky winner of two tickets to the race to be held later in August. Thanks to Wally Renn who spearheaded this effort and to all the members who bought and sold the tickets for this money-making project.

**IN REMBERANCE** – The Club lost longtime member Paul Traub after a long illness.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to the Traub family.

Please try to join us on the first Wednesday of the month around 5:30 p.m. in the Mecca Room for dinner. Our meeting follows at 7 p.m.

**MURAT SHRINE  
MOBIL NOBLE  
Annual Homemade**

**Saturday, October 10  
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## Mobil Nobles

Ron McCoy

### Spaghetti Dinner

Wow, it is October already and everyone, or almost everyone, should be back from vacation. Golf is coming to an end. The outings are done. Summer was pretty good to us. We got six new members into our Unit. We had a golf invitational in Kentucky. Okay, so it got a little wet—well maybe that was an understatement—a lot wet! The Unit got it in even though it was cart path only the last two days. Then last month we had our picnic at Sam's place. Yes, it was a fast summer.

Now it is time for a good dinner. The place to be is at the American Legion in Fishers. The date: October 10 and the time to be there is between 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. Bring the family and a friend or two. Trust me when I tell you this is the best spaghetti anywhere. It is homemade by Bob Sculthorp who is supervised by Nancy.

Pictured is our newest member, Mike Stevens. Mike joined the Shrine June of last year, and we are so happy he picked our Unit to join.



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Many thanks to everyone who made our Supreme Appointee's luncheon a memorable afternoon event. Congratulation to Past Queen Cathy Rose Garland, Supreme Goodwill Ambassador to the Northeast Area, and Past Queen Kathryn Whisner, Supreme Temple American Flag Escort. They will represent Koran Temple No. 30

well, and we wish them an enjoyable year representing our Supreme Temple.

The "Autumn Leaves Extraordinaire" temple fundraiser has been successfully completed. Organizers Past Queens Manuella Jefferson and Ossie Pryor made sure every attendee had great food and a fun time at the September 12 brunch/style show. Many eyes opened and several "oohs and aahs" were heard throughout the Arabian Room as our models "strutted" down the runway in new fall fashions from Ginger and Spice. Ladies, you looked magnificent! Thanks to each of you for presenting that "extraordinaire" look to everyone. To the new owners of door prizes and "opportunities to own," enjoy!! Hugs to everyone who helped to make this a great event.

The Supreme Visitation will be Friday, November 13, at 2 p.m. followed by a reception at 5 p.m. and banquet at 6 p.m. The menu will consist of salad, roast beef, potatoes, mixed vegetables, rolls, ice cream, tea and coffee at a cost of \$28.50 per person. Make your reservations with PQ Betty J. Rathbun at (317) 846-2800 by

Saturday, November 7. For additional information and questions, contact Queen Jeanette Roberts at (317) 846-4796.

Place these Wednesday 7 p.m. Stated Session dates on your calendar: October 7, November 4, and December 2 in the Corinthian Room. Wednesday sewings from 10 – 2 on September 16, October 21, and November 18 in the Mediterranean Room. Check your yearbook for refreshment and sewing hostesses for these months.

Congratulations to Princess Mary Riddle, a 40-year member of Daughters of the Nile, who has attained the century mark in age. We are so very proud of your dedication and loyalty to our beloved organization. Thank you from all our hearts for the many helpful hours of sewing and service you have given to Koran Temple No. 30 Daughters of the Nile. May God Bless You!!

Final thought: If a person wants their dreams to come true, they must first wake up ...



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# "The Blue Orb"

BY CHRIS "CHIEF" LAWSON AND ED ADAMS

It's the month of October and for many this brings thoughts of cool fall days and Halloween. With Halloween comes the thought of ghost stories told around the campfire on a cold night. Well nobles and ladies, I bet you were unaware of the ghosts that reside in Murat Temple. You also may or may not know, but Ed Adams and I operate a parapsychology investigation group called S.P.I.R.I.T. (Special Paranormal Investigation and Research Indiana Team). We conduct many professional scientific investigations throughout Indiana and are getting ready to teach a course in parapsychology. So we do a lot of research in allegedly haunted locations. Needless to say, we love a good ghost story. What follows is the story of the haunting at Murat.

The first I ever heard of the occurrences at the Murat came oddly enough during a late night and scarcely attended Band Night in 2002. I had gone into the lobby to escape the smoke and was looking at Elias Jacoby's portrait when a noble asked me if I was "looking for Jacoby's ghost." I thought he was joking until he related to me what he knew of the tale. Since I was an avid paranormal investigator, I chose to do a little research.

From about 1935, after Elias Jacoby's death, many strange things have been reported over the years, including many appearances of a float-

ing blue orb around the Potentate's box in the balcony as well as a transparent specter. It was believed to be the ghost of Elias Jacoby. Illustrious Sir Elias Jacoby was Potentate from 1907 – 1912 which was the time that the present temple was constructed. Being the new temple's first Potentate, it was needless to say he was proud and quite attached to it. This brings up the question, "Did he ever leave?" or is he still watching over his beloved building from his box? Since the renovation and leasing of the theater, the blue orb has not been seen. It is also believed that the portrait of Elias Jacoby hanging outside of the Oasis lounge comes to life at times and has been watching passing nobles. In 1994, during a gathering of mediums, half of those in attendance watched the portrait emit a tear. Sometime after, it was announced that the theater was to be leased out. Another occurrence is seen in the theater where a black mass floats from the ceiling in front of the stage to

the floor. This was believed to be the specter of a 24-year-old iron worker who fell to his death while the theater was being constructed in 1910. The Egyptian Room is also a location where strange noises and light malfunctions have been reported. Many other strange things have been told to me regarding different areas of the building such as the basement and the upstairs hall outside of the Egyptian Room. We call most of these types of occurrences residual haunts, because it is much like a video that keeps replaying when the conditions warrant.

So the next time you are at a show in the theater, a late night function, or Club meeting and you find yourself in the basement all alone or on the upper floor, keep your ears and eyes open. Oh, and when you pass the portrait of Illustrious Sir Elias Jacoby, look out of the corner of your eye and see if he is watching you (make sure your Fez is straight).

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Nobles Ned Cline and Cliff Lewis accept a plaque on behalf of the Murat Chanters from Murat Plaque Program Chairman Dennis Scott.



Murat Police Club members Harold Hoffman, Charlie Merlau, Paul Daugherty, and Leroy Callahan receive the Police Club plaque from Plaque Chairman Dennis Scott.



Murat Plaque Program Chairman Dennis Scott presents a plaque to Leroy Callahan who accepts it on behalf of himself and his lady, Ruth. Plaque recipients not pictured: Scott County Shrine Club, In Memory of Bonnie Reiser



Nobles Mike Metzger and Mike Harrison receive jackets commemorating 100 hospital trips from Recorder Ed Wolfe and Chief Rabban Craig Hinshaw.



Noble Jim Huffman was unable to be present for presentation of his jacket honoring his having made 200 hospital trips. Jacket recipient not pictured: Bill Fry



Mobil Nobles President Bob Miller, along with Club members Ron McCoy, Art Borton, and Sam Thompson, presents Chief Rabban Craig Hinshaw with a \$400 check for the Murat Transportation Fund.



Chief Rabban Craig Hinshaw accepts a donation of \$406 from Shrine bowlers Harold Pierce, Ray Miller, Larry Sutherlin, and Mike Percy.



Johnson County Shrine Club President Mike Percy is joined by Noble Ray Miller in handing over a \$2,000 check for the Murat Transportation Fund to Chief Rabban Craig Hinshaw.



Transportation Club Vice President Terry Boyer is accompanied by Transportation Club members Dennis Scott, Gordon Husk, Paul Daugherty, Eric Daugherty, and High Priest and Prophet Charlie Crabtree in the presentation of \$500 to the Transportation Club to Potentate George Proctor.



Chief Rabban Craig Hinshaw receives a \$1,000 donation to the Transportation Fund from Murat Shrine Clown President Charles Howard, Jr. Joining in this presentation are Clowns Don Waters, Chuck Shull, Terry Kimble, Tony Stout, Fred Schowengerdt, Bobby Caudill, and High Priest and Prophet Charlie Crabtree. Also presented is a \$200 check in the name of Joe Krebsbach in acknowledgement of the photos he has taken for the Clowns.





Potentate George Proctor accepts a \$2,000 check for the Transportation Fund from Montgomery County Shrine Club President Jim Stevenson. Joining in the presentation are Club members Greg Miller, Edd Consoer, Dale Harmon, Bob Chezem, and Tom DeBusk.



Potentate George Proctor is joined by Recorder Ed Wolfe in making Hospital Driver Jacket presentations. Noble Everett Claypool has earned one for 100 trips and Noble Charles Stevens gets one for having made 400 trips.



Potentate George Proctor presents MSBC Scholarship Chairman Don Richards with a check for \$670. The money was raised by First Lady Deb Proctor at the Southern Belle Brunch and Card Party held in April at Murat.



Potentate George Proctor accepts a check for \$1,000 for the Transportation Fund from Shelby County Shrine Club President Randy Ellington and Club members Jim Ross, Bill Johnson, Joe Stoutner, and Captain of the Guard Bill Rasner.



Potentate George Proctor presents a check for \$11,000 to Imperial Potentate Doug Maxwell for the Shriners Hospitals. The presentation was made at Murat's afterglow to the 500 Festival Parade. The monies were raised through our Potentate's pin program.



Tarum Shrine Club President Dave Bartlemay and Club Treasurer Dick Benner present Potentate George Proctor with a check for the Shriners Hospitals in the amount of \$40,000 which is a gift from the estate of Irene Clevenger.



Eminent Commander Jerry Miller of Prather Commandery of Knights Templar presents Potentate George Proctor with a \$150 check for the Transportation Fund. The money was donated by those attending the Ascension Day Program held at Murat on May 22. Participating in the presentation were: Kevin Scott, Past Potentate Jeff Zaring, Past Potentate Ron Elliot, Matt Boyer, Jason Greth, Mitchell Rohrbaugh, High Priest & Prophet Charlie Crabtree, Tim Murphy, Brian Lewis, Chief Rabban Craig Hinshaw, Mike Moxley, Roger Newman, Phil Herthel, Tom Tuttle, Luke Stark, Tracy Hutton, Ed Adams, and Dan Gowan.



Tim Whitaker, president of Murat Firemen's Club, along with members Ray Miller, Louis McQueen, Harold Pierce, James Mitchell, Fred Sendmeyer, Bob Williams, Ed Pierce, JD Moore, Bob Wilson, Past Potentate Ron Elliott, High Priest and Prophet Charlie Crabtree, and Captain of the Guard Bill Rasner, makes a \$275 donation to Potentate George Proctor for the Transportation Fund along with a \$25 donation in the memory of Past Potentate Jerry Markovich.



# Scholarships



Lydia Hedde, daughter of Tom and Billie Hedde



Kayla Marryman, daughter of Lori Wyrick



Kathleen Flannery, daughter of Michael and Judith Flannery

Murat Business Connection President Chris Schaler and Don Richards are joined by Potentate George Proctor in awarding three \$1,000 scholarships at the July Stated Meeting.



Haley Hesson, family, Beth, Marian, and Lesley



Brandon Scott and family, Michael, Jane, and Abbey



Alexis Lawson and parents, James and Susan, and family members Robert and Brenda Kemp, Logan Lawson and Kristen Lawson

## COMING EVENTS

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

### OCTOBER

- THU. 1 **DEADLINE FOR NOVEMBER MAGAZINE**
- THU. 1 Caravan Club
- THU. 1- SUN. 4 Potentate's "New York City Experience" Trip
- THU. 8 Caravan Club
- SAT. 10 Mobil Noble Spaghetti Dinner  
Murat Texas Hold 'Em
- SUN. 11 Cincinnati Hospital Open House
- THU. 15 Caravan Club
- MON. 19 Divan Meeting, Board Meeting  
**Stated Meeting 7 p.m.**
- WED. 21 Ladies Trip to Nashville, IN
- THU. 22 Caravan Club
- SAT. 24 Chanters Men's Show
- THU. 29 Caravan Club

### NOVEMBER

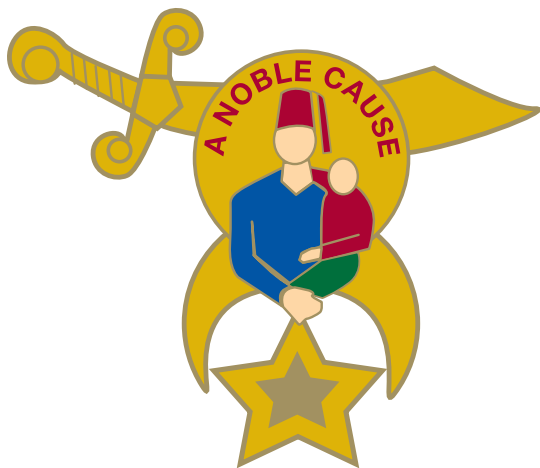
- MON. 2 **DEADLINE FOR DECEMBER MAGAZINE**
- THU. 5 Caravan Club
- SAT. 7 MSBC Auction/Dinner  
AASR Convocation
- THU. 12 Caravan Club
- SAT. 14 AASR Convocation  
Murat Texas Hold 'Em
- MON. 16 Divan Meeting, Board Meeting  
**Stated Meeting 7 p.m.**
- THU. 19 Caravan Club
- THU. 26 Happy Thanksgiving!  
Fraternal Office Closed

### DECEMBER

- TUE. 1 **DEADLINE FOR JANUARY MAGAZINE**
- THU. 3 Caravan Club
- SAT. 5 Murat Ceremonial
- THU. 10 Caravan Club
- SUN. 13 Children's Christmas Party
- THU. 17 Caravan Club
- 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 at the Oasis

### JANUARY

- FRI. 1 HAPPY NEW YEAR!
- MON. 4 **DEADLINE FOR FEBRUARY MAGAZINE**



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