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Working Today for a Better Tomorrow

Wow — what a January! I think your Divan traveled through every possible weather condition to represent the temple and serve the nobility. Many of you might not realize the true commitment that your Divan makes when agreeing to serve Murat. In January alone, your Divan attended an event on 26 out of the 31 days. These events vary from installations and meetings at the temple to traveling through almost impassable weather conditions to visit outlying Clubs like Murph in Muncie, Tarum in Richmond, Madison County in Anderson, Putnam County in Greencastle, Southeastern in Dillsboro, Tri-County in Clarksville, La-Or-Ma in Bedford, Rolling Hills in North Vernon, and Bartholomew County in Columbus to Logansport Shrine Club—all in January!!

I would like to extend a special “thank you” to each Divan member and his lady for their unselfish dedication to this great fraternity. I also want to thank those of you who are serving as leaders of the Clubs and Units this year. The impact of your hard work, dedication, and leadership will enrich the lives of those close to you and support the community you represent.

Band Night on January 24 was fantastic. It was an exciting night of fun and fellowship with family and friends. We had an amazing turnout, introduced a few new games, awarded some great prizes, and had a wonderful evening of entertainment. I know this enthusiasm will continue to grow as we look forward to our next Band Night on February 28 in the Oasis Lounge.

Our annual Leadership Seminar was well attended. We introduced a new Initiation Fee for 2014, reducing the fee from $225 to $150. This fee includes your 2014 dues and gives you the option to purchase your Fez at a later time that may be more financially feasible. We already have several Clubs that are planning a mini ceremonial during the year.

Many of you may not be aware of the upcoming GM One-Day Class and Ceremonial March 21–22; there is still time to petition a Master Mason to become a Shriner. Mark your calendars—we have scheduled a second Grand Master’s One-Day Class and Ceremonial for October 31 – November 1 at Murat.

This month we will be providing hors d’oeuvres and information about both of the Potentate’s trips to Michigan and the Dominican Republic. This will be held in the Tunisian Room at Murat on February 20 at 7 p.m. This trip is open to all nobles, ladies, and friends.

Murat will be participating in “The Walk for a Cure” for Breast Cancer Awareness on March 12. This is a great event that will show the community that Shriners not only support the well-being of children, but rather all of humanity.

The Potentate’s Ball will be on March 15. We have changed the Social Hour to include two complimentary drink tickets and hors d’oeuvres for each person attending. We have planned a fantastic meal, comments from the Imperial Potentate, and an evening filled with entertainment.

In closing, always reach for your highest potential, never allow barriers to slow you down, and continue “working today for a better tomorrow.”

William B. Rasner
Illustrious Potentate 2014
We are often asked why a man becomes (and remains) a Mason, a Scottish Rite Mason, a York Rite Mason and a Shriner. There are many interesting reasons. Some men are impressed by the moral quality of a friend or neighbor. Some may know a person who was treated at a Shriners Hospital. Others have relatives who are active with the organizations. This article will tell the story of a young man who seemed destined to become an active and ardent supporter of the organizations and their principles for living.

James David Disponett was born May 18, 1995, on the birthday of his grandfather, James Roy Disponett. He was present when a Masonic funeral service was conducted for his 58-year-old grandfather. Although he was only 5 years of age, young James remembered the beauty and sanctity of the ceremony. This added even more significance to the close bond he shared with his grandfather.

With each year, James acquired a greater understanding of the fact that his grandfather had been both a Mason and a Shriner. He learned that his father David and his uncle James belonged to both organizations. After losing his beloved grandfather in 2000, James found some new role models. Wayne and Cookie Welsh were close family friends, and they strengthened James’ interest in Masons and Shriners. In 2009, Wayne Welsh was Illustrious Potentate of Azan Shriners in Melbourne, FL.

James often mentioned to his family that he would someday be a Mason and a Shriner. As a teenager, he formed a “kids club,” comprised of sons of members of Tri-County Shrine Club. This group organized pancake breakfasts, car washes and other events to raise $1,500 which they donated for Shriners purposes. James was always the organizer and encouraged others of his age to participate. A good time was always guaranteed, and the boys felt the joy of helping others.

As the years passed, James saw his father and his uncle become more active with Tri-County Shrine Club, where both have served as president. He knows his father was appointed an executive aide to Murat Shriners by Potentate Jerry Markovich in 2007, and has served in that position each year since.

James was affectionately nicknamed Bubba. He was a football player from age 5 and played all through high school. He began a lawn service company that he continues to operate during the summer. His enthusiasm has grown by the year, and his accomplishments have been substantial during his 18 years. His interest in cooking led him to Myron Mixon’s Barbecue Pitmasters School, and he successfully completed the cooking course on January 15, 2012.

James has said 2013 has been his best year ever. For two years while mowing his grandmother’s lawn, he visited with Kim, his grandmother’s neighbor. He and Kim began steadily dating in 2013. Dave calls Kim and James a...
perfect match, and he describes them as “two peas in a pod.” The May 24, 2013, Jeffersonville High School graduation was another milestone for James. His next graduation was the Prosser Vocational College Culinary Arts course on May 28, 2013. That training prepared him for heading the hog roasts at Tri-County Shrine Club, along with other cooking at the Club events.

On October 3, 2013, James received his Master Mason degree. On October 8, 2013, he became one of the youngest Shriners in Indiana when he joined Murat Shriners. One day later, James became a member of Tri-County Shrine Club. On November 12, 2013, he became a Kentucky Colonel. At the December 11, 2013, election of officers, James was elected to the board of directors of Tri-County Shrine Club for a three-year term. He was installed at a Club dinner, with Kim by his side.

James has told his father, “I always knew I would be a Mason and a Shriner. I want to do everything I can to support the fraternity and the hospitals. I want to speak to groups of guys my age so I can encourage them to join. These are great organizations, and I don’t want other guys to miss out on just how great it is to be a Mason and a Shriner.”

Although James is quite forceful and vocal when he speaks about Masons and Shriners, he was absolutely speechless the night he became a Mason, as his father and uncle presented him with the Masonic ring that had belonged to his grandfather, James Roy Disponett. The circle was completed when the young boy who adored his grandfather grew into a man and became a third-generation Mason and Shriner. His Masonic ring symbolizes the completion of the circle. We are confident James will always bring honor to his family and his Masonic brethren. His past accomplishments forecast a long future of meaningful contributions to “Bubba’s Masonic family.”

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February 2014

2014 Potentate’s Ball

Introducing Jeff Koleszar
Murat Shrine’s New Circus Director

Grand Master’s York Rite
One-Day Class

All Indiana Freemason & Shrine Golf Outing

2014 Imperial Session

Grand Master’s One-Day Class

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MARCH 15, 2014
Murat Shrine

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5:00 - 6:30 p.m. Social ~ Arabian Room
Souvenir Photo Area (two drink tickets and appetizers included with ball ticket)

6:30 p.m. Egyptian Room Opens ~ Cash Bar

7:00 p.m. Introductions ~ Egyptian Room

7:30 p.m. Dinner

9:00 p.m. Entertainment

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It’s time to order your 2014 Murat Shrine polo shirt! Shirts are available in both mens’ or ladies’ styles with the option of the 2014 Potentate’s Logo or the Scimitar emblem and can be personalized with your name.

Shirts are $35 with your choice of logo. Add $5 for name on right chest area. (for each additional line of text, add $3)

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Introducing … Murat’s new Circus Director

Meet Jeff Koleszar

TIMOTHY J. MURPHY, CHIEF RABBAN

Illustrious Sir Bill Rasner and the Murat Divan are proud to introduce Murat’s new Circus Director, Noble Jeff Koleszar.

Jeff Koleszar, the 2014 Murat Shrine Circus Director, has been coordinator of the novelty sales for the Masonic Youth Groups at the circus since 2005. An enthusiastic and energetic Murat Shriner, he has been a Master Mason since 1991 when he joined Englewood Lodge #715. (It was his membership in Englewood DeMolay that prompted his decision to join Masonry.) He transferred his membership to Frank S. Land Lodge #758 several years ago, and just completed his third and final year as secretary. Jeff is also a 32nd Degree of the Indianapolis Valley of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite.

He is a graduate of Ball State University with a bachelor’s degree in education. Jeff spent 10 years as an options broker with Charles Schwab & Co., Inc. Since leaving Schwab, he has worked as the executive director for Indiana DeMolay where he is responsible for chapter development, membership recruitment and development, fundraising, activities, and running the daily operations of the Grant-Hamill Foundation, which provides the financial support for Indiana DeMolay.

Jeff is married to Beth Anne and they recently celebrated their 12th anniversary. Along with his stepson Josh, they have four daughters including 5-year-old twins, who he believes are primarily responsible for his hair loss. Jeff is a lifelong Chicago Bears fan and has been on the waiting list for season tickets for a number of years now. In his spare time, he enjoys cooking, reading, and watching NFL games.

Please be sure to welcome Jeff to this most important role. You will enjoy working with Jeff on circus issues as much as he will enjoy the fun and camaraderie working with you, running one of the world’s greatest circuses!

The Murat Shrine is proud to bring to the public the 69th installment of the Murat Shrine Circus. From April 10-13, 2014, the Murat Shrine Circus will showcase some of the most amazing acts and performers from all over the world at the Champions Pavilion in Indianapolis, Indiana. This amazing show will amaze, excite, and entertain you like no other!

SHOW TIMES/DATES

April 10-13, 2014

Thursday, April 10th  7pm
Friday, April 11th  7pm
Saturday, April 12th  10am, 2pm, 7pm
Sunday, April 13th  11:30am, 3:30pm

CHAMPIONS PAVILION—The spacious 65,000+ sq. ft. Champions Pavilion is located at the Indiana State Fairgrounds in Indianapolis, Indiana.

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# Murat 2014

**Brown County Summer Festival**  
June 5-7, 2014  
Nashville, IN

## Thursday, June 5
- Noon  
  Grand Lodge/Murat Shrine Golf Outing - Country Club of Indianapolis  
- Noon  
  Hospitality Room Set-Up  
- 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm  
  Hospitality Room Open  
- 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm  
  Dinner on your own  
- 7:30 pm - ?  
  Hospitality Room Open/Turtle or Pigeon Degree

## Friday, June 6
- 8:00 am - 10:00 am  
  Breakfast on your own  
- 9:00 am - 11:00 am  
  Registration Opens  
- 10:00 am  
  Getting S'ni Talt Creek Golf Resort/$40  
- 10:00 am  
  Ladies' Queen for a Day  
- 10:00 am  
  Auto Back Roads Tour (optional)  
- 1:00 pm  
  Shopping in Historic Nashville  
- 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm  
  Hospitality Room Open  
- 1:00 pm - 6:00 pm  
  Registration Opens  
- 2:00 pm  
  Horseback Riding - Brown County State Park (optional)  
- 5:30 pm  
  Beer & Appetizers at poolside/Murat Band to perform  
- 7:00 pm  
  Murat Pool Party Buffet  
- 8:00 - 10:00 pm  
  Entertainment Poolside or Hospitality Room (weather permitting)  
- 10:00 pm - ?  
  Hospitality Room Open

## Saturday, June 7
- 7:00 am  
  Breakfast at Nashville Masonic Lodge for a Donation  
- 8:00 am - 9:00 am  
  Registration Open  
- 10:00 am  
  Line-Up for Murat Parade  
- 11:00 am  
  Parade Step-Off  
- 1:00 pm - 6:00 pm  
  Registration Open  
- 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm  
  Hospitality Room Open/Parade Afterglow  
- 2:00 pm - 5:00 pm  
  Visit Shops that's sponsored the Ladies' Queen for a Day  
- 4:00 pm  
  Tour Big Wood Brewery (optional)  
- 5:00 pm  
  Poolside Beer & Appetizers/Entertainment  
- 6:00 pm  
  Potentate Remarks/Hog Roast Buffet

## Registration Information
- **$99 Package Per Couple**
  - (2) Pool Party Tickets  
  - (2) Hog Roast Tickets  
  - (2) Hospitality Room Wristbands  
  - (1) Queen for a Day Package

- **Contact**
  - Murat Shrine  
  - c/o Julie Grammer  
  - 510 N. New Jersey St.  
  - Indianapolis, IN 46204  
  - 317-635-2433  
  - julie@muratshrine.org

## Hotel Information
- **$99 Room Rate**  
  - Brown County Inn  
  - 800-772-5249

- **Online Reservations:**
  - [https://reservations.browncountyinn.com/#reservations/](https://reservations.browncountyinn.com/#reservations/)
  - Enter Group Promo Code: 0298

- **Hotel Deadline - May 5th**

## Murat Brown County Summer Festival Committee
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Building Upon a Solid Foundation

TIMOTHY J. MURPHY, CHIEF RABBAN

A very wise friend of mine told me something that has stuck with me for years, and is a quote that pops into my head often in business, as well as in the fraternity. He said, “If you aren’t talking about raising members, or raising money, it’s probably a waste of your breath.” We know it’s always a good use of a Shriner’s time and energy to keep strategizing on all issues of membership—recruitment, retention, engagement, satisfaction, and fulfillment.

Past Potentate James N. Priest authorized several new initiatives in 2013 for membership, going beyond the usual recruitment, initiation, and ceremonials. Membership Chairman Bob Hudson made sure Lodges and appendant bodies were visited, carrying to them the Shrine membership message, and he and his team created events and performed follow-up on candidates. This resulted in an improvement in our “Masonic profile,” and thus our recruitment performance.

The restoration and “suspension prevention” piece of the membership program, however, is just as critical and valuable to the overall mission and vision of Murat. Jim saw the value in keeping up on our nobles who have slipped out of the Shrine family by not renewing dues, and the importance of working diligently to turn those numbers around. With many NPDs (non-payment of dues) occurring each year, those nobles eventually end up on the “suspended” list. Jim realized that reversing that status early was going to be the clearest path to success, so he created a team designed to deal with this task. Working with Recorder Larry Jefferson, P.P., and his staff team, Jim appointed Jerry Collins to that task of getting those NPDs back into the fold as quickly as possible. To that end, Noble Collins contacted by phone and e-mail more than 900 nobles who had failed to pay dues, resulting in receiving payment from the vast majority of these. In fact, in 2013, Murat’s net loss was a little over 2 percent; down from 5.64 percent per year the prior years. This shift resulted in Murat receiving the “silver” status from Tampa Headquarters, and an Imperial officer remarking, “Something is definitely happening at Murat!”

Well, something IS happening here. This year, Illustrious Sir Bill Rasner and his Divan are building upon this renewed foundation of our membership programming to take it even further. An energetic and focused Membership Task Force has been assembled to attract and track candidates, aid in restoration, create events for recruitment, and take Murat to “gold” status for membership performance.

On the technology front, making joining more convenient and attractive (especially to our “Gen X-ers” and “Gen Y-ers”), Murat now has an online and fillable petition on the Web site; the blank petition can be downloaded to tablets and smartphones (the 2014 version of the “pocket petition”); completed petitions can be submitted electronically; and all fees and payments can be paid securely online. These improvements put Murat in the forefront of temples, making it easier for our members, as well as our candidates, to communicate with us in a timely, desired fashion.

One important new development for 2014 is the new fee structure for Murat’s petition fee. Since both 2014 ceremonials are connected to One-Day Classes, many of our candidates will be joining the Blue Lodge at the same time. Lowering the initiation fee and separating the purchase of the fez will provide some financial relief for those candidates who are going all the way in that one day. As such, the new petition (initiation) fee is $150 (used to be $225). The fez is now ordered separately, either up front or later, for $149. These added conveniences will go a long way to removing the financial barriers to joining Murat.

With these improvements and enhancements, joining is easier and more convenient than ever. So, in 2014, resolve to not let an opportunity pass you by to talk about Murat membership to a potential candidate, fellow nobles, and soon-to-be nobles. I assure you … it won’t be a waste of your breath!
What a wonderful day to have a party! The weather was decent and the children came. There were more than 500 people crammed into the Arabian Room to await the arrival of Santa. In the meantime, they were entertained by our own Murat Band, Murat Clowns, and magician Jay McLaughlin.

A party such as this could not happen without Meijer Stores, who gave us a $200 credit, and the dedicated sponsorship of the Transportation Club. Thanks to the Ladies’ Oriental Shrine for providing those delicious cookies and candy canes, Smyrna Shrine Guild for helping LOS serve our guests, Daughters of the Nile for the ice cream, Railroad Club, John Stowers of Oasis Events, Luke Whitehouse, Terry Boyer, and Whit Smith for the potato chips, Whit Smith for getting the helium tanks, and Long’s Bakery for the doughnuts. Thanks also to the Murat Police Club and the many ladies who helped make this a huge success. A special thanks to our party chairman, Bucky Everhart, for a job well done.

### Ladies’ Inspiration

God Blesses every day; it’s up to us to notice.

One BIG blessing I have every day is working with the Divan ladies. Their dedication, participation and occasional sacrifices really show their commitment to stand by their Shrine. They believe in “Working Today for a Better Tomorrow” for the temple, the ladies, nobles, hospitals and especially our Shrine children. Please allow me to introduce them to you.

Our Outer Guard Mark Genung’s lady and newest to the team is Cathy. Cathy’s favorite place to be is anywhere on the water, especially if her grandkids are with her. She loves to read and enjoys ice cream, a lot; so much she once ate an entire half gallon by herself in one sitting. Ask her what flavor that was!

Karen Schuster, lady of Captain of the Guard Scott, feels she is a little shy. You will not see that side of Karen if you ask about her favorite person, granddaughter Clare. Karen enjoys cruising where she can find a couple of her other favorites, eating Crème Brule and enjoying lazy days on the beach. Karen is a lot of fun to travel with.

Current Recorder, past Treasurer and Past Potentate Larry Jefferson’s lady, Manuella, loves to travel and has been very fortunate to see much of the world. If there is someplace you’re interested in knowing about, check with her—she just might have firsthand experience about the location. Her favorite dessert is baklava. Ask her where the best she ever had was from.

Becky McKinney, lady of Treasurer Willie, is fairly new to the Divan also. Becky has her hands full working and raising the family (including Willie at times). Becky is enjoying getting to know everyone and finding out more about our hospitals and our Shrine children. If you have a story about one or the other, please share it with her.

Chuck Shull, Oriental Guide and Zero the Clown’s lady is Pam. Pam is very family oriented and her favorite place to be is at their lake house surrounded by family and friends. Pam is very enthusiastic and always tries to make everyone feel welcome by getting them involved. Ask her how you can participate in her “Little Pig” ideas.

High Priest and Prophet Art Borton is kind enough to share his mother Margaret with us. “Mom,” as several of us like to refer to her, loves to be involved and will run circles around most of us. She enjoys playing games and can be found occasionally playing a slot machine while enjoying a cocktail. Ask her what machines you should try.

LaDonna, or LD as husband Assistant Rabban Carl Culman likes to call her, brings a lot of energy to the team. This year LaDonna is Worthy Matron of Eastern Star. She is also in the Smyrna ladies’ line scheduled to be Maharanee in 2016. One of her favorite things to do is dance. She loves to teach people the steps, so join her on the dance floor and let her teach you some new moves.

Lady Leslie’s favorite thing to do is spend time with her husband, Chief Rabban Tim Murphy. She is a wonderful cook and enjoys cooking a sitdown feast for 20 or more friends, especially those who do not have family close to share the holidays with. She truly knows the spirit of the seasons by opening their home to so many. Leslie has begun working on her ideas for next year, so offer suggestions or better yet a helping hand.

I hope you have enjoyed learning a little about the Divan ladies. We hope you will give us the opportunity to get to know you a little better at upcoming events such as Band Nights, the Potentate’s Ball, Race for the Cure and the Shrine Circus. Remember to read the magazine in full and check the Web site at www.muratshrine.org for dates of upcoming events you can participate in. Hope to see you soon.

Vicki Franklin
2014 Murat Shrine Cash Calendar Raffle

MORE THAN $13,000 IN CASH PRIZES - $20 PER TICKET

Cash winners $20 daily every Monday through Saturday
(Except February 2, May 25, September 1, December 7)

Cash winners $100 every Sunday
(Except February 2, May 25, September 1, December 7)

Cash winners $500
February 2 (Groundhog Day),
May 25 (Indy 500 Race Day),
September 1 (Labor Day),
December 7 (Pearl Harbor Day)

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

Proceeds from this raffle are for the benefit of Murat Shrine and are not deductible as a charitable contribution.
Legion of Honor

Greetings from the Legion of Honor,

At our December 10 Stated Meeting, elections were held for 2014. The slate is as follows. Taking the helm as commander is Bob Sexton. Moving up to executive vice commander, his second term in that position, is past Commander Bill Moore and stepping in as chief of staff is Steve Wilson. Steve hails from the Madison County Shrine Club. All of us can’t wait to see what these guys will get us involved in for the new year. I’m sure whatever it is, it will be interesting and fun.

On December 17, our Unit made one of our trips to the VA hospital, here in Indianapolis, to visit with patients, pass out socks and quarters, and spread a little Christmas cheer. A good number of our guys turned out for this, as they always do. I think the patients really enjoy having someone stop by just to say “hi” and let them know they are not forgotten. I speak for myself, and I’m sure a lot of veterans everywhere, that there’s nothing more rewarding than helping out another veteran, except maybe helping “our kids.”

We have some road trips coming up that need mentioning. First up is the International Association Legions of Honor annual convention to be held this year in beautiful Lexington, KY, April 2–6. IALOH Commander Woody Mitchell has promised us a great time, and I’m sure he will deliver on his promise.

Next up, July 17–20, we will head back to the “Bluegrass State” for the annual Military Ball hosted by the El Hasa Shrine Legion of Honor in Ashland, KY. This is always a great event with lots of good food, fun and fellowship. Those boys from Kentucky know how to grill a mean steak.

Then, the very next month, we will change directions and head north for the 39th annual Great Lakes Shrine Association annual convention, to be held August 13–17 in “cheese country,” Milwaukee, WI. Sooo, mark your calendars, make your reservations, and let’s go have some fun.

Well, I better go for now; I heard the 1st Sgt. is looking for “volunteers” for latrine duty. Man, I gotta find someplace to hide.

Until next time, remember, “It’s an honor to belong to the Legion of Honor.”

Bob Watson

Smyrna Shrine Guild

Karen Waldrip

Happy Valentine’s Day, ladies! It was great seeing so many of you at the January Stated Meeting. Thank you for coming out and for your support. Once again, welcome to all the new officers.

Wednesday, February 5, starting at 5:30 p.m., will be our first Guild Night of 2014 since the first Wednesday in January fell on New Year’s Day. I am looking forward to enjoying friendships, good times, and supporting the Education Fund for the kids of our Shriners Hospitals. Hopefully, the February weather will be kind so you can make it to our next Stated Meeting on Tuesday, February 25, at 7 p.m. Please remember in March we will start taking flower orders for Mother’s Day.

Remember the Potentate’s Ball on Saturday, March 15. Let’s support our Potentate, Bill Rasner, and his Lady Vicki.

To all my Shrine family, best wishes for you to stay warm, healthy and have safe travels.

Maharanee Karen Waldrip

February Calendar

Wednesday, Feb. 5 – Guild Night at 5:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Feb. 25 – Board Meeting at 6:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Feb. 25 – Stated Meeting at 7 p.m.

March Calendar

Wednesday, March 5 – Guild Night at 5:30 p.m.
Tuesday, March 25 – Board Meeting at 6:30 p.m.
Tuesday, March 25 – Stated Meeting at 7 p.m.

Pop Tabs for Children

This is an opportunity to help our hospital system by collecting the “tabs” from aluminum cans.

Many nobles, their ladies, friends and local businesses have been supporting Shriners Hospitals for Children for many years through the collection of tabs.

We are asking everyone to place pop tabs in a container provided outside the Fraternal Office.

Additional containers are available from the Fraternal Office to provide for businesses to collect tabs.

Thank you for your support of our hospitals.

Bill Rasner
Potentate
OFFICER INSTALLATION PARTY – George’s Bar and Grill was the location for our installation of officers. Following a great meal, the program began with Colonel Wally Renn presiding as master of ceremonies. Illustrious Sir Jim Priest conducted the swearing in of the 2014 officers and board members. A good time was had by all. Let’s support our new officers as they guide the Club through 2014.

CONGRATULATIONS – Let’s all support our 2014 Potentate, Illustrious Sir Bill Rasner. Bill has several new ideas he would like to implement this year. Bill is also a member of the Kentucky Colonels Club.

LEADERSHIP SEMINAR – Several officers of the Club attended the seminar in January. This was a good opportunity to learn the workings of Murat and how to conduct business as a Club or Unit.

CIRCUS – Time is fast approaching for the annual Murat Shrine Circus. The Club members will again pass out papers to the public in support of our hospitals. The circus will be held April 10-13. This is a later date due to the coliseum renovation. The circus will be held in the building directly east of the coliseum. Worker sign-up sheets should be available, so try to work as many performances as you can. I’m sure the Transportation Club will help distribute papers.

POTENTATE’S BALL – March 15, 2014, is the date we formally celebrate with our new Potentate, Bill Rasner. Tickets are now available at the Fraternal Office. Let’s give Bill and Lady Vicki a roaring beginning to their year. Tables of eight are available. Social begins at 5:30 p.m.

PARADE FLOAT – It’s time to start putting together ideas regarding our float. We plan to participate in some major parades in and around the central Indiana area. If you have any ideas, please come to a meeting and share with the members. Our float will feature advertising for our hospitals. If you are interested in riding on the float, let an officer or me know.

For all members who have not attended a meeting or function in a while, please try to set aside the first Wednesday of the month for the Colonels. We meet for dinner around 5:30 p.m. and the Stated Meeting is at 7. See you there.
Daughters of the Nile

Ruth Ann Kelly

Russia’s Sochi Winter Olympic Games begin in February. These games are the leading international sporting event with more than 200 nations participating in a variety of winter sports. Every four years, 13,000 of the world’s finest athletes compete and hope to attain national and sometimes international fame by placing first, second, or third, thus attaining their lifetime dream of receiving a gold, silver or bronze Olympic medal. In the opening ceremony, athletes walk into the stadium with everyone representing their country, such as the United States of America; however, in the closing ceremony, they may walk into the stadium with anyone who participated in these games. This is a lifetime memory for all who earn the honor to compete in the 2014 Sochi Olympic Winter Games.

The Winter Olympic program features 15 sports; the Summer Olympics include 26. Greece, origin of the Olympics, is traditionally the first nation to enter. Nations then enter the opening ceremony in alphabetical order, the last one being the host country’s athletes. The torch enters carried by a host nation’s athlete who lights the Olympic flame in the cauldron. Five connected circles represent the five continents of the world: blue for Europe, yellow is Asia, black denotes Africa, green stands for Australia, and red for North and South America.

At our February 5 Stated Meeting, the officers will conduct a White Rose Ceremonial. Queen Doris Daniels asks that the officers wear white formals for this meeting. Per our bylaws, we will have an “initiation” although we do not have any candidates for initiation. Ladies, everyone needs to seek out new members to join Koran Temple No. 30 Daughters of the Nile so we can continue our important work for our children at the hospitals. Carry a membership petition with you to facilitate new initiates. A memorial ceremony will also be held at this meeting.

Thanks to everyone for helping or assisting with our Luncheon/Style Show on January 18. Our models, Audrey Apple, Diane Blasingame, Sandy Kessler, Elana Dick, Peg Strawser, Ruby Warmouth, Dorothy Abel and Edwynna Nolan, really did “strut their stuff” down the runway in the newest attire for the season. To those who donated silent auction and door prizes for the event, kudos to each of you. What else can be said of the homemade bakery goodies offered by the Kordettes except “um-um good.” A big thank-you to Past Queens Manuella Jefferson and Ossie Pryor for chairing this money-making event. Finally, everyone should agree that this event was enjoyed by all those who attended.

Final thought: We all make mistakes; that is why they put erasers on lead pencils.

Hoosier Hillbilly Clan No. 14

Larry Sutherlin

Greetings from Hillbilly Clan #14 (Indianapolis, IN). The Clan has its monthly meetings at the Shrine Center, except for our dinner meetings which are held at Lynhurst Masonic Lodge with dinner done by Ma Raban and her helpers. Proceeds from these dinners are donated, at the end of the year, to the Transportation Fund.

Our April 7, 2014, meeting will be held at the Murat Shrine with a Hillbilly degree given to anyone who is eligible. To become a member, you must be a Shriner or spouse. Come join the Clan. The degrees (one for men and one for women) will be held around 7 p.m. Dues are a one-time payment of $35 for men and $25 for women.

If you would be interested in becoming a member of Outhouse #2, Clan 14 (Muncie), please contact Jerry Hawk at 1-765-717-9420 or e-mail at jhawk74@sbcglobal.net.

If you would be interested in becoming a member of Outhouse #16, Clan 14 (Bloomington) (Stone Belt Shrine Club), contact Raban Tom Parker at 1-812-325-8014 or David Shafer (K.O.S.) at 1-812-876-7039 or e-mail at davshfr@aol.com.

This past year, the Murat Hoosier Hillbilly Clan #14 donated $4,000. The ladies donated $500 from meals and Ruth Ann Kepler donated $2,000 from her jelly and pickle sales. All donations went to the Murat Transportation Fund.

The Clan meets on the first Monday of the month at the Murat Shriners in March, April, June, November and December. The dinner meetings will be held at Lynhurst Masonic Lodge in May and October. On August 16, we will have a pitch-in and auction at the Sutherlins. Come join the fun.

For further information, please call Larry Sutherlin at (317) 839-4443, cell (317) 525-8450, or e-mail at larry-sutherlin@att.net.
Tarum  

Jeff Dickey

Valentine’s Day is upon us. Have you hugged your Valentine today? I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and a very Happy New Year. The weather has been all over the place. We have had snow and ice in the weeks leading up to Christmas. Then we had a monsoon the Saturday before Christmas which delivered 5.6 inches of rain to the Richmond area. Then on the Saturday after Christmas, it was warm. I actually played golf that day. Imagine that. Now as I write this article, we are getting hammered with another round of snow and ice. 2014 is welcoming us to winter once again. Thank goodness for global warming or it would really be bad!

Well, three-time President Mark Greulich is in place and has the Club gearing up for the year. His officers are: First Vice, Matt Fisher; Second Vice, Jon Anderson; Secretary, Roy McCurg; and Treasurer, Robert Bunch. These brother nobles will be running Tarum for the coming year. When you see them, be sure to thank them for their service to the Club.

In the coming months, Tarum will need all of us to pitch in and get the Club energized for 2014. Past President Robert Whalen did a great job for his two years and left the Club in good hands. Thank you, Robert. As for the rest of us, we all need to see how we can help President Mark and his officers in the coming months. Plan on coming to dinner on Friday nights at least once a month. It helps to keep the Club going. Watch for functions that you can help with. Support your Club any way you can. If we all help, we can make it happen. Above all, do whatever you can to promote new members for Tarum. Without new members, the Club will not grow; it will stagnate and slowly die. None of us wants that. So let’s make 2014 the year Tarum grows and moves forward.

See you at Tarum.

Johnson County Mini-Mystics  

Duane Burgess

Hello Fellow Nobles and Ladies,

Here we are February 2014 and it’s almost time to take the snow tires off of our little Hot Rods. It’s almost that time again to start parading! Each and every one of our members now has Cabin Fever and is ready to make some kids happy. Well, maybe one member, Mike Pearcy, may not— he may have the bowling fever! Can you believe that a guy who has bowled for as long as he has only had a 409 average out of three games. Thanks for the information, Chuck!

As the parade season gets scheduled and we confirm all of our dates, we look forward to seeing all our fellow nobles, ladies, and the great citizens who come out to support us every year.

God Bless!
Cincinnati Shriners Hospital school has been officially enrolled in Box Tops for Education!

The Cincinnati Shriners Hospital school has been officially enrolled in Box Tops for Education! Many thanks to Lynn Moeller, our Box Tops coordinator, in persisting through many rounds of applications, e-mails and phone calls to get us enrolled.

Every Box Top turned in earns us 10 cents and we can use that money to purchase things needed for our school. You'll be amazed how many things you see that little pink logo on once you start paying attention.

For instance, did you know that EVERY ream of the Boise printer paper we use in the hospital has a box top on it?!

Start clipping and saving your Box Tops for our school! (A complete list is available at www.boxtops4education.com or contact Tracy Carl in the Development Office at the hospital.)

There are online shopping opportunities as well.

There will also be a collection box in the Lobby of the Murat Shrine Center.

Go to: www.boxtops4education.com for a complete list of products, for more details and other downloads.

Transportation Club

MAN OF THE YEAR – For 2013, the Man of the Year was Dan Shaffer. Dan has served the Clubloyally and attended many events, meetings, and work assignments and as a member of the Club, he is well-deserving of this award.

VISIT FROM SANTA AND ELVES – Past President Mike Harrison (Santa) and past President Ryan Powell and Luke Whitehouse (Elves) visited the Indiana Masonic Home in December to entertain and distribute gifts to several residents. This is an annual pilgrimage these members of the Club look forward to each year. The presence of Santa and his helpers brightens the day for many in the hospital ward. (See picture.)

LEADERSHIP SEMINAR – Several officers attended the annual seminar in January which was very informative. The seminar is a good way to receive instruction on the workings of Murat and the proper way to conduct our meetings and Shrine protocol.

CIRCUS – The circus this year is April 10–13, 2014. Ladies and gentlemen and children of all ages, the circus is in full swing and promises to be very successful even in these hard times. We need as many Transportation Club members as we can get to work the circus. We especially need you on Thursday and Friday mornings. Also, if you can assist the Kentucky Colonels Club by passing out papers before the other shows start, it would be very helpful. Please let our president know if you can work. Remember, this year’s circus will be held in the Champions Pavilion directly east of the coliseum. More information will be available soon.

POTENTATE’S BALL – The Potentate’s Ball will be held on March 15, 2014. Let’s support our new Potentate, Bill Rasner, and Lady Vicki by attending the premier event of the year. In past years, the Club reserved a table or two for the event. If you are interested in attending, please let our president, Frank Tharp, know.

PARADE BANNER – A banner is being designed to advertise our hospitals. This banner will be carried in front of the hospital van in upcoming parades. Details have yet to be worked out on the design, but it should be ready for the beginning of the parade season.

There are several events our president, Frank Tharp, is planning for 2014. Please come and support Frank and the 2014 officers. More information on our activities will be given as they are finalized.

The Club meets every third Wednesday of the month. We gather for dinner around 5:30 p.m. and our meeting starts at 7 p.m. in the Mediterranean Room downstairs.
Clowns  Allan Hall

It is winter in Indiana and your clowns think you need some cheering up, so here are a few jokes:

I Have Contacts

A policeman pulled a female driver over and asked to see her license.

After looking it over, he said to her, “Lady, it stipulates here on your license that you should be wearing glasses.”

“Well, I have contacts,” the woman replied.

“Look lady, I don’t care who you know,” snapped the officer. “You’re getting a ticket.”

Dead Dog

A man runs into the vet’s office carrying his dog, screaming for help. The vet rushes him back to an examination room and has him put his dog down on the examination table. The vet examines the still, limp body and after a few moments, tells the man that his dog, regrettably, is dead. The man, clearly agitated and not willing to accept this, demands a second opinion.

The vet goes into the back room and comes out with a cat and puts the cat down next to the dog’s body. The cat sniffs the body, walks from head to tail, poking and sniffing the dog’s body and finally looks at the vet and meows. The vet looks at the man and says, “I’m sorry, but the cat thinks that your dog is dead, too.” The man is still unwilling to accept that his dog is dead. So the vet brings in a black Labrador retriever. The Lab sniffs the body, walks from head to tail, and finally looks at the vet and barks. The vet looks at the man and says, “I’m sorry, but the Lab thinks your dog is dead too.”

The man, finally resigned to the diagnosis, thanks the vet and asks how much he owes. The vet answers, “$650.”

“$650 to tell me my dog is dead?” exclaims the man.

“Well,” the vet replies, “I would only have charged you $50 for my initial diagnosis. The additional $600 was for the cat scan and lab report.

Well, I hope they brought a smile to your face. Our circus is coming up and we have discovered a new team of skit writers in our unit. They are Sneaker and Wrong Way. They wrote the two skits we did at the Christmas party, so I am sure they will have some good skits for the circus. You all need to be there to see and let us know what you think of them.

If you want to be a clown, we meet on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month around 7 p.m. Stop by and we will buy you a Zem-Zem.

Until next month, keep smiling.

El’ Ameen Nabeel  Larry Sutherlin

El’Ameen Nabeel is a club of Shriners who have accomplished some major milestones in Shrinedom. The requirements are as follows: (1) You must be a Shriner who has at least 15 years in a Unit or Club; (2) You must have attended at least three Imperial Sessions.

In looking at the roster I have and knowing quite a few Shriners, I believe some are not receiving our notifications for meetings. If you are one of these, please contact Larry Sutherlin at (317) 839-4443 or e-mail larrysutherlin@att.net; Kevin Lacy at (317) 946-8639, e-mail: kevin@myabi.com; Harold Pierce at (317) 837-8132, e-mail: hpierce451@aol.com.

We have finished 16 weeks of the 30 required. At the present time, the team ZOR, which includes Jeff Craig, Ron Patton, Mike Pearcy and Larry Sutherlin, is in the lead.

The following men who have the highest average in the league are: (1) John Nolan, (2) Mike Pearcy, and (3) Ray Muir. Ray Miller has the High game with handicap; Mike Pearcy has the high series with handicap; Ron Patton has the High game scratch; John Ervin, Jr. has High series with handicap, and Robert Sexton is the most improved bowler.

If you think you would be interested in joining this group, we would welcome you and be happy to discuss this at any time.

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500 Club

It was an honor and a privilege to serve my first term as president in 2013. I feel a lot was accomplished, but we still have more work to do in the coming year. I look forward to serving as president again in 2014. Thank you for this honor.

Our election for 2014 officers was held at our December meeting. The following were elected:

President, Bill Davis; First Vice President, Tom Freije; Second Vice President, T. J. Freije; Secretary-Treasurer, Jeff Cummins; and Chaplain, Dan Price; Chairman of the Board, Gary Lucas; 3-Yr. board member, Bruce Raymond; 2-Yr. board member, Dan Price; 1-Yr. board members: Larry De-Voss, Mike Wagner, and David Heacox; Parade Car Chairman, Gary Lucas.

Please add all of the new information listed above to your Club Directory on the pages marked 2014 Officers and 2014 Board of Directors. Please be sure to add David Heacox as a new member!

As a reminder: If your 2014 dues have not yet been paid, they are now past due. No second invoice will be sent. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

We will all be gearing up for our 2014 parades and Sunday brunches along with some surprise added excursions. Watch this column and come to meetings to find out what is being planned. There are still a few parade cars that are for sale, some with trailers. If you are interested in purchasing a car, please contact Bill Davis (contact info below).

We have enjoyed some memorable outings over the last year and have seen an increase in participation. We hope our numbers continue to grow at events and parades. If you are not a member but would like details about joining our Club, please contact me or anyone else in the Club; we would love to have you join us! Our monthly brunch was held on January 19 at Indiana Grand Casino in Shelbyville and was very enjoyable. We will also hold our February brunch there as well on Sunday, February 16. We will meet at 11 a.m. for brunch at the restaurant entrance. Cost is $17.95 per person; the selection is amazing and the food is delicious. See you there!

The Grand Master’s 24-hour class is upon us, March 21–22, 2014, and what a thrill it would be for each of us to bring a candidate on board.

To our out-of-state members, we invite you to come to any of our monthly meetings when you are “Back Home Again in Indiana” or call me to participate in one of our parades! We’d love to see you! Our Club meets the first Wednesday of each month at the Shrine, 6:30 p.m. for dinner and 7:30 p.m. for the meeting. If you are interested in joining our Club, please contact Bill Davis, president, at (317) 407-6877. We look forward to seeing you soon!!

Mobil Nobles

Greetings! I don’t know about you, but personally I despise this time of year—not a big fan of snow or cold. Having made that statement, it is easy to understand why I would rather just sit at home and vegetate until spring rolls around, but this isn’t feasible. As life goes on, so must we, which brings me to my point: When was the last time I went to a meeting of my Unit? So many excuses crop up that it is difficult to pin down just one. In all reality, I hope this isn’t you. Your Units depend on you every month to accomplish their mission as far as Shrinedom goes. So please attend your meetings and enjoy the benefits of brotherhood within the Units, and spread that feeling to all of Shrinedom.

Last month was our installation of officers for the coming year. The following officers were installed: President, Mike Stevens; First Vice, Bill Cothran; Second Vice, Brian Miller; Treasurer, Curtis Jessup; Secretary, Bob Miller; Board Chair and members: John Friend, Joe Jones and Dan Stewart.

In the coming months, we will have “Little Pig,” our annual Charlie Griffith Golf Outing at Perry Park in Covington, KY, June 3–6, as well as numerous other events and fundraisers.

Our catchphrase is “Mobil Nobles, we are everywhere.” Unfortunately, with declining membership throughout Shrinedom, this is hard to accomplish. So, I would like to take this opportunity again to invite all Shriners to any of our meetings, which are held the second Friday of each month at 7 p.m. in the basement of the Murat temple. Several of us usually get together for dinner and Zem-Zem in the Oasis Lounge prior to the meeting. I look forward to seeing you there.
Band
Rich Blocker

Hello Noble Murat Shriners!

It’s Valentine’s month so Happy Valentine’s Day from the Murat Band to all the ladies who read their noble’s magazine. We hope the past holiday season has found all invigorated and refreshed and ready to make our Shrine bigger and better than ever. Our annual Band party/officer installation will be on March 1 this year and the entire Band is looking forward to the festivities. If you and your lady would like to attend, contact one of the Band officers or see us at rehearsal on Wednesday nights for more information.

To our Bandsmen, I wish to remind you that we would like to have a good presence at the Pote’s Ball this year and also the circus. We enjoy the help from our musical guests but really need to know when they are coming and what they play so we have the seats and music for them. If you wish to invite a guest, let the director or officer know so we can be prepared. The guests should also come to at least one (1) rehearsal so they can see the charts.

We move forward into this year with a renewed commitment and vigor, and like the man said, “The Band plays on.”

Patrol
Kevin J. Scott

Congratulations to the Patrol Unit for winning the award of “Murat Unit of the Year for 2013.” We received the award during the December 2013 Murat Stated Meeting. The award can be seen in the Patrol Unit Room in the basement of the temple.

Congratulations to the new Murat Potentate, William B. Rasner, for 2014. We look forward to his leadership and the fun activities he has planned for this year. He has Band Nights already on the Murat Calendar: February 28 – 8 p.m.; March 28 – 8 p.m.; April 25 – 8 p.m.; May 23 – 8 p.m.; June 27 – 7 p.m. Little Pig Initiation and Dinner /8 p.m. Band Night; July 25 – 8 p.m.; August – no Band Night; September 26 – 8 p.m.; October 24 – 8 p.m.; November – no Band Night; December – no Band Night.

We will start off 2014 activities with our party for the Murat members and friends. We will have free food and a live band. More information to be announced via the Shrine e-mails and Unit e-mails. We have some great events being pre-planned for 2014: Hog Roasts, Reverse Raffles, Murat Shrine Circus, State Fair, parades, etc., so watch your e-mails and the Murat Magazine for details.

A reminder that Whitaker’s Speakeasy always has great Super Bowl parties, and the Super Bowl for this year is on Sunday, February 2.

In addition, a new Patrol Unit Murat Shrine internet page has been created this year that has our officers’ contact information and all of the other important Unit information. Our focus is fellowship and fun. So please check it out at http://www.muratshrine.org/units_clubs/muratpatrol.php. We have been lucky to have some good food to go with our refreshments in our Patrol Unit Room before and after the meeting. So come early and have some “free” food supplied by the Unit. Our Patrol Stated Meetings are the third Tuesday of each month in the Patrol Room in the basement of the Murat Shrine at 7 p.m. All members are welcome to come and enjoy fellowship and fun with your current friends and meet some new ones. Also, if you know of anyone who would like to or should be a Patrol member, bring them to the meetings so they can meet us and we can meet them and get them signed up.

Veteran Car Club
Fred Johnson

TRIPS ... PARADES ... EATING ...

That’s what we do. Many folks believe that February is a dull, cold, bleak month. Not so. Check it out. Getting ready for the Pote’s Ball in March … tux still fit? St. Valentine’s Day, Presidents’ Day, Girl’s Basketball Sectionals start. (Ask me about my BB playing granddaughter.) A lot is going on in February.

Parading units such as the VCC are starting to stir and THINK about getting things ready. Officers and board members have made plans and are working on the busy year ahead. They could use your help. Volunteer—it’s your SHRINE also.

Please join us the second Monday of the month. We gather for dinner in the Oasis Lounge around 6 p.m. and the meeting is at 7 p.m. in Room 9 downstairs. Ladies are welcome. On the way to Room 9, please review the newly painted walls, the new display case, and the pictures on the walls—very nice.

Shriners Hospitals for Children

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- [Pinterest](https://www.pinterest.com/shrinershospitals)

Please note that these links are for informational purposes only and are not directly related to the content of the document.
How Do I Get the Most Out of My Shrine Membership?

First, some housekeeping details. This month the Cast will be treating their ladies to a Valentine’s dinner on Wednesday, February 12, at Iaria’s located at 317 South College Ave. The cost is $35 per person. Please send your payment to Second Vice President Michael Smith, 218 Wayside Drive, Plainfield, IN 46168 or call (317) 697-5320 to make reservations. The cutoff date for reservations is Sunday, February 9.

March’s event will be the Brass Hat on Wednesday, March 12, at which the Dramatic Cast welcomes the new Potentate in our own special way. This is open to any noble and the cost includes Zem-Zem, dinner, and a very entertaining history of the events in our dearly beloved Potentate’s life. The cost for the Brass Hat is $35 per person. You send your reservation to the same Michael Smith, 218 Wayside Drive, Plainfield, IN 46168, phone (317) 697-5320.

To get the most out of your Shrine membership, you must join a Club or Unit. The best Unit to join is the Murat Dramatic Cast. The Cast’s primary function is to put on the dramatic portion of the ceremonial. Murat Dramatic Cast is the best in Shrinedom. We have a lot of fun also.

Rule one is to be a character in the ceremonial. Oh you don’t want to memorize lines? That’s ok; you can still participate in a no-speaking role as a Desert Rat. You really don’t want to be on stage? Well, you can help with setup and props. No heavy lifting is required as most everything is on wheels. Not your cup of tea, huh? How about assisting with makeup—not much to do, plus you get to sit down. The last position is very hard and requires a lot of talent—just come and join us and share a couple of Zem-Zems.

The best reason to join the Murat Dramatic Cast is you only have to pay to put four letters on your fez.

We meet the second Wednesday of the month at 6 p.m. for dinner and the meeting at 7 p.m.

The only way you can get the most out of your Shrine membership is involvement and participation. The best way to achieve that is by joining a Club or Unit and being active in that group. So even if you decide not to join the best Unit of Murat Shrine, the Murat Dramatic Cast, join and be active in a Club or Unit and Ole Jonathan will see you in the Oasis Lounge with a Zem-Zem.

God Bless America!
Johnson County Shrine Club

Fellow Nobles and Ladies,

Here we are moving right along in 2014. When I wrote my last article, I didn’t have the following information available for the January 2014 article. We have since elected new officers and board members at a meeting that was held on December 2, 2013. Randy Bell, an active member of the Johnson County Shrine Club, was elected by the membership to become our 2014 president. Serving as our First Vice President will be Greg Cantwell; Second Vice President, Brandon Pate; Treasurer, Randy Kellams; and Duane Burgess will be the Secretary. Voted to the board of directors are Barry Cook, PP., Don Borski, Col. Jack Brown, and Michael Meldrum, Sr.

As you can tell, we have a lot of new faces and names who have decided to jump on board to keep the Club afloat. I applaud each and every one of these individuals for taking a role in the Club.

I would like to give a special thanks to a few people who have gotten the Johnson County Shrine Club to this point from 2010! If you remember, in 2010, we were in desperate need of a president. Ron Bailey stepped up and took the reins as president; in 2011, it was Barry Cook, PP.; in 2012, Duane Burgess; and in 2013, Don Borski. James Carter became our treasurer in 2010 and remained our treasurer until January 1, 2014. Also in the background making things happen, Jack Brown. I want to personally thank Ron, Barry, Don, and Jack for their commitment to the Johnson County Shrine Club!

What people will see out of the Johnson County Shrine Club in 2014 will be out of the norm. We are going to try some new things, new hours, and dinner times. The officers and board will be making some pretty tough decisions in the next few weeks. Please stay tuned to your Murat Magazine, the e-mails from the Murat, and the Johnson County Shrine Club newsletter.

God Bless!

Duane Burgess

Yacht Club

Kevin Scott

We have an exciting new year planned and hope all of you and your prospective Masonic and Shrine friends will join us at our social functions. We are continuing the policy that all Yacht Club social functions are recruiting functions for the Shrine and for Freemasonry, so please feel free to include your friends in our social events. Please keep these dates on your calendar:

SUNDAY, MARCH 23, 2014 – HORSESHOE CASINO TRIP. This is a social event! Meet at the Murat Shrine at 8 a.m. The bus will leave promptly at 8:45 a.m. and return at approximately 7 p.m. The cost is only $35 per person and includes a $12 food coupon and $5 casino cash, free Zem-Zem, snacks, and a great time for all. Bring your ladies and Masonic and Shrine prospects. Everyone over the age of 21 is welcome, but we can only take the first 42 individuals who send in their money, and we are anticipating the bus will be sold out. If you cannot go, we will refund your money if we can fill the bus with those on the waiting list. Send your remittance to Kevin Scott, 2265 Rippling Way, N. Dr., Apt. B, Indianapolis, IN 46260. We need the name and address of all persons on the bus to arrange for casino cash and for the complimentary food coupons.

For further information call Kevin Scott at (317) 409-0591 or e-mail at KevinScott20@gmail.com. The deadline is February 20, 2014.

TUESDAY, JUNE 10, 2014 – KNIGHTS OF THE SEA INDUCTION. This event will be held at the Sahara Grotto, 7020 Madison Avenue, Indianapolis, IN. The cost is $30 and is open only to Shriners from any temple. The price includes a wonderful fried chicken dinner with all of the trimmings. All new inductees will also receive a complimentary one-year membership in the Murat Yacht Club. This is an incredible event which will never be forgotten! Zem-Zem at 6 p.m., dinner at 7 p.m. and induction at 8 p.m. This is a stag event and a current dues card will be required for admittance. Send in your remittance to Grand Knight Bob Dancey, c/o Farwest Construction, 6200 South Harding Street, Indianapolis, IN 46217. Call Bob at (317) 788-9539 or e-mail Farwestconst7@aol.com for further information. This event will be a sellout, so send in your remittance and the name of your candidate right away.

BAND NIGHTS. The Yacht Club hopes to have a table for all Band Nights and all Band Nights are social events. They are scheduled on January 24, February 28, March 28, April 25, May 23, June 27, July 28, September 26, and October 24. Arrangements are being made for complimentary hors d’oeuvres. Please call Kevin Scott at 409-0591 to reserve a seat at the Yacht Club table or send an e-mail to KevinScott20@gmail.com.

Until then, we wish you a very Happy New Year with fair winds and following seas!

Flying Fezzes

Rodney Davis

The Flying Fezz need YOU! Any Shrine member is welcome. You need NOT be a pilot! You only need to have an interest or passion for flying, whether with general aviation, or military aviation, modern day to historical aviation. In order to grow and continue to contribute, we need you to join and help us continue in a positive and prosperous direction! Spouses are also very welcome! Come be a part of the FLYING FEZZ! We meet on the second Monday every month. Hope to see you soon.
Corvette Club
Randolph Nail

Nobles, start your engines. No, not your 500 Race engines; yes, your 2014 activity engines! Believe it or not, we are already “off and rolling” in the new year! So let’s quickly recap the Corvette Club’s activities for 2013 and share a bit of what is coming up in 2014. But first, the Corvette Club would like to extend our thanks to Illustrious Sir, Jim Priest, members of the Divan and the Shrine Office Staff for their support and assistance in our activities last year.

2013 Accomplishments: We are pleased to report our Club’s membership grew; we participated in multiple parades throughout Indiana and Ohio; we gave $1,000 to the Murat Shrine Transportation Unit and we were able to make a donation to the Shriners Philippine’s Relief Fund; we participated in an event at the Putnam Road Course in Greencastle, IN, for “Wounded Warriors”; we assisted in Shrine International’s Imperial Session/Parade - Indianapolis, Great Lakes Shrine Association (GLSA) Annual Meeting/Parade - Mason, OH, various auto shows, a variety of dining events, a trip to the Smoky Mountains and, most recently, many of our members attended the Indianapolis Symphony’s “Yule Tide Joy.” Of course, we continue to hold our monthly meetings on the third Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. in a meeting room adjacent to the Shrine Oasis.

2014 Activities: Once again, we will be looking for new members and ways to support our Murat Shrine. Even if you don’t have a Corvette, you are welcome to join, visit or participate in our activities. In 2014, we will once again have a full slate of social activities and parades guaranteed to provide you and your family with fun while enhancing the image of Murat Shrine and its Corvette Club. In addition to our participation in the GLSA meeting in Illinois this year, there are already discussions about our annual trip to the Smoky Mountains; a possible trip to the Corvette Museum/Assembly Plant in Bowling Green, KY; a return to Putnam Road Course; various events around Indianapolis such as Symphony on the Prairie, Indianapolis Indians Base Ball outing, Indianapolis Symphony’s “Yule Tide Joy,” “Jazz at the Zoo,” our annual Mystery Tour, and I’m sure a few other events. Be sure and visit our new Web site: www.muratcorvetteclub.com.

Although still being enhanced, you will find annual, monthly information and even “tech tips” related to our favorite vehicle.

For membership information, visit our Web site, follow us on Facebook/Twitter or call: David Heacox @ (317) 507-1564 or Rich “Gunner” Condre @ (317) 281-4496.

Highlanders
Jerry Lance

As the new year begins, the Highlanders now have their new officers in place for 2014: Andy Hamaker, President; Joe Ketterman, Vice President; and Art Snodgrass, Secretary-Treasurer. Our Pipe Major again is Rick Moffatt. Already, Rick is lining up our St. Pat’s Day gigs for this year. St. Pat’s Day is March 17 and is our number one fundraiser for the Highlanders.

Quartermaster Chris Pederson is looking at new equipment for 2014 and he has done a super job in acquiring a new room for the Highlanders’ storage equipment and the camel’s milk.

So, Highlanders, come to the meeting, meet the new officers, and view our new storage room. One last time, we need pipers and drummers.

Have a happy and safe New Year.

Until next time.

Reception Unit
John Wilson

The Murat Reception Unit is off to a great start in 2014. We would like to thank all those members who have already been turning out for Murat events.

Our Organization Meeting was held on Sunday, January 12, in the Tunisian Room. During this meeting, ideas were shared as well as strategic planning for 2014. It was very exciting to see new faces as well as regular ones attending our kickoff for the new year. Our first Stated Meeting was also very beneficial to set the course for the year.

Murat Reception Unit has demonstrated our presence at the Murat Stated Meetings for years. This year, the Reception Unit’s goal is to make sure all members are greeted again with a smiling face, warm hospitality, and a commitment to do the work needed for Murat temple. This was demonstrated by the number of Reception Unit members in attendance for the first Murat Stated Meeting in January. The ‘Camel Coats’ were out in full force, greeting the nobility at the door, along with their other duties for the temple. I believe this shows our dedication to our nobility.

Reception Unit members were in attendance to assist in this year’s Leadership Seminar. We can look forward to a great year under the leadership of Ill. Sir Bill Rasner.

Our first upcoming working event is the Potentate’s Ball in March. Again this year, Murat Reception will assist in greeting the nobility at the door and receiving the Potentate, his lady, and the Divan at the Ball. We need everyone’s help from Reception Unit for this special evening.

The next big event for the Reception Unit is the annual Murat Shrine Circus in April. We will be asking everyone to attend this event and will need all of your support to make this a very successful circus for Murat.

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The only good thing about February is that it is followed by March … except, of course, Potentate Rasner’s Florida Visitation on February 4.

I have received many compliments on my January article. All tongue in cheek as there was a technical malfunction and the article never made it to print. AT&T installed a device on my computer to make it wireless but as you have now guessed, things did not work out that well. The article was sent to cyberspace somewhere. Some say it was my best article.

Your new 2014 Police Club officers—Fred Golgart, President; Brian Durham, First Vice; and Jason Scott, Second Vice—were installed by Past President Bill Pike at the Christmas party along with yours truly as Secretary-Treasurer. Speaking for all the officers, we look forward to a prosperous new year with our focus on membership and unity. Please feel free to contact any officer with your questions or ideas to enhance the Police Club.

Speaking of membership, let’s get active in the Club this year, attend our meetings, and bring someone with you.

Thank you to those who have sent in your 2014 dues and a special thank-you to those who added a little something special. Please check with your wives and ask them to send in your dues and any change of address, telephone or e-mail.

The Potentate’s Ball is March 15 this year; let’s plan now to have a good Police Club showing. We are looking forward to a super year with Potentate Bill Rasner.

I happened to be watching the Indy news highlights of 2013 the other night. If I saw Jack (the self-proclaimed greatest Police Club president we ever had) Simpson once, I saw him 10 times on TV. The guy has his own public relations department!

Please take time to read this magazine cover to cover and if I don’t see you before, I will see you on the first Tuesday.

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Past Potentate James Priest accepts a $500 check for the Transportation Fund from Harry Bond, president of the Brown County Shrine Club, and fellow Club members Gene Cooper and Joe Hemer.

A donation to the Murat Van Fund in the amount of $300 is made by Noble Frank E. Capler, Sr. to Past Potentate Jim Priest. The money was raised by Noble Capler through his sale of package nuts over the last year. Joining in the presentation were Frank E. Capler, Jr., Bill Capler and Joe Smith.

Recorder Emeritus Gordon Husk presents to Past Potentate James Priest a $100 check for Philippines Relief and $200 for the Chicago Hospital.

Murat’s resident artist, Noble John Essex, II, is joined by Nobles Whit Smith and Jerry Nadine in presenting Past Potentate Jim Priest with a caricature likeness.

Past Potentate James Priest receives a $150 check for the Transportation Fund from Noble Gene Cooper of the Brown County Shrine Club.

President Bruce Smith of the Murat Corvette Club, along with Club members David Heacox, Richard Condre, Mike McLaughlin, Charlie Crabtree, P.P., Harry Bond, Chuck Crabtree, Mike Waldrip, Tom Austin, Bill Wimmenauer, P.P., Mike Harrison, Phil Goodwin and Gary Cleveland, presents a $1,000 check for the Murat Transportation Fund to Past Potentate James Priest. The Club also presented Past Potentate Priest with a certificate of appreciation.

Past Potentate James Priest accepts donations totaling $9,550 from Ralph Colter, Bob Vernon, Bill Michael and Bill Rynerson on behalf of the Logansport Shrine Club. The beneficiaries of these gifts are: $150 for the Murat Circus Program Fund, $2,500 to the Murat Transportation Fund, $3,000 for the Chicago Hospital, and $2,500 to Murat temple to be used where needed. The latter was given in honor of Past Potentate James Priest.

**NOT PICTURED:**
Recorder Larry Jefferson, Past Potentate, presents a $100 check to Past Potentate James Priest from Imperial Potentate John A. Cinotto for Imperial’s Philippines Relief Fund.


The Southeastern Shrine Club was represented by John Race, Tom DeVille, Carl Petty, Glen Weatherford, Don McQueen and Julius Huffman in making three donations to Past Potentate James Priest. The first two were for the Lexington and Cincinnati Hospitals in the amounts of $2,046.57 and $2,046.50, respectively. The third check for $11,171.06 reflected their very successful Paper Crusade effort.
Past Potentate James Priest made plaque presentations to three Clubs and one individual recognizing their outstanding contributions to Murat Shrine in 2013:

Unit of the Year – Murat Patrol

Club of the Year – Murat Corvette Club

Brown County Shrine Club and Murpah Shrine Club (not pictured) share County Club of the Year honors.

Potentate Bill Rasner welcomes Fezzy to Murat Shrine.

Harry Bond – Shriner of the Year

First Vice President Jim Hale and Joe Smith of Kowad ‘Al Sabikin designate their 2013 “Man of the Year” to be Noble Richard Kincaid. Past Potentate James Priest accepted the award on behalf of Noble Richard.
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All Masons attending the event on Saturday will receive a free ticket to a reception to be held at the Murat Shrine Center following the Ceremonial.

NOTE: All Candidates for the degrees of Symbolic Masonry will need to have a mentor present who can vouch for their eligibility. The mentor will need to bring the apron, Bible and Monitor for each of his candidates. As a reminder, candidates for this class must have been elected prior to March 21, 2014.

Schedule of Events

FRIDAY, MARCH 21, 2014

4:00 p.m. Registration Open
5:00 p.m. Double Eagle Café opens for dinner until 7:00 p.m.
6:00 p.m. Meeting for all candidates and mentors
7:00 p.m. Entered Apprentice Degree followed by Fellowcraft Degree

SATURDAY, MARCH 22, 2014

6:00 a.m Pastry and Coffee available in Double Eagle Café (Until 7:30 a.m.)
7:00 a.m. Registration Open (Lodge and Scottish Rite candidates)
8:00 a.m. Master Mason Degree
10:00 a.m. Scottish Rite Candidates assemble (or as soon after MM degree as possible)
10:30 a.m. Scottish Rite Degrees Begin
10:30 a.m. Oath of Fealty/4th Degree
11:05 a.m. 14th Degree
12:15 p.m. 16th Degree Rebuilding/Banquet (Lunch)
1:30 p.m. 18th Degree
2:40 p.m. 22nd Degree Video
3:15 p.m. 32nd Degree
3:45 p.m. Patron Knight Awards
4:00 p.m. Reception
5:00 p.m. Murat Shrine Ceremonial
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