Passing the Gavel!

Carl E. Culmann installed as the 105th Potentate of Murat Shriners

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Past Potentates
Timothy J. Murphy  2015
William P. Kinter  2014
James N. Priest  2013
Charles L. Crabtree  2012
Kevin D. Rhodes  2011
* Craig T. Hinshaw  2010
* George E. Proctor  2009
Ronald M. Elliott  2008
* Jerry Markovich  2007
William Wimmenauer, Jr. 2006
Jeffrey P. Zaring  2005
Barry R. Cook  2004
Edgar R. McConigal  2003
John A. Friend Sr. 2002
John A. Cinotto  2001
Gary W. Lewis  2000
Michael R. St. Pierre  1999
* Charles W. Griffith  1998
* Robert E. Hancock  1997
* Alex L. Rogers  1996
Joel L. Scott  1995
* A. Marshall Springer  1994
Larry D. Jefferson  1993
Philip C. Thraher  1992
Roger S. Mosley  1991
* Glenn H. Speckman, M.D. 1990
* Robert L. Anderson  1989
William S. Spy  1988
* John R. Nichols  1987
* Walter K. Walker  1986
* Wesley G. Kadwell  1985
* Ivan C. Frakes  1984
* Francis E. Preston  1983
* Ward L. Duncan  1982
* Robert W. Wilds  1981
* Harry J. Harman  1980
* Robert H. Stone  1979
* Robert P. Dellen  1978
* Edward M. Evans  1977
* Lee B. Towsley  1976
* Joe F. Wooton  1975
* R. Donald Edwards  1974
* Richard Alexander  1973
* John R. Barry  1972
* William Coons, Jr  1971
* C. Kyle Hughes  1970
* Richard H. Leffel  1969
* Howard D. Foley  1968
* C. William Lantz  1967
* F.E. Thompson  1966
* Charles H. Ellis  1965
* Alex M. Clark  1964
* Evert A. Johnson  1963
* Clarence T. Deyar  1962
* Floyd Gateswood  1961
* Robert H. Brown  1960
* George L. Stalker  1959
* Ben Roberts  1958
* J. Worth Baker  1957
* Edwin K. Steers  1956
* Cecil M. Byrne  1955
* A.J. Seifert  1954
* Harry Geisel  1953
* Paul E. Ratliff  1952
* Glen A. Campbell  1951
* A. Marshall Springer  1950
* Max A. Blackburn  1949
* Calvin A. Richley  1948
* Wm. Bodenhamer, D.O.  1947
* William A. Hoefgen  1946
* Ray J. Seiver  1945
* B.R. Riley  1944
* E.L. Tompkins  1943
* Clyde E. Titus  1942
* Dewey E. Myers  1941
* Fred B. McNeely  1940
* Lloyd D. Clavimbore  1939
* Granville A. Richley  1938
* Edwin E. Temperley  1937
* C.E. Cole, M.D.  1936-38
* Herschel M. Tejab  1934
* Edgar Hart  1933
* Edward R. Rash  1932
* Leslie D. Clancy  1931
* Frank G. Laird  1930
* Arthur B. Robinson  1929
* William H. Bockstahler  1928
* Arthur B. Wagner  1927
* George M. Speigel  1926
* Charles J. Orbison  1924-25
* Louis G. Buddenthaln  1923
* John E. Minor  1922
* Edward J. Schoonover  1921
* Elmer F. Gay  1920
* Leon T. Leach  1918-19
* Henry W. Klausman  1917
* Paul H. Kraus  1916
* Charles Mayer  1914-15
* Denton F. Billingsley  1913
* Elias J. Jacoby  1907-12
* Horace E. Smith  1906
* A.W.W. Thomson  1905-06
* Charles Brown  1898-92
* John T. Brush  1887-97
* (Deceased)

From the 105th Potentate

I want to thank each of you for the confidence you have placed in me as your 105th Potentate. What an incredible honor it is to be the Potentate of the largest Shrine Temple in the World!!!

I am extremely grateful to Past Potentate Craig T. Hinshaw for appointing me to the progressive Officer Line and giving me this wonderful opportunity. I only wish he was still with us to enjoy this year.

My appointment this year is no stranger to Murat. William R. Stanton was appointed to the Divan in 2005 by then Potentate Jeffery P. Zaring. Due to moving out of state, Bill was unable to continue in the Divan. I am so excited to have the chance to bring Bill back to the Officer Line. He brings a wide range of business and leadership experience to Murat. We are very fortunate to have him and Muriel back.

Over one year ago, the membership of Murat voted to leave our historic home and look for another location. After an exhaustive search and not finding a suitable location, you spoke loud and clear to remain in our downtown location. We have been here more than 100 years in one of the most recognizable buildings in Indianapolis. Now that we have decided to stay, we have much to do!! Improving the infrastructure, updating and remodeling the interior and making our home the destination spot it used to be. Your Divan is committed to making the “Shrine Experience” the best it can be.

This year will be exciting for a number of reasons. I hope you will be motivated to participate in new and different events. For the first time in decades, the Potentate’s Ball will not be in our building. It will take place on March 19, 2016, at the prestigious Indiana Roof Ballroom. Join us for Dinner, Dancing and a Polynesian Performance by Indy Hula!!

We will have several public events to spread the word of Murat Shrine and the 22 Shriners Hospitals we support. Murat will be instrumental in reviving the Indy Air Show with the proceeds going to our hospital system. What a great opportunity to show off our community involvement and our Shriner pride!!

One of our main objectives is to increase membership. With only a couple of exceptions, we have been declining in membership for decades. We MUST turn this around. We have a goal to initiate 300 new nobles this year. We can only be successful with your help. When you think about it, our story is an easy one to tell. With nearly 80 Clubs and Units, a vast array of activities and especially, our 22 Shriners Hospitals, there is something for every prospective member. We just need to talk about who we are and what we do!! Will you make an effort to bring in at least one new noble this year? If you are the top-line signer for three new nobles this year, your dues for 2017 will be FREE!! If you are the top-line signer for 15 new nobles, you will never pay dues again!! Each one of you is on the membership team.

Sometime in January, you will receive one of my Potentate’s pins in the mail. Included will be a request for a donation to Shriners Hospitals for Children. I hope you will respond to the request and help Murat Shrine make a large donation to our Hospitals. All of the net proceeds will go directly to our hospital system!! None will be retained by Murat.

My hope this year is that you and your family will be engaged and involved in the “Shriner Experience.” Be active, show your Murat pride, help grow membership and together we can make Murat Shrine the best it can be!!

Yours in the faith,
Carl E. Culmann
Illustrious Potentate 2016
Carl was born in Indianapolis and has lived here his entire life. He graduated from Decatur Central High School, Indiana Vocational Technical College, and the Indiana Real Estate Institute. Carl was a computer programmer/analyst, working for the Indianapolis Police Dept. and Farm Bureau Insurance. He has been involved in the real estate business for many successful years and is now owner of Culmann Real Estate Group, LLC. He is a graduate of the Real Estate Academy of Leadership and has been very involved and active in the Board of Realtors. In 2002, he served as chairman of the Southside Division of the Metropolitan Indianapolis Board of Realtors.

Carl is a member of St. John’s United Church of Christ in Southport. He enjoys camping, photography, and travel. Carl's interest in photography resulted in his appointment as Grand Lodge photographer in 1998 by Past Grand Master and Past Potentate Robert Hancock. He was the Grand Lodge photographer from 1998 to 2013, except one year when he served as Grand Marshal.

Carl has served on the board of directors of the Westside Community Development Corporation for several years as well as co-chairman of the Decatur Township Republican Headquarters. He is also a member of the Exchange Club.

In 1974, Carl's Masonic interest started with his involvement with Indiana DeMolay. He served as Master Councillor at Prospect Chapter, Indiana DeMolay State Master Councillor 1979–1980, Prospect DeMolay “Chapter Dad” 1982–1991, Indiana State Conclave Advisor 1981–2005, and a member of the Order of Knighthood. He was also presented DeMolay honors such as Chevalier, LCC Award, Legion of Honor, PMC-MSA Award as well as other prestigious recognitions, and was named Indiana DeMolay’s “2015 Masonic Leader of the Year.”

He was raised at Prospect Lodge #714 on October 10, 1979. He later transferred his membership to Frank S. Land Lodge as the Charter Jr. Warden and served as Worshipful Master in 1987 and 2004 as well as treasurer from 1991 to 2004. Carl has been very active in the Indiana Masonic Grand Lodge with positions as Youth Advisor, Chairman of the Masonic Youth Committee, the Indiana Freemason Magazine, and Board of Directors at the Indiana Masonic Home. He was appointed in 2013 to the progressive Grand Lodge line by Past Grand Master Mark Genung. In 2008, Carl received the “Order of Service to Masonry” award.

Carl has also been very involved at the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite-Valley of Indianapolis as Most Wise Master of the Indianapolis Chapter of Rose Croix and served as chairman of the Membership Development Committee. Carl has served as chairman of the Board of Governors for the Children’s Dyslexia Center of Indianapolis from 2006 to 2012. On September 23, 2003, Carl received his 33rd degree and during 2009 served as president of the Indianapolis 33rd Association. Carl is also a member of the York Rite Bodies, Indianapolis Royal Arch Masons #5, Indianapolis Council Cryptic Masons #2 and Raper Commandery #1, and was Grand Sentinel of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons in 2007–2008 and the Grand Historian for the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons. Carl is a Past Sovereign Master of St. Bernard de Clairvaux Council of AMD, Past Governor of York Rite College #129 and a member of the Indiana Council of Rosicrucian’s, the Royal Order of Scotland and St. James Conclave Red Cross of Constantine.

Second time is a charm! Bill was first appointed to the Murat Divan as Captain of the Guard in 2005 by Illustrious Sir Jeffery P. Zaring. He was serving as Marshal in 2006 when he dropped out of the line because his then hotel career had him working in Florida, but we are getting ahead of the story, so let’s rewind and start at the beginning …

Born William Robert Szyjakowski, Jr. in Milwaukee, WI, on a frosty October night in 1946, Wee Willie (also known as Moose, Billie Bob or Cowboy) later changed his legal name to William Robert Stanton (another story for another day). After graduating from Milwaukee Lutheran High School, Bill attended the University of Wisconsin–Whitewater and received his bachelor’s degree in 1969 (political science major).

During his senior year, he worked at the Playboy Club Resort in Lake Geneva and began a 43-year love affair with the hotel and restaurant industry. The majority of his career was divided between Marriott Hotels, Doubletree Hotels, Starwood Hotels (Westin) and Luxury Resorts & Hotels. He came to Indianapolis as general manager of The Westin in downtown.

After seven years at The Westin, he became the vice president and managing director for the Midwest Region of Pyramid Advisors, a Boston-based hotel acquisition and management company and converted the downtown Adams Mark to the Hilton that many of the members of our fraternity family are acquainted with. It was in 2006 that Bill upset his perfect Indiana life, taking a managing director’s role in Fort Lauderdale with Blackstone Group’s Luxury Resorts & Hotels. In 2012, he retired, but missing the stress and challenges of business, formed a single-member LLC, WMS Asset Solutions, to do occasional business management consulting. He returned to his Indiana home life in 2013 and is currently working with a friend and brother noble in developing and operating Sky Zone Trampoline Parks in Illinois and Wisconsin.

Bill was raised in 1983 in Springfield, MA, at Samuel D. Sherwood Lodge where he remains a member. He currently holds a dual membership in Calvin W. Prather Lodge #717 and also is a member of the Prather Chapter #157 Royal Arch Masons, Prather Council #100 Cryptic Masons and the Prather Commandery #62 Knights Templar. He became a Scottish Rite Mason also in 1983 as well as a Noble of the Mystic Shrine, all in Springfield. Bill was initiated into the Royal Order of Jesters in 1986 in Portland, OR. Since 1998, he has been a member of the Murat Highlanders—president three years and a year as secretary. He continues to embrace the notion that he can play the bagpipes. In 2003, Bill was initiated into the Royal Order of Scotland.

Over the course of his hotel career, Bill lived in a dozen U.S. cities and nine states. He was always engaged and active in his communities up to and including almost running for the City Council in Fort Lauderdale. The list of his involvements is long, but in Indianapolis Bill served six terms on the 500 Festival Board of Directors. He was a member of the Business Advisory Board for the University of Indianapolis School of Business. After two terms as president, he served a year as chairman of the Greater Indianapolis Hotel & Lodging Association. He also was the GHH&LA’s representative to the Indiana Hotel & Lodging Association. He was a member of the Mayor’s Hotel Advisory Committee and the Advisory Board of the Indianapolis Convention & Visitors Association. Bill was a member of the Downtown Rotary Club, Indianapolis Downtown Inc., and the Scottish Society of Indianapolis.

Bill married his college sweetheart, Muriel, in 1968 and still thinks they are in their honeymoon period, because Muriel puts up with him and his wild schedule. Both Bill and Muriel are members of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church. They had two children, Heather and Rob. Robert, who was a Murat noble, passed to the Unseen Temple in 2013. Heather is married to Brian Culver and in 2004, they presented Bill and Muriel with Bailey Elizabeth Culver, Grandpa and Grandma’s pride and joy.

Bill loves life, his family and the fraternity. His wish is for a stronger family energized and influential Shrine that exemplifies and employs the basic values of the fraternity to make a difference in the Indiana communities we serve.
Carl E. Culmann, 105th Potentate

New Outer Guard Appointed

Welcome new Nobles!

2016 Potentate’s Ball

Fundraising Activities

Tampa Hosts 2016 Imperial Session

2016 Divan

Potentate’s Message

Contribution List

Save The Dates

Club and Unit Meeting Dates

Hospital News

Contribution Photos

Coming Events

The Fraternal Office hours are 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Of course, at stated meetings and special events, the office hours will be adjusted accordingly to accommodate the nobility.
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POTENTATE CARL E. CULMANN
REQUESTS YOUR PRESENCE AT THE 2016 POTENTATE’S BALL

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Logansport Niddee Shrine Guild

Anita Vernon

Thank you to all of the Guild members who attended our recent outings. We had a great time at McClure Orchard and the Indian Trail Winery for Wine and Canvas. A special shout-out to Lori Sailors for putting together our social events. This has been a year filled with fun and trying new things.

Speaking of new things, our officers for 2016 are Nancy Rynerson (Maharanee), Nikki Fisher (Ranee), Susie Dyke (Treasurer), Susie Pryor (Secretary), Dawn Fisher (Sergeant at Arms), Lori Sailors (Marshal), Marlene Remley (Scribe), and Anita Vernon (Parliamentarian).

Due to the lack of able bodies, we have decided we can no longer continue to wait tables at the Shrine Club on Wednesday nights. It was not an easy decision for our Guild, and we will truly miss seeing the frequent customers who feel more like friends. We are looking at other ways to generate revenue so we may continue to support the Shrine Club and the Shriners Hospitals.

Current members should have received their dues notices by now and dues cards will be going out in the mail. As always, we welcome new members all year long. There is a one-time initiation fee of $5 and yearly dues are only $7. If you are interested in becoming a Guild member, please contact me at (574) 355-6213. Remember, we are dark January and February!

Niddee Guild members and guests attending Wine and Canvas at Indian Trail Winery.

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Yacht Club

Don Harris

We are now in the winter season. The Shrine dinners, Christmas and New Year’s parties are all over and life is getting back to normal. Hope everyone survived and is now planning their 2016 activities.

The Murat Yacht Club Stated Meetings are held in the Murat Lounge at 7 p.m. on the third Thursday of the month. We welcome your attendance and support.

In discussion the other day, it was suggested we should ask for feedback from our Yacht Club members about their visits to other yacht clubs, such as location, club name, pricing, experience, and recommendations. This information would be very helpful to travelers in our Club. E-mail your input to don0002@sbcglobal.com. We will include your comments in our newsletter.

Remember, you don’t need to be a Yacht Club member to attend our round table luncheons.

LUNCH SCHEDULE FOR FRIDAYS, 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

January
Kilroy’s
831 Broad Ripple Ave., Indianapolis

February
Blind Owl Brewery
5014 E. 62nd Street, Indianapolis
March
Matt the Miller’s
11 City Center @ Rangeline Rd. & 126th St., Carmel
April
Aristocrat Restaurant
5212 N. College Ave., Indianapolis
May
Langton’s Irish Pub
710 S. Rangeline Rd. & 126th St., Carmel
June
Muldoon’s
111 W. Main St., Carmel

Our first quarter Yacht Club dinner will be at Hollyhock Hill; this is being firmed up for our next newsletter.

Thanks to everyone who has paid their 2016 dues. There are still a few members who haven’t paid yet. Your prompt payment would be appreciated.

Band

Skip Rethmeier

Welcome to that time of year when we say “Hello” to the new and “Goodbye” to the old. With that in mind, we say hello to our new Illustrious Sir, Carl Culmann, and goodbye to Immediate Past Potentate, Tim Murphy. (The band will make every effort to keep Tim and his trumpet as active as possible!)

Speaking of new, the Shrine welcomed a group of new Shriners in November. One is no stranger. He is Keil Hauser, son of former director and band president, Ray Hauser. I feel confident that Ray was there in spirit and is a very proud father. We also hope Ray’s spirit will encourage Keil to pick up his trumpet and join us as a Shrine Band member.

We in the band are facing the same issues that many, if not most, organizations face—growing their membership. And we are in a unique situation in that we can’t spend an hour or two with a prospective member to show them what is needed to participate. They need a basic knowledge of an instrument and how to read music. However, I’m also certain that we have within our ranks people with that basic knowledge who would be great additions to the band. There are also current band members who have the knowledge and ability to help a “brother in need.” Gone are the days when units had a “waiting list” of people wanting to join. So as 2016 starts off, we are asking for your help to either get that old horn out and brush up, or encourage a fellow Shriners to renew his acquaintance with his old horn. Many of us were in the same situation a few years back, not having played since high school, college or military service. But with a little encouragement and a little practice, we’re “back in the saddle.” A new member, Bob Guernsey, saw one of our magazine articles and took the step. He’s definitely a welcome addition. You could be next! If you have any questions, please contact me at sre1@sbcglobal.net.
Madison County Shrine Club Ladies

The Madison County Shrine Ladies’ Club had their annual “Glitz and Glamour” style show on Saturday, October 3, at the Madison County Shrine Club to a sold-out crowd. The chairwomen for this event were Dottie Payne, Pam Mock and JoAnn Anderson. Fashions for the style show were provided by Stein Mart with members of the Club modeling. The decorations on the tables were red and black sequined shoes, and the chairs had red and black sashes.

We were honored to have Potentate Tim Murphy and High Priest and Prophet Chuck Shull to serve champagne and Mimosas. We also had eight past presidents from our Club looking debonair in their tuxedos, serving champagne and Mimosas.

President Jude McIntyre welcomed everyone and told them about the Shriners Hospitals and how they provide care without regard to the patients’ ability to pay. She then introduced a very special model, Miss Melissa Shull, a former Shrine patient who did a great job as a model. She is remarkable and we were blessed to have her.

We also had a basket raffle with members donating 30 gift baskets. This was a great moneymaker. Two of our past presidents danced at intermission for “Tux for Bucks” which raised money for our children’s Christmas party. They were well received by the ladies. All in all, everyone had a great time.
Montgomery County Shrine Club

Montgomery County Shrine Club had a very good 2015, opening with our successful countdown in April followed by our Vidalia onion sales in May and our car show. We had our golf outing in July and our fish fry in October. We also installed our new officers in December with a great dinner followed by dancing and entertainment. Our new president, Todd Stevenson, is looking forward to another successful year with the help of all our nobles. We thank Divan member Tim Whitaker, and his lady, for attending our installation and installing our newest member into the Murat Shrine as well as our 2016 officers.

We were able to raise and donate $13,695 to the Transportation Fund and Shriners Hospitals plus more than 400 pounds of pop tabs for the kids.

As always, “Having Fun … Helping Kids.”

Model Railroad Club

Don Stults

Happy New Year, nobles, one and all! We hope you had a chance to stop by before the Children’s Christmas Party last month to see how much fun modeling is for the kids and their parents. We’d like more nobles and their family members to experience the fun of modeling, so we made some changes for the new year. We are now the “Murat Model Railroad Club” and everyone interested in learning to build model layouts and displays is welcome to join us.

Our officers from last year were railroaded into another year of service and will remain with Norm Ettinger, President; Dave Beck, Treasurer; and Don Stults as Secretary.

As usual, due to the cold, we will not be meeting in January or February. Our next scheduled meeting is planned for Tuesday, March 22, 2016, at 7 p.m. Be there by 6:30 p.m. for some good food, drinks and fellowship. Watch for our article in the Murat Magazine every month for more information and reminders.

Our tracks were a little uncertain last year, but with the decision to remain where we are, we really want to expand our layouts and create an impressive showcase. You can be part of the fun and excitement. Just hop on board and come along and ride the train. Happy rails to all.

Montgomery County Shrine Club

Jim Stevenson

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Limited to the first 40 players. Don’t miss out on the fun!

24th Annual Murat Leadership Seminar

January 30, 2016
9 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Arabian Room – Murat Temple
Register by calling the fraternal Office or online at www.muratshrine.org
New Year’s Greetings Nobles and Ladies,

First and foremost, I thank Richard (Gunner) Condre and his Lady Leslie for everything they have done for the Murat Corvette Club during Richard’s presidency in 2015. His great leadership qualities were greatly appreciated.

With that said, I will report how the MCC ended their 2015 year. We celebrated the holidays with a Christmas party at Dawson’s Too in Brownsburg, IN. We had approximately 48 members and their ladies attend. I also thank all the members and their ladies for their participation this year. “Great Job” to all!

At our last Stated Meeting, we elected our officers for 2016. Our President will be Randy Nail; First Vice President, Mike Atkerson; Second Vice President remains vacant; Secretary, Richard (Gunner) Condre; Treasurer, Mike McLaughlin; and Board Officers: (elect) David Heacox, Mike Waldrip, Rick Weishrit, George Massey and Bip Hapgood.

I extend a warm welcome to our newest member, Mark Genung. On behalf of the MCC, I also extend a thank-you to the Divan members who attended our Christmas party: Carl Culmann, Chuck Shull, Scott Schuster, Mark Genung and Tim Whitaker.

Our next meeting is Tuesday, January 19, so bring your ladies for dinner and social hour before the meeting, which is at 7 p.m. We hope to see some new faces attend this year and come up with some new ideas for the Club.

Once again, I thank all members for putting their confidence in me as their second vice president. Without your support, I would not have been able to do the tasks that were necessary to make 2015 a success. Thanks to all.

Remember, you do not have to own a Corvette to be a member of our Club or participate in our activities. Come join us; after all, it is all about helping our Shriners Hospitals.
AN EXCERPT FROM GENERAL ORDER NO. 1:
FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES

It is natural to associate the fee with Shriner Hospitals for Children. Because of this, meticulous attention must be given to all fundraising activities, including circuses, to make certain that such activities comply with the law of the land and that a contributor is not led to believe that his money will be used for the Hospitals when all or a portion thereof will be used otherwise. The integrity of our charity and of our fraternity must remain above reproach.

Your specific attention is called to the following fraternal and charitable bylaws:
§335.3 USE OF NAME "SHRINERS HOSPITALS FOR CHILDREN." The use of the name "Shriners Hospitals for Children" or reference to the Hospitals in connection with any fundraising activity by a temple or Noble without the written consent of the Imperial Potentate and the Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Hospitals is prohibited.
§501.11 COMMERCIAL USE OF NAME.
The use of the name "Shriners Hospitals for Children" or reference to the Hospitals in connection with any commercial product or business enterprise is prohibited unless the written consent of the Board of Directors and Trustees has been first obtained.

Now, therefore, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

1. Fundraising for Fraternal Purposes:
(a) No Noble (in his capacity as a Shriner), club, unit, organization of Nobles or affiliated or appendant corporations shall engage in any fundraising activity without the express written consent of the potentate of the temple having jurisdiction thereof.
(b) There can be no representation, express or implied, that the proceeds will be for the benefit of Shriner Hospitals for Children.
(c) The temple potentate shall carefully examine all phases of the advertising, promotion and solicitation to determine that it complies with §335.3 and §501.11 of the fraternal and charitable bylaws and that there is no representation, expressed or implied, that would lead a reasonably prudent person to believe that the proceeds will be for the benefit of Shriner Hospitals for Children. If the potentate is in doubt, he must receive the opinion of the Imperial Potentate who, after consultation with the Director of Temple Accounting, shall make the final determination.
(d) The temple potentate must approve the terms and provisions of any contract for a fundraising activity after receiving the advice of the temple attorney, and additionally, as may be required by the temple bylaws.
(e) A copy of the temple potentate's written consent shall be mailed to the Executive Vice President, Shriner International; further, such written material pertaining to the fundraising activity, as requested by the Executive Vice President, Shriner International shall be promptly mailed to him.

2. Fundraising for Charitable Purposes:
(a) No Noble (in his capacity as a Shriner), club, unit, organization of Nobles or affiliated or appendant corporations shall engage in any charitable fundraising activity other than for Shriner Hospitals for Children. Permission therefore must be first obtained in writing from the temple potentate. The temple potentate must then obtain written permission from the Chairman of the Boards of Directors and Trustees. This request for written permission shall be sent to the Executive Vice President, Shriner International, P.O. Box 33556, Tampa, FL 33633-3356. No charitable fundraising activity shall be held in the jurisdiction of another temple without the written permission of the Potentate of that temple.
(1) A joint charitable fundraising activity with another 501(c)(3) charity may be authorized provided that a minimum of 50% of the net proceeds are for the benefit of Shriner Hospitals for Children, and the Chairman of the Boards of Directors and Trustees determine, on a case by case basis, that it is in the best interest of Shriner Hospitals for Children and they grant their written permission for the activity.
(2) A charitable fundraising activity conducted by a temple located outside of the U.S.A. may be authorized for other charities, provided that the chairman of the board of directors and trustees determine, on a case by case basis, that it is in the best interest of Shriner Hospitals for Children and they grant their written permission for the activity.
(b) 100% of net proceeds (as defined in the Charitable Fundraising-Approval and Reporting provisions of the current General Order) from charitable fund activities must be given to Shriner Hospitals for Children except for such portion thereto as may be permitted to be retained for the temple Shrine Hospital Patient Transportation Fund, pursuant to the Special Purpose Funds provisions of current General Order. Provided, however, if the chairman of the boards of directors and trustees determine for good cause shown, that the law of the locale requires that a portion of the net proceeds must be distributed locally, then may, if they determine it to be in the best interest of Shriner Hospitals for Children, grant their written permission for such distribution.
(c) The temple shall report the result of each charitable fundraising activity within sixty days of the activity, pursuant to the Charitable Fundraising-Approval and Reporting provisions of the current General Order.
(d) This section shall not apply for activities exempt in §335.4(b) of the bylaws of Shriner International.
(e) Each independent corporation or entity that receives the permission of the chairman of the boards of directors and trustees to raise money for Shriners Hospitals for Children, and which does not have its financial statements reviewed pursuant to §334.6 & §337.3 of the bylaws of Shriner International shall have its financial statements audited by a certified, chartered or licensed public accountant and shall submit such audit report to Shriner International within 120 days of the activity.

3. Statement of Purpose and Disclosures:
(a) Every fundraising activity must contain factual information on its solicitation material, tickets, programs and documents, including all electronically transmitted materials, regarding the use of the proceeds.
Examples:
"Proceeds are for the benefit of (Shriner) (Shrine Club) activities."
"Proceeds are for the benefit of Shriner Hospitals for Children."
(b) Every fundraising activity which is not entirely for the benefit of Shriner Hospitals for Children shall prominently state on the solicitation material, tickets, programs and documents that "payments are not deductible as charitable contributions."
(c) There must be compliance with the Revenue Act of 1987 provision of any existing general order by U.S. temples.

4. Compliance with Applicable Laws:
It is the responsibility of the temple potentate, after receiving the advice of the temple attorney, to determine that there is compliance with all applicable laws in jurisdiction for the temple's fundraising activities.

5. Financial Records:
(a) The temple shall maintain detailed financial records pertaining to all fundraising activities involving Nobles, clubs, units, organizations of Nobles and affiliated and appendant corporations. Details of all revenues and expenditures shall be maintained in such financial records.
(b) The temple shall retain such detailed financial records for a period of seven (7) years.
(c) There must be compliance with Financial Reporting on Charitable Funds and Activities provision of the current general order.

6. Notification to Nobility:
A copy of the Fundraising Activities provisions of the current general order shall be printed in the temple publication at least once every calendar year. If there is no temple publication, then a copy shall be mailed to each Noble in the temple not less than the last day in March of each calendar year.

7. Discipline:
Any officer, Noble or temple which violates a provision of Fundraising Activities subject to discipline pursuant to the bylaws of Shriner International.
Happy New Year to you all! We are excited to ring in another new year for our Club and members.

We are pleased to announce all in attendance had a grand time at the Masonic Home Christmas Bingo Party on December 22. Bill and Judy Davis were there representing the Club and helped hand out prizes to the residents. The residents were glad to receive a little something extra in their stockings this year from the 500 Club in the form of gift cards to assist with their shopping needs. A very generous anonymous donor from the Club made it possible for every resident in attendance to receive a gift of cash in their Christmas card this year! We thank everyone for their support of the Masonic Home—not just during the holidays but also throughout the year. Thank you!

Our annual Christmas party and awards banquet was held at Squealers Barbeque again on December 6. The food was wonderful and we enjoyed the time spent with our members and spouses. Gary Lucas was named 2015 “Mr. 500,” a well-deserved honor. Congratulations Gary!

Safe travels to our Snowbirds in Florida and throughout the Southern states. Have fun in the sun and enjoy your winter.

At the time of our deadline, a few members of the Club have been in the hospital or just recently released. We hope you will join us in wishing them all a speedy recovery and good health! Bud Whitis is continuing his physical therapy and recovery at home. Dan Price was recently released from the hospital and is doing well, and James Cummings has been ill but is recuperating at his daughter’s home. Get well soon gentlemen; we hope to see you all at our next meeting!

At the time of this writing, our 2016 election of officers was one day away. Look for our election results in next month’s article.

Best wishes to you and your family for a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year in 2016!

I thank you all for your assistance in 2015. Our Club has enjoyed the year very much and we look forward to what this coming year has in store! We will begin posting our parade schedule as soon as dates are confirmed.

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 Tom Freije, Club president, at (317) 710-5809. We look forward to seeing you soon!!
Daughters of the Nile

Audrey Apple

Happy New Year! After all the holiday festivities of eating, celebrating and being thankful, it is time to settle in and get back to the old routines. If you made New Year’s resolutions, I hope they all come true.

We enjoyed the visit from our Supreme Queen, Sharon St. John, in November. We held a ceremonial and welcomed two new Princesses, Samantha Schultz and Angie Harris, as members of Daughters of the Nile.

Due to the untimely death of our Princess Royal, Joan Brown, we had an election in December to place someone in this position.

As of this writing, I do not have the name of the successful candidate. However, we are all ready to give our support to the newly elected person in this position.

Sewing sessions for the year ended November 18 with a delicious spaghetti dinner provided by our hostesses, Pam Herther and Marcia Moses. Sewing will resume March 16, 2016. Congratulations to all the sewers, stuffers and helpers in completing 1,450 pillows. These items have been delivered to the Lexington Shriners Hospital.

Remember the style show “Moonlight and Roses” on January 9, 2016. Get your tickets and join us for lunch, the latest styles, a silent auction, fellowship and opportunities to own. If you would like to donate items, contact Ossie Pryor at (317) 638-8282 or Manuella Jefferson at (317) 844-6222.

Southeastern Indiana Shrine Club

Carl Petty

Happy New Year! Another year has passed, and another year has come! Another year for all of us to renew our efforts and our support for our great Shriners Hospitals. Another year of successful Shrine projects has passed, and another year for even more success with our Shrine projects and activities has come!

New officers were elected at our December meeting. Our annual Club Christmas party was our final 2015 activity. President Brad and Lady Bonnie Weatherford, with the help of Noble Ed and Lady Sue Wolfe, had a fun evening planned for SEISC members and our ladies. Thanks to Brad and all of our 2015 officers for their leadership. Noble John Race will be leading us this year and we know there are wonderful times ahead.

President John will be announcing committees as we meet this month. Cold and snowy SE Indiana days don’t work too well for Paper Crusades, parades, golf outings or steak fries, but do allow time for committees to organize and get ready … time to make repairs and spruce up the Club building. Weather does not stop us from working together and from sharing the Shrine story whatever opportunity we have, or from encouraging inactive members to get involved again, and encouraging our Masonic brothers to join us in the Shrine and at SEISC.

SEISC members wish you all a Sweetest Sunday, a Marvelous Monday, a Tasty Tuesday, a Wonderful Wednesday, a Thankful Thursday, a Friendly Friday, a Successful Saturday, and a great year!

Smyrna Shrine Guild

Mary Anne Harrison

Happy New Year to all and I hope everyone enjoyed their Christmas holiday!

I thank everyone who attended and helped with my installation in December. Thank you to my installing officer, Lou Benell, and installing marshal, Becky Essex. Also, thanks to Karen Waldrip, Melanie Close and Heidi Waldrip for all the setup and decorating help! It was a very special day for me and I could not have done it without all of your help.

I congratulate past Maharanee Lynn Moeller for her successful year. It was a great year and will be hard to follow.

Our officers for 2016 are as follows: Maharanee, Mary Anne Harrison; Ranee, Nancy Lanning; Sergeant at Arms, Raynel Wilson; Secretary, Linda Abdon; Treasurer, Sharon Ross; Scribe, Susie Brown; and Parliamentarian, Lou Benell. We will be a great team and I thank you in advance for all your support.

My Ways And Means co-chairs Melanie Close, Candy Close and I have put together some fun events for the year. Please look for information here in the months to follow.

My theme for 2016 is "HEARTS." Have a heart and give from your heart. Not everyone can give from their wallet so give the gift of your time and with everyone’s help, I look forward to supporting Smyrna’s Education Fund.

January Calendar

No Guild Night

Tuesday, Jan. 26 – Board Meeting, 6:30 p.m.; Stated Meeting 7 p.m.

February Calendar

Wednesday, Feb. 3 – Guild Night, 5:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Feb. 23 – Board Meeting, 6:30 p.m.; Stated Meeting 7 p.m.
Reception Unit

Gary Dalzell

Hello Nobles,

Welcome to 2016; I wish every noble and their lady a Happy New Year.

On Tuesday, November 10, the Reception Unit had their election of officers: President Gary Dalzell, Vice President Brett Lennon, Secretary Chris Blackburn, and Treasurer Mike Waldrip.

The Lil’ Istiks also had their election and the officers are President (and my lady) Brenda Dalzell, Vice President Rhonda Lennon, Secretary Tonya Blackburn, and Treasurer Julia Grammer.

First of all, I thank last year’s president, Joe Essex, along with his lady, Becky, for a great year and the help he has given me for the coming year.

I am looking forward to the new year and along with the officers, we will continue to provide the leadership the Reception Unit is accustomed to.

We meet the second Tuesday of each month except July and August when we are dark.

Important dates coming up are our first meeting January 12, where our organization meeting will be held at 6 p.m. and our regular meeting at 7 p.m.

The Murat Stated Meeting will be January 18 at 7 p.m.

The East-West Shrine Game will be held January 21–23 in St. Petersburg, FL.

The Murat Leadership Seminar is Saturday, January 30.

In closing, I feel very humble in being elected president of the Murat Reception Unit and looking at all of the past presidents of this Unit, there are some big shoes to fill.

Shriners Having Fun While Helping Children.
Contributions for Shriners Hospitals for Children & Murat Transportation Fund

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Stone Belt Shrine Club

SAVE THE DATES

January 2016
Mon. 18 Stated Meeting and Divan Installation
Sat. 23 East-West Shrine Game
Sat. 30 24th Annual Murat Leadership Seminar

March 2016
Sat. 19 Potentate’s Ball

April 2016
Fri. 8 - Sat. 9 Grand Master’s One-Day Class at the AASR
Sat. 30 Sportsman Raffle

July 2016
Sun.3-Thu. 7 Imperial Session
Tampa, FL
Welcome to 2016 and Happy New Year! January marks the time where we reflect on our prior achievements and plan that fresh start for the coming year. Before we can begin a new year, the members of the Kentucky Colonels express our thanks and appreciation to past President Mike Metzger for leading our Club during 2015.

OFFICER INSTALLATION PARTY – The Milano Inn was the location for our installation of officers. Following a great meal, the program began with Colonel Mike Metzger presiding as master of ceremonies. Chief Rabban Carl Culmann conducted the swearing in of the 2016 officers and board members. Our officers for 2016 are as follows: Luke Whitehouse, President; John Wilson, First Vice; Ryan Powell, Second Vice; and Dennis Scott, Secretary-Treasurer. Board members include Colonels Robert Taylor, Kent Smith, Sr., Whit Smith, Don Harris and Mike Metzger as ex-officio.

NEW MEMBERSHIP ROSTER – The Club has a new membership roster for the third year presented as a spreadsheet, which is easier to read than the book, and the cost for printing is six times cheaper. We tried to get as much information as accurate as possible, but if you have a correction, please contact Dennis Scott with any changes. New rosters will be mailed out soon.

CONGRATULATIONS – Let’s all support our new Potentate, Carl Culmann, during his year as leader of Murat. The Potentate’s Ball is scheduled earlier this year than last, so put it on your calendar.

PARADE FLOAT – We intend to parade our float as much as possible this year. Last year was our third year having a float and it received many accolades. More will be coming as we get closer to the parade season.

NEW YEAR’S RESOLUTION – Make a resolution to get more involved. We need your input and suggestions. We meet on the first Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m. Come early and have dinner and fellowship.

Happy New Year to everyone! It seems like yesterday that President Mike Harrison took the oath of office as our 2015 president and promised to lead this great Club down the path of prosperity and further greatness. Now it’s time for a new leader. But first, the Club thanks the officers of 2015 for all their hard work and leadership this past year. We attended several parades, sponsored the Children’s Christmas Party, had a picnic and social gatherings, not to mention the many trips our drivers made to our four hospitals while enjoying the fellowship of the members and their ladies.

OFFICER INSTALLATION/PAST PRESIDENT PARTY – As we gathered for this final party of the year, it was time to reflect on our many achievements along with good food and fellowship. The ladies were dressed in their holiday attire and the men were on their best behavior. Oh yes, we installed our new officers for 2016 and recognized the ladies for all their help and support. Each lady was given a rose to take home and enjoy.

CONGRATULATIONS – As we begin 2016, we find ourselves in good hands with our new President, Ted Bradfield; First Vice, John Gunderman; Second Vice, Richard Kirkman; Secretary, Ron Harris, P.P.; and Treasurer, Jim Marlin. Our board members are Gordon Husk, P.P., Jim Huffman, Robert Taylor, Marshall Smith, Dan Shaffer, Ron Bolyard, P.P., and ex-officio, and Mike Harrison, P.P., Don Schildgen will remain our Hospital Coordinator. Chaplain for 2016 is Ron Harris.

CHILDREN’S CHRISTMAS PARTY – Congratulations to chairman Ted Bradfield who did a great job organizing this annual party for the hospital children and the children of the nobility. Thanks also to the members who were on the committee and those who worked so hard on Saturday to prepare the toy room and on Sunday to make sure the party was a success. Several bicycles were also given away in addition to the toys. Speaking of toys, many thanks go out to Mike and Sylvia Metzger and Ted and Kathy Bradfield for a job well done.

OUR NEW LEADER – Let’s all support our new 2016 Potentate, Carl Culmann, who has several ideas on making Murat again one of the best temples in Shrinedom. We can support him by attending several of the parades and helping advertise our hospitals.

Let’s make this one of the best years for our Club by supporting our new president, Ted Bradfield, in all his endeavors by attending as many meetings and functions as you can. Put this on the top of your 2016 resolutions. As usual, we meet on the third Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m. Again, Happy New Year!
Boone County Shrine Club  
Scott Merrywater

Wow, a brand new year already—where did last year go? So much and so many things happening. Dinner and installation of officers will be January 16 at the American Legion.

As 2015 comes to an end, we look back on a year of accomplishments and meeting many challenges, each somehow strengthening our Club, attracting new members, and exploring new avenues of revenue, all in support of our Shriners Hospitals.

From all of us, thanks, for it is extremely important to show our appreciation to our immediate past president, Dennis Cunningham. His tremendous efforts and strong leadership allowed our Club to reach new goals with everyone anxious to continue into the coming year.

Those elected to serve for 2016 are: President, Steve Light; Vice President, Richard Carson; Secretary, Derick Brandt; and Treasurer, Jeff Dickerson. This lineup has all the promise for an even better year ahead.

At this year’s installation, we will welcome Jeff Dickerson as our newly elected officer. Jeff is a life resident of Lebanon and an IU grad. He has been with the Boone County REMC for 27 years. He is the current number two man, vice president in charge of all operations on the outside.

Jeff and his lovely wife, Mary, have just celebrated their 25th anniversary. Mary is the assistant high school principal in Lebanon. They have two children: a son, Jake, who is an IU grad, and daughter, Jenna, who is currently a junior at Ivy Tech studying radiography. Jeff served for many years on the Lebanon Park Board; he has served as coach in about all of the different high school sports.

Noble Dickerson was raised a Master Mason in 2000 in Boone Lodge No. 9 and the next year, he became a member of the Murat Shrine. Jeff’s father is a past president of Boone County Shrine Club. We are all glad to see Jeff doing the same.

We took pleasure in welcoming our new members: David Dean, Tony Harris, Jason Potts, Mike Nielsen, and Ross Bush. Welcome aboard, nobles.

One of our successful fundraisers has been selling potatoes and we have a great recipe for mashed potatoes. You first buy a bag of potatoes, take some of them out of the bag and put them in a pan of water. Boil them and go do something for a long time; once in a while poke them with a fork. When they feel soft, drain them and with the same fork, mash them in the pan. See, anyone can be a master of the culinary arts.

I just noticed I am out of paper. I must go to Staples for more paper or not write anymore. Until next time, always remember to make it your priority to bring awareness to Shriners Hospitals for Children.

Honored Ladies of Murat  
Audrey Apple

Honored Ladies of Murat is a social group of widows of Shriners. Every widow is welcome to join. We meet at the Murat Shrine Center at 11:30 a.m. the fourth Thursday of each month except January and February. We have lunch and a program and lots of fellowship. This is a good way to stay connected with your Shrine friends. It is in the daytime for those who no longer care to drive after dark. We do require that reservations be made and honored. If you are interested in joining us, please contact President Barbara Stauch at (317) 272-4032 or Audrey Apple at (317) 786-3016. Hope to see you at our next meeting March 24, 2016. Enjoy the new year.

Mini Cycle Club  
Russell Butters

We held our annual Christmas party on Wednesday, November 25, at the South 31 Red Lobster. The early date was due to members leaving for Florida for three to four months.

In attendance were Dale Dougherty and Ron Hood; and Russell Butters, Larry Taylor, Bob Price, and Tony Phelps, all with their ladies.

The Mini Cycle Club hopes everyone had a Merry Christmas and wishes all a Happy New Year.

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Annual Burn Awareness Campaign Starts Again in February

Shriners Hospitals for Children® continues to be determined to decrease the number of preventable pediatric burn injuries by raising awareness. One program in this effort is the annual Burn Awareness campaign, which began more than 20 years ago.

During the first full week of February, our public relations efforts emphasize Burn Awareness Week, the kickoff of a yearlong educational campaign aimed at burn awareness and prevention, including offering free educational materials via our website. The items, including posters, activity books and fact sheets, are designed to be a resource for firefighters, teachers, parents and others concerned with the safety and well-being of children. Many of the items are available in both English and Spanish.

Helping Children and Adults Be Burn Aware

We are once again using the theme “Be Burn Aware,” and focusing on preventing burn injuries in the home because the vast majority of preventable burn injuries continue to occur in residences. Homes are the sites of thousands of burn injuries to children every year, including scalds, fire-related injuries, and even electrical burns. Many of these incidents could have been easily prevented by following and implementing some basic safety tips. In the U.S., the occurrence of major pediatric burn injuries has decreased; these educational efforts do have an impact.

“Year-round, Shriners Hospitals for Children works to prevent burn injuries by providing burn awareness education,” said Kenneth Guidera, M.D., chief medical officer, Shriners Hospitals for Children. “In 2015, our yearlong campaign ‘Be Burn Aware,’ will kick off again, and will continue to focus on teaching children and their parents ways to avoid burn injuries, especially at home. As part of the annual campaign, there will be information on preventing fire and electrical-related injuries, as well as those caused by scalds or other incidents around the home. We hope to reduce pediatric burn injuries through education, as many of these injuries are preventable.”

Materials Emphasize Safety

The campaign features two child-friendly characters who showcase and share our messages. Boots and Brewster – a caped, cuddly bear and a googly-eyed teapot – are featured in activity books for children ages 3-7 and 8-12. The entertaining duo leads children through the various rooms of a house, pointing out dangers, and how to easily correct or avoid them. The coloring pages, word searches, cartoons and other activities are designed to grab children’s attention and present the information in a memorable, age-appropriate manner. The campaign also includes a poster of safety tips, as well as materials emphasizing prevention of scalds, fire-related and electrical burns.

“Shriners Hospitals for Children is committed to improving and protecting the lives and health of children,” said Richard Kagan, M.D., chief of staff, Shriners Hospitals for Children — Cincinnati and member of the physician executive team. “Our burn awareness campaign is one element of that effort. Following prevention guidelines can keep children and families safe and help them avoid potentially serious, devastating injuries.”

All educational materials will be available for viewing and ordering at beburnaware.org. Shriners Hospitals for Children is also assisted in its burn prevention efforts by members of the Shriners fraternity, who promote the campaign in their local communities in a variety of creative ways.

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### CLUB & UNIT MEETING DATES

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Alexis “Lexi” Stewart was born March 17, 1998. She seemed healthy and happy. In 2006, her mother Joy noticed a concave formation in Lexi’s forehead. A pediatrician referred her child to Dr. Kirsten Turchan, a pediatric dermatologist. Dr. Turchan accurately diagnosed the condition as linear scleroderma-en coup de sabre, and Lexi was referred to a local hospital for treatment.

The hospital explained the different types of scleroderma. The disease is an autoimmune reaction that affects skin and connective tissue, allowing production of an excessive amount of collagen that is deposited randomly. Additional study and explanation alleviated some concerns, since the term en coup de sabre is a description of the concavity and indicates the appearance of having had a saber blow to the forehead. In Lexi’s case, the affected areas have been limited to the forehead and scalp.

The family was deeply concerned as Lexi began treatment for linear scleroderma. For nearly a year, treatment followed a traditional path, with intravenous steroids for three consecutive days every week, plus some oral medication. Joy says, “We became frustrated because there would be improvement, then things would plateau. It seemed nothing was helping. We were told they were giving Lexi the normal protocol of treatment for her disease. We were frustrated because we felt they weren’t willing to step out of the ‘normal protocol box’ of treating a disease, and treat Lexi the way she needed to be treated.”

Joy says, “At Shriners Hospital in Chicago, Dr. O’Nel listened to us and to Lexi. It made all the difference.” Dr. Karen O’Nel is a pediatric rheumatologist with vast experience in her specialty. She consulted with the medical professionals in the hospital where Lexi had been treated, suggested a different medication and followed up with that hospital frequently. Joy says, “Finally we felt like someone was listening to us and to Lexi. Dr. O’Nel would ask Lexi questions, which is how it should have been, because she was old enough to answer. She listened to all of our concerns and thoughts. She brainstormed with the hospital that was providing treatment and I truly believe she pushed that hospital staff to keep them on their toes. She came up with a different medication that got Lexi off the weekly injections.”

Joy adds, “We have been to the Chicago hospital about 15 times, and Lexi welcomes the visits because of the great staff. Everyone is friendly and helpful. During a recent visit, Lexi said she was self-conscious about her forehead, and Dr. Grasseschi injected tissue from Lexi’s midsection into the concavity. He was careful not to overfill and said a later examination would indicate how much of the material was resorbed. This procedure made a dramatic difference, and Lexi will return soon for a second injection to further smooth the forehead.

Lexi is now a high school senior and has been accepted at Ball State University, where she plans to study microbiology. She was happy to tell us she had worked in a lab during a summer internship at a local hospital. She says, “I like Shriners Hospital because other hospitals don’t seem to take the time to listen well to the patient. Shriners do listen to the patient and the family. Shriners treat the patient and the family.”

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President Tom Dinkins and Wayne Hedges from Henry County Shrine Club present two checks to Past Potentate Tim Murphy: $500 for the Cincinnati Hospital and $500 for the Chicago Hospital.

George Clark, Tipton County Shrine Club, presents a $1,000 check to Past Potentate Tim Murphy for the Chicago Hospital.

Jon Holden II, president of the Dramatic Cast, presents two checks to Past Potentate Tim Murphy: $100 for the Transportation Fund and $100 for the Cincinnati Hospital.

Order of “Q” members Bill Cothran, Mark Genung, Jim Ross, Steve Taylor, Bud Abel, Richard Kirkman, Dennis Scott, Bob McGee, George Clark, Brian Davis, Tim Higgins and Luke Whitehouse present a check to Past Potentate Tim Murphy for $2,000 for the Transportation Fund.

Hancock County Shrine Club members Tim Cecil, Eric Daugherty, Dennis Scott and Gary Friedan donated $1,000 from their July Paper Crusade.
Digital Edition of Murat Magazine Is Now Available

Murat has created a digital edition of the magazine.
It is posted at: www.muratshrinemagazine.com.
The January, February, March, April, May, June, September, October, November, December 2015
and and January 2016 issues are now available for reading.
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Todd Stevenson, Jim Stevenson and Russ Saitzer,
Montgomery County Shrine Club, donated a total of $13,965: $2,500 each to the Chicago, Cincinnati,
and Lexington Hospitals, $5,000 to the Transportation Fund, $1,050 from the Paper Crusade, and $415 in donations to Shriners Hospitals for memorial contributions (in memory of Howard Cook). In addition, Montgomery County also donated 400 pounds of pop tabs.
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#### February 2016

- **Mon. 1** Deadline for March Magazine
- **Mon. 15** Divan Meeting Board Meeting **Stated Meeting 7 p.m.**
- **Fri. 19** Band Night, Featuring “Jai Baker Band”
- **Mon. 21** Divan Meeting Board Meeting **Stated Meeting 7 p.m.**
- **Fri. 25** Band Night

#### March 2016

- **Tue. 1** Deadline for April Magazine
- **Sat. 19** Potentate’s Ball
- **Fri. 8** Grand Master’s One-Day Class at the AASR
- **Mon. 18** Divan Meeting Board Meeting **Stated Meeting 7 p.m.**
- **Sat. 30** Sportsman Raffle

#### April 2016

- **Fri. 1** Deadline for May Magazine
- **Fri. 8 - Sat. 9** Grand Master’s One-Day Class at the AASR
- **Mon. 18** Divan Meeting Board Meeting **Stated Meeting 7 p.m.**

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