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Potentate's Column

Celebrate a Successful Year!



Don A. Coulson

MEMBERSHIP

Our Membership Committee continues to make great strides. Our Fall Ceremonial was a tremendous Success. We had 18 new creations.

Rick Evans, High Priest and Prophet, his Lady Gina and their committee planned a full day of activities on November 8. If you missed the Ceremonial, Arch Program or Dance/Casino Celebration that evening, you will want to mark your calendars for the Spring Ceremonial. The ballroom was packed and we know you will want to be part of the celebration. Please welcome our new Nobles and invite them to join in the fun. Membership continues to be our number one challenge.

Remember: ALL MOSLAH
NOBLES ARE ON THE
MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE.

POTENTATE'S TRIP

What a great trip!

A total of 68 Shriners, Ladies and friends joined Carol and me on a Mediterranean Cruise. We docked at Nice, Rome, Florence/Pisa, Naples and Palermo. Everyone has their favorite port, but our day at Pompeii and Sorrento stands out as my favorite destination. Even if we did lose Marco. Along with the wonderful friends we have made over the last five years, this trip will be added to our treasured memories of 2008.

IMPORTANT DATES

Please mark your calendars for the Shrine Business Meeting on December 11.

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A must save date is January 10, the Potentate's Ball, to welcome Moslah's 2009 Potentate and his Lady. Also, please mark your calendars for the East/West Shrine Game in Houston on January 17. Hope to see you at these events.

CHRISTMAS PARTIES

It doesn't seem possible that the end of the year is so quickly approaching. With the end of the year come the numerous parties. The Moslah Divan is planning to attend the Units and Clubs Christmas parties. We look forward to celebrating these festive events with the Nobles and Ladies of Moslah.

HOLIDAY GREETINGS

Carol and I, along with the Moslah Divan, would like to extend to each of you and your family a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. May you have peace, health and wealth in the coming year!



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**2008 CIRCUS IS OVER...
AND IT WAS A SUCCESS!**

It was a thrill for me to see our Circus come together this year. We had so many challenges with our show dates changing, a new circus producer had never done a Shrine Center circus and new personnel in key positions. We had to move some of our Units into new hospitality rooms due to circumstances beyond our control... to borrow a phrase from my Granddad, "more changes than you could shake a stick at!"

But in true Moslah fashion, all of our Nobles and their Ladies went at their various tasks with quiet resolve, never complained or gave up and made this 2008 circus one of the best ever. As we all know, our beloved Moslah Shrine Temple is the beneficiary of your long hours, hard work and above all, your unequalled dedication.

Janie and I wish to thank each and every one of you for making this circus so successful and for allowing me the honor of serving as your Circus Chairman.

Allen Miller
Circus Chairman

Trip Presentation



Chief Rabban Allen Miller and his Lady Janie invite you to cruise the Western Caribbean for 7 days departing Houston July 19, 2009 on the Carnival Conquest. Ports of Call are Montego Bay, Grand Cayman and Cozumel. Please come to the Trip Presentation in the Shrine Grand Ballroom on Monday, January 19 at 7:00 PM for all the details.

IN MEMORIAM

Walter R. Bennett	Milburn E. Pruitt *
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*MEMBERS OF MOSLAH BENEFIT FUND

**Give the Ultimate Christmas Gift
the Gift of Life.**

**Final Moslah Blood Drive for 2008
4 - 7 pm Thursday, Dec. 11, 2008
Shrine Ctr Parking Lot
Family and friends welcome!**

SHRINE CIRCUS 2008



Firefighters Kayak 1,000-plus Miles for Shriners Hospitals

Four firefighters kayaked more than 1,000 miles – from Fort Lauderdale, Fla., to their hometown of Virginia Beach, Va. – to raise money for Shriners Hospitals for Children. They began their journey on May 19 and returned home to a crowd of 100 supporters, a fireboat and two fire engines welcoming their arrival on June 24.

Mark Hundley, Ray Irizarry, Paul Gleaton and Mark Sturgis, all of the Virginia Beach Fire Department, exceeded their \$20,000 fundraising goal and will donate the money to the four Shriners Hospitals providing burn care, located in Boston; Cincinnati; Galveston, Texas; and Sacramento, Calif. Fire Capt. April Elmore assisted with their campaign and helped spread the word through their Web site, www.teamvbfd.org.

The grueling journey up the Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway required a major time commitment and a lot of preparation. The men had to save up leave time and trade shifts with co-workers to be able to take off work for the trip. They endured a vigorous training schedule and spent thousands of dollars – from their own pockets – on equipment and food.

“We wanted people to be confident that 100 percent of their donations went to the children,” explained Gleaton.

This is the second major donation made by Gleaton and Sturgis, who were part of a team that kayaked the waterway in 1998. They organized their recent trip as a 10-year reunion of the first adventure, which raised \$10,000 for Shriners Hospitals.

Gleaton, 47, a fire captain, admits he was wary about making the trip now that he is 10 years older. “It’s easy to want to quit when you get tired, but I just think of those kids



The firefighters finished their 1,000-plus mile journey up the Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway on June 24. Their trip raised more than \$20,000 for Shriners Hospitals. *Photo Courtesy of Bill Tiernan, The Virginian Pilot*

in the hospital and how they have to keep going,” he said. “They are the ultimate motivation.”

Novice kayakers Hundley and Irizarry were eager to take on the challenge. They paddled 30 miles a day, often facing severe weather or high wakes from pleasure boats racing past. Despite the obstacles, they hope to do it again someday.

“It was a great time with a great group of guys,” Hundley said. “It’s all about who you’re with and the people you meet along the way.”

One of the most memorable experiences for the firefighters was a conversation with two fishermen while paddling through Georgia. After a brief chat, they discovered the fishermen were Shriners. When they learned about the purpose of the

kayakers’ journey, the Shriners took money from their wallets and donated to the cause.

The four men also spent time with the Oriental Shrine Club in North Carolina, and were greeted by members of Khedive Shriners from Chesapeake, Va., upon their return. Several fire stations provided food and shelter along the way, and Spec Rescue International, a professional training and consulting organization, provided support drivers – people who follow the kayakers’ route by vehicle and provide assistance and necessary supplies – throughout the journey.

www.shrinershospitals.org



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Football's Finest Hour Returns to the Bayou City

Houston to Host College Football's Best at the 84th Annual East-West Shrine Game

Houston, TX – Football and philanthropy are at the center of the 84th Annual East-West Shrine Game, which is set for Jan. 17, 2009, in Houston, Texas, at the University of Houston's Robertson Stadium.

The football match-up, which began in 1925, features many of the best college players in the U.S. and Canada, divided by region but coming together to raise money for the children receiving care at the 22 Shriners Hospitals for Children across the North America.

This year's event features two storied head coaches, Bobby Ross and Gene Stallings, who will be leading the teams for bi-coastal bragging rights.

Gene Stallings brings 18 years of NFL experience to this year's game, as well as an impressive record as a college head coach. Bobby Ross also comes to the sidelines with an outstanding NFL and college football resume, including leading the San Diego Chargers to Super Bowl XXIX.

The coaches aren't the only big names associated with the East-West Shrine Game. A total of 62 Shrine Game alumni, from Dick Butkus to Joe Greene to Gale Sayers, are featured in the NFL Hall of Fame in Canton, Ohio. And each year, the game adds football's future stars to its extensive roster.

"The East-West Shrine Game has always fielded college football's best and offered a great way for the talent of tomorrow to be showcased for the public, as well as NFL scouts," said Jack Hart, executive director of the East-West Shrine Game. "Last year's game featured 44 players who were chosen in the 2008 NFL draft. This is big-time football being coached by NFL pros, which, when combined with the wonderful cause of helping the kids in the Shriners Hospitals, makes this the most prestigious college all-star football game in America."

But, it's not just the list of players who have participated over the years that makes this game "Football's Finest Hour." The Shrine Game's true purpose - helping to support Shriners Hospital for Children - is what sets this event apart from all others.

Since 1925, the Shrine Game has been played to raise money and to increase public awareness of Shriners Hospitals for Children, an international health care system of 22 hospitals dedicated to providing pediatric specialty care, innovative research and outstanding teaching programs. Children up to age 18 with orthopaedic conditions, burns, spinal cord injuries, and cleft lip and palate are eligible for care and receive all services at no charge – regardless of financial need. More than 865,000 young patients have received state-of-the-art care at Shriners Hospitals. Two of those hospitals are in Houston and Galveston, Texas.

Ralph Semb, president and CEO of Shriners Hospitals for Children, said, "This game is Shriners' 'Window to the World.' It is our moment of time each year to present what we are all about on national television, giving us the opportunity to create an awareness that will allow us to care for more children. It is a great venue to promote our mission of providing specialty health care for children, and at the same time gives our members a chance to become involved and have fun."

As a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, Shriners Hospitals for Children relies on the generous donations of Shriners and the general public to carry out our mission and change the lives of children every day. To date, the East-West Shrine Game has raised millions of dollars for Shriners Hospitals and has helped inform millions of people about the mission of this extraordinary philanthropy.

WHAT: 84th Annual East-West Shrine Game

WHO: Top NCAA College Football Players

WHERE: University of Houston, Robertson Stadium, Houston, Texas

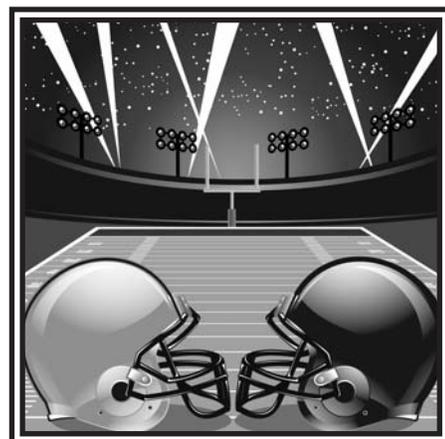
Televised on ESPN2

WHEN: Saturday, Jan. 17, 2009

3 p.m. CST Kick Off

HOW: Tickets go on sale Oct. 27, 2008

INFORMATION: www.shrinegame.com



After Ike

Crossing over the causeway to Galveston Island on Sunday, October 26, it is impossible to describe the devastation that Hurricane Ike imposed; boats and cars pushed to the side of the road, large oak and pine trees “burned” by the salt water and piles of rubbish just pushed to the side of the road to allow traffic. This all occurred on Saturday, September 13 when Ike – the worst storm to hit Galveston since 1900 – the Category 2 storm pushed ashore with a surge force equal to a Category 4 or 5.

Our Hospital (Shriners Hospitals for Children (SHC) – Galveston) started evacuation on Friday, the day before. Six patients were medi-vac’d to SHC-Cincinnati with 15 RNs and 2 Respiratory Therapists. Four children and their families were sent to the SHC-Shreveport and fifteen children, families and staff were bused to College Station where they were assigned exclusive use of the A&M Consolidated Middle School by the Disaster Coordinator. This was necessary due to the fact that SHC-Houston was also in the path of Ike and evacuated its building.

As a result of the storm surge, our hospital suffered approximately 30 inches of water on the first floor of the main building. The new parent housing facility sustained enough water to necessitate removal of sheet rock and floor coverings and, being built on a pier and beam foundation, the insulation under the flooring was also filled with water. The skin bank, on the Harbor side of the University of Texas Medical Branch (UTMB) campus, sustained nearly 5 feet of water. The Galveston hospital is connected to the UTMB campus and John Sealy Hospital by a pedestrian bridge. UTMB has 100 buildings on the island with 1 million square feet on the first floors. Their buildings had from 6 inches to 6 feet of water. It is estimated that UTMB suffered up to \$700 million in damage because most major services were located on the first floor of their buildings.

The Galveston SHC suffered an estimated \$4.5 to \$5 million in “out of pocket” damages including building, equipment, supplies, research specimen’s damages; and loss time for the employees. One of our tragic losses was \$450,000 in cadaver skin due to loss of power and dry ice not being able to maintain the necessary temperature controls.

On September 15, our staff returned home from Cincinnati to witness the damages of their homes. The staff and children from College Station returned to Houston on September 16. A clinic was assembled at the SHC-Houston and the local patients

started treatment on September 30. Surgery will be scheduled to begin for burn patients in SHC-Houston on November 6 and 7. There are 30 to 40 Galveston employees who have temporary assignment at our Houston hospital. Also, there are 65 medical researchers who Dr. Herndon has placed at UTMB to continue their research projects.

The air quality in our main building was stabilized as of October 25. UTMB restored the chilled water and steam, which they provide to SHC, on October 24. The reconstruction should begin within the next few weeks for the damages on the first floor. The staff is scheduled to return to the building by November 7. The Fire Marshall has granted permission subject to and limited to daylight hours, Monday through Friday, with the staff closely following the Life Safety Plan submitted, which includes a full time staff member on each floor of the building, patrolling for fire watch. Full use of the building is subject to the fire protection equipment being replaced and operational. Communication equipment should be replaced by Thanksgiving.

Restoration efforts started within days of the storm. The sheetrock was removed in all of the buildings approximately 4 feet above the high water line. There was approximately 6 inches to a foot of silt in the buildings. The major damage which will control the return of patients includes the fire pumps, control panels for the fire alarms and fire, medical gas pumps, and the telephone switch. UTMB will resume a portion of its operations with 200 of the 500 beds with full support on November 10 including full restoration of the Blocker Adult Burn Unit and the Plastic surgery department. This will assure that the doctors which we share with the UTMB will be able to continue employment on the Island. The return of SHC children is still undetermined due to the unknown delivery dates of the damaged equipment. The patients will return while the first floor is being restored.

We should all be very proud of being a part of an organization that not only cares so much about its patients, but also its staff who left their families and homes behind to care for the patients to insure their safe transportation to the alternate hospitals. SHC has agreed to continue the payroll for all Galveston employees for the duration of this down time. The employees have pulled together to assist each other in cleaning up their damaged homes, including the formation of the “MOD” (Muscle On Demand) squad.

Our Hospital has approximately 315 full time employees, almost half of whom lived on the Island. Of those, 130 suffered losses, with 90 of these

employees suffering major losses, but had flood insurance. There were 40 employees who suffered major loss and had no insurance. There has been a special fund established in Tampa for the relief of these employees. This fund is a 501(c)(3) charity. Some of these families have lost everything they owned. If you wish to participate in this relief effort, send your donations to "SHC Employees Disaster Relief Fund". Your donations should be sent to Shriners International Headquarters, c/o Amy Ritzel, 2900 Rocky Point Dr., Tampa, FL 33607. Your donation is fully deductible.

Gary Reynolds, PP
Treasurer of the Board of Governors
Shriners Hospital for Children, Galveston



*Your Divan serves
ice cream to over 140
at Bingo Night
in October*

Fellow Nobles,

I really want to thank everyone who came out for the Fall Ceremonial. We had 27 go through the Ceremony, 18 of these were new Nobles, and 9 were fairly new Nobles who had not been through the Ceremony previously.

Many of you do not realize how many people it takes to put on an event like the Ceremonial, combined with a Dance & Casino Night. The Ceremonial Divan, The Membership Committee, The Bedouins, The Chanters, The Directors, All of the Units that set up Unit Displays for the New Nobles, The Camel Herders, The Shrine Staff, The Arch Program Cast, Photographer, The Entertainment Committee, The Provost, and The Countless Volunteers, all in all, more that 100 greatly appreciated Nobles and Ladies.

The Dance and Casino was so well attended that it was difficult to get a good head count. We had tables set up for 280 people, and we had more people than tables. The members who were not in attendance missed a party that was referred to by several Past Illustrious Sirs as "An old time Shrine Party".

Once again I want to thank and congratulate all who participated in making this event a memorable success, as well as each Noble of Moslah who has made this a special year for me.

Yours in the Faith,
Rick Evans
High Priest and Prophet



DIRECTORS



It is hard to believe that we are closing out another year, the months and events moved so quickly, it seems like yesterday. The good news is that we are beginning a new year with lots of excitement, events, challenges and fun. I want to congratulate our unit line-up, Director General and all of the Directors for a successful and productive year in service to the Moslah Shrine.

Upcoming events for the Directors include our annual Christmas Party in December, the Potentate's Ball and Directors' Entertainment kick-off, both held in January. Work has already begun on the Potentate's backdrop, and we expect 80% of the work to be completed during the final week, as usual.

General Nobility – If you would like to be involved in a unit that touches almost every aspect of the Shrine, come out to a work call and join us. We hold work calls at the John B. Mitchell Circus Building, 2000 Samuels Avenue, on every Tuesday and Wednesday night. Come by to visit or give me a call for directions.

– Trace Brooks, 817-821-2028

LEGION OF HONOR

I wish to thank again all the office staff on helping Kay and me with the Special Performance of the Circus. It means so much to us and all the special persons who attended. Next year there will be more in attendance. We have already heard from groups who are looking forward to next year.

– Paul O. Davis, 1st. Lt. Commander, Legion of Honor

MOTOR CORPS

The year of 2008 is nearly at an end. Soon, new officers will be installed for the year of 2009. Their job is a big one. Moslah Motor Corps has a proud tradition to carry on, as do all of the Moslah Units. The Shrine is known as the 'fun' part of Masonry, and we do indeed have fun. However, we serve a more important task and that is making sure the Hospitals for the Shrine children are perpetuated. We do that with many fundraisers thru the year. The year of 2008 was a successful one and we need to carry that momentum thru the New Year.

We, here at the Motor Corps, will be having fundraisers for our Unit also as we too need to self perpetuate and in so doing, aid the Shrine Children. We encourage all Shriners to support the individual Shrine Unit fundraisers as much as possible.

Our trophies have been won, our accomplishments recorded, our unfinished tasks noted and the Moslah Motor Corps stands ready to support all Shrine efforts in the upcoming year. All Nobles looking for a Unit are invited to visit with any of our members, attend our events and parties and determine if our Unit may become your Unit.

Merry Christmas and the Happiest and Holiest of New Years.

– Hal Gerhardt, 2008 Colonel, 817-657-9188

GOLF



The Golf unit has digested our Turkey Dinners and will be working off the extra weight with a few golf outings this month. A great time was had by all at the Fall Ceremonial with dinner and dancing. As we enter December we look back at a challenging but eventful year of fun and fellowship. We also reflect on our fallen golfers in our annual Christmas Eve Day Memorial Golf Outing where we invite others to join our Golfers for a final round for 2008. On a final note, I would like to thank the Moslah Golf Unit for all it has done to raise funds for our Hospitals and the hard work from our membership.

CAMPING



“RVs WANTED”

Our annual Christmas campout will be held December 5-6 at the RV Ranch in Burleson. The Christmas dinner will be catered on Friday evening. We will also be voting on officers for 2009 and reviewing our camping schedule for 2009.

Each month, with the exception of January, we go camping around Texas. We try to stay within a hundred and fifty miles of Ft. Worth, once in awhile it might be slightly further.

We have a great schedule planned for 2009. Only thing missing is you and your rig. So if you have an RV (motor home, 5th wheel, travel trailer or cabover camper) you are welcome to come join us.

Anyone wishing to join or needing information about the club, please contact Ray Jordan at 817-236-2443, Rocky Rothfelder at 817-834-1469 or Gordon Hendon at 817-696-0603.

MYSTIC WHEELS

Good grief, the holidays are here! Where did the year go?

The Mystic Wheels had a super time at the Ceremonial Dance/Casino. We had Version III of “Rockin’ with the Weezy”. What a great time this is for all. Many thanks to our hard working entertainment guys for taking such good care of us.

Congratulations to all the new Nobles of Moslah. You’ve just joined the best Shrine Temple in Texas! Now, look over the units and join one! You will get a lot more out of the Shrine experience in a unit.

Our Christmas party is coming right up. We’ll be at Diamond Oaks CC this year and anticipate a fine evening of food, drinks, dancing, and fun. We might even pass out an award or two along the way.

A hearty congratulations to all our officers for a job well done in 2008, especially President Tony Martin and Colonel Walter Shore. Thanks, guys!

The Mystic Wheels always have room for one more so if you’re a noble looking for a new unit home, check us out. Hop on one of our traditional open wheel go karts for a fun experience, be it in a parade or competition. Be sure to bring the family along as well –

they are invited to all our activities. Call Tony Martin, 817 680-9728; Brett Wiesner, 817 360-7585; or Walter Shore, 817 538-3603 for information or a visit. We are the LARGEST motorized unit in Texas. Come see why so many have made us their unit home.

– Rick Carlson

FLYING FEZ



By the time you read this the Flying Fez election of officers will have been accomplished and the new Commander Elect will be ready to take over the Commander’s duty. We wish him success in all that he participates in during the year. Every year brings new challenges and the Flying Fez has been very fortunate to have great leaders to meet those challenges. This coming year will be no different.

The Flying Fez set records in almost everything we set out to do. Everyone worked very hard to see that Moslah was outstanding in the care of our kids. We have made 40 trips to Houston and Galveston so far this year with several more scheduled, including one to Shreveport. It is great to be able to help our children by transporting them to and from the hospitals.

To all members of Moslah, we extend a cordial invitation for you to join us. You can contact any Flying Fez member for information and a petition. Remember, you can retain you membership in a unit and still be a member of the Flying Fez.

– Clair Billington, Commander, cmbinc@verizon.net, 817-431-1736

MOUNTIES

Hidy, hidy everybody.

Well, boys and girls, we have another Circus in the bag. A big Mountie YEE-HAW to Chief Rabban Allen Miller for a great circus. Thanks to all Mounties, Ladies and family that helped man the booth and sell MORE trinkets than we did last year. Good for us and Moslah. I hope everyone had a good Thanksgiving holiday with family and friends. I know I ate way too much turkey and pie. ‘Ol Paint suggested I spend extra time at the gym before I get back on him. Hurricane Ike played heck with Galveston, so TSA is going to be back in Wichita Falls next year. Imperial will be in San Antonio next year, and the horse events will be in the same barn that TSA was in last year. It has been a long time since the Moslah Mounties rode at Imperial. Everyone needs to make plans to attend ALL Drill practices so we can make a showing at TSA and Imperial. I am looking forward to attending an Imperial Session for the first time. Lady Debbie and I are looking forward to our Christmas party with the Car-Vettes. I know we will have good food and a great time. Make plans to attend TSHPA Mid-Winter, it will be in “wide awake” Wylie, the first weekend in March.

‘til nexttime... Merry Christmas Y’all...

– Doug Burkham, 214-878-6349, redstarranch@hotmail.com



CHANTERS



Our next business meeting is December 1, at 8:00 PM in the Rehearsal Room of the Shrine Temple. We need all Chanters to attend for the election of officers for 2009.

The Shrine Business meeting is Thursday, December 11 at 7:00 PM. Dinner will start at 6:00 PM, and Carter Blood Center Blood-mobile will be open at 4:00 PM so that you can give the “gift of life” for the holidays. Come early and donate.

We are looking at Tuesday, December the 16th for our “Christmas Get Together”. So mark this date on your calendar and I will call you with the time, place, and other details.

– Bill Kraus, President, 817-571-2688 or wmlnk@tx.rr.com

MANSFIELD SHRINE CLUB

Well, all is well with your MSC. We survived a circus in October, an election in November and we hope everyone had a good Thanksgiving. We also hope everybody took time to offer up thanks for the many blessings we have in our life.

Christmas is just around the corner (how could you not know, what with all the Christmas decorations and sales everywhere even before we could catch our Thanksgiving turkey!!). Here’s hoping Santa comes to see you and yours. If you need any of my clothes sizes, please call.

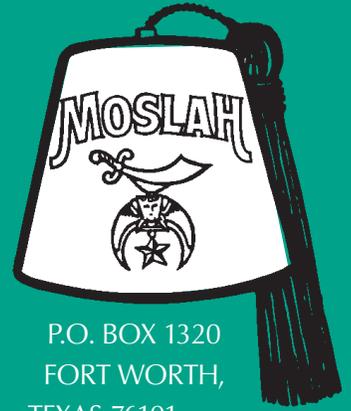
The Mansfield Shrine Club has moved our meeting date to the 3rd Monday of the month. PLEASE mark your calendar. We will now be meeting at Spring Creek Bar B.Q. on the corner of Hwy 287 & Debbie Lane in Mansfield. The meal time is still 6:00/6:30 pm, followed by our business meeting at 7:00 pm. The date change was necessary because we could not find a place in Mansfield with a private dining room on Thursday night without paying \$\$ plus a minimum number of meals.

If you are a Shriner living south of Hwy 30 and east of 35W, we invite you to come visit us. Of course, your Lady is welcome.

– Len Livingston, MSC Scribe ‘08



Starting the 2009 Hospital Fund Drive off with a bang!
Legion of Honor: Paul Davis, Don Gibson and WalMart Asst Mgr Lonnie Brown



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DECEMBER

Thursday, December 11 – Business Meeting
4:00 p.m. Carter Blood Center
Come early & donate
6:00 p.m. Dinner
7:00 p.m. Meeting

Thursday, December 25 – Merry Christmas!

Summerfield Studio's is in the process of calling Nobles to schedule their appointment for their portraits in the 2008 Pictorial Directory. If you haven't received a call, you may call them at 1-877-764-4535 to schedule your appointment.

JANUARY

Thursday, January 1 – Happy New Year!

Thursday, January 8 – Annual Election & Installation of Officers
6:00 p.m. Dinner
7:00 p.m. Meeting

Saturday, January 10 – Potentate's Ball
Ridglea Country Club
Details in January issue of Moslah News

Saturday, January 17 – East-West Shrine Football Game
Houston, Texas

Thursday, January 22 – Games Night
Directors Building, 2000 Samuels Ave.
7:00 p.m. Men only

Monday, January 26 – Shrine Night at the Rodeo
7:30 p.m. Will Rogers Coliseum

If you know a Noble or Lady who is sick or shut-in, please contact our Sunshine Chairman Bob White at 817-457-5633 or the Shrine Office at 817-335-9469. We would like to visit, send a card or call them and maybe brighten their day.

* The Ladies Without Shriners will meet each Wednesday at Luby's, 2800 8th Ave. at 11:00 a.m. for games. Contact Elwanda Spindor at 817-614-3495 for details.