Potentate’s Column

Close the year out by bringing in a new member

If you were not at the Temple on November 12, you missed another great party. The Fall Mexican Fiesta was held and we had a huge turnout. The food was wonderful and the crowd had a lot of fun playing the casino games. I want to congratulate Robert and Linda Lee and the membership committee for another great job. If you haven’t been to a temple party in a while, you need to come back and join us for the fun and renew some old friendships, and you will probably make a lot of new ones.

I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving and had their fill of turkey and dressing. Moslah had a large group to participate in the Parade of Lights this year. If you have not been downtown the Friday night after Thanksgiving, you are missing a beautiful sight. Every entry in the parade has to be fully lit and there are some awesome entries. It really gets you in that Christmas spirit in a hurry.

As the Holiday season is here and our year at Moslah is nearly complete, I am looking forward to spending time with my family. This year will be extra-special because I have a number of opportunities to celebrate the season with a very large family, my Moslah Family. Over a three week period, we will be visiting each of our Uniformed Units. It is a very fast paced time for the Divan, but very much enjoyed. Each of us will probably not fit in our clothes as we celebrate the season with a very large family, and there are some awesome entries. It really gets you in that Christmas spirit in a hurry.

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Yours in the Faith,
Richard Evans
As we have been contacting our Brothers about delinquent dues payments, we have learned that a number of our Brothers are in need of help because of age, illness, disability and other valid reasons. In order to give us the flexibility of helping our Brothers in need not lose their membership as Shriners, we have established the Santa Shriners Fund. As Masons and Shriners, we understand the importance of helping our Brothers in time of need. The decision on whether a Member qualifies for a benefit from this fund will rest with the Potentate in consultation with the Divan. Please make a donation to help this worthy cause. You can do so by mailing a donation to the Moslah Office at P.O. Box 1320, Ft. Worth, Texas 76101-1320 or by giving it to any member of your Divan. Thank you for your generosity this Holiday Season.

Yours in the Faith,
– Michael Wallach, Oriental Guide
You work long, hard hours raising money for the Galveston and Houston Hospital operating funds with our Gala and Street Corner collections and you should be proud of your efforts. However, there is a great need shared by all of our Hospitals. Over the last ten years, we have had to deplete the corpus of our Endowment Fund to keep our hospitals operating and working miracles for our children. In fact, we have had to invade the corpus for over $900 million over that period. Our endowment fund needs to be replenished so that our Hospitals can continue to provide the magnificent care they provide to our children!

In 2015 Moslah will celebrate the 100th anniversary of its charter as a Temple. Over the preceding century, 100 men will have dedicated untold amounts of time, talent and resources in support of our fraternity and our philanthropy by serving as Potentates of Moslah. To honor our fraternity and our philanthropy, we are establishing the Moslah Honors program. We are asking members, families, units, clubs and associations to honor our past Potentates by purchasing memberships in the $100 Million Club in honor or in memory of them. Our goal is to have at least one membership purchased on behalf of each of our past leaders such that, by 2015, we can present to Shriners Hospitals for Children’s Board of Directors a certificate commemorating our support for the Hospitals in recognition of our Potentates. We would love to have memberships for all of our current list of past potentates completed by the end of this year.

Please show your support for our Hospitals and your appreciation for your past Potentates by making a purchase now. A copy of the $100 Million Club application is attached to this newsletter and is available on the Moslah website. Please submit your completed application to the Temple office or to any Divan member.

YITF, Michael Wallach, Oriental Guide

Application for Membership

$100 Million Dollar Club

☐ Yes, I (we) want to Share in the Care of SHRINERS HOSPITALS FOR CHILDREN.

☐ I have previously made a Will leaving a Bequest (of $100 or more) to the Shriners Hospitals for Children endowment fund.

☐ I have added a provision in my Will leaving a Bequest (of $100 or more) to the Shriners Hospitals for Children endowment fund.

☐ I prefer to make a cash donation at this time (of $100 or more).

Make your check payable to: SHRINERS HOSPITALS FOR CHILDREN

Signed __________________________

Temple Member? ______________

Address __________________________

City __________________________

State ___ Zip Code _____________

You may give a $100 Million Dollar Club Membership in another person’s name, as a special anniversary, birthday or appreciation gift. Please have the membership certificate read:

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RETURN THIS APPLICATION TO YOUR LOCAL SHRINE TEMPLE
Galveston Transportation Fund

This is a one of a kind fund that was established in 1997 to help transport children to and from our hospital that otherwise would not be able to receive our care. Shriners Hospitals for Children – Galveston provides services to children with massive burns and complex reconstructive needs. The staff and physicians are responsible for the burn care and burn sequelae over the span of each patient’s life, as improper or inadequate treatment leads to serious disfigurement and crippling contractures as they heal. Some families do not have the means to bring their children here for the care that they desperately need. The Galveston Transportation Fund is a resource to assist these families however, it is depleting very quickly.

Please help the children by donating to the Galveston Transportation Fund. Donations can be sent to Hella Shrine Center at 2121 Rowlett Road, Garland, Texas 75043. The check should be made out to the Galveston Transportation Fund. Thank you for helping our children!!

Mooalah Mardi Gras Party
February 11, 2012 7-11 PM
Temple Ballroom
Kat Daddy Band
Dinner, Beverages
Costumes Encouraged
Mark Your Calendar!

“Shrine Night at the Rodeo”
tickets will be available in the Shrine Office in December. They will be available on a first come, first served basis, therefore be sure to call or come by the Shrine Office and get your order placed early.

By Creation:
Gregory W. Bankston
Robert G. Brown
Danny Gamble
B. Wayne Hayes
Scott D. Kaether
Michael R. Moore
Billy F. Morrison
John S. Reynolds
John V. Starnes
Marvin L. Wood

By Affiliation:
Thomas J. Morgan

By Association:
Peter M. Folks
Greetings, Nobles and Ladies of the Moslah Flying Fez. In October we completed another successful Shrine Circus in Shrine style. A big “Thank You” goes out to the Nobles and Ladies who assisted day in and day out at their duty stations and in the hospitality room. Also the fellowship and association with the members of the Golf unit and Drum and Bugle Corps was outstanding. Lady Amy Huffman and Lady Diana Barcafar did a great job keeping the food organized and the belly full. Many thanks to all the Ladies for their assistance. “Thank You” Illustrious Sir Rick and members of the Divan for a fun filled visit to the hospitality room. Congrats Chief Rabban Pat and Lady Mary Lou Bobbitt for a fantastic circus.

In November, many Flying Fez Nobles, Ladies and friends were able to take time from their busy schedule to take a tour of the Houston and Galveston Hospitals on the 3rd and 4th. Not enough can be said regarding the fellowship and fun had by the attendees. The reception of the Nobles, Ladies, and friends was also impressive and the presentations given by the Hospital Staff were outstanding. It is something everyone should take time to see. Thanks go to Noble John and Lady Lena Merk for coordinating this trip and those nobles who helped drive the vans. A big Thanks also goes to the Hospital Staff for being so receptive.

As we began closing the 2011 year out, the November meeting shall have passed, new 2012 officers would have been nominated and elected. Installation will be in January 2012. Mark your calendar, December 16, 2011 – 7-10 p.m. – Sante Fe Café – 2400 Meacham Blvd., Suite E for the Moslah Flying Fez Christmas Party.

“For the Children”

From Shriners Hospitals for Children® Patient to Player

Being selected for the Shrine Bowl of the Carolinas is a significant achievement for any high school football player. For Zack Cole, of North Carolina, the invitation to the game recognizes much more than athletic skills.

Cole, 18, was born with underdeveloped and joined together fingers and toes. He is also missing his ring finger on his left hand and both of his big toes. The problems were the result of amniotic band syndrome – where the fetus becomes entangled in fibrous, string-like amniotic bands in the womb, restricting blood flow and affecting the baby’s development.

From infancy to age 8, Cole had four different surgeries at Shriners Hospitals for Children® — Greenville to improve the function of his feet and hands. To add to the adversity, Cole’s mother was killed in a tragic car accident when he was 3. His uncle and aunt, Shannon and Holly McLaughlin, became his legal guardians.

“Zack’s mom didn’t have a job or insurance, so there is no telling what would have happened if it wasn’t for the Shriners Hospital,” said Mr. McLaughlin. From the doctors, to the nurses, to the volunteers – the whole staff was amazing.”

Early on, Cole’s uncle and aunt promised themselves they would not hold Cole back because of his limitations. Cole began to play football at age 6, and it did not take long for them to realize the speed and athleticism he possessed.

“I turned to a friend of mine and said, ‘he’s going to make the Shrine Bowl one day,’” said Mr. McLaughlin

Cole would go on to make the varsity team his sophomore year of high school. During his first game, he caught a long pass for the school’s first-ever touchdown. Cole’s uncle and his aunt watched from the stands and could not hold back their tears. The touchdown was a symbol of how much Cole had overcome.

Today, Cole is a 6-foot-2, 190-pound high school varsity football wide receiver and safety. In addition to playing football, he is the reigning Boys High Jump Champion in his high school conference.

Cole’s humble attitude and off-the-field accomplishments are even more impressive. He has a 3.75 GPA and plans on majoring in chemistry and pre-med at the post-graduate level. NCAA Division I universities such as Duke, East Carolina, Appalachian State, Elon, and Wofford have expressed interest in recruiting Cole for their football programs.

It’s only fitting that Cole, a former patient, played in the Carolina Shrine Bowl Game on Dec. 18. The proceeds of the game support Shriners Hospitals for Children®.

“I owe everything I have to Shriners Hospitals for Children®,” said Cole. “I’m so proud to give back and help the child who is lying in the same bed I was once in.”

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Hey, it’s time to deck the halls and trim the trees – the season is here and Merry Christmas to all! Before you know it we’ll be changing the oil, dusting off the go karts, and getting ready to roll for 2012.

The Mystic Wheels had a great time at the Fall Fiesta, lots of fun, food, and drink; not to mention we did well at the casino. Many thanks to all who put on this event.

Thanks and a tip of the hat to President Rick Carlson and Colonel Rob Ferrell for doing an excellent job leading us this year. We’ve had a wonderful year, won 1st and 2nd at TSA, then a clean sweep at Obstacle Course. We appreciate your leadership this year.

All members will be receiving invitations for the unit Christmas Party so be sure to RSVP quickly so we have an accurate head count. Then get ready to rock and roll!

Lots more going on so check out the MYSTIC WHEELS FACEBOOK page for pictures and more information.

If you are a noble looking for a unit home, check us out. We ride inexpensive, open wheel, traditional go karts in parades and competition. We play an active role in all temple events. We have the ladies and kids at all our activities (we have lots of kids!). Call Rick Carlson 817-312-6734, James Johnson 817-733-6417 or Brett Wiesner 817-360-7585 for information. See why so many nobles have chosen the Mystic Wheels for their unit home. Still the LARGEST and FRIENDLIEST motorized unit in Texas!

– Jimmy “Skeeter” Conner

The golf unit hopes everyone has a great Thanksgiving holiday with family and friends.

The Golf Unit had its annual Stall Cup in late October with a cook out at the Bettingers Lake House.

A special thanks to the Bettingers for sharing their house with our unit and the Maybens for donating the beef for the cookout.

Our next major event is our annual Christmas Formal on Saturday, December 3 at Ridglea Country Club. As always, we’re looking forward to a good turnout and a great time by all.

The Golf unit would like to wish everyone a very safe Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

The invitation for a Shriner wishing to play golf in any of our monthly play days is always open. We can put you on the email list and notify you by email when our play days are planned. Just call our Tournament Chairman Jeff Barcafar at 817-233-4130 or email Jeff@specialtypremier.com

Keep them in the short grass,
– R.J. Forester

By the time you read this, Thanksgiving will most likely be over and the malls will be packed with holiday shoppers. You know the ones, they are trying to shop for a holiday gift and will have trouble finding it. We wish you all the joy and peace of shopping to enhance the celebration of a holiday! As for the Car-Vettes, even though we have lost many loved ones this year, we will be out there celebrating Christmas as a time of joy and remembrance.

The Circus was a blast this year! We hit a milestone 11 cars in the Grand Entry this year and kept our table staffed for the entire circus. We are already planning for next year’s circus, so come join with us as we discuss and prepare.

Some of the activities between now and the end of the year are the River Oaks Christmas Parade (Friday, December 2) and the Decatur Christmas Parade (Saturday, December 3). Please join us at one of these parades if you can.

By the way, if you know someone who would look good in one of those really cool yellow cars, please contact Walt Busch (817-689-7323) or Doyle Allen (817-266-5805).

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year,
– Ben Weatherall

We have had an outstanding year representing Moslah Shrine while proudly accomplishing our objectives in all areas of responsibility. I sincerely appreciate having the opportunity to serve as your Commander and thank my Officers and Committee members for their contributions. All LOH members and ladies are appreciated for their dedication to completing our goals, but more especially for their participation in Moslah Shrine Legion of Honor activities.

The Elected Officers represented Moslah Shrine at the Fort Worth Chapter, The Military Order of the World Wars, and Massing of the Colors on Sunday, November 13, 2011. Cal Gibbs and his lady are appreciated for serving as our hosts at the Moslah Fall Mexican Fiesta.

Our Nominations Committee is working diligently to identify candidates for our 2012 elected officers. Likewise, if you are interested in an appointed officer or committee position, please contact our Commander elect. Past Commander Jack Tuomey will be hosting our Christmas Party at Colonial Country Club, 3735 Country Club Circle in Fort Worth on December 1, 2011. Cocktails at 6:30 PM and a buffet dinner at 7:30 PM will be followed by entertainment.

All Moslah Shriners possessing an Active Duty ID Card or Honorable Discharge are eligible to join our Legion of Honor. First year Nobles automatically become probationary members. Please call Membership Chairman Chris Hood (817-210-4859) or me for more information.

– Harold A. “Harry” Rumzek, Ph.D., Commander,
817-291-1579
The Ladies Without Shriner will meet each Wednesday at Old South Pancake House, University Dr. at 11:00 a.m. for games. Contact Coordinator Carol Clarkson at 817-447-4645 or moslahwidows@sbcglobal.net for details.

DECEMBER

Thursday, Dec 8 – Temple Business Meeting
6:00 pm Dinner
7:00 pm Meeting

Friday, Dec 16 – Ladies Without Shriner
11:00 am Christmas Lunch & Entertainment
Diamond Oaks Country Club
Contact Carol Clarkson for reservations

Shrine Night at the Rodeo tickets will be available in the Shrine Office in December. See page 6 inside.

Merry Christmas!

JANUARY

Sunday, Jan 1 – Happy New Year!

Thursday, Jan 5 – Annual Election & Installation of Officers
6:00 pm Dinner
7:00 pm Meeting

Saturday, Jan 7 – Potentate’s Ball
Ridglea Country Club
Details in January Moslah News

Friday, Jan 20 – Ladies Without Shriner
11:00 am Lunch
Contact Carol Clarkson for reservations

If you know a Noble or Lady who is sick or shut-in, please contact the Shrine Office at 817-335-9469.

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