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Potentate's Column

Meeting the challenges; going above and beyond.
That's the Moslah way.



Stephen C. Jones

part of the year for most of us and do we have

“fun” planned for you.

It's October, so that means it's Circus time, the 71st. What a run! Chief Rabban Robert Lee and his Lady Linda and the entire Circus committee have had many challenges to work through this year and it should be a big success. Let's all work hard to make it the best ever. And, of course Robert and Linda had a very successful Sportsman Spectacular. We need more fundraisers like that.

Assistant Rabban Mike Wallach and his Lady Susan are continually working on the Centennial Book for production in early 2015. If you want to know our history at Moslah for the first 100 years, you should consider ordering your copy now at the discounted price as prices will surely rise after printing.

High Priest and Prophet Harold Benefield and his Lady Mabel are working

Summer is over and by the time you read this the temperatures should be returning to autumn levels. We are starting to get back to a time of fun and fellowship - the best

on our Casino bus trip and on our Ceremonial to be held November 9. As you are aware we can no longer have the “hot sands” but your Directors Unit is working on a “cold sands” performance which promises to be very entertaining. Get the word out Nobles, because we want a big turn-out for our Ceremonial. As I've said all year, membership is key to our survival. And of course, don't forget the Casino trip November 17-18. It is a BLAST!

Oriental Guide Phil Trew and his Lady Sarah are working on the \$100 Million Dollar Club as well as the Honors Program. Please consider honoring or memorializing a Past Potentate. Do it individually or consider taking a Unit collection. There are only 14-15 more Past Potentates to Honor.

We only have one more Bingo left this year - October 27. Come out and enjoy the fun. There will be prizes, soft drinks and popcorn. This is a great event for the entire family including kids and grandkids. And to make it even better is the fact that it is FREE!

Please keep your Shrine family in your prayers as well as our Service men and women who continue to fight for our freedoms. God Bless the USA.

Yours in the Faith, Steve Jones

Moslah History



As part of our Centennial Celebration we will publish a very nice hard bound book of Moslah's first hundred years. It will feature lots of pictures and stories about our organization, our people and our units, clubs and associations. Pre-publication price is \$85.00. The final published price will be \$100.00 or more, so order yours now and save.

To order, you may send your check for \$85.00 to the Moslah Office. or call with your credit card information at 817-335-9469.

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Moslah Shrine History

The previous article showed exactly where the Mosque on Lake Worth was located. Below is a copy of a newspaper picture taken from an aircraft circa 1919.



Notice that the road was completed then and wound Northward towards the City of Lake Worth. The roadway leading to the front of the Mosque was not yet installed nor were the four towers on the top of the building. In the background (upper left side) is the old nine mile bridge.

Now it is time to return to 1917 and resume our history. From the minutes of the stated meeting of Moslah Temple on Sept. 10, 1917: "The Building Committee reported progress on the Mosque at Lake Worth and that the building was being pushed with the most possible dispatch."

Minutes of the stated meeting on Oct. 12, 1917: "The Building Committee reported progress on the building." Note: *The minutes were not signed by the Potentate or Recorder.*

Minutes of the stated meeting on Nov. 9 1917: "The Potentate R. A. Massey, on behalf of the Building Committee, reported progress on the construction of the Mosque and assured the Nobles present that barring unforeseen hindrances, the Mosque would be ready for the Shrine Ceremonial on November 23rd." *Minutes were not signed by him or by the Recorder.*

This quote is from the "HISTORY OF MOSLAH TEMPLE MOSQUE" by Nobel H. Ward Collier, Sr.: "The results are unbelievable. Four months and 19 days after the idea was first suggested, we find a huge building, no doubt not entirely completed, but done enough to handle a large crowd at a feed and a still larger crowd on the second floor at a dance."

I must agree with Noble Collier's remark that *the results are unbelievable*. If his history is near correct, I believe these results were *also near impossible*.

The Mosque was first suggested on July 4, 1917. It is obvious that considerable planning must have already been done by that time. Certainly the site had already been selected and at least a rough idea of the building layout must have been completed. Now would they have drawn up a detailed blueprint before obtaining approval from the membership? Probably not, unless this was already a "done deal" before the vote was taken. Since construction was begun shortly after the vote, I believe that *was* the case. This was a huge six story building with more than one ballroom, an eating area, kitchen, living room, sleeping quarters, basement and much more. How long would it have taken to draw up a blueprint without the computers, copy machines and all the other aids we have available now? A blueprint *must* have been completed prior to the vote.

What about the lack of a road? When Noble Al Levy turned the first shovel of dirt on at the Mosque site on September 5th 1917 it was reported that a road still did not exist and it was necessary to cross the lake by boat to reach the site. If this was true how did the lumber and building supplies reach the Mosque? I know they weren't dragged up the side of that cliff so some access must have been provided. I have driven the 1.8 mile road from Rench road near the base of the old nine mile bridge to the site of the Mosque. The land is difficult, sometimes heavily wooded. There are drainage ravines and the road is winding, not a place you could easily blaze a trail through. The present winding road is on Fort Worth City property and must have been constructed by the City. It wasn't completed until the Spring of 1919 but obviously some land access must have been available when construction started.

Noble Collier took his information about Noble Levy's first shovel of dirt from an article in the 1932 Moslah News and at this time I have no way to confirm its accuracy. There will be more information about Levy's Dedication Ceremony in a later article.

Moslah minutes show that a Ceremonial *was* held on the 23rd of November 1917 at the Mosque. Although those minutes were not signed I have no reason to doubt their accuracy. From 1917 to 1919 that seems to have been the rule since I find most of those minutes are unsigned.



September Meeting



Gun Show





Shriners International

Plan Now to Attend the 2014 Imperial Session in Minneapolis



Mark your calendars now for the 2014 Imperial Session in Minneapolis. We look forward to your participation in the fraternity's most important event of the year.

The 2014 Imperial Session is scheduled for July 6-10, 2014, in Minneapolis. Named one of the "world's cleanest cities" by MSN, Minneapolis has an array of offerings for every guest. Come visit where "nature meets skyscrapers!"

Minneapolis, in addition to being one of the "world's cleanest cities," is also home to many world-class museums and theaters. Visitors can enjoy a variety of shows in the Tony Award-winning Guthrie Theater, discover wonders at the Science Museum of Minnesota and marvel at the Walker Art Center, one of the best contemporary art museums in the country, according to Newsweek.

Noted for its architectural blending of glass and steel, travelers are encouraged to see Minneapolis' beauty from a variety of vantage points through the city's various tours. For those who love to shop, Minneapolis is home to Mall of America, the country's largest shopping complex. The city is also the site of both Target's flagship store and a Macy's that covers more than 400,000 square feet.

Recognized by the American Fitness Index as the "Fittest City in America," Minneapolis has noteworthy parks that offer a variety of outdoor activities, including canoeing, biking and skating. If you're willing to travel just a bit, about an hour away from the city there is even an opportunity to drive a military tank! Minneapolis is also home to several sports teams at the both the professional and amateur levels. From ice hockey to baseball, there's a game and a team to cheer for!

For those who enjoy the night life, Minneapolis offers some of the nation's best restaurants, such as Hell's Kitchen and Solera Restaurant and Event Center, comedy theaters, and cafés. On the first Thursday of every month, the city's art district opens its doors to offer live entertainment, art shows and gallery tours.

To learn more about this lively city, please visit minneapolis.org.

The Kem and Zuhrah Shriners, as well as the members of the Midwest Shrine Association, are all looking forward to joining Deputy Imperial Potentate Dale Stauss in welcoming you to the 2014 Imperial Session of Shriners International. Mark your calendars now, and be sure to attend the fraternity's most important event of the year. For more information about the 2014 Imperial Session, visit imperial2014.com.

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Future Imperial Sessions:

- **July 5-9, 2015 – Houston**
- **July 3-7, 2016 – Tampa, Fla.**
- **July 9-13, 2017 – Daytona Beach, Fla.**

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MYSTIC WHEELS

Fall is here, sort of, so that means just one thing... Circus Time! The Mystic Wheels will be handling the animal rides again this year. We'll be greeting the crowds with a Fez and a smile as we keep them entertained and sell them tickets! We just love show business!

It is our pleasure to help raise money for Moslah and this is a great way to build awareness of the Shrine; heck we may even pick up a few new members. By the way, if you are a Moslah Noble without a unit affiliation and you would like to help out at the circus, call us at the number below; we'd be glad to have you. You'll meet some great folks and our hospitality room will keep you entertained.

Visit the MYSTIC WHEELS FACEBOOK page; more information there.

So, Noble, are you looking for a new unit home or your first unit home? Check out the Mystic Wheels. You will find a very family oriented group with the ladies and kids at all our events... and we have a lot of kids. We ride inexpensive open wheel go karts, and you will find us very involved in all temple and blue lodge activities. Call James Johnson 733-6417, Brett Wiesner 360-7585 or Tommy Boldin 682 888-3427 for information and a visit or to work at the circus. A lot of nobles have made the Mystic Wheels their unit home – come see why! Still the LARGEST and friendliest motorized unit in Texas!

– Tommy Boldin



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CAR-VETTES



The Car-Vettes have had an outstanding and fun summer winning 1st Place not only at TSA in June, but also winning 1st Place at TSMPA Obstacle in Waco with our own Colonel Guy Tyra having the fastest time in our class. Now that we are no longer dark we turn our attention to nominating and selecting leaders for the coming year and getting psyched up for the circus. Circus ads have been sold with participation from all members. Before this is published, the Car-Vettes will have participated in the State Fair of Texas parade in downtown Dallas along with Hella Shrine. This is a first for us and we are sure it will be a huge success. If you or anyone you know is interested in joining our fun and family-friendly unit call Guy Tyra at 817-999-9718 or Walt Busch at 817-689-7323.

– Jerry Knott

CLOWNS



The Moslah Clowns are getting amped up for 2013 71st Shrine Circus. Its our time to sit in front of a lighted mirror for an hour or so to make ourselves look good. Some take a lot longer to make that ugly mug look good (Sparky) he needs more than just makeup. So come out and see a great show, and hang with Shriners especially the Clowns. We are always looking for Clowns, if you want to put on make up and clown around putting smiles on the kids faces, contact Terry Griswald at (817)832-3147 or a member of the unit.



Ice Cream will be served

October 25, 8:00 pm
The Entertainment Committee
Invites Everyone To
Bingo! Bingo! Bingo!
Free! Free! Free!

That's right! It is all FREE.

Bring your family, kids, grandkids, neighbors, their children,
fellow Shriners and Masons.

FREE cold drinks, FREE popcorn and FREE Bingo!!
OVER \$400.00 in prizes PLUS \$100.00 Adult CASH PRIZE!!



Did I fail to say it is all FREE?

Bingo! 8pm in the Shrine Ballroom.

Doors open at 7pm. Hope to see all of you there.

Paul Davis
2013 Entertainment Chairman

Casino Bus Trip

There will not be a gamble on the fun and accommodations in Shreveport. We negotiated a discount rate at the Horseshoe Casino and Hotel.

There is a shuttle that will take you to downtown and other casinos if you wish to venture out. The bus trip down will include a "Shrine Breakfast" (Milk Punch & bloody Mary's) and snacks.

The total cost for the bus and hotel room will be \$235.00 for double occupancy (couple or 2 people traveling together and sharing a room) or \$165.00 for single occupancy (one person traveling alone).

If you want to sign up, please contact the Moslah office at 817-335-9469. We need your names and payment information.



Our FINAL DEADLINE for signing up is November 7, 2013.

Please come and join the fun.
Harold H. Benefield

SPORTSMAN SPECTACULAR UPDATE

A HUGE **THANK YOU** to everyone who had a part in making the Sportsman Spectacular a great event. Many of you went the extra mile to promote, sell tickets, decorate, serve and encourage people to come. The food was awesome and excitement was in the air. It was wonderful to see many people in attendance who were not Shriners. The event was a great opportunity to showcase Moslah and it did just that! Hopefully it sowed the seed and someone in attendance will want to become a member of this great fraternity.

Congratulations to Jeff Ingram, who chaired and organized the event, a "job well done". Jeff worked tirelessly and put his all into this fraternity fundraiser. Thanks Jeff!

Paul Davis and Entertainment Committee did an outstanding job in serving drinks and assisting with the decorations. Again thank you for your dedication and support.

Net Income **\$8,685.83** to Moslah Shrine.

CIRCUS CIRCUS CIRCUS

OCT 10 – OCT 20

**WILL ROGERS
MEMORIAL COLISEUM**

Did you hear that the Circus is coming to town? Well, it is and we want YOU to be in attendance. TZ Productions, AKA Tarzan Zerbini, a new producer this year, promises to make this one of the best yet. I know it will be filled with thrills and excitement for ALL AGES. You are never too old to enjoy a good ole FAMILY STYLE CIRCUS. It is something else to hear the screams of people enjoying themselves when the house is full, so please come, bring your family, friends, church groups etc. and join us for the 71st MOSLAH SHRINE CIRCUS. It was once said "You can do it IF you want to do it bad enough." So, let's fill the place up! The Moslah Shrine is counting on YOU.

Nobles, please pass the word!

Moslah Shrine Circus is doing something incredible. To celebrate this being our 71st Shrine Circus in Fort Worth, we are "GIVING BACK" to our community. Tell all your friends to tell their friends about Moslah's 5-5-5 Special "Thank You" to our patrons. 5 days – 5 performances – 5 dollar discount off regular price on every available seat for these five performances, INCLUDING Opening Night performance. The Five Performances are:

Opening Night, Thursday, Oct.10 at 7:00pm.

Both Saturday Mornings Oct. 12 and 19 at 10:00am.

Wednesday, Oct.16 at 7:00pm.

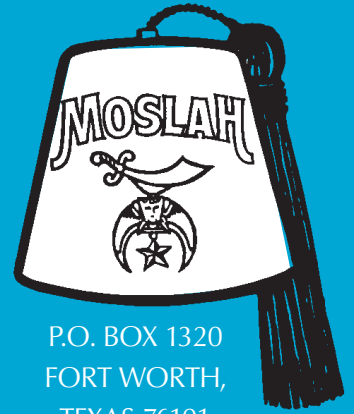
Thursday, Oct.17 at 7:00pm

No Coupons are necessary. All tickets for these five performances are already discounted.
Just come and enjoy!

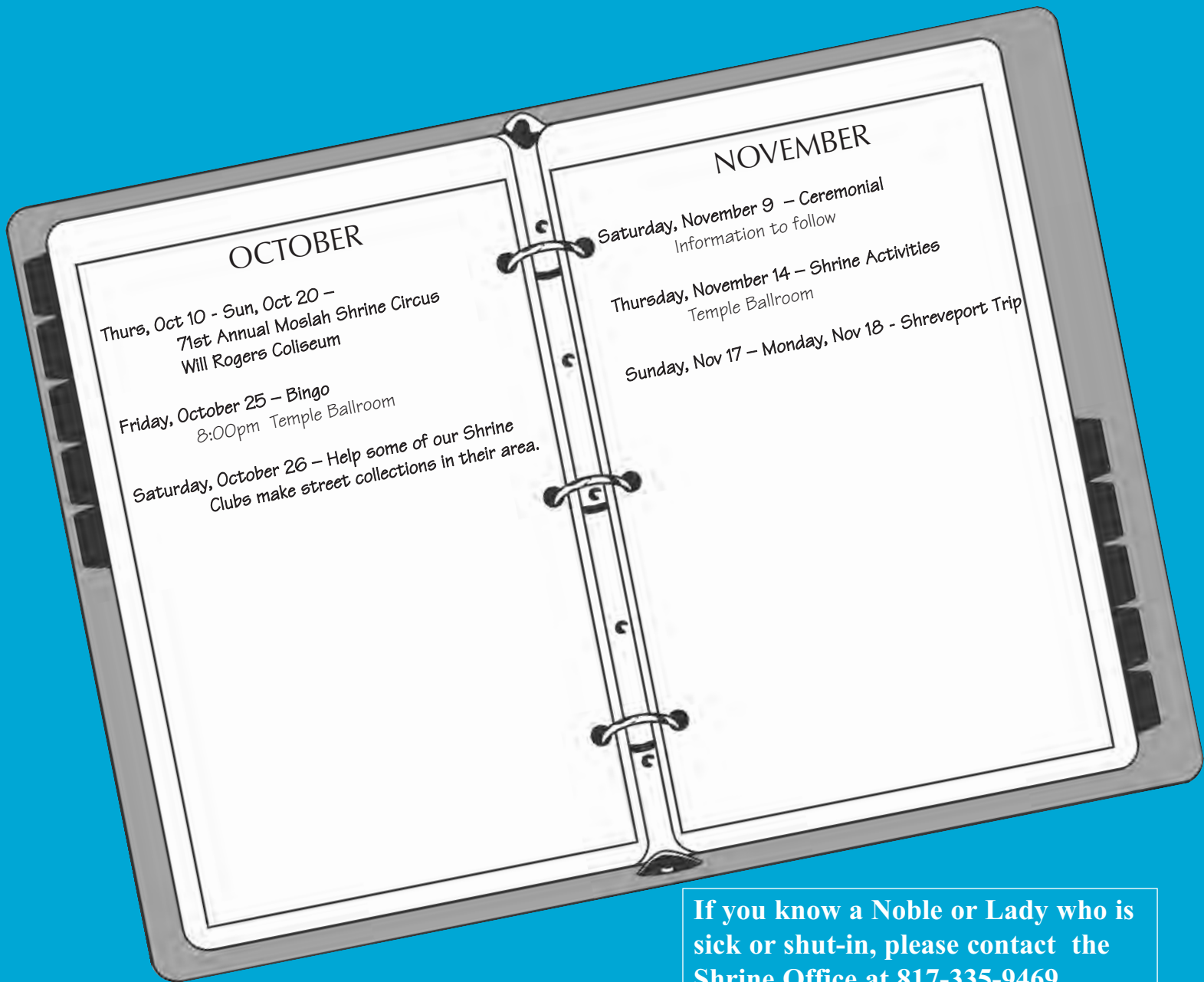
Fall Ceremonial

Get your candidates ready for the Moslah Fall Ceremonial starting at 1:00 p.m. November 8, 2013. Do not miss the "cold Sands" planned by the Directors and great pageantry of the Ceremonial Divan. There will be a separate Ladies Program. The party will continue into the night, with a casino, dinner and music.

The cost for the new members is \$130.00 for their fez and \$100.00 for 2014 dues. Cost for members and guests are \$10 each.



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

* The Ladies Without Shriners 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.