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## Potentate's Column

### Time does fly when having fun and doing good work

The year of 2013 is fast approaching conclusion; and what a year it has been. Looking back it seems as though I was just installed as your Potentate. As I was told early on, it goes by quickly.

I would like to thank my Divan and all the Nobles and Ladies of Moslah for such a warm experience. Moslah is the best – no doubt. A number of things have necessarily been tried due to our current membership restrictions and I'm sure there will more changes in the future.

Our Chief Rabban Robert Lee and his Lady Linda did an outstanding job with the circus and all the changes necessitated by the city, telemarketing and production. My hat is off to both of them in overcoming all the obstacles.

Mike Wallach, our Assistant Rabban, along with his Lady Susan had a very successful year with all our HFD activities and I'm sure the hospitals will use our donations to continue their great works.

Membership, as I've said all year, is the key to our survival and I thank our High Priest and Prophet, Harold Benefield and his Lady Mabel for their efforts. The just completed Ceremonial was a success with the Arch Program and of course the introduction of the "cold sands" performances by our Directors' Unit. The

skits performed were more than entertaining and well performed for all present. If you weren't there, you missed a great time. And then to cap it off we enjoyed a two day Casino trip to Shreveport. It is hoped that all who attended had a great and fun time.

Not to forget our Oriental Guide and his Lady Sarah. They provided ice cream with all the trimmings for our last Bingo this year which your Divan served to all present. What a fun time with all the Nobles, their Ladies and families. And of course they have taken extremely good care of your Potentate and I would request you each thank them.

Your Divan has attended, or will attend, as many Christmas parities as invited to. No doubt a fun time will be had by all. Isn't that what it's all about? Shriners having fun and helping kids.

My Lady Deb and I have enjoyed being your Potentate representatives this year and thank each of you for your assistance in making this a wonderful and unforgettable year. *Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.* Moslah is the Best.

In the meantime please keep our elected officials and our military in your thoughts and prayers.

GOD BLESS THE SHRINE and the USA.

Yours in the Faith,  
Steve Jones, Potentate

Merry  
Christmas!



## SHRINE HOSPITAL BOARD MEMBERS

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# Moslah Shrine History

**W**e covered the *ground breaking ceremony* in the last article and I have two comments to add to it. First, doesn't it seem unusual that the ceremony would occur while the Mosque was being built nearby? Also, the following quote was taken from Noble Ward Collier's History about the engraved shovel Noble Levy used in the ceremony. "...it now appears that perhaps Noble Levy kept the shovel in his care and custody until 1932. (Note: The writer is assured by Noble Robert Burns that the shovel is in the museum of the Masonic Temple, 1100 Henderson, Fort Worth, TX. – HWC)." The above quote was written 56 years after the destruction of the Mosque which would be about 1985. However, I can find no trace of the shovel. Perhaps one of you readers could help me locate it. If so, please let me know. Now, on with the construction.



This picture appeared in the March 21, 1921 issue of The Star Telegram along with a picture of the completed Mosque. It is currently the only picture I have of the Mosque construction in progress.

The following is a quote from Nobel Ward Collier's *History of Moslah Temple Mosque*. "The results were 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. Remember, autos were by no means the chief method of transportation for the average family in those days. They didn't have bull dozers." (Note: The first bulldozer was built by Cummings and McLeod in 1923 in Morrowvill, Kansas. However, tractors were widely used for farming after 1910) "They didn't have butane gas driven engines, electric powered tools, backhoe diggers, front end loaders, pile drivers, steel scaffolds, power driven mortar mixers, spray guns, dump trucks, copying machines, computers, chem.-cans and hundreds of things we take for granted today. Road graders and gravel

wagons were pulled by mules and horses and the gravel was dug with picks and loaded with man powered shovels. I have talked with men who remember the Mosque and each have confirmed by thinking that it was a huge building, covering an area much larger than the present Masonic Temple at 1100 Henderson St. in downtown Fort Worth, so how in the world did they construct an edifice of that size in less than five months?"

The winding or shoreline road also needed to be constructed. In my opinion, it is more than probable that it was constructed by the City of Fort Worth since it was built on city property. Its construction was also a huge task and records seem to indicate it was completed in 1919 around the time that the Mosque became fully operational. It certainly might have helped that the man who proposed building the Mosque, Noble Bill Davis, was also the Mayor of Fort Worth.



I have no date for this picture which claims to be of the completed Mosque. My guess would be early 1919 at latest.

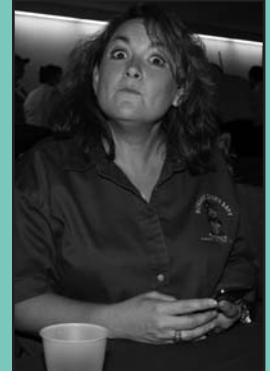


This is the companion picture which appeared in the March 21, 1921 issue of the Star Telegram. Compare with the picture above.

Al Kaelin/Captain Al Productions



# Ceremonial





## ***Centennial Celebration 2014 Potentate Ball***

*Come and Join us as we begin the Celebration of Moslah's 100th year at the 2014 Potentate Ball. The Ball will be at the Historic Hilton Hotel on Jan. 25, 2014 at 6 pm. We will feast on a served steak and chicken dinner and enjoy the music provided by the Hi Roller Band. Two video screens will roll the history of Moslah as well as project pictures of each Moslah Potentate beginning in 1914 to present. In addition, the video will have interviews of some of our very own who will contribute their thoughts*

*and congratulations. We also will be acknowledging each Unit/Club/ Organization that is in attendance during the course of the evening. The program will be a different format and will include a roast of the new OG. Come join the fun and excitement of celebrating 100 YEARS.*

*This is a special opportunity for all of Moslah's membership to join in and celebrate what this great fraternal organization has accomplished.*

*We are looking forward to seeing all of you here!*



## LEGION OF HONOR

It's that time of year again. We had a good show at the Circus. We were a little short on volunteers during some performances, but we did the best we could. It was a good time for catching up with old friends, and making new ones.

We are looking forward to the up-coming Thanksgiving and Christmas season. I hope everyone has plans with family and friends. Our Christmas Party will be Dec. 4 at River Crest Country Club starting at 6:30 pm with an open bar and dinner to follow.

At our Dec. 9 meeting we will elect next year's officers. The meeting will start at 7:30pm with no dinner before the meeting. I hope to see everyone there.

– PC. Rick Trimble



**The Carter BloodMobile will be at the December 12th Business Meeting from 5:00 to 7:00pm.**

## BROTHERS IN NEED

*Santa Shriners is a fund for worthy Brothers.*

*This Santa Shriners Fund gives us the flexibility of helping our Brothers in need of help because of age, illness, disability and other valid reasons not to lose their membership as Shriners. As Masons and Shriners, we understand the importance of helping our Brothers in time of need.*

*Please make a donation to help this worthy cause. You can mail a donation to the Moslah Office at P.O. Box 1320, Fort Worth, TX 76101-1320 or give it to any member of the Divan.*

*Yours in the Faith,  
Harold Benefield, HP&P*



## CAR-VETTES



The Car-Vettes had a very busy October working and driving at all the Shrine Circus performances.

We were in every opening parade and at times had up to 11 cars participating. All the Divan Ladies had the thrill of driving the Car-Vette cars in the last Saturday night performance. The Ladies looked great in "those little yellow cars."

The Car-Vettes worked the street corner collections on Saturday, October 26th. We are not sure exactly how much was collected yet, but by all appearances it was a great success. This winter we will be sporting a new look as we have ordered new black and yellow jackets for everyone including the pit crew (ladies). We are all looking forward to the holidays as we have three parades lined up: Parade of Lights in Fort Worth, River Oaks and Decatur.

We have elected the following nobles for Car-Vette officers for 2014: President- Dick Ensminger, Vice President- Tom Smith Secretary/Treasurer- Mike Pool Colonel- Cecil LeMond, Captain- Guy Tyra, Lieutenant- Ricky Jennings. If any noble is interested in joining a fun and family oriented unit, look no further! Just contact President Walt Busch at 817-689-7323 or Colonel Guy Tyra at 817-999-9718.

Hope you had a Great Thanksgiving, and also have a wonderful Christmas,

– Jerry Knott

A huge Thank You to all who came out to support Moslah's first Fall Street Corner Collection Campaign! Although we only had 9 intersections, we did great. With about 45 men and Ladies participating, the people of Parker, Johnson, and Palo Pinto counties welcomed us with open wallets. The weather was perfect and all who participated had a good time. I would like to thank the following Units and Clubs who made this a success. Band, Bedouins, Carvettes, Directors, Eagle Mountain, Flying Fez, Golf, Mystic Wheels, Mansfield, Parker County, Patrol

Thank you all!!!  
– Jeff Ingram

## Street Corner Collections



## IT'S A WRAP!

*The 71st Moslah Shrine Circus has come and gone and I want to extend my personal thanks to all of you who had a part in the many aspects of putting on this event. Many hours go into this effort and so many have contributed before, during and after to make it an enjoyable experience. Thank you seems so inadequate but it is with great appreciation and gratitude as well as relief that I say THANK YOU to each and every one of you!*

## SHRINE LEGACY PROGRAM

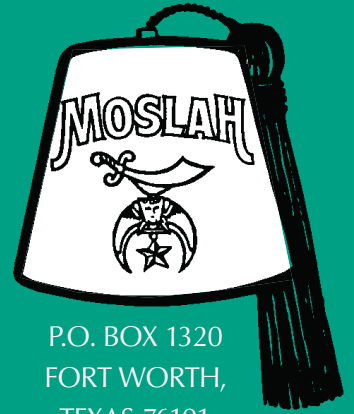
Are you a Shrine Legacy? Honor your family and yourself by sharing your legacy. The Shriners legacy program is open to any male family member such as Fathers, Grandfathers, Brothers, Uncles, Sons, Grandson, Nephews, and In-laws.

Any Shrine Legacy created after October 17, 2011, is eligible to receive a free Legacy pin for himself and up to two of his Shrine Legacies. Shriner Legacies prior to October 11, 2011, can order a pin and certificate for you and your Legacies for a contribution of \$5.00 per pin. To start the process go to Shriners Village and log on (If you are not registered, you will need to register) and follow these steps:

Click on Membership  
Click on Legacy Program drop down box  
Click on "to enter our Shrine Legacy Program click here" (it is in red print)  
Search for your Legacy members, if they are not found, you can manually add them  
Follow the prompts to order pins and download certificate

If you have additional questions concerning the above information, please contact The Shrine Office at 817-335-9469 or Harold Benefield at 817-819-2913.





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## DECEMBER

Thursday, December 12 – Temple Business Meeting  
5:00 - 7:00 pm Carter Blood Mobile  
6:00 pm Dinner  
7:00 pm Meeting



## JANUARY

Thursday, January 9 – Temple Business Meeting  
Election and Installation of Officers  
6:00 pm Dinner  
7:00 pm Meeting

Saturday, January 25 – Potentate's Ball  
Hilton Hotel

*Happy New Year!*

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](mailto:moslahwidows@sbcglobal.net) for details.