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Potentate's Column

Let your Shrine light shine this holiday season!



Harold H. Benefield
Potentate

As Shriners, we approach the end of the year as we begin the year, supporting the 22 Shrine Hospitals, especially in Houston and Galveston .

During the holiday season Shriners not only provide specialized medical care to make our kids' lives better, but share holiday gifts (bought and home-made) for them. Shriners and their ladies are the most generous people I have ever been around. You share your time, money, and talent with not only the Shrine but with the community. As you do work in the community with your church, club, other organizations and family, I request that you let them know that you and your lady are part of the Shrine family. We need more people like you to be Shriners.

The holidays are hard on some of our brothers or ladies due to a loss, medical issues or hard times. I know as a Shrine-Mason you will be there for them but let Richard Luke, Sunshine Chairman, or the Shrine Office know of any needs.

We are going back to an old tradition of a Christmas party for ALL nobles on December 17 at the Temple. There will be music by the Hi Rollers Band and the Shrine Band along with food by Italianni's. Refreshments will be furnished. Since this is the last big Shrine event for Mabel and me, we hope you will attend.

Merry Christmas and happy holidays to all of you and be safe.

Yours in the Faith,
Harold H. Benefield

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SAVE THE DATE POTENTATE'S BALL

2/11/17

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Thank you! Thank you!

By the time you are reading this, the 2016 Moslah Shrine Circus will be in the books. The entire circus committee would like to thank each noble and lady who participated in making this year's circus a great success. Without the help of each of you, there would not be a "shrine" circus. Again, thank you for your time and dedication to this worthy endeavor.

Yours in the faith

Phil Trew, Circus Chairman

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ANNUAL MOSLAH CHRISTMAS FORMAL

December 17
6:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.

At The Temple
1100 Henderson
Fort Worth, Texas

Food by Italianni's
Music by the Moslah Band and
The Hi Roller Band

Admission will be \$40 Per Couple or \$20 per person

Please R.S.V.P. by December 13th to
Moe Rahmeh at
moe.rahmeh@yahoo.com
or call the office at 817-335-9469
Tickets will be available at the office





Shriners International

Dear Fellow Nobles,

Fall is always an especially busy time for our organizations, with plenty of opportunities to spend time together, and to share the stories of both our fraternity and philanthropy with new friends.

The 30th annual Membership Seminar concluded just a few days ago. Everyone came away energized, committed and with a new perspective on the importance of membership growth and development. We want to congratulate and thank everyone involved in planning and presenting what was a very successful, meaningful event – especially Imperial Sir Jeff Sowder and his membership committee and Randy Rudge and the membership development staff. We also want to thank the temple Potentates, Divan members and membership teams for their support and participation. This year the entire Imperial Divan was also present – and took an active role in the discussions. This was very important, as we all need to be working together and on the same page as we discuss and implement programs to effectively generate interest in our fraternity across generations, and increase membership.



The seminar was attended by 247 nobles and 82 ladies representing 127 temples, representatives from 14 Grand Lodges and members of the Scottish Rite Southern Jurisdiction, Ladies' Oriental Shrine, Daughters of the Nile and Florida DeMolay. Seminar participants learned from presentations on several topics, including Shrine Legacies, DeMolay and Masonic Youth, best practices and new units and clubs. Plenty of time was allotted for open discussion, brainstorming and conversations. One of the most important topics discussed was the importance of demonstrating genuine concern for our fellow nobles and their families, and providing both a welcoming environment and activities that will appeal to all generations, as well as the ladies.

We ask you to realize the serious need for membership growth and development, and to make sure it is a priority at your temple. Accordingly, we ask the Chief Rabbans to be certain that membership activities are budgeted appropriately for the coming year – a good rule of thumb would be 2 percent of your temple operating budget, or at least \$5 per member. It is not too early to begin planning to attend next year's membership seminar, which will be held Oct. 5-7, 2017. What you will learn by attending can make a great difference to your temple.

We want to recognize the temples that have achieved a net gain in membership in the past year, earning gold, silver or bronze status. We appreciate your dedication and diligence. It is time everyone put forth the effort; it is time we all "Walk the Talk." Let's make a real commitment to improving our membership numbers – it can be done. There are resources and tools available to assist you. For more information, please contact the membership development office at 813-281-0300 or email membership@shrinenet.org.

Another great event is just about to begin. The Shriners Hospitals for Children Open, which will be held at beautiful TPC Summerlin in Las Vegas, Nevada, begins on Oct. 31. This signature event brings together some of the best golfers, our nobles and even several of our patients, some of whom will represent our hospitals as standard bearers throughout the tournament. Our National Patient Ambassadors will also be on hand to share their stories and present the Hospital Experience, which gives participants an idea of what it means to live with a physical disability.

The Open is a wonderful opportunity to meet new people and raise awareness of both Shriners International and Shriners Hospitals for Children. The tournament receives tremendous media exposure, both nationally and internationally, reaching countless people who may learn of our organizations for the first time. We appreciate the tremendous support of our nobles, especially the hundreds who are dedicated enough to pay the fees and help by volunteering throughout the event. Your efforts are one reason the event is always so successful.



And then, of course, the 92nd East-West Shrine Game – the longest-running all-star college football game in the country – will be held in January at Tropicana Field in St. Petersburg, Florida. We look forward to this event – it also brings all the different facets of our great Shriners family together for a great time of fun and fellowship, as well as providing yet another tremendous opportunity to meet new people and share our story. Each of us should be excited about and take advantage of the many opportunities to tell others about our fraternity and philanthropy – and about what being a Shriner means to us as individuals. Your willingness to do this will have a definite impact on our membership numbers, and our fraternity's future.

Of course, in between the Open and the East-West Shrine Game there is the holiday season. Please share this special time of year with your family and friends. Family is extremely important to all Shriners – we hope that this magical season strengthens and brings every family closer together – including our own global family of Shriners. The holidays can be especially difficult for those without family nearby; in the true spirit of the season, please consider inviting them to join you. Ethel and I always try to include those we know who are alone – we call them our extended family.

And finally, we want to thank each one of you for making us feel so welcome. As we attend association meetings, and visit our temples and hospitals, we are also grateful to be able to meet more of our nobles, families and staff who are so dedicated to the missions of our fraternity and philanthropy. We are always welcomed and taken care of so kindly and generously – we want to thank everyone who puts so much effort into making sure our travels, activities and events go smoothly. We really appreciate all that you do for us, and for Shriners International and Shriners Hospitals for Children.

Yours in the faith,

Chris L. Smith
Imperial Potentate



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December Birthdays

12/1	William Lewis	12/6	Travis Frazier	12/10	Woody Gosser
12/1	David Cleveland	12/6	Levent Bayraktaroglu	12/11	Bobby Potts
12/2	Richard Marshall	12/6	Therman Greene	12/11	Mark Stewart
12/2	Howard Maynard	12/6	C Angus Wright	12/11	Virgil Weed
12/2	Robert Green	12/6	Gary Wells	12/11	Neil Seefeldt
12/2	Shih-Ho Chao	12/7	David Dodgen	12/11	Connie Tubbs
12/3	Harold Schmerber	12/7	Howard Langham	12/11	Randy McGee
12/3	Robert Shelton	12/7	Charles Hawkins	12/12	Malcom Wetsel
12/3	Tommy Maley	12/7	Donald Leonard	12/12	Scott Ewell
12/3	Lynn Gibbins	12/8	Charles Edward Fox	12/12	George Von Wahlde
12/3	Gary Whitfield	12/8	Brian Thompson	12/12	John Michael Bell
12/3	Wesley Neeley	12/8	Robert Stringer	12/12	Arnold Smith
12/3	Artie Vaughan	12/8	Steven Blair	12/12	Charles Humphries
12/4	Ben Turbeville	12/8	Richard Butzke	12/12	David Crowley
12/4	James Parker	12/8	Darvin Breaker	12/12	Charles Davis
12/4	Brian Wilson	12/8	Junior Miles	12/13	Charles Young
12/4	Donald Swank	12/8	Ronald Lange	12/13	James Cox
12/4	Robert Wagner	12/8	Corey Harris	12/13	Jack von der Heide
12/5	Earnest Alford	12/8	Richard Weigart	12/13	David Palmer
12/5	A Barry	12/9	Michael Smith	12/13	Charles Sturdivant
12/5	Jeffrey Geyer	12/9	Ryan Morris	12/13	James Zeig
12/5	Billy Paul Wright	12/9	Bryan Miller	12/13	David Royce
12/5	George Moffat	12/9	Patrick Roux	12/13	George Eierdam
12/5	Phillip Martin	12/9	James Hirth	12/14	BILLY BYRD
12/5	William Rogers	12/10	David Houston	12/14	Gary Anderson
12/5	Bob Curtis	12/10	Frank Wadkins	12/14	L G (Jerry) Leake
12/5	Tandy Walker	12/10	Bobby Beesley	12/14	Allen Miller
12/5	J King	12/10	Lloyd Mills	12/14	James King
12/6	Michael Pool	12/10	Richard Hanks	12/14	Jeffrey King

12/14	Sydney Key	12/21	William Byrns	12/27	Gerald Ledbetter
12/15	William Robinson	12/21	Kraig Willumsen	12/27	George Lutes
12/15	Ray Lewis	12/21	C Roger Mayes	12/27	Ludwig Rattelmeier
12/15	Roger Simon	12/21	Hubert Green	12/27	Kenneth Daugherty
12/15	Oscar Andrews	12/21	Christopher Hood	12/27	David Maynor
12/15	Charlie O'Bannon	12/22	Kendell Robinson	12/28	William Parkey
12/15	Albert Hook	12/22	John Keyes	12/28	Grady Hunter Evans
12/15	George Grounds	12/23	Laurence Maloney	12/28	M Scott Siegmund
12/15	Gary Hittson	12/23	Donald Weatherby	12/28	Sidney McCampbell
12/15	James Wright	12/23	Raymond Lum	12/28	William Rushing
12/16	Jason Hathaway	12/23	James Chatmas	12/28	David Winingham
12/16	Eusebio Herrera	12/23	Gary Reynolds	12/29	James Christopher Zeig
12/16	Steven Huggins	12/23	Bobby Sparks	12/29	V George Runnion
12/17	C Raymond Smith	12/24	John Thompson	12/29	Albert Deleon
12/17	Robert Rice	12/24	Ralph Payne	12/29	Richard Smith
12/17	Kenneth Peters	12/24	H Clark	12/30	Glendon Walker
12/17	David Thwing	12/24	Harrison Perry	12/30	William Peterson
12/17	Kenneth Curry	12/24	Scott Williams	12/30	Paul Ducote
12/17	Matthew Seher	12/24	Charles Mecaskey	12/30	Larry Carpenter
12/17	John Payne	12/24	Gordon Culwell	12/30	John Heim
12/18	Ronald Muldoon	12/24	George Bray	12/30	Roy Eaton
12/18	Harold Massey	12/25	Scott Hood	12/30	Glen Grindley
12/18	James Duvall	12/25	Norman Poer	12/30	K George White
12/18	Eddie Huey	12/26	William Rickett	12/31	David Day
12/18	Dan Winn	12/26	William Ozee	12/31	Michael Garen
12/18	James Rodgers	12/26	Roger Martin	12/31	Patrick Bobbitt
12/19	John Townsend	12/26	Gary Mayben	12/31	Curt Shannon
12/19	B Richmond	12/26	John Archer	12/31	Benjamin Hamrick
12/19	Ronald Poggemeyer	12/26	Richard Jernigan	12/31	John White
12/19	Richard Frank	12/26	Michael Handley	12/31	Bradley Bates
12/19	Perry Hassell	12/26	Carl Dinkel	12/31	J Clayton Reynolds
12/20	Robert Ferrell	12/26	David Sebastian	12/31	Louis Bataka
12/21	William Keller	12/27	Samuel Harrington	12/31	Richard Baker
12/21	Delvin Young	12/27	Billy Drotts	12/31	Billie Turner

It could be a dream come true for the little boy in you!

Dear Nobles and Ladies,

Moslah received a donation of a 1957 GMC fire truck. It is in excellent condition with working pump, siren and hoses. We are going to put the truck out to bid and all proceeds will go to the Moslah Hospital Fund drive campaign.

Please go to moslahshrine.org and place your bid!!!

Yours in the Faith,

Jeff Barcafar, Assistant Rabban



Hospital Fund Drive

Dear Nobles and Ladies,

It gives me great pleasure to let you know our fall street corners on October 15 collected a **total of \$18,653.51.**

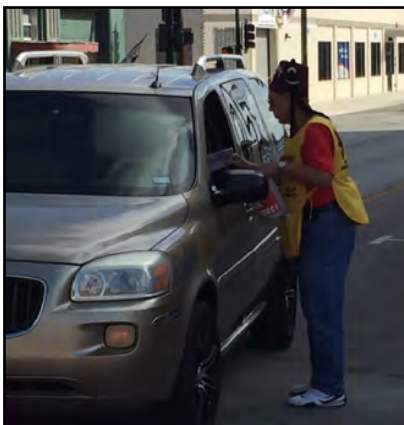
A big thanks goes out to the cities of Cleburne, Mineral Wells, Weatherford and Willow Park. Not only were the folks generous, they were happy to see us on the streets and thanked us for the work of Shriners Hospitals for Children.

If you are not part of a Uniformed Unit and did not get the opportunity to collect with your fellow Nobles and Ladies, please watch in the spring for the street corners in April 2017. You will be thankful you did.

Also, thanks to Trace Brooks and Marvin Woods for their efforts getting the troops out to the front lines for work!

Yours in the Faith,

Jeff Barcafar, Assistant Rabban



Hospital News

The LOSNA Grand High Priestess Lady Diana Schmitz visited the Houston Shriners hospital on Monday, October 17, 2016. She met many patients and staff and got to see firsthand the beautiful facility and wonderful, personalized services provided at our orthopaedic hospital. Representatives from the hospital later attended the banquet held in her honor at the Arabia Temple.



The Houston Shriners Hospital celebrates Halloween in a big way. There's a decorating/costume contest in between each department where employees get to show their creativity and have fun. After the contest judging, patients in costumes donated by a local community group get to go trick-or-treating at each department and enjoy the different scenes. Fun is certainly had by all!





Golf

Well, another season in the ticket office for the Shrine Circus is behind us.

Our traditional Golf Unit Christmas Party at Ridglea Country Club will be on Saturday night, December 3. We also expect to enjoy the Moslah party at the Temple two weeks later.

At our last unit meeting, a nominating committee for next year's officers was appointed and will report at our meeting on December 7.

We will hold our annual unit memorial breakfast and playday at Woodhaven Country Club on December 24.

— Joe Williams, Golf Unit President

Car-Vettes

Wow!!! Can you believe another Thanksgiving has passed already? I know, I know, it was turkey/ham/goose time with all of the fixings that go toward the great meal. Family and friends shared good times, watched football and made plans for the next year. Please take a little time and think about this: it's also that time to evaluate what we do for the kids in our Shrine hospitals. Maybe we can bump up our efforts to ensure they get the best medical care and loving attention. Thanks so very much for what you Shriners and ladies did do this year, but let's work together and try to do a little more for next year. The cost for medical care goes up each year, so we need to meet those costs for our kids sake!



Ho, Ho, Ho... you know what's coming soon, don't you? YES, boys and girls, it's Christmas!!! Oh Lordy, the stores are so busy selling the newest flashy gizmos and gadgets to brighten up people on their Christmas morning. We Car-vettes just love to see everyone happy, so go for it! Who said you can't buy happiness???

We collected some serious Moslah money on the HFD street corners, thanks to the workers who devoted time to participate. We even had one lady who's hubby was out of town, so she went out and worked for him! Way to go, Angie! Many, many thanks to the people who donated so much money to us, they are truly first class citizens!

Your Car-vettes are gonna get pretty dog-gone busy what with all of the parades around these here parts. We've already done one of our annual favorites – the Parade of Lights. Bundle up in some warm clothes and come on out to one of our events and watch us do our stuff as we have fun and get some positive advertising for the Shriners. You can't miss us, we will be the ones with big smiles as we drive our little yellow cars.

Mystic Wheels

Wow, is it beginning to look a lot like Christmas or what?

The Mystic Wheels once again handled the animal rides at the Circus and what a fine circus it was. The convention center is an excellent location and the crowds certainly showed up in force. It was great fun to get the FEZ out in front of the public and this format is a winner!

We had an excellent campaign in circus ad and ticket sales this year. Many thanks to all our members for their sales efforts in this important endeavor.

The Mystic Wheels Christmas party is almost here and we will be introducing our new officers and recognizing so many members for their hard work throughout the year. This year's party at the Vintage Flight Museum promises to be a dandy!

Visit our Facebook Page for even more details of events and videos of our drill teams.

And, hey Moslah Nobles! Are you and your Lady looking for a unit home? Well check us out! You will find we are a family oriented group with the ladies and kids (and grand kids) at all our events! We ride inexpensive, traditional, open wheel go karts, and we are heavily involved in all temple and blue lodge activities. Call Bob Roth 703 509-7773, Sonny Francks 214 205-0295 or Brett Wiesner 817 360-7585 for information. Come visit and you'll know why so many Nobles have made us their unit home!

Still the LARGEST and friendliest motorized unit in Texas!

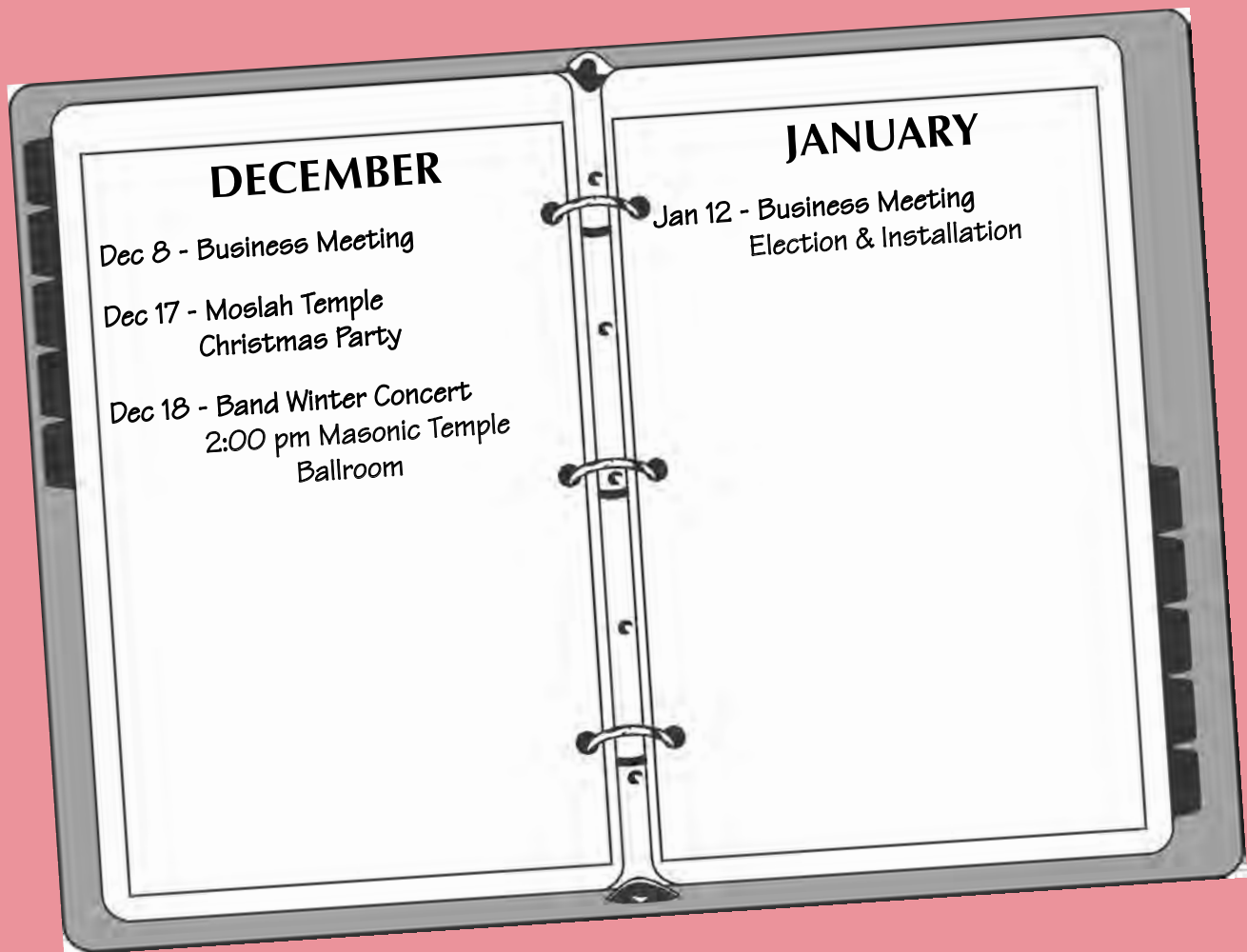
— Don Eber

Car-Vettes cont'd

Hey guys... if you are looking for a unit to join that will give a big return on camaraderie and fun, look no further, the Car-vettes is the unit for you! If any Noble who is thinking about joining our unit wants more information or would like to test drive one of the classy little yellow cars (pictured above), all you have to do is let us know. You can contact President Mike Pool at 817-229-6407, Colonel Cecil LeMond at 817-247-0246, or really, any of our members. We are a VERY proud unit and will be happy to talk to you about your possible future with us.

A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS TO YOU ALL!!!!!!

— Chuck Huddleston



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. Stop by to have fun and meet everyone.