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Potentate's Column

We have accomplished much together this year

Harold H. Benefield
Potentate

As I write the last article as 2016 Potentate, there are many mixed emotions. I look forward to spending more time with the grandkids, working with my son Jason and traveling with Mabel, however the honor and privilege of working so closely with great Shriners and their ladies will leave a void. By serving on the Divan with dedicated Potentates, LS Wallach, Lee, Jones and my Potentate LS Pat Bobbitt, I learned more and laughed more than could've been hoped for. Thanks to the Trews, Barcafars, Rahmehs, Eatons, Ledbetters and Bobbits for the hard work. With changing times and events, much has been accomplished.

The future is bright with Moslah's leadership in place. I want to thank my Lady Mabel for her love and support in making this year's journey possible. This past year Moslah has worked on community involvement and showing the fez. Membership is the most important goal for Moslah and we must continue to recruit good men but even more important is the retention of our current members.

The end of the year did not slow down with all the fun and accomplishments that Moslah is involved with. The best Christmas present I could've received was presiding over the establishment of a new Shrine Club at the Texas Masonic Retirement Center. As Shriners, we were in the community giving bikes and presents to needy kids and then supporting the kids of the Snowball Express in the Stockyards. The first Formal Shrine Christmas party for all Nobels and their Ladies since 1996 was a huge success thanks to Moe and Dee Rahmeh and their committee!! The Shrine Community Band performed a Christmas concert one day after opening for the High Rollers Band at the Shrine party.

God bless America and God bless you.
Yours in the Faith
Harold H Benefield, Potentate 2016

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Tickets are $40 per person and $70 per couple.
They will be available January 9 - February 6 at the Temple office, 1100 Henderson St (817-335-9469).
Tickets will not be available at the door.
Please plan to join us for a memorable evening.

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In Memoriam

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Dear Fellow Nobles,

As 2016 comes to a close, we want to thank each of you for your commitment to your fraternity and philanthropy. It is your dedication that makes it possible for us to change and improve lives, and to make a difference in our communities. We also want to acknowledge those who will work and volunteer at our hospitals throughout the holidays, and those who have participated in the many initiatives over the past few weeks – from toy drives to motorcycle runs – that make the holidays happier for our patients and families.

While our philanthropy and fraternity have several thousand employees and volunteers, it is the combined individual effort and commitment of each one of you that has made our health care system and our fraternity respected worldwide.

Because each of you is valued and important to us, and to your temple, we do have a request. We ask that you login to webfez.shrinenet.org and make sure your information is current and correct. It is critically important that we all be able to contact and communicate with one another easily and accurately.

We both attended the service awards luncheon for the headquarters' staff earlier this month. It was heartwarming to see so many new employees, and see those who have been with the organization for some time – from five to 35 years – recognized for their dedication to our missions. Events similar to this one have been held throughout our health care system during December, and we thank all our employees for their commitment and contributions. Whatever your current length of service, we are proud you have chosen to be part of this great effort, and appreciate all that you do.

Together with our ladies, Ethel and Lisa, we are glad to have this opportunity to both thank you, and wish you holidays full of memorable times with family and friends, and a New Year of wonder, hope and love.

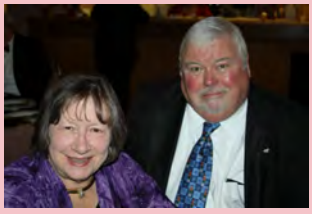
We look forward to working with you to strengthen both Shriners International and Shriners Hospitals for Children and to continuing to make a difference in the lives of children and in our world.

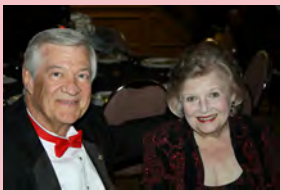
Yours in the faith,

Chris L. Smith
Imperial Potentate
Shriners International

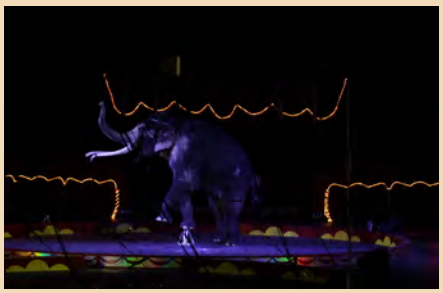
Jerry G. Gantt
Chairman, Board of Trustees
Shriners Hospitals for Children

Moslah Shrine 2016
Christmas Dinner & Dance
December 17, 2016

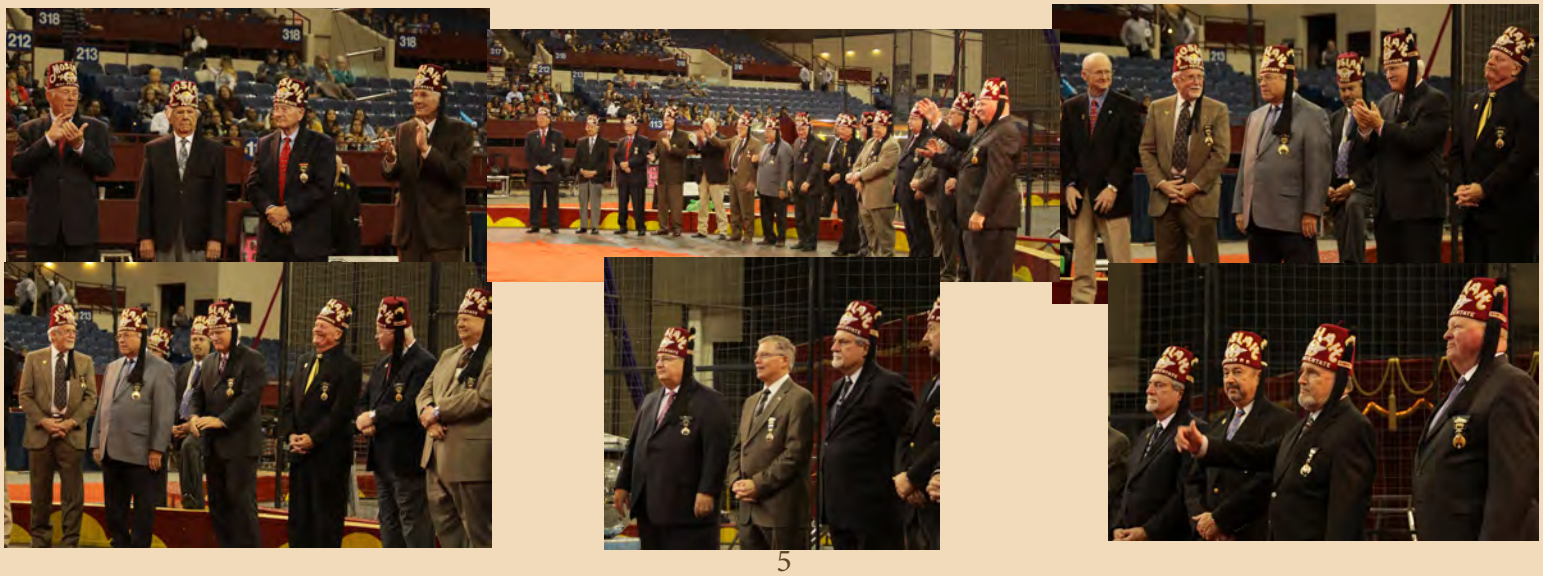




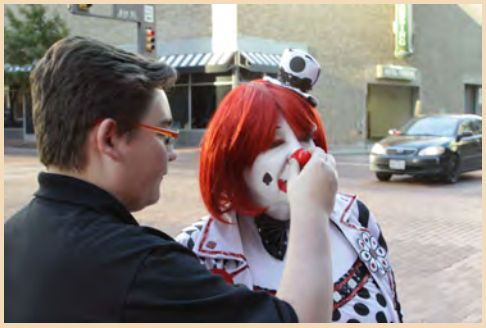
2016 MOSLAH SHRINE CIRCUS



Past Potentates at the Circus



Lady Terry Eaton takes her turn as the only Lady Clown at the Past Potentate's night performance. It appears that being a Clown agrees with Lady Terry, as she took a walk about town and surprised a lot of Christmas shoppers out in downtown Fort Worth.



50 Years of Moslah Shrine

At the December Business Meeting, four Moslah Shrine Nobles received their ***Moslah Shrine 50 Year Member*** pins, and their ***50 Year Service*** pins on behalf of Shriners International.

Additional 2016 Moslah Awards

Noble Kenny Beck receives the coveted annual ***Luther Carmichael Award*** for exemplary service to Shriners during 2016 from Illustrious Sir Harold Benefield.

The 2016 Moslah Shrine Circus was dedicated to Noble Brad Felmey, shown receiving the award from Chief Rabban Phil Trew.

Thanks to our photographer, Noble Brad Felmey, 2014, 2015 and 2016 Moslah Shrine Circus Co-Chairman, for all the great pics!

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
December 21, 2016

December 20, 2016 State of Mexico Firework Explosion

Galveston, Texas – The entire Shriners Hospitals for Children® system has been alerted of the events which happened yesterday in Mexico and our thoughts and prayers are with the families of those who have been affected by this tragedy. Please know that we are prepared to help.

Shriners Hospitals for Children– Galveston is a world leader in burn care and recognized internationally for our treatment.

- Dr. Felipe Haces, M.D., Chief of Staff at Shriners Hospitals for Children – Mexico is at the site and working with local authorities to help coordinate transfer of patients to the our Mexico City hospital or to one of our U.S. hospitals, as needed.
- Shriners Hospitals for Children – Galveston is putting together a consulting team to travel to Mexico City to triage patients.
- Shriners Hospitals for Children – Galveston is set to receive patients.
- The other burn care hospitals in the Shriners Hospitals for Children system, located in Boston, Cincinnati and Northern California are on standby and ready to assist, as necessary.

About Shriners Hospitals for Children
Shriners Hospitals for Children is changing lives every day through innovative pediatric specialty care, world-class research and outstanding medical education. Our 22 locations in the United States, Canada and Mexico provide advanced care for children with orthopaedic conditions, burns, spinal cord injuries, and cleft lip and palate.

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MOSLAH January Birthdays

1/1	Robert Wadsworth	1/5	Donald Lindsey Maddox	1/9	John Walker
1/1	Harold Rose	1/5	Robert Evart	1/9	W Dale Kriel
1/1	Paul Edmond Gushwa	1/5	Ronald Nystedt	1/9	Charles Wolfe
1/1	Robert Conner	1/5	Larry Boyd	1/9	Jimmy Teague
1/1	Stanley Laxton	1/5	Leroy Chappell	1/9	William Sullivan
1/1	Sam Frankenfield	1/5	Wesley Williams	1/9	Donald Rouse
1/1	John Pearce	1/5	Robert Brazil	1/10	Davis Steele
1/1	Robert Roberts	1/5	Stanley Anisko	1/10	Bernard Appel
1/1	Terrell King	1/5	Jerry Westbrooks	1/10	Richard Smith
1/2	Billy Woodall	1/6	Allen Cobb	1/10	Bill Caster
1/2	Raymond Landy	1/6	Roger Smith	1/11	Donald Smith
1/2	Charles Modesitt	1/6	Royce Allen Vick	1/11	James Hall
1/2	Buddie Barnick	1/6	Charles Boggess	1/11	Scott Hayes
1/2	Stanley Hilton	1/6	Larry Roberts	1/11	Tommy Fraser
1/2	Frederick Kennedy	1/7	Donald Saint	1/11	Danny Turner
1/3	Grover West	1/7	Robert Miller	1/12	Hubert Chase
1/3	T Royce Fricks	1/7	Robert Gibson	1/12	Monte Meadows
1/3	J Robert Corley	1/7	Fred Bondurant	1/12	Roy Manly
1/3	Bobby Sims	1/7	Clive Cowart	1/12	William Handy
1/3	Billy Byers	1/8	Walter Smith	1/12	Emile Muzquiz
1/3	Joseph Ballem	1/8	Bennie Hamilton	1/12	Gregory Shannon
1/3	J Byron Tracy	1/8	Oscar Pederson	1/13	Charles Skinner
1/3	William Thompson	1/8	Harold Sharpe	1/13	Richard Trimble
1/3	John McGee	1/8	George Avera	1/13	Junior Chase
1/4	Ronald Wright	1/8	Billy Pearce	1/13	Dale Tolar
1/4	Zachary Haston	1/8	Ronald Perkins	1/13	Kenneth McKee
1/4	David Webster	1/8	Duane Dewitt	1/13	Jackie Adkison
1/4	Jimmie Larabell	1/8	Edwin Theis	1/13	Robert Goode

1/14	John Green
1/14	Richard Snyder
1/15	John Lewis
1/15	Robert Brennand
1/15	Morris Weinman
1/15	Raymond Jack Inman
1/15	Norman Powers
1/15	Monte Tatum
1/15	Joe Knott
1/15	Vernon Ellis
1/16	Howard Payne
1/16	Corey Hale
1/16	Ricky Landers
1/16	David Druley
1/16	Gerald Eckenroth
1/16	Arthur Gordon
1/17	Erik Ervin
1/17	Philip Power
1/18	James Bingham
1/18	Jerry Threadgill
1/18	Alan Whittaker
1/18	Randy Hankins
1/18	Robert Holley
1/19	Norman Laird
1/19	Gary Wortham
1/19	Gary Blair
1/19	William Sullivant
1/19	George Lane
1/19	Edmond Woodard
1/20	William Frisbie
1/20	Carl Strong
1/20	James Dwight Mooney
1/20	Cleo Rosales
1/20	Gregory Butner
1/20	Philip Faletto
1/21	Michael Martin
1/21	David Stephens
1/21	John Reever
1/21	Hansel Herbert
1/21	William Harris
1/21	Timothy Herdman
1/21	Charles Fralick
1/21	Duff McDonel
1/21	William Risk
1/22	H Eddie Walker
1/22	Clay Byrne
1/22	James Harvey
1/22	James Farrar
1/22	Herb Wagenheim
1/22	Thomas Miller
1/22	Bossie Reynolds
1/22	Robert Pulliam
1/22	Robert Dombraski
1/23	James Sigler
1/23	Robert Sammons
1/23	Stanley Agee
1/23	William Bray
1/23	James Russell
1/24	Bruce Kantner
1/24	James Crouch
1/24	George Blakeman
1/24	Bill Baird
1/24	Jimmy Conner
1/24	A Dale McFarland
1/24	Bobby Steele
1/24	Louis Leurig
1/25	Ronnie Kite
1/25	Roger McDonald
1/25	Richard Hall
1/25	Lonnie Poe
1/26	William Rickert
1/26	Douglas Bettinger
1/26	Kirby Rudisill
1/26	Richard Hagen
1/26	Robert Nail
1/26	John Allard
1/26	Miles Becker
1/27	Charles Brown
1/27	Harland Jenkins
1/27	Robert Sue
1/27	Lemuel Middleton
1/27	Paul Schrick
1/27	James Dickinson
1/27	Luther Burleson
1/28	John Wesley Teegarden
1/28	Gilbert Hobbs
1/28	Garland Hunt
1/28	Robert Warford
1/29	Robert Minter
1/29	David Cook
1/29	Vernon Whittington
1/30	Royce Kirby
1/30	Billy J Sherrard
1/30	Charles Miller
1/30	Albert Eaves
1/31	Dennis Hall
1/31	Fulton Abadie
1/31	Shelby Harper
1/31	C Eugene Seets
1/31	Christopher Hall

Band

The following is a brief account of the Band Unit's involvement in 2016…

PUBLIC PERFORMANCES

- February 28, 2016 **Cowtown Half-Marathon**
  On a cold and windy Sunday morning, the Stage Band played various types of music to the participants, runners and walkers involved in the Marathon. The Band received many words of thanks from the runners and others as they progressed through the final miles of the run. The Moslah Band banner was displayed in front of our group.

- March 20, 2016 **Moslah Easter Egg Hunt**
  The German Band played a variety of polkas and German music before, during and after the event on the bottom porch of the Masonic Temple.

- April 17, 2016 **Community Band Spring Concert**
  The Concert Band and Stage Band played various selections of music to those in attendance, ending with a standing ovation to the tune of "God Bless the USA". The concert was held in the ballroom.

- May 15, 2016 **Moslah Memorial Service**
  Director Bill Rhyan performed a live rendition of "Taps" on his trumpet for the service. Hopefully this will be the start of a new tradition as the previous services had a recording of the bugle call.

- May 21, 2016 **Moslah Food Truck Festival**
  The Stage Band played a variety of favorite tunes as well as some marches. It was great playing under a tent instead of sitting in the sun for the performance.

- May 30, 2016 **Mt. Olivet Memorial Service**
  The Concert Band played a variety of patriotic selections and military marches prior to the start of the service, and the playing of the Navy Hymn for the presentation of the wreaths. This is the 30th year that the Moslah Shrine Band has been a part of the service

- June 5, 2016 **TMRC Performance**
  The Concert & Stage Band played their dance tunes selections as well as some patriotic numbers to several of the residents at the Texas Masonic Retirement Center. The music was well received by those in attendance.

- October 1, 2016 **CEREMONIAL**
  A table featuring the Band's activities throughout the year and information was displayed as part of the several Units of the Moslah Shriners to the new Nobles. Two trumpets from the Band provided the fanfares as the new Nobles were introduced.

- October 30, 2016 **TMRC Performance**
  The Stage Band played a variety of dance tunes that featured many solos by several of the musicians in the Band. The music was well received by the residents.

- November 19, 2016 **Moslah Shrine Circus**
  A Circus Band was put together to play a variety of Dixieland music as well as the National Anthem for two performances of the circus at the Convention Center.

- December 4, 2016 **Health South Rehabilitation Hospital**
  The Stage Band was able to play a variety of selections for the residents during their lunch hour. This was a new venue that was opened for the Moslah Band. Two staff members dancing to our music was a highlight of the event.

- December 17, 2016 **Moslah Temple Christmas Party**
  The Band played several arrangements of dance band music while the guests were arriving. The music was well received by all in attendance.

- December 18, 2016 **Community Band Winter Concert**
  The Stage Band played a variety of dance favorites as well as several Christmas selections. Special renditions of musical selections were performed by Michael Cote and Randy Tatarevich. Several musicians of the "Just Jazz" Band shared their musical talents with the Band. This was our final performance of the year.

The year of 2016 has again been a successful year for the Moslah Shrine Community Band. Many thanks go to the Band members who have given of their time and talent to help keep the Band active and progressive over the course of this year. A special thank you goes to Ill. Sir Harold Benefield and the members of the Divan as well as others for their positive words of praise and encouragement directed to the activities of the Band. A heartfelt thank you goes to the staff members in the Shrine Office and maintenance department for their support of the Band this year.

Thank you,
Noble Bill Rhyan
President & Director – 2016
Moslah Shrine Community Band
rhyanbill@gmail.com – 817-395-2888

Above: Winter Concert

Moslah Christmas Party

Below: Circus Band

Golf

The golf Unit has selected their leadership team for 2017. It will be made up of: Illustrious Sir Jim Spalding, David Peterson, Dave Sarginson and led by President Tom Smith. We are looking forward to a very successful and fun-filled year. One of our major tasks during 2017 is that Moslah will be hosting TSGA at Fossil Creek the last 2 days of March. Our Unit President Tom Smith is also president of TSGA in 2017 and will be requiring participation by all the members of our Unit, and will also need assistance from any other Nobles who are willing and able to pitch in.

– Joe Williams, 2016 President

Car-Vettes

Wow, I was thinking about all of the "neat stuff" we Car-vettes did so far during 2016 and we are planning to continue having mucho fun in 2017. We enjoyed winding the year down with a really good Italian dinner that we had; and what's not to enjoy about the Moslah Christmas party! Major kudus to our Divan for bringing back the Moslah Christmas Party! One of our major unit accomplishments for 2016 is that we added four new members to our merry band of brothers and that's always good. We're gonna try to keep adding some more great Moslah Shriners to our unit as active driving members!

We decorated our cars for the Thanksgiving Parade of Lights in Fort Worth and also did the Bridgeport and Decatur Christmas parades to light up the night. We did get rained out on a couple of local parades, but we were ready to do our stuff. It was worth the work to see the smiling faces of the kids and folks as we drove by, it seemed that they forgot some of their personal troubles and really enjoyed the parades. The weather was cold, but then... duh... it's winter! Yep, the fantastic spirit of Christmas was very noticeable in the air, decorations and clothing.

Now we are organizing new events and getting the cars ready for a year of new fun experiences. Between the parades we do, the various Shrine activities we support, our unit events and the working together to establish and achieve our goals, we just may be a little busy this new year... we sure hope so!

Our new 2017 line officers are R.J. Forrester-President; Frank Treadaway-V.P.; Dan Eaves-Secy. & Treas.; Cecil LeMond-Colonel and Jerry Knott-Captain. (Still looking for a Lieutenant, not too hard, but looking anyway.)

Hey guys... if you are looking to join a unit that will give a big return on camaraderie and fun, look no further, the Car-vettes is the one for YOU! If any Noble who is thinking about joining our unit would like to test drive one of our classy little yellow cars (pictured above), all you have to do is let us know. You can contact President R. J. Forester at 817-235-4444, 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 membership.

– Chuck Huddleston

Mystic Wheels

What a wonderful time we had at the Mystic Wheels Christmas Party. A large turnout, great venue, outstanding food, and an evening of fun and recognition. Many thanks to Illustrious Sir Harold Benefield, his Lady Mabel, and all the Divan and Ladies for joining us. We really appreciate the kind words! And a big thanks to President Bob Roth and Lady Missy for an excellent evening.

One of the major awards given by the Mystic Wheels is the Jimmy Walton Memorial Award... the highest honor a unit member can receive. This year's winner is Dale Grandmaison! Very well deserved! Congratulations!

Mystic Wheels want to shout out a huge Thank You to 2016 President Bob Roth and Colonel Dale Grandmaison. Great job and we really appreciate your leadership.

New Officers for 2017:

President	Sonny Francks
Vice Pres	Brett Wiesner
Secty/Treas	Bill Jones
Colonel	Steve Lair
Captain	Steve Vande Kieft
Lieutenant	Bob Roth

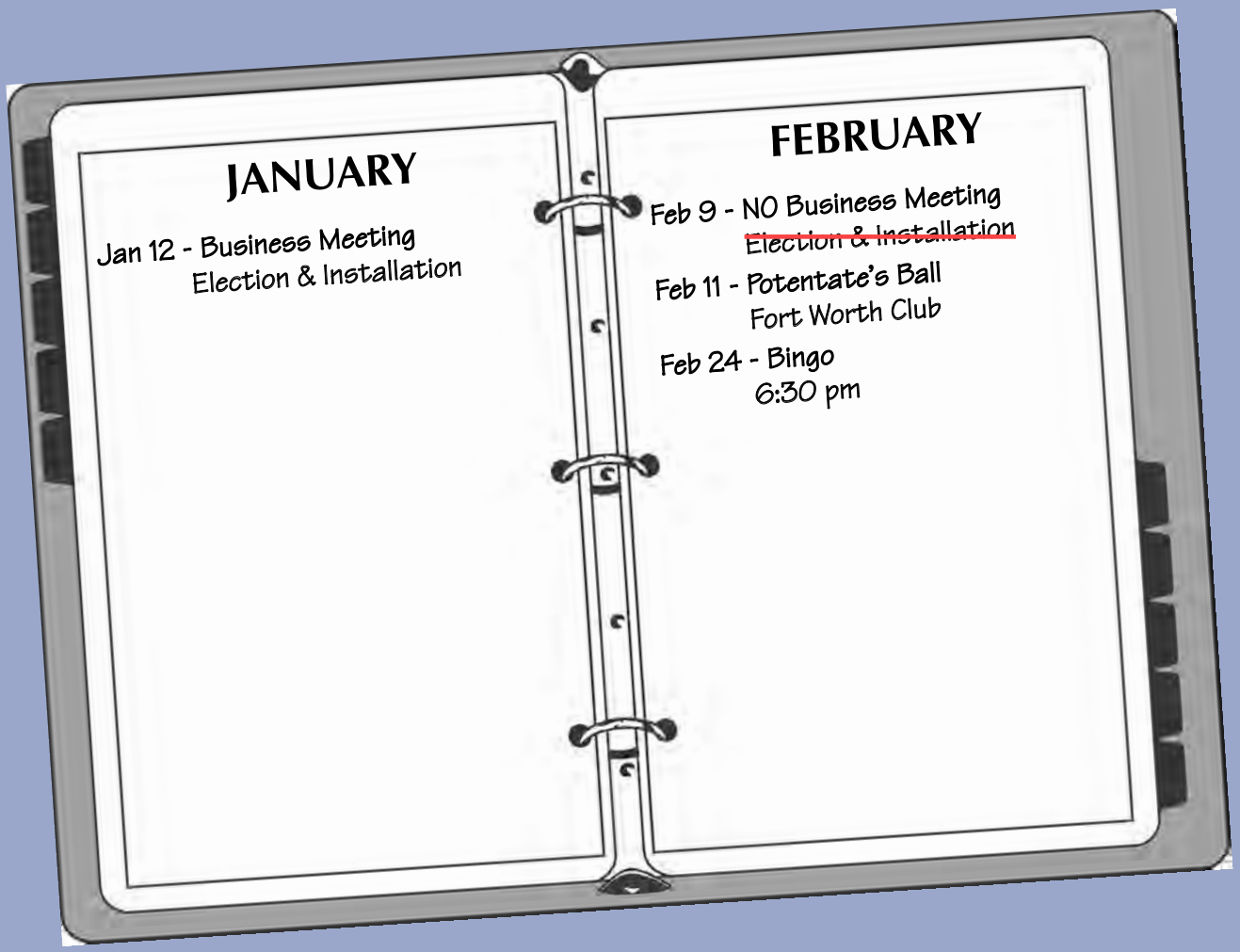
Member at large is Shelton Beets.

Congratulations to all. This group will do a fine job in leading the unit to even higher heights in 2017.

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

Moslah Nobles! Are you and your Lady looking for a unit home? Check us out! You will find we are a family oriented group with the ladies and kids (and grandkids) 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 see why so many Nobles have made us their unit home! Still the LARGEST and friendliest motorized unit in Texas!

– Don Eber



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