Potentate’s Column

It’s our busiest time of year...

Greetings all Nobles and ladies. Hope this finds each of you well.

This is the busiest time of the year at Moslah. Many of the units have had their mid-winters, and are now getting ready for TSA competition. If you are a Noble who has not found your way into a uniformed unit, club or association, I encourage you to do so. It will enhance your Shrine experience many times over, and you will be glad that you took the opportunity to participate in something so rewarding. Our units, clubs and associations are the lifeblood of Moslah, and we could not properly function as a temple without them.

In April, we will be having a Temple-wide party on Saturday, April 8 in the Temple Ballroom. The theme is James Bond. Jeff and Terry Eaton are promising a great time to be had by all. The following day – April 9 – is our annual Easter Egg Hunt on the Temple front lawn. In lieu of our regular business meeting on April 13, we will be having a wine tasting and dinner in the Temple Ballroom. At the nominal cost of $20 per person (guests are free), you will get to learn about wines, taste some great wines and have a fabulous Italian dinner. Please treat each of these events as membership events... bring a Master Mason or anyone else whom you think might be interested in our great organization.

Our annual spring Hospital Fund Drive store fronts and street corner collections will take place April 21 and 22. We need all hands on deck for this most important endeavor. It’s what we do as Shriners... support our hospitals.

Please keep membership at the forefront of your thoughts. Attend and participate in the membership meetings. Go to your lodges and recruit good men who have not found our fraternity. Contact your fellow Shriners who have not yet paid their dues for this year. Membership is a multi-faceted effort, and we simply cannot fail in any respect. It is too important to our future.

Thanks for all that each of you do on behalf of your fraternity. Moslah is a great place because of each of you.

Yours in the faith,

Phil Trew, Potentate
“Moslah Shriners New Vision and Mission Statement”

Vision

- Who we want to be

Moslah Shrine is an active, visible and respected part of the local community, providing a welcoming place for its Nobles and their families to share in good fellowship and service to our fellow man.

Mission

- How we get there

We will recruit and retain members by maintaining a positive environment conducive to developing leadership skills and providing a place wherein good men can become better men, thus enabling the continuous growth of membership. We will demonstrate the core values of the Shriner’s Creed, Freemasonry and Shriners International in our daily lives and deeds.
Moslah Shriners
2017 Calendar of Events

April
Thursday, 4/6 – Decorate Easter Eggs
Saturday, 4/8 – Spring Dinner & Dance
  James Bond – Licence to Party
Sunday, 4/9 – Easter Egg Hunt
Thursday, 4/13 – Wine Tasting & Dinner
Saturday, 4/22 – Hospital Fund Drive Street Corner Collections

May
Friday, 5/5 – Bingo
Saturday, 5/13 – Mothers’ Day Flower Delivery

August
Saturday, 8/5 – Sportsman’s Spectacular
Sunday & Monday, 8/27 & 8/28 – Casino Bus Trip

September
Thursday, 9/14 – Temple Ladies’ Program
Friday, 9/22 – Bingo & Ice Cream Social
Saturday, 9/23 – Ceremonial and Fall Party

November
Thursday, 11/30 – Sunday, 12/3  CIRCUS

December
Thursday, 12/14 – Temple Ladies’ Program
Saturday, 12/16 – Temple Christmas Party
EAT
DRINK
AND LEARN ABOUT
WINES

In lieu of the April Business Meeting
Please join Illustrious Sir Phil Trew & the Divan
For a WINE TASTING & DINNER

Thursday, April 13th - 6:00 pm
Moslah Temple Ballroom
$20/person or $40/couple
BRING A FRIEND FOR FREE

American Varietals Presentation
by Trace Brooks
Texas Marketing Manager for
Republic National Distributing Co,
(Largest Wholesale Beverage Alcohol Distributor in Texas)
WSET Level 3 Qualified – 20+ years in the industry

Questions? Contact Jeff Eaton
jeaton@smeb.com (817)944-9528
H. Malvern Marks Chapter Order of DeMolay is the Premier Youth Leadership Organization in the world today. Our membership is limited to young men between the ages of 12 and 21. We teach our young men to be better citizens and better men with adult mentors and our older members. DeMolay accomplishes this by teaching our young men to live their lives by the following ideals: Love and Respect of Parents, Love of God and His Creations, Courtesy toward all people, Comradeship, Fidelity, Cleanliness and Patriotism.

Marks DeMolay meets on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays at The Fort Worth Masonic Temple at 1100 Henderson Street, Fort Worth, TX at 7:30 pm. We meet on the 3rd floor in the South Lode Room. Our Sponsoring Body is Moslah Shrine Center and Fort Worth Scottish Rite. For more information, please contact Dad Curt Waldrop 817-228-2840 or curtis.waldrop@sbcglobal.net.

Order of DeMolay

Check your dues cards...

Moslah Nobles,
Please check your current Moslah Shrine Dues Card and verify that you have the Gold plastic 2016 Card with the 2017 sticker applied to it.

We have received notification from several Moslah Nobles that they have either not received a 2017 Dues Notice, or a 2017 Dues Paid sticker.

If either of these situations apply to you, please contact the Moslah Office immediately at 817-335-9469 so we can take care of that for you.

Yours in the faith,
John Henderson, Business Manager
Annual Moslah Shrine Easter Egg Hunt

Sunday, April 9th at 1:30 p.m.
Front Lawn of the Temple
1100 Henderson

Special visit by the Easter Bunny

Candy Donations Needed:
SMALL candy (no chocolate, nuts or nut products) for plastic eggs.
Leave in Temple Office

Volunteers Needed:
To stuff plastic eggs on Thurs, Apr 6 at 6:00pm
Temple Basement

Separate egg hunts for age divisions:
2 – 4 years old
5 – 7 years old
8 – 11 years old

Bring a friend!

Surprise for those finding the Gold Egg
Dear Fellow Nobles,

In January of each year, the leadership of the hospitals, corporate executives and the members of the joint boards gather for the Leadership Conference. Over the course of a few days, we discuss the previous year’s efforts and accomplishments in depth, and make plans for the future. I’m happy to report that this year’s Conference, held in St. Petersburg, Florida, was a very positive time of discussions and decision-making. Our conversations were positive, hopeful and optimistic.

It's always good to take a step back and take a fresh look at the past; it can help give us a new perspective, and renew our confidence in the future.

We’ve come a long way since the financial downturn of 2008 that literally affected the entire country. We’ve moved forward with third-party pay, increased donations, focused on operating our health care system more effectively and efficiently, and worked hard to develop a consistent focus and plan. Even more than that, we seem to be working much more as a single unit, focused on a single goal – doing everything we can to strengthen our health care system in order to be able to improve the lives of children and families.

When the market crashed in 2008, Shriners Hospitals for Children saw some difficult times. Our previously strong endowment of $8.9 billion shrunk to approximately $5 billion. During this time, we saw our spend rate spike to over nine percent and our operational deficit climb to $280 million annually.

In response, we made some strategic changes that would ensure our ability to continue our mission of caring for children for many years to come. We have implemented changes to the way we budget, approve new initiatives, monitor ongoing operations and strive to be efficient. Since 2008, we have been able to strengthen our health care system by investing in several areas, including new (replacement) facilities, technology (such as advanced radiology systems and telehealth), new salary and benefit programs, a strong marketing campaign (including participation in iconic television programs), and education programs for staff and board members.
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**SPORTSMEN SPECTACULAR NEW FOR 2017!**

It’s time to start telling all of your friends, coworkers, Lodge Brothers and anyone else about the Sportsmen Spectacular August 5th at the Temple. You do not have to be present to win so sell as many single tickets as possible. We have 26 high quality firearms for the drawing as well as auctions and other prizes. Each Unit will have an assigned number of tickets at a discounted rate, get with the Unit President for details.

Tables for this event will sell early so purchase yours now.

This is the second largest fund raising event for Moslah. This is also become one of the premier events of the year for fun as well as a great way to share what we do as Shriners.

YITF, Jeff Barcafar-Chief Rabban

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**Circus Ad Sales 2017 new for 2017!**

I am excited to have Marvin Champlin as Circus Ad Sales Chairman for 2017. He will be contacting all the Units with help and ideas to increase ad sales for your Unit. This is a major source of funds for our Units and Temple. Please start working on renewing ads and looking for new ones.

We will be furnishing all units with a record of un-renewed ads for 2013 and 2014. This is not only a tremendous opportunity to get friends of Moslah back, it is a great opportunity to raise money for your unit. We will increase the commission on all ads renewed from 2013-2014 to 50/50 split!

We will be visiting your meetings/parties in May to discuss the details and kick off the ad sales. If you have any questions don’t hesitate to call Jeff Barcafar.

Happy selling!

YITF, Jeff Barcafar
SIXTH ANNUAL
Moslah Shrine
SPORTSMAN’S SPECTACULAR
Saturday - August 5, 2017
Moslah Shrine Center - 1100 Henderson St - Fort Worth, TX 76102
$40 - one admission and one prize entry
$70 - two admissions and two prize entries
Your ticket will enter you in the drawing for one of 26 firearms and hunts.
Dinner - Wine and Beer provided – Music and Dancing
Live Auction • Various Hunts • Gun Related Merchandise

SHOTGUNS
- Remington Model 870 Defense 12 Gauge 18.5”
- Benelli M2 Field Synthetic 12 Gauge 28”
- Franchi Instinct SL OU 12 Gauge 26”
- Remington 870 Combo 12 Gauge 18.5” / 28”
- Century SXS Shotgun 12 Gauge
- Beretta 686 Silver Pigeon 1 20 Gauge 28”

RIFLES
- Ruger AR-556 5.56 NATO
- Marlin Model 60 22LR
- Remington Model 700 ADL 308 Win
- Uberti Model 1873 45 Colt Lever Action Rifle
- Smith & Wesson M&P - 15 5.56 NATO
- Winchester Model 70 Sporter 270 Win
- Winchester XPR Scope Combo 30-06 SPRG
- Ruger 10/22 FS 22LR
- Howa Model 1500 Lightning 223 Rem
- Tikka T3 Forrest 243 Win

HANDGUNS
- Ruger SR-22 Pistol 22 LR
- Ruger American Pistol 9mm x 19
- Remington Model R51 9mm x 19
- Walther Creed 9mm x 19
- Ruger GP100 4.25” 357 Mag Revolver
- Sig Sauer P225 A1 9mm Pistol Night Sights
- Sig Sauer P238 Nightmare 380 ACP
- Steyr Arms L9-A1 9mm x 19
- Glock 17 9mm x 19 Pistol
- Glock 36 45 ACP Pistol

HUNTING GEAR
- YETI 50 QT White
- YETI 65 QT Tan
- Steiner 10 x 42 XC Binoculars
- Benchmade AXIS Flipper - Knife
- D.M. Bullard Leather Holsters

Group Table Reservations Available: 10 person maximum - $500.00
(Includes: 20 additional tickets for drawing • 30 table limit • July 28th deadline)

Moslah Shrine Drawing Guidelines:
1. Each ticket issued will be eligible for the drawing.
2. Eligible ticket holder need not be present to win.
3. Proceeds to benefit Moslah Shrine Center, not a charitable deduction.
4. Participants must be 21 years of age.

Questions?
Contact Brandon Reese 817-994-0074
or Moslah Temple at 817-335-9469
Jeff Ingram 817-914-3675
jeffingram@charter.net
Bedouins

Thanks to all the Bedouins who came out and made IHOP day a success. You guys always come through when it’s time to raise money for our hospitals. Thank you!! Bedouins band practice is in full swing every Tuesday night at 6:30pm. We need all Bedouins who want to be in this year’s TSA performance to come and take part. We need horn players, drummers, tambourine players, actors and any others who want to take part. A good time will be had by all. Don’t miss out.

It’s almost race time in Texas and that means that the Bedouins will be working at Texas Motor Speedway again this year. We will be taking tickets on April 6, 7, 8 & 9. We need all the help we can get. Be there and help out our unit with a little fundraising. As always, we are on the hunt for new Bedouins so if you know someone who would make a great Bedouin, bring them with you to any Bedouin event. We will make them feel at home!! Go Bedouins!!

Mystic Wheels

MOSLAH SHRINERS CHAMPIONSHIP
MYSTIC WHEELS!

Spring has sprung and our little machines are screaming around the practice pad!

Both teams are in full throttle practice as we learn new drill routines to further dazzle the competition in Waco at TSA. This year’s teams are coming in ready to take 1st Place again!

Everyone had a great time greeting the public at our 3 IHOP stores. We got a very positive response from the customers and IHOP management alike.

Congratulations to Mystic Wheels President Sonny Francks who was also installed as TSMPA President at Mid Winter meetings in Arlington. This will make for a very busy year but we know he will do great in both roles!

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

Hello to all Moslah Nobles! Are you and your Lady looking for a unit home? Looking to join a great group of Masonic brothers, make lasting friendships, be part of a winning team, experience that thrill of competition again and have more fun than you can imagine? Well hey, check out the Mystic Wheels! 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 that are super fun to drive. In addition we play a key role in all temple and blue lodge activities.

TMRC Shrine Club

EASTCHASE IHOP was successfully manned continuously from 7am to 7 pm on Tuesday March 7 by members of the TMRC Shrine Club & Legion of Honor. Sharing welcoming duties and explaining about IHOP International Pancake Day “Free Pancakes” and support for Shriner’s Hospitals for Children to all patrons on Tuesday were TMRC Shrine Club members VP Jim Cornish, Gene Stevens, Charles Kinton, John Parrott and President Paul Sawyer. The Legion of Honor was represented by Past Commanders Ted Mastin and Hoke Brooker and Current Commander Paul Sawyer. A Great Big Shriner THANK YOU goes out to both managers and all the wait staff for their hard work and support of this Shrine event project that made it the success that it was.

Paul Sawyer

Golf

April usually brings the rain, but the Moslah Golf Unit is undeterred. Last month, we had a couple of play days on Saturdays, in preparation to hosting the annual TSGA Mid Winter golf tournament on March 30 and 31. We had a good turn out from 8 other Temples in Texas and the Fossil Creek golf course was in great shape. The send off and support from Illustrious Sir Phil and the Divan was most appreciated. Our next state-wide competition will be in Waco in June at TSA. Last month, we also had fun greeting customers at IHOP on National Pancake Day and many of our ladies enjoyed dinner and the horticultural program during the March business meeting.

Any golfers, or aspiring golfers, out there are most welcome to join in our play days. We have lots of fun. Contact Dave Sarginson at 817-473-3949 if interested.

Tom Smith, President

Call Bob Roth 703 509-7773, Sonny Francks 214 205-0295 or Brett Wiesner 817 360-7585 for information and a visit. You will quickly see why so many Nobles have made us their unit home! Still the LARGEST and friendliest motorized unit in Texas!

Bill Dillard
Car-Vettes

Hello to April, and all of the rain showers it brings. Hey, we get to mow the yard again!

Well, our very first drill practice was cancelled in March because of wet weather. Slick tires don’t work well during parades or drills. I’m sure that we will get a couple of dry practices before TSA, but if not, history has shown us that we can still win. Yeah, if you don’t show up to watch our practices, you will miss seeing how the drill team puts together some good moves in the cars. It’s nice when family and friends show up to relax, visit, support and watch the practices. It’s also a good time to come by and see what we are all about as a very proud unit.

We Car-vettes did our IHOP thing in the great town of Decatur on March 7. We wore our bright yellow shirts and got a lot of smiles and nice comments. It’s good to be a Shriner, find a brother Mason who likes to have fun and invite him to join us!

Your Car-vettes also showed off our stuff at the Lake Dallas Mardi Gras parade and it was a good parade, nice weather and a good turn by the people. We didn’t see very many of you guys at the Pickle Parade that was held on the 18th in Mansfield. This was another really good parade, lots of people watching us go by. Again, a reminder for the really special Medal of Honor parade in Gainesville on April 8 so you can put it on your calendar. If you have never been to this parade, it’s pretty patriotic and darned rewarding for the MOH winners that will be attending as well as for the crowd. It has lots of interesting floats; bring your family out for a nice parade. If you go, come by and visit with us in the staging area before the parade starts.

You know, parades are not just lots of fun for us (because we get to show off our colorful, bright yellow cars to the folks), they are really good PR for Moslah Shrine at the same time! Lots of people see us wearing our fez during the parades as we drive our car-vettes. Nobles, come on out and visit and watch, wear your fez if you want, hope to see some of you there!

Hey, betcha didn’t know...

• All of the gold mined in the history of the world would just about fit into a 20 x 20 x 20 meter cube.
• A honey bee must hit about 2 million flowers to make 1 pound of honey.
• George Washington spent about 7% of his annual salary on booze.

Hey guys... if you are looking to join a unit that will give you a BIG return on camaraderie and fun, look no further, the Car-vettes is the one for YOU! Yep, you too can wear one of our flashy yellow unit shirts, just join our unit and help us with our activities.

Gun Club

A team of shooters from the Moslah Gun Club competed in the Texas Shrine Shotgun Sports Association mid-winter trap and skeet competition in Waco, Texas on March 11. The team brought home two trophies from the event, 2nd place class C in skeet and 2nd place class B in trap. Thanks to the guys for a great job representing Moslah Shrine. This year’s shooters were: David Dodgen, Russ Lowe, Mark Stewart, Ill Sir. Charles Carruthers, David Henderson and Bill Conn. The gun club will be fielding teams for the annual TSA competition also in Waco in June. If you are a gun club member and would like to shoot at TSA watch your e-mails for our practice schedule. If you are not a member of the gun club and would like to know more about what we do, please contact any gun club member or gun club President Bill Conn @ bill.conn@yahoo.com.

Left to right: David Dodgen, Russ Lowe, Mark Stewart, Ill Sir. Charles Carruthers, David Henderson, Bill Conn

If any Noble is wondering about joining our unit and would like to test drive one of our super classy little yellow cars, 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 bunch of fellas and will be happy to talk to you about our unit.

Chuck Huddleston, Car-Vettes
APRIL
April 8 - Spring Temple Dance
April 9 - Easter Egg Hunt
April 13 - Wine tasting & dinner
(In lieu of April business meeting)
April 21-22 - HFD Store Front/Street Corners

MAY
May 5 - Bingo
May 11 - Temple Business Meeting
May 13 - Legacy Program
1:00 Snacks & Information
Bring Ladies, Family and Friends
May 21 - Memorial Service
2:00 Commandery Asylum

Effective Now!
New Shrine Office Business Hours:
Monday - Friday, 11:00am - 3:00pm.
Other business, by appointment only.
Call 817-335-9469 for appointment.

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