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FROM THE POTENTATE



Nobles of Araba, I humbly accept the opportunity to serve as your Potentate for the coming year. It is an honor and privilege - I will do my very best. Thank you.

We got off to a fast start with a magnificent Installation chaired by Assistant Chief Aide, Ken Wellborn and Lady Tina. Illustrious Sir Graham Stein and Illustrious Sir David Richards conducted the most impressive ceremony, and Illustrious Sir Jack Bacon beautifully sang the National Anthem. Lady Jodi and I will always remember this most meaningful occasion,

and again thank everybody that played a part in making it happen.

Our motto for 2011 is Fun, Fraternity, and Philanthropy. Meaning: fun with a purpose, growing membership and helping our Shrine Kids.

We have many FUN events planned - we begin with the East-West Shrine Football Game on Saturday, January 22nd, The Potentates Cruise Presentation on Sunday, January 30th , the legendary Super Bowl Chili Cook-off Sunday, February 6th, Mandarin Degree Sunday, February 13th , Hospital Days Friday, February 18th, Edison Festival of Lights Parade and Afterglow Party Saturday, February 19th, Mariners Shrimp Boil Sunday, March 20th, and our Shrine Circus on Wednesday, March 23rd. You will want to highlight your calendar accordingly.

The second part of our motto, Fraternity, focuses on membership. We ask each Noble to take part in

our membership program by asking more Masons to become Shriners. It is critical that we recruit, but, it is equally important to retain the membership we have. Your Divan and Membership Committee will enthusiastically work on both membership and retention. Working together we will keep our Fraternal Family growing.

The third and last portion of our motto is Philanthropy; Our Shrine Hospitals are our purpose and will last as long as our Fraternity is thriving.

Fun, Fraternity, and Philanthropy – the future of Araba.

Yours in the Faith,

Jim Wood



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Our proposal is to help our Brother Shriner by assisting Araba Temple with OUR donations of whatever amount YOU can afford, to help any Noble Shriner who has been investigated by the Divan, and found to be definitely unable to pay his dues for the current year, and is still desirous of remaining active and current in dues.

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THE HOSPITAL PAPER CRUSADE 2011

Your Potentate, Illustrious Sir James Wood has declared that the 2011 Hospital Paper Drive is now officially underway. The dates are January 2011 through April 2011. The Clubs and Units are free to set their own dates within these guide lines.

This is another excellent opportunity to financially support our Children's Hospitals.

The great work the doctors, nurses and other staff accomplish every day to heal sick children could not succeed but for the diligent efforts of you Nobles to provide the needed funds. All we ask of you is to spend a few hours at the places your Paper Drive Chairman has selected.

Put on your Fez and your Apron, hand out the papers and you will be pleasantly surprised how quickly that collection bucket fills up. As Paper Crusade Chairman I know that I can count on your full support.

I am confident that together we will break the record set last year. Let's do it!

Paper Crusade Chairman
Charles Bell

Editor's Comments



Dear Nobles and Ladies,

It is quite apparent that your Araba Palms Publication has lost some weight. It now consists of 64 pages of inside material but still with a special four page cover. That special cover will disappear with the next issue.

Several postings and articles have been reduced in size or eliminated all together. Like other cost centers in our Shrine Temple we too had to tighten our belt and examine where costs could be saved.

At the same time our Potentate has charged us to produce a quality Palms Publication and maintain disciplined dissemination of useful and pertinent information. Your input and assistance is greatly appreciated. When you

provide us with material try to stick to factual stories and keep it just a little shorter. Try to reduce the purely cosmetic appearance of pages you submit and refrain from submitting camera ready copy.

Some of you have been extremely helpful in obtaining ads in an effort to mitigate our expenses. Our thanks and compliments and please keep it going.

Your Editors

ARABA NEEDS YOUR UPDATED EMAIL ADDRESSES!

To All Nobles and Ladies - We would like for all Shriners and Ladies to provide us with your current email address. We would like to have email addresses on file for 100% of our membership! Having correct email addresses on our Fraternity members will allow us to improve our communications to our Shriners.

Please provide the Front Office with your email address. We appreciate your assistance with this important goal for 2011.

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FOURTH IN A SERIES
By Noble Michael A. Parkes
Editor-in-Chief



What can you say about a Noble that has been in, at last count, 197 movies, is 92 years old and still going strong. One word comes to my mind, hurrah!

Ernest Effron Borgnine was born January 24th, 1917 in Hamden, Connecticut to Charles and Anna (an Italian Countess, née Boselli) who had emigrated from Ottiglio, Italy.

Borgnine joined the United States Navy in 1935 after high school. He was discharged in 1941, but he re-enlisted when the United States entered World War and served until 1945 (a total of ten years), reaching the rank of Gunners Mate 1st Class.

After the war he returned to his parent's home with no job and no prospects. It was his mother who suggested that with his forceful personality he would be perfect for a stage career. To his mother's surprise he took her suggestion to heart. In 1947 he landed his first stage role in "State of the Union". During 1949 he debuted on Broadway in the role of a nurse in the play "Harvey".

In 1951 he moved to Los Angeles where he received his big break in the blockbuster movie "From Here to Eternity" alongside Burt Lancaster. I remember him giving an interview many years back. Apparently a friend of his suggested that he drop the front of his pant down slightly so that his stomach protruded to give the impression of an overweight slob. He attributed that move to his getting the part.

I guess we have all seen Ernie, in many movies over the years, and like you I have some that are my favourites. I guess the big one for me is the Sam Peckinpaw movie The Wild Bunch. I confess that I watch that movie at least 5 or 6 times a year and have owned it in VHS and now DVD. If you have never seen this movie, shame on you. In my books it is the best Western ever made, bar none.

Not mentioning McHale's Navy would be an omission many people would not forgive. Although a fan of that show, I don't think it gave Ernie the depth of acting that he is more than capable of even though he received an Emmy Award nomination for Outstanding Lead Actor in a Comedy Series. The

series ran for four years and was cancelled at the end of the fourth season in 1966.

Ernie holds the 33rd degree of the Scottish Rite of Masonry and has long been active in the craft as well as being a Shriner. He also is recipient of the Grand Cross, which is the highest honour for service to the Scottish Rite.

I know that all Masons and Shriners worldwide join me in wishing Brother and Noble Ernie, good health and longer life. If anyone deserves to celebrate a 100th birthday, it is Ernest Borgnine.



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Retention - Thanks to Nobles who have volunteered to mentor new Nobles. Please continue follow up with the new Noble and their Lady to become involved by attending Stated Meetings, Shrine functions and becoming a member of our clubs and/or units. Please remember to complete the Mentor follow up form upon making contacts. Our Spring Ceremonial is fast approaching; consider volunteering to mentor new Shriners.

Restoration - Lets continue our efforts to restore suspended and unpaid members of Araba. Thanks to the Nobles who are diligently making follow up calls. We need to stop the membership decline in Araba. We must ask those Nobles to maintain their membership and restore those suspended members who have not paid dues 2009-2011.

Recruitment - Nobles it is not too early to be recruiting and signing up Blue Lodge members for our Spring Ceremonial. Let's continue to recruit Master Masons in your Masonic Lodges to become members in Araba.

Remember, the incentive for a top line signer for 2 or more new members have their dues waived for 2011.

Thanks again for your follow up maintain and recruit new ARABA members.
Edwin Cotton - 2011 Membership Chairman

Get that Candidate NOW!

We must have NEW members to grow.

Thousands of children depend on the Shrine to help mend their twisted and burned bodies. Let's not let them down, let's share with our friends the opportunity to join us in this great philanthropy.

SIGN THEM UP NOW!

Please give Membership Committee your full support in 2011 to achieve our goal.



RECORDER'S REPORT – MEMBERSHIP STATUS

MEMBERSHIP AS OF JULY 31, 2010

995

GAINS FOR AUG, SEPT, OCT & NOV

LOSSES FOR AUG, SEPT, OCT & NOV

Created	4	Demitted	4
Restored	3	Suspended (NPD)	0
Associated	0	Deceased	9
Affiliated	<u>3</u>	Associate Mem. Dropped	<u>2</u>

TOTAL ADDITIONS: 10

TOTAL LOSSES: 15

MEMBERSHIP AS OF NOVEMBER 30, 2010

990

NET LOSS: (5)

ADDITIONS: CREATIONS: George C Altemeier, II – Matthew F Blaisdell – John P Canty – Isidro Lopez

AFFILIATIONS: John T Epifanio – Joseph Rosenak – Donald E Wells

RESTORED: Howard Andert – James A Chandler – Michael D Tirpak

DELETIONS: DEMITS: David C Motz – Leonard Eggemeyer – William Taiclet – Charles Walther

ASSOCIATE MEMBER DROPPED: Sheldon Arpad (still an associate, double entry) – John T Epifanio (affiliated)

IN MEMORIAM

Charles Baldwin – Robert Barry – Willard Baker – Wolfgang Buchweitz – William Fairchild – Roger H Smith

Thomas Winford – Steven Purdy – Earl J Taylor

RIP

***The only change that can be made to an Associate member in our Membership program is Associate Member dropped. Some of of our Associates are deceased and we try to keep record so we can inform our Nobles by inserting deceased after their name.**

DINNERS for MONDAY NIGHT STATED MEETINGS

by Chef Bill's Catering

February 21st, 2011

Tossed Salad
Baked Stuffed Fish
Rice Pilaf
Mixed Vegetable
Apple Cobbler
Rolls and Butter

March 21st, 2011

Mixed Fruit
Baked 1/2 Chicken
Garlic Mashed
Brussels Sprouts
Pecan Pie
Rolls and Butter

April 18th, 2011

Tossed Salad
Grilled Pork Chops
Baked Potato
Asparagus
Strawberry Shortcake
Rolls and Butter

May 16th, 2011

Caesar Salad
Beef Tips
Noodles
Ratatouille
Chocolate Cake
Roll and Butter

All meals buffet, served on china with steel flatware and include roll and butter and coffee.



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The Shrine Circus is returning to the Lee County Civic Center Wednesday, March 23, 2011

Dear Nobles and Ladies,

Thanks to the Support of our Nobles, Ladies and their Friends, Araba sent over 3000 children from our area to The Shrine Circus last April. Once again, Circus Hollywood will be returning along with their Kids Petting Zoo for our 2011 Circus, which will be held on Wednesday, March 23rd.

2011 Tickets will cost \$12.00 each, tax included. Please continue to support Araba's Circus by your sponsor donation and/or attendance to the Circus.

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- Circus Great Grand Dad/Mom (15+) \$180.00 - or more

I plan to attend the Circus

Please mail me _____ Tickets.

*Make Checks payable to Araba Shriners * Proceeds are for the benefit of Araba and are not tax deductible.*

All Tickets will be mailed out prior to the Circus. Children from the schools and organizations will be attending the 11:00 or 4:00 Performances. The evening performance will be at 8:00 p.m. Tickets are good for any of the three performances.

Fraternally,

Yours in the Faith,

Jim Wood

Ken Wellborn

James D. Wood, Araba Potentate

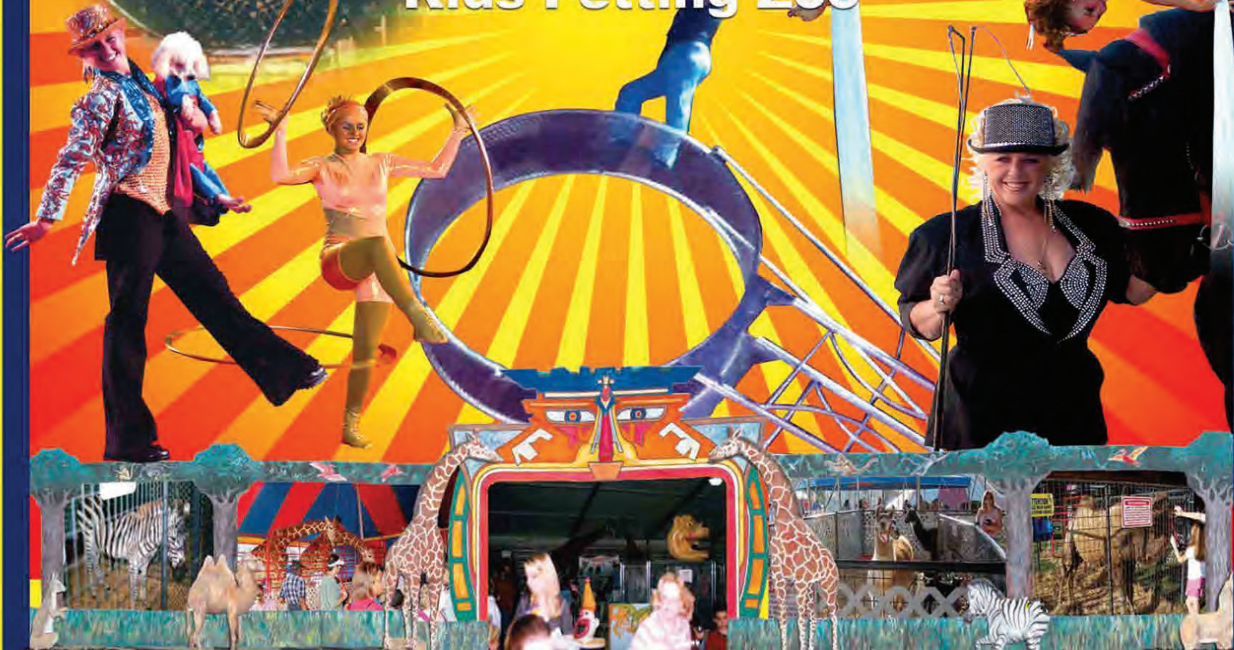
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NOBLE LEROY DURAND

Leroy became a Master Mason in Ridge Farm, Illinois in 1975. In April of 1978 he became a member of the Scottish Rite, Valley of Danville, Illinois and in September of the same year became a member of Ansar Shrine Temple of Springfield, Illinois.

After retirement as a Superintendent of Schools in Illinois in 1989, he moved to Cape Coral, Florida and almost immediately became involved with Araba Temple and transferred his membership here. He became very active in the Araba Mariners serving as Commodore in 1997. He later became Commodore of the Florida Shrine Mariners in 2003. Leroy was a member of the Royal Order of Jesters and served as Director in 2005/06. In January of 2007 Leroy was installed as Oriental Guide of Araba Temple. He became High Priest and Prophet in 2008. He suffered a massive stroke while attending the Amara Temple Potentate's ball in September, another in November and passed away December 2nd of 2008. Leroy belonged to Cape Coral Shrine Club serving as secretary and treasurer, Legion of Honor, the Hillbilly Clan and Mandarin. He served on the SW Florida Fair Board and worked with the circus.

Leroy Durand loved the Shrine and loved being a Shriner. He worked with the Shrine and he played with the Shrine. He could be found enjoying himself at most of the parties held at Araba, but he also worked very hard for Araba Temple. It is an old adage that, if you need a job done, find a busy man to do it. This was very true of Leroy. He was engaged in

activities with many different organizations, but when asked to do something for the Shrine, he would always make time. His Shrine Club could not find a Secretary/Treasurer, so he stepped up to fill in. When the Mariners were looking for a Fleet Captain, he agreed to take the job and stayed on four years to eventually serve as Commodore. When the Hillbilly's were on the verge of collapse, he took on the task of reviving the group. When asked to take a position on the Appointed Divan, he said, "If you need me, I will do it". When asked to

be a candidate for Oriental Guide, he accepted and was unanimously elected to that position. Even as his health began to fail, when there was a job to be done, he could be heard to say, "I'll take care of that". Leroy Durand was a friend to all who knew him and an example for us to follow in the service to our fraternity.





ARABA SHRINERS SPRING CEREMONIAL

Saturday, April 16, 2011

In Memoriam of Noble Leroy Durand



PROGRAM

- 7:30 AM Auditorium opens for men's breakfast
- 8:30 AM Candidates report to the Medical Director
- 9:00 AM Potentate opens meeting for business and balloting. Invocation by High Priest and Prophet
- 9:45 AM Ladies welcomed to auditorium by 1st Ceremonial Master
Divan welcomed by 1st Ceremonial Master
Divan entrance
1st Ceremonial Master introduces the Ritual Director
- 10:00AM Begin 1st Section of the Ceremonial
- 10:30AM Ladies excused - Resume 1st Section
- 11:00AM Begin 2nd Section of the Ceremonial
- 11:45AM 2nd Section complete with group portrait of New Nobles with Honoree
Lunch immediately following 2nd Section
Divan enters the Ladies Luncheon
- 1:00PM Club and Unit Presentations in the Conference Room

EVENING

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Attire - Formal (preferred) or Business Suit

- 4:45PM Candidates & Ladies report to the Red Fez for complimentary refreshments
- 5:15PM Short presentation on the Shrine Hospitals
- 5:45PM Social Gathering in the Auditorium
- 6:30PM Entrance of Elected, Appointed Divan and Honoree led by the ARABA
Pipe Band
Presentation of Colors
Shriner's Pledge by Master of Ceremonies
National Anthem
Invocation by High Priest & Prophet
- 6:45PM Dinner - (\$20.00 - RESERVATIONS REQUIRED!!)
- 7:45PM New Nobles and their Ladies assemble in Ladies Lounge
1st Ceremonial Master lines up New Nobles and their Ladies
- 8:00PM Master of Ceremonies introduces New Nobles, Potentate and Honoree.
Ladies fez the new Nobles.
- 8:45PM Entertainment by Galaxy- Dancing until 11:00 P.M.

LADIES PROGRAM

Attire - Dress or Pant Suits - No jeans or shorts please

- 7:30AM Ladies are invited to join the Nobles for breakfast in the Auditorium
- 8:00AM Social hour - coffee & sweet rolls in the Red Fez
- 9:45AM Ladies enter Auditorium for 1st Section of the Ceremonial
- 10:30AM Ladies return to the Red Fez for entertainment activity
- 11:15AM Luncheon - (\$15.00 - RESERVATIONS REQUIRED!!)
Divan greets the Ladies immediately following Luncheon

All tickets are available through the Shrine Center Office (239) 334-2226

Any questions, please contact 1st Ceremonial Master Bill Mason (239) 656-3025

Introduction of two distinguished Nobles to the 2011 Divan



Charles M. Bell is a fourth generation Florida native, born and reared on Boca Grande Island and graduated from Boca Grande High School. He is a veteran of the U. S. Navy.

Charlie and his Lady Irene enjoy boating and fishing, golfing, riding their Harley-Davidson, travelling and serving Araba Shriners.

Charlie spent his entire professional career in the automatic fire sprinkler industry starting as a designer, moving up to sales, and the last 25 years in management. As District General manager he earned 23 awards for sales and profitability. He retired in December 2004.

He is a Master Mason in Cape Coral Lodge No. 367 and a Scottish Rite 32nd Degree Mason in the Valley of Ft. Myers and serves on the 32nd Degree team.

Charlie is proud to be an Araba Shriner, and has served as an Appointed Aide and is on the Director's Staff. As a Road Runner, he has transported 15 patients to the Shriner's Hospital in Tampa. He is a member of Hill Billy Clan No.145, the Order of the "Q", and he has met the Mandarin. He is also serving as Housing Coordinator for the 2012 FSA Convention.

Charlie is honored to have the opportunity to serve Araba Shriners as Oriental Guide 2011.

John T. Epifanio hales from a Masonic family. His father was a Mason and a Tall Cedar and his father-in-law was a Mason, Shriner Boumi Temple - Baltimore, Maryland.

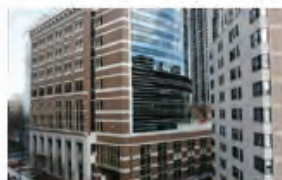
John has been married to his wife, Patricia for 30 years and has four daughters, four sons-in-law and eleven grandchildren.

John served honorably in the United States Navy and was employed in various careers including policeman in Springsbury Township, Pennsylvania; Fire fighter/paramedic and retired shift commander in Baltimore City Fire Service.

His Masonic affiliations are many: Mount Moriah Lodge #116 AF&AM - Towson, Maryland; Scottish Rite - Baltimore, Maryland; Boumi Temple Baltimore, Maryland, member since 1992, member Provost Guard and Yacht Club; Araba Temple, member since 2004, Second Ceremonial Master 2010, Secretary/Treasurer Araba Campers 2009-10, Membership Committee 2008-09, Member Oriental Band, Work in "The Little Store"; Cape Coral Shrine Club member since 1998, member Board of Directors.

His previous experience was as Commodore Baltimore Yacht Club, Baltimore, Maryland. The Baltimore Yacht Club has a membership of 500 with an annual budget in excess of one million dollars. To become Commodore requires a commitment of 4 years. The steps of the line required responsibility for financial assessment, planning oversight and evaluation; management of a full-time staff, restaurant and bar and a 250-slip marina; planning, development and presentation of an annual schedule of events, cruises and activities.





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After Spinal Cord Injury, Brittany is Walking and Dancing Again

Brittany Fojtik was a dancer in peak physical condition when a car accident left her with a spinal cord injury (SCI). Doctors told her that she was paralyzed from the chest down and would never walk again. The tenacious young girl, then 10 years old, set out to prove them wrong.

The dedication and drive that helped Brittany succeed as a dancer was directed toward making a full recovery. She devoted many long hours to therapy at Shriners Hospitals for Children® — Chicago and just two years after her injury, not only is she walking — she is dancing again.

On Nov. 2, 2008, Brittany was en route to her family's new home in Katy, Texas. Brittany and her brother, Daniel, sat in the middle seat of their minivan as their father drove. While the van was moving, Brittany unbuckled her seat belt to grab an item from the back.



A sudden and unexpected turn of the wheel caused the van to hit a concrete drainage culvert. The vehicle flipped through the air and Brittany was ejected from the car out the back window; she flew 60 feet and landed on the pavement.

The next thing Brittany remembers is a man telling her "everything is going to be OK." She was surrounded by sirens, ambulances and paramedics before being airlifted to a hospital in nearby Houston. Her mother, Beverly Fojtik, was told she may not make it through the flight.

In addition to her SCI, Brittany sustained a broken arm, hip, wrist, nose and ribs, and massive internal bleeding. After spinal fusion surgery, Brittany spent 18 days in the intensive care unit while her vital signs stabilized.

As Brittany's condition continued to improve, it became clear that she would need rehabilitation at a facility that specialized in pediatric SCI. A therapist recommended Shriners Hospitals for Children® — Chicago to the family and on Dec. 1, 2008, a transport team relocated her to the Windy City.

Brittany worked with physical and occupational therapists at Shriners Hospitals for Children® — Chicago for two-and-a-half weeks in early December. Examinations during this admission indicated that she had sustained a complete SCI (American Spinal Injury Association Impairment Scale A), meaning she had very little chance of walking again. Despite the dim prognosis, Brittany's progress continued. The day before she left to go home for the Christmas holidays, she discovered that she could move one of her big toes.

"It all started happening so fast," explained Beverly. "When we got home the next day, she was able to swing her leg from side to side. From then on,

there was some kind of new movement all the time."

Brittany returned to Shriners Hospitals for Children® — Chicago in mid-January 2009 for a month-long stay. Her therapists began standing her up and she was able to move her hips a little bit. With the help of leg braces and therapists, Brittany took her first five steps since the accident on Feb. 11, 2009.

"I cried and cried and cried," Beverly said. "And I wasn't the only one — the nurses and therapists were crying too. Nobody expected this."

Brittany's injury was reclassified as an American Spinal Injury Association Impairment Scale D, which means that she has an incomplete SCI and significant recovery is expected. Since she began rehabilitation, she has progressed from a wheelchair to a walker to forearm crutches. She now walks with a cane and only uses her wheelchair at the mall and the airport.

The level of recovery and return of function that Brittany experienced is unusual and was a wonderful surprise and outcome for both the SCI team that worked with her and her family. Doctors noted a number of factors that contributed to her success, including her physical condition prior to the injury, a positive personality and a lot of hard work.

Brittany is now back on the dance floor and has taken up Pilates to help regain her strength. In addition to keeping up with school, she is participating in choir and a school play and plans to compete in the Texas Cinderella Scholarship Program Pageant. Her experience at Shriners Hospitals for Children® — Chicago has inspired her to become a physical therapist when she grows up.

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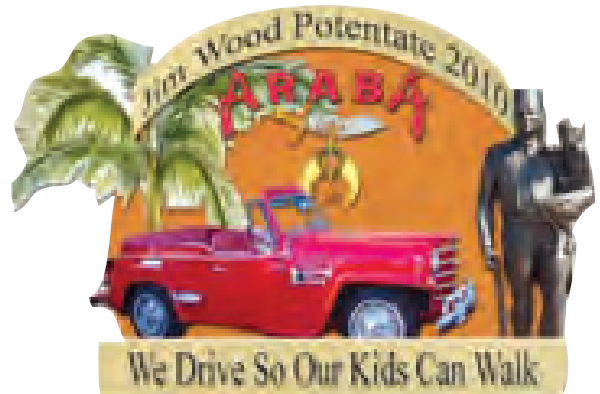
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ARABA JEEPSTERS

our members are. Please support Araba activities and bring a friend or two.

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Yours in faith,
George



ARABA TIN LIZZIES

AH-OOGA-OOGA

The Araba Tin Lizzies Unit is still moving up and moving on in spite of the loss of two very valuable members.

The black camel took Steven D. Purdy following a tragic automobile accident and the Unit lost Donald Stillwell to the Jeepsters. It had been becoming increasingly more difficult for Don to get into and out of his Lizzie and he finally found it necessary to make the change. The Unit will miss them as they were both loyal, active members. These losses mean that the Lizzies have at least two parade ready vehicles ready for new members. If you really want to have fun - join the Tin Lizzies - drive a Lizzie in parades! Contact the Unit President, Ken Wellborn for more information (239) 707-4453.

Lizzies love to parade and we did our share this fall. We participated in the Englewood Labor Day Parade, the Naples Swamp Buggy Parade, the Cape Coral Veteran's Day Parade and the Charlotte County Christmas Parade on December 4th.

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2010 was a good year. We gained (6) new members in 2010. They were Nobles Melvin Saul, P.P., William Mason, Thomas Hale, Walter Gorman, Thomas Davidson (Wesley's son) and Edwin Cotton P.P. Welcome new members. We have nine (9) Jeepsters in the unit now and looking to have two (2) more by the end of 2011. That will make eleven (11) if all goes well. Get ready for our spaghetti dinner in 2011. We will probably do the same as we did in 2010. We welcome Noble James Wood as the Potentate for 2011. Support and help him in his year and whatever Lady Jodi's special project may be. That includes the divan Ladies. I know we could not do our jobs without our Ladies for their support and help through the years.

Yours in faith,
George

ZEM-ZEM

Another year has come and gone by and Bingo is still hanging in there. We had one Wednesday we had to call off playing Bingo. Not a bad running record for us. A water line was being repaired and our facilities were not usable for public use. The snowbirds are back and look healthy. As we have said in earlier issues, we can use more help. I know this sounds like a broken record or speech, but still being asked for.

We did lose Noble Stephen Purdy to the black camel. Steve was a good worker just like all of



UNIT NEWS



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Members will be getting out their long underwear in preparation for the Edison Festival of Light Parade in February, 2011.

Member Earl Bonnell and Brenda have again won the Unit's "Host and Hostess with the Mostest" award. Earl's 1 1/4" thick slices of succulent prime rib, served at our Christmas Party, confirmed the nomination.

The Unit's current officers were re-elected to serve again in 2011:

President	Ken Wellborn
V. President	Earl Bonnell, III
Treasurer	Tom Webber
Secretary	Robert Sneckenberger

Araba Shriners has elected new officers for 2011, also. Congratulations to:

Potentate	James D. Wood
Chief Rabban	Daniel E. Holland
Asst. Rabban	Troy Cail
High P&P	John Epifanio
Oriental Gde.	Charles Bell
Treasurer	Larry J. Smith
Secretary	John A. Firmes, P.P.

All Nobles are welcome to join the Tin Lizzies at their monthly meetings - the first Tuesday of each month, September through May - 7:30 p.m. at Araba Shriners. An informal social "hour" precedes the formal meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the Red Fez Lounge.

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The Provost Guard meets at ARABA Temple the second Monday of the month (excluding July and August) at 11:00 a.m. After the business meeting, members enjoy lunch and fellowship at a local restaurant. We try to have a social, either lunch or dinner, with our Ladies three or four times a year. We attend Stated Meetings and the morning portion of Ceremonials as a uniformed unit. Members of the Provost Guard also provide security of Wednesday night Bingo on a rotational basis.

While the Unit is currently composed of former law enforcement, security and military members, others of us are not. All Shriners not already in a parade unit are welcome. If interested, please contact any Provost Guard member of the Provost Marshal, Jon H. Lynch (239) 540-9212.



UNIT NEWS

Araba Everglades Hillbilly Clan 45

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CLUB NEWS

BONITA SHRINE CLUB

NOBLE EARL SKIP SWEIKERT
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The most eventful change during last year
was our departure from the Embassy
Suites Hotel.

New owners took over and decided to raise their
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Due to the efforts of our Illustrious Sir Aaron
Snyder we located a Golf Club Restaurant.
"Copperleaf at the Brooks in Bonita Springs"
The Chef has done an excellent job so far, his
dinners have been outstanding and the service
exceeded our expectations.

Several new members have joined the Bonita
Shrine Club last year and we are grateful for
their membership.

At our meeting on January 03/2011 we installed
our Officers and Directors for the year 2011.

The Board of Directors:

NOBLE CHESTER PAUL BURTON

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Dinner Socials with our Ladies are on the first
Monday of the Month.

Attitude adjustment at 6:00 PM--Dinner promptly
at 7:00 PM

Wolf Hager





CLUB NEWS



CHARLOTTE COUNTY SHRINE CLUB

We are off on a running start for the new year. Our new slate of officers and board members, being led by Richard Erspamer, our new president, have an active year planned and we are all looking forward to it.

Our Christmas party past was a big success with many fine comments about the food and sociability. Any who missed it should really mark their calendars to be sure to come at the end of this year.

We have a steak fry coming up on March 19 at Franz Ross Park on Quesada Avenue in Port Charlotte. Sociability is at 11:30 and lunch at 1 p.m.. For information and tickets call Pete Rehm at 941-639-1076. In April we will be having another paper drive to raise money for the children's hospitals and this will be run by Dick Liddell, who has shown his true colors in our past paper drives by gathering several thousand dollars for the hospitals. It is a tough job and many thanks go to him.

We gather monthly for our noon business meeting on the second Tuesday at the Kingsgate resort on Kings Highway in Port Charlotte and all Shriners are welcome. The lunches are tasty, and sociability friendly. We have a short business meeting after dining.

On the fourth Thursday we have our Ladies Night at the same location and again will welcome all who wish to join us. It is necessary that we know who is coming and the above number for Pete Rehm will get you all the information required.

We look forward to a good 2011 and hope that any who haven't been able to be part of our group in the past will come out and see what we do and how we work. Remember, it is really for

the kids but we sure can have fun in our efforts to help them.

NAPLES SHRINE CLUB

Our December meeting is always an outstanding one of our meetings, but this one was even more special as the Potentate, Edwin Cotton and Lady Joyce and Chief Rabban James Wood attended. The functions that made the meeting so great were: (a) election and appointment of NSC 201 officers, (b) buffet dinner, (c) entertainment by the Island Walk Chorus, (d) each Lady receiving a seasonally decorated can of Danish Style Butter Cookies, (e) numerous prizes for the Ladies distributed lottery style, (f) two 50/50 drawings, one of which was won by Chief Rabban Wood who donated it back to NSC and thus included in the NSC contribution to the Araba Transportation Fund and the Shrine Hospital and (g) the 19th Hole was renovated and just reopened.

The NSC officers for 2011 are: John Merz, President; Paul Johnson, 1st V.P.; Caleb Steinberg, 2nd V.P.; Roger Mosser, Secretary; Bill Whitlock, Treasurer. Immediate Past President Lee Gutwein, Director, with term expiring at the end of 2013 joined Darryl Kourdouvelis and Don Parmelee on the Board. Past President Jerry Howarth again was appointed Chaplain and Newsletter Editor.

The Naples Shrine Club meets at the 19th Hole of the Glades Country Club, 174 Teryl Road, Naples, FL 34112 from January thru April and October thru December on the 3rd Tuesday of the month. Attitude Adjustment at 6:00 PM, dinner 6:30 PM. Program after dinner. Nobles and Ladies invited.

NSC Executive Committee meets at 4:00 PM on the Tuesday, one week before the monthly stated meeting at the 19th Hole of the Glades Country Club. Nobles invited.

NSC wishes you a Happy and Prosperous 2011.

Roger R. Mosser, Secretary



Providing Care for Cleft Lip and Palate at Shriners Hospitals for Children®

Cleft lip and palate deformities occur when the tissue that forms the upper lip and roof of the mouth fail to join together before birth. The condition is associated with alterations in speech, hearing and facial growth. Cleft lip and palate is corrected by reconstructive surgery and multidisciplinary therapies.

Approximately 5,000 children are born each year in the U.S. with cleft-associated deformities. In fact, facial clefts are one of the most common birth defects in the U.S. Children with facial clefts have various interrelated problems involving the brain; the development of the skull and facial bones; the structure of the ear and the ability to hear; the teeth and the ability to chew and eat; and the mouth and nose and the ability to breathe and speak. Reconstruction must be staged with the child's growth in order to restore the facial skeleton and functionality as completely as possible.

A Common Birth Defect

Despite the frequency of its occurrence, and the severity of the deformities, care for patients with cleft lip and palate can be difficult to obtain. For this reason, Shriners Hospitals for Children® added cleft lip and palate to the health care system's service lines in 2005. Treating cleft and palate problems is a long-term commitment; children require care from birth to adolescence, which fits well in the health care system's mission of providing family-centered care until the patient's 18th birthday.

Care for cleft lip and palate is currently available at the Shriners Hospitals for Children® located in Boston, Chicago, Cincinnati, Houston, Los Angeles, Northern California, Portland and Springfield. Multidisciplinary services include surgery, orthodontics, hearing, speech and psychological therapies, and additional supports.

Shriners Hospitals for Children® has also partnered with the Humanitarian Foundation of the Grottoes of North America, a Masonic-affiliated fraternal organization. Children with special needs are often excluded from normal childhood dental care, which is important in the successful treatment of cleft lip and palate, and the Foundation will provide appropriate patients who need cleft lip and palate surgery with financial assistance for routine dental care. The partnership has benefited more than 50 Shriners Hospitals for Children® patients.

Cleft lip and palate is a common and serious condition. Shriners Hospitals for Children® is committed to improving care for children with this condition through a comprehensive, coordinated program of clinical excellence, teaching and research.



Mollie Carlson is just one of the many children with cleft lip and palate who has received treatment from Shriners Hospitals for Children®. Today, Mollie is studying communication disorders in college, and hopes to one day be a speech-language pathologist.

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Burn Injury Does Not Stop Star Athlete

Kevin Stroughter is an all-star athlete with letters in football, basketball, track and baseball from his high school in Citrus Heights, Calif. But those are not the only reasons he is considered an inspiration by his peers.

When Stroughter was 8 years old, he and a group of friends were playing in a field near his house in Rodeo, Calif., when they discovered a can of gasoline. They lit a tree stake they found in the grass and tossed gasoline on it to fuel the fire. The wind shifted and Kevin's clothing became engulfed in flames.

Hours later, Kevin arrived by ambulance at Shriners Hospitals for Children® — Northern California in critical condition with burns over 70 percent of his body. He was given a 50 percent chance of survival and spent

the next eight months in the hospital's pediatric burn unit.

"I think they saved my baby's life," says Kevin's mother Audra Sipp, who spent long days and nights at her son's bedside.

Kevin endured several surgeries for skin grafts, dressing changes and many hours of physical therapy during his stay in the hospital. "It was hard," Kevin recalls. "But I learned not to give up."

Though he was often in pain, Kevin tried to make the best of the situation. While in the hospital, he trick-or-treated at the Halloween party, cast a line at the Shriners Kids Fishing Derby, celebrated his birthday and met NBA star Matt Barnes when he was playing for the Sacramento Kings.

By the time Kevin left the hospital,

his family had relocated to Sacramento to be closer to Shriners Hospitals for Children®.

When he started third grade, his mother followed him from the hospital to the school and sat in the classroom until the teachers convinced her Kevin would be fine.

"Kevin is an example of why we work so hard to care for these critically ill children," says David Greenhalgh, M.D., Chief of Burn Surgery at Shriners Hospitals for Children® — Northern California. "They can get through it and do extremely well."

Kevin returns to the hospital regularly for check-ups and surgeries to ensure he retains movement in his arms and other parts of his body that were scarred by the burns.

As a high school athlete, he has shown himself to be fast and flexible. Kevin plays running back on the football team, center on the basketball team and broke a league record for the fastest 100-yard dash in track. Georgetown University and the University of Oregon have expressed interest in him.

"We are delighted to see him do so well," says Dr. Greenhalgh. "He has always had an excellent attitude and that has contributed to a great outcome for him."

— Some information in this story was obtained from an article in the Sacramento Bee.



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February 19, 2010

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To: All Temple Potentates

Enclosed are copies of the fundraising sections of General Order #1. General Order #1 is issued annually by our new Imperial Potentate, immediately upon his taking office in July; however, we realize that temple Potentates do not assume their offices until January. This means that last year's Potentates would have received this vital information and as you are now your temple's new leader it is very important that **you** become familiar with it as well. In fact, all of the leaders of your Shrine clubs and units should read, become familiar with and follow these guidelines whenever raising funds on behalf of Shriners Hospitals for Children or their clubs or units. It is vitally important that the fundraising guidelines be followed **exactly as outlined** in the enclosed documents.

Sincerely and fraternally,
Michael C. Andrews
Executive Vice President
Shriners International

FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES

It is natural to associate the fez with Shriners Hospitals for Children. Because of this, meticulous attention must be given to all fundraising activities, including circuses, to make certain that such activities comply with the law of the land and that a contributor is not led to believe that his money will be used for the Hospitals when all or a portion thereof will be used otherwise. The integrity of our charity and of our fraternity must remain above reproach.

Your specific attention is called to the following fraternal and charitable bylaws:

335.3 USE OF NAME "SHRINERS HOSPITALS FOR CHILDREN." The use of the name "Shriners Hospitals for Children" or reference to the Hospitals in connection with any fundraising activity by a temple or Noble without the written consent of the Imperial Potentate and the chairman of the board of trustees of the Hospitals is prohibited.

503.11 COMMERCIAL USE OF NAME. The use of the name "Shriners Hospitals for Children" or reference to the hospitals in connection with any commercial product or business enterprise is prohibited unless the written consent of the boards of directors and trustees has been first obtained.

Now, therefore, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED

1. Fundraising for Fraternal Purposes:

(a) No Noble (in his capacity as a Shriner), club, unit, organization of Nobles or affiliated or appendant corporations, shall engage in any fundraising activity without the express written consent of the potentate of the temple having jurisdiction thereof.

(b) There can be no representation, express or implied, that the proceeds will be for the benefit of Shriners Hospitals for Children.

(c) The temple potentate shall carefully examine all phases of the advertising, promotion and solicitation to determine that it complies with 355.3 and 503.11 of the fraternal and charitable bylaws.

(d) The temple potentate must approve the terms and provisions of any contract for a fundraising activity after receiving the advice of the temple attorney, and, additionally, as may be required by the temple bylaws/

(e) A copy of the temple potentate's written consent shall be mailed to the Executive Vice President, Imperial Council. Further, such written material pertaining to the fundraising activity, as requested by the *Executive Vice President, Imperial Council*, shall be promptly mailed to him.

2. Fundraising for Charitable Purposes:

(a) No Noble (in his capacity as a Shriner), club, unit, organization of Nobles or affiliated or appendant corporations, shall engage in any charitable fundraising activity other than for Shriners Hospitals for Children. Permission therefor must be first obtained in writing from the temple potentate. The temple potentate must then obtain written permission from the chairmen of the boards of directors and trustees. This request for written permission shall be sent to the *Executive Vice President, Imperial Council, P.O.Box 31356, Tampa, FL 33631-3356*. No charitable fundraising activity shall be held in the jurisdiction of another temple without the written permission of the potentate of that temple.

(1) A joint charitable fundraising activity with another 501(c)(3) charity may be authorized, provided that a minimum of 50% of the net proceeds are for the benefit of Shriners Hospitals for Children, and the chairmen of the boards of directors and trustees determine, on a case by case basis, that it is in the best interest of Shriners Hospitals for Children and they grant their written permission for the activity.

(2) A charitable fundraising activity conducted by a temple located outside of the U.S.A. may be authorized for other charities, provided that the chairmen of the boards of directors and trustees determine, on a case by case basis, that it is in the best interest of Shriners Hospitals for Children and they grant their written permission for the activity.

(b) 100% of net proceeds (as defined in the Charitable Fundraising-Approval And Reporting provisions of this General Order) from charitable fundraising must be given to Shriners Hospitals for Children except for such portion thereof as may be permitted to be retained for the temple Shrine Hospital Patient Transportation Fund, pursuant to the Special Purpose Funds provisions of any General Order. Provided, however, if the chairmen of the boards of directors and trustees determine for good cause shown, that the law of the land requires that a portion of the net proceeds must be distributed locally, then they may, if they determine it to be in the best interest of Shriners Hospitals for Children, grant their written permission for such distribution.

(c) The temple shall report the result of each charitable fundraising activity within sixty days of the activity, pursuant to the *Charitable Fundraising-Approval And Reporting* provisions of any General Order.

(d) This section shall not apply to activities exempt under 335.4(b) of the bylaws of The Imperial Council.

(e) Each independent corporation or entity that receives the permission of the chairmen of the boards of directors and trustees to raise moneys for Shriners Hospitals for Children, and which does not have its financial statements reviewed pursuant to 334.6 & 33.8 of the bylaws of The Imperial Council, shall have its financial statements audited by a certified, chartered or licensed public accountant and shall submit such audit report to The Imperial Council within 120 days of the activity.

3. Statement of Purpose and Disclosure:

(a) Every fundraising activity must contain factual information on its solicitation material, tickets, programs and documents, including all electronically transmitted material, regarding the use of the proceeds.

Examples: "Proceeds are for the benefit of (____) Shriners) (____) shrine club) activities."

"Proceeds are for the benefit of Shriners Hospitals for Children."

(b) Every fundraising activity which is not entirely for the benefit of Shriners Hospitals for Children shall prominently state on all solicitation material, including tickets, programs, documents and electronically transmitted material, that "payments are not deductible as charitable contributions."

(c) There must be compliance with the *Revenue Act of 1987* provision of any general order by U.S. temple.

4. Compliance with Applicable Laws:

It is the responsibility of the temple potentate, after receiving the advice of the temple attorney, to determine that there is compliance with all applicable laws in its jurisdiction for the temple's fundraising activities.

5. Financial Records:

(a) the temple shall maintain detailed financial records pertaining to all fundraising activities involving Nobles, clubs, units, organizations of Nobles and affiliated and appendant corporations. Details of all revenues and expenditures shall be maintained in such financial records.

(b) The temple must retain such detailed financial records for a period of seven (7) years.

(c) There must be compliance with *Financial Reporting on Charitable Funds and Activities* provision of any general order.

6. Notification to Nobility:

A copy of the *Fundraising Activities* provisions of this General Order shall be printed in the temple publication at least once every calendar year. If there is no temple publication, then a copy shall be mailed to each Noble in the temple not later than the last day in march of each calendar year.

7. Discipline:

Any officer, Noble or temple which violates a provision of *Fundraising Activities* is subject to discipline pursuant to the bylaws of The Imperial Council.

Ill. Sir Graham A. Stein, PP

**"COMMITTED TO...
EASING THE PAIN OF EVERY CHILD
LESSENING THE BURDEN
OF EVERY FAMILY..."**



**Shriners Hospitals
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**ELECT GRAHAM A. STEIN
IN 2011**



Graham A. Stein, P.P.

**Candidate for
Board of Trustees
Shriners Hospitals for Children
"The World's Greatest Philanthropy"
at
The 137th Imperial Council Session
of Shriners International
Denver, Colorado
July 3 – 7, 2011**

During the 122nd Imperial Shrine Session, held in Toronto, Canada during the week of July 4-8, 2010, Araba's Ill. Sir Graham A. Stein, P.P. announced that he would be a candidate for The Board of Trustees for The Shriners Hospital for Children. There are 5 candidates for this position, with 3 candidates to be elected. This is a FIRST for Araba Shriners, as no other Noble has ever come before the Imperial Shrine to announce to be a candidate for any elected position. This will be truly an honor For Ill Sir Graham and Araba Shriners should he be elected, and hopefully he will be elected.

Graham was appointed by Imperial Shrine to be the Imperial Director of Donor Relations for South Florida. This is in itself quite an honor. Congratulations to you for this appointment Ill Sir. You are doing a Great job in this capacity and thank you for all you do for the greatest philanthropy in the world, our Shriners Hospitals for Children.

We all wish you the very best in your journey to be elected as Trustee for our Shriners Hospitals.

Yours in the Faith,

Jim Wood

Potentate Araba Shriners



Research in Spinal Cord Injury Improves Assessment and Treatment



A spinal cord injury (SCI) can be devastating. Generally resulting in some degree of paralysis and disruption of the body's voluntary and involuntary actions, the impact and implications of SCI last a lifetime.

Shriners Hospitals for Children® is committed to providing expert orthopaedic and rehabilitative care to its patients with SCI. However, being able to offer the best care is dependent on accurate assessment and diagnosis, which requires being able to determine the exact level and extent of injury.

In pediatric SCI, this has been especially difficult due to the lack of pediatric-based tools; the standard test for assessing SCI was designed for adults. Researchers have found that age 6 may be the youngest age children are developmentally able to understand the instructions, and older children do not react well to some aspects of the test.

To fill the void in pediatric evaluations, researchers at Shriners

Hospitals for Children®, led by MJ Mulcahey, Ph.D., director of rehabilitation services and clinical research at the Philadelphia hospital, established the first assessment guidelines applicable to kids with SCI as young as 3 months old.

Funded by research grants from Shriners Hospitals for Children®, the pediatric version of the International Standards for Neurological Classification of Spinal Cord Injury, known as WeeStep, is an electronic learning module that compliments the established assessment program for adults with SCI. The WeeStep provides evidence-based methods to evaluate and classify the level and implications of SCI in children, based on established childhood developmental guidelines.

These new guidelines will help professionals determine the level and extent of SCI and allow for reasonable predictions or expectations for neurological recovery and for developing the best medical care plan for each patient. The WeeStep is available to medical professionals world-wide via the American Spinal Injury Association Web site.

Another effort to increase understanding of SCI and related problems is the establishment of the Pediatric Research Center, which opened in September 2009 in Philadelphia. The 23,000 square-foot facility, located in the new Temple University Medical School Education and Research Building across the street from Shriners Hospitals for Children® — Philadelphia, will be used primarily for research in neural (nerve) repair and

rehabilitation, including the spinal cord, neuromuscular injury and brain injury. The Center is under the direction of Michael Selzer, M.D., former director of rehabilitation research and development for the Department of Veterans Affairs.

Temple University and Shriners Hospitals for Children® aim to establish a translational research program where basic science developments can benefit children with neuromuscular conditions. Drs. Selzer and Mulcahey have strategically planned to connect basic science to clinical research so that new knowledge will be offered to children receiving care from Shriners Hospitals for Children®.

Currently, the health care system is funding approximately 12 research studies at the three hospitals with SCI programs involving different aspects of SCI, ranging from cell repair to quality of life issues. In addition, researchers at Shriners Hospitals for Children® share their expertise through academic affiliations at noteworthy institutions and by providing opportunities for post-doctoral researchers.

The emphasis on research and education is indicative of Shriners Hospitals for Children®'s total commitment to determining, as well as providing, the best care for children with SCI.

Shriners Hospitals for Children® depends on donations to fund all its programs, including research. For information on ways you can support this effort, please visit www.donate2SHC.org.

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FALL CEREMONIAL



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The Fall Ceremonial's underlying theme has always been about the Introduction of newly created Nobles.

The party in their honor is a party for all of us. The growth of Shrinedom will sustain our efforts to support the greatest Philanthropy, the well being of our Children's Hospitals.

At this party we also have the pleasure to honor an individual who has given much to Araba in years past. The Honoree for the Fall Ceremonial of 2010 is Noble Don "Snoozo" Brown.

It is a pleasure to introduce our new Nobles and their Ladies.

Noble George C. Altemeier and his Lady Deborah

Noble Matthew F. Blaisdell and his Lady Susan

Noble John P. Canty and his Lady Jan

Noble Isidro Lopez and his Lady Mayelin



"Congratulations" Don Brown and our new Nobles and best wishes for the future!



Dear Ladies & Nobles,



I cannot believe how fast this year is going. Now that Fall has arrived with cooler weather we will have more energy to participate.

The Fashion Show Luncheon was really great. Lady Joanne Cox assisted by Lady Gladys Adams did a wonderful job.

Our Election/Install a new Recorder & 1st Ceremonial Lady to fill those vacancies will be held at January 11th meeting. I hope some of you are thinking of going in line. Lady Joanne Cox has volunteered for the Office of Recorder. Lady Gladys Adams volunteered for the Office of 1st Ceremonial Lady. We still need to fill the Office of 2nd Ceremonial Lady. If any of you are interested in any of these Offices, please contact me as soon as possible.

Our Christmas Party was at "The Palms" in Sabal Springs on December 12th and Lady Lorraine Napoli, Princess did a great job for us.

December 14th was the Stated Meeting and Ceremonial, we initiated four new Ladies. We welcome Ladies Ann Holland, Barbara Peet, Jocelyn Sands and Constance Tuttle. We look forward to seeing you at our Events and Meetings.

January 25th there will be a rehearsal for the GHP Visitation at 10 am for everyone involved.

January 28th is the NEW DATE for the PORK CHOP DINNER it had to be changed due to a conflict with an Araba activity.

January 31st GHP Casual Dinner at The Veranda. Please contact Laverne Johnson or me for reservations ASAP.

February 1st GHP Banquet contact me for reservations, please.

February 1st will be the GHP Visitation and Meeting at 1:00pm, Lunch at Noon. The GHP Banquet will also be that evening at 6:00pm at Cape Coral Masonic Lodge.

Abara had 16 members attend the Sunshine Unit Meet at Melbourne FL. A Total of 200 Ladies and 24 Men attended. The High Steppers did a wonderful job as usual, one of the Best. We had a busy time, but fun.

We had a meeting with our Grand High Priestess. She told us about her visits to the many Shrine Hospitals and the placing of the White Fez in all 22 of them. This represents what all the LOSNA members do for the Children.

Lady Ora Sands, High Priestess
Jennie's Bonnie Lassie
239-997-5285



**FEBRUARY COURT MEETING CHANGED TO
FEBRUARY 1, 2011 DUE TO GHP VISITATION.
AT CAPE CORAL MASONIC LODGE.**

**INFO FOR THE PORK CHOP DINNER ON JANUARY 28TH
AT THE CAPE CORAL MASONIC LODGE
CONTACT LADY JUDY VAN INWEGAN, A.P.
AT 239-242-0188 FOR TICKETS.**



Abara Court #80 LOSA
Stated Meetings are the 2nd Tuesday
each month at 1:00pm, Noon Luncheon
at Cape Coral Masonic Lodge
244 Santa Barbara Blvd., Cape Coral

Hi-Steppers Unit meets at 10 am the second
Wednesday of the month at Araba Shrine.

Lady Janice Comfort, PHP, Scribe
239-567-2633
email: janjc248@aol.com

LOTUS SHRINE GUILD

SWISS STEAK DINNER

February 26, 2011

ARABA SHRINE - RED FEZ

Dinner will be served from
5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.
Family and friends are welcome

Price: \$12.00 per person

For tickerts and information,
please contact Ann Holland at 542-4553

Proceeds are for the benefit of the Educational Fund



Tab'Itha Temple No. 135

Daughters of the Nile



WHITE ROSE LUNCHEON and AUCTION

Sunday, February 27, 2011

Araba Shrine Center

Social: 11:30 AM

Luncheon: 12:30 PM

Auction to Follow

Ticket Price \$18.00

(Value of meal is NOT tax-deductible)

To place reservations, please call:

Pr. Royal, Tina L. Wellborn at
239-565-7293

R.S.V.P. by Sunday, February 20, 2011

Proceeds from the Auction will benefit The Convalescent Endowment Fund of the Daughters of



Tab'Itha Temple No. 135

Daughters of the Nile



You are Cordially Invited to a Banquet
In Honor of Her Supreme Majesty

Sue Layman

Supreme Queen of the Supreme Temple
Daughters of the Nile

On the Occasion of her Official visit

Friday, February 11, 2011

Araba Shrine Center

2010 Hanson Street

Fort Myers, Florida

Social: 6:00 PM

Dinner: 7:00 PM

\$23.00 per person

Banquet Reservations are required by February 4, 2011

Make checks payable to:

TAB'ITHA TEMPLE NO. 135

For more information, directions or reservations:



You are cordially invited to attend the

Open Installation of Officers Of

Tab'ltha Temple No. 135 Daughters of the Nile

On

Sunday, the third of April, Two thousand and eleven

At 1:30 p.m. in the afternoon

At the

Cape Masonic Lodge, 244 Santa Barbara Boulevard

Cape Coral, Florida



Georgianna Scantlebury

Patricia Epifanio

Queen

Princess Recorder

Reception to immediately follow at the

Araba Shrine Center, 2010 Hanson Street

Fort Myers, Fl. 33907

R.S.V.P by March 30, 2011 to: Tina L. Wellborn

PAGE LADIES OF ARABA TEMPLE 2011

We have been asked many times who we are.....WELL.....we are most likely the longest known group of ladies supporting the Araba Shrine.

We were established February 1, 1947 while meeting in the Barracks Building at Page Field Airport, thus the name "Page Ladies" comes from Page Field.

We are now 63 years old. We started when Araba was just a baby and meeting there also. All the wives worked hard selling hot dogs and pop corn at all the ball games and fairs held at Terry Park, making enough money to buy all the kitchen utensils for Araba when they started the Temple.

They progressed into a card playing group and have been meeting at Araba Shrine the First Thursday of each month for a lunch meeting and card games.

We have generously donated to the Temple to benefit the Hospital Transportation Fund each year. We meet here in the Parlor each month and would love to have you join us. Our group is much smaller now as the years have taken away many members. You can call Val, Elsie, Grady or Janet. We are small, but determined to stick together.

Val Campbell, President

ARABA SHRINERS INSTALLATION OF 2011 POTENTATE AND DIVAN

ILLUSTRIOUS SIR "JAMES WOOD"

On January 08/2011 the Araba Shriners Temple Family celebrated an annual event, the Installation of a new Potentate and his elected Divan for the year 2011.



Illustrious Sir Graham Stein and Illustrious Sir David Richards officiated during the swearing in ceremony in a most professional and dignified manner.

The outgoing Junior Potentate Illustrious Sir Edwin M. Cotton was honored and thanked for his service to the Temple during the year 2010.

The new Potentate Illustrious Sir James Wood swore in Club Presidents and Unit Leaders to their respective offices.

The special Potentates pin depicting a Klassy Car was unveiled as the previous pin of Sir Edwin Cotton was retired.

The following pages of photos illustrate the exciting festivities of a most memorable evening.

INSTALLATION



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Disability Awareness: Words Matter



It's important to use "people-first language" when referring to, or talking with, people with disabilities – especially children.

Children with disabilities, like all children, will learn or absorb what they are taught and react to the way they are treated. Every staff member at Shriners Hospitals for Children works hard to build confidence and self-esteem in their patients, and to help them discover and pursue their dreams, despite their disabilities. In working with kids toward that goal, it's important to remember how language can affect a positive attitude.

Words to avoid include "crippled" and "handicapped." Instead of using these words, which can be considered negative, experts suggest using "disability" or the actual term involved, such as "cerebral palsy" or "muscular dystrophy."

When speaking about people with disabilities, clear, direct words are most positively accepted. For example, say, "Johnny uses a wheelchair," instead of, "Johnny is wheelchair-bound," or, "Johnny is confined to a wheelchair." Wheelchairs allow mobility from place to place, which is the opposite of confining.

Words and tone-of-voice can clearly indicate values, and using positive, affirmative words can make a big difference. Practice care when using value-laden words like *courageous*, *inspiration*, *pity*, *suffer*, *tragic*, *tragedy*, *afflicted* or *victim*. While *courageous* and *inspirational* may seem positive, being labeled as such can be burdensome to a child.

It is also important to use "people-first language." For example, saying, "Johnny is a *child with a disability*," is preferred over saying, "Johnny is a *disabled child*." People with disabilities sometimes

feel isolated from those without disabilities and left out of activities. People-first language is an attempt to encourage understanding that people with disabilities are people first, and to help alleviate fear and encourage inclusion.

Conversation Starters

Here are some ways to start a conversation with a person who has a disability: Say hello; introduce yourself; comment on the weather. Find something you might share an interest in – television, music, sports, anything. In short, begin the same way you would if there were no disability. Take a deep breath, look past the obvious difference, and find the person.

When you speak to people with disabilities as people, you will find yourself in a conversation with someone who has had different experiences, and the exchange of views could be very enriching for both of you.

If you are interested in finding out more about the person's disability, understand that everyone with a disability reacts to this differently and, like most subjects, there are appropriate and inappropriate ways – and times and places – to ask such questions.

Try using words that reflect acceptance and indicate that a person is not defined by their disability – a message that is especially imperative to convey to children with disabilities.

Words and Phrases to Avoid:

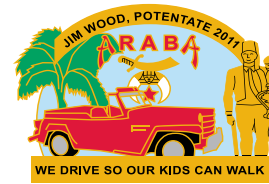
Crippled, handicapped
Confined to a wheelchair
Wheelchair-bound
Suffering from, afflicted with
Victim
Deformed

Instead, Try:

Person with a disability
Person who uses a wheelchair
Has (name of condition)
Survivor



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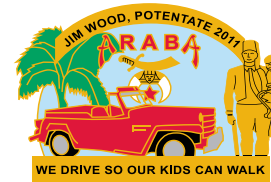


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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 INDIANA GRAND MASTERS VISIT AUDITORIUM	2 BINGO	3 CLUB AND UNIT MEETING 7:00 PM JEEPSTERS SPAGHETTI DINNER 5:30 PM	4 SAHIB POTE'S FRIDAY NIGHT SOCIAL/DINNER (SARASOTA)	5 SAHIB POTE'S BALL (SARASOTA) ALADDIN SHRINE RED FEZ
6 SUPER BOWL CHILI COOK-OFF	7	8 UAW MEETING AUDITORIUM	9 KENTUCKY MASONIC HOME RED FEZ BINGO	10	11  DON SUPREME VISIT CAPE CORAL LODGE DON S.Q. BANQUET CAPE CORAL S.C.	12 NOACK WEDDING RED FEZ DOLL SHOW AUDITORIUM
13 MANDARIN DEGREE	14	15 POTE'S VISIT BONITA S.C.	16 INDIANA SCOTTISH RITE RED FEZ BINGO	17	18 SHRINE HOSPITAL DAYS EGYPT POTE'S FRIDAY NIGHT SOCIAL/DINNER (TAMPA)	19 EDISON PARADE OF LIGHTS - AFTER GLO PARTY EGYPT POTE'S BALL (TAMPA)
20	21 ELECTED DIVAN MTG. 2:00 PM JOINT DIVAN MTG. 4:30 PM DINNER 5:30 PM STATED MTG. 7:00 PM	22	23 BINGO	24	25	26 LA BELLE PARADE 5:00 PM LOTUS GUILD RED FEZ
27 DON WHITE ROSE LUNCHEON AND AUCTION	28					
LEE COUNTY FAIR						



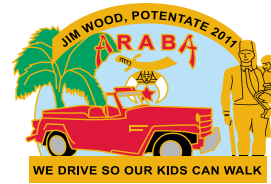
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 BINGO	3 CLUB & UNIT LEADERS MTG. 7:00 PM LOS SPAGHETTI DINNER 5:30 PM	4	5 MUSCLE CLUB PARADE OF CARS NAPLES CAPE CORAL EVENING PARADE
LEE COUNTY FAIR						
6	7	8 UAW MEETING AUDITORIUM	9 BINGO	10	11 T.G.I.F.	12 FORT MYERS BEACH PARADE WOOD - PRIVATE PARTY
LEE COUNTY FAIR ENDS		ORIENTAL GUIDE SEMINAR				
13 TALL CEDARS AT ARABA 3:00 PM SET CLOCKS AHEAD 1 HOUR	14	15 POTE'S VISIT TO NAPLES SHRINE CLUB	16 BINGO	17	18 AZAN POTE'S FRI. NIGHT SOCIAL/DINNER (MELBOURNE)	19 CHARLOTTE COUNTY STEAK FRY AZAN POTE'S BALL (MELBOURNE)
ASSISTANT RABBAN SEMINAR						
20 (RETURN - AZAN) MARINER'S SHRIMP BOIL	21 ELECTED DIVAN MTG. 2:00 PM JOINT DIVAN MTG. 4:30 PM DINNER 5:30 PM STATED MTG. 7:00 PM	22	23 ARABA'S CIRCUS BINGO	24 POTE'S VISIT CHARLOTTE COUNTY S.C.	25 MARZUQ POTE'S FRI. NIGHT SOCIAL/DINNER (TALLAHASSEE)	26 GUN SHOW AUDITORIUM MARZUQ POTE'S BALL (TALLAHASSEE)
27 GUN SHOW AUDITORIUM POKER RUN MOTOR ESCORT	28	29	30 BINGO	31		



April 2011



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 HILLBILLY HOEDOWN
3 DON INSTALLATION CAPE CORAL LODGE	4	5	6 BINGO	7 CLUB & UNIT LEADERS MTG. 7:00 PM HOSPITALITY SPAGHETTI DINNER 5:30 PM	8 HADJI POTE'S BALL FRI. NIGHT SOCIAL/DINNER	9 HADJI SHRINERS POTE'S BALL SCOTTISH RITE SPRING REUNION
10 CRUISE PRESENTATION SCOTTISH RITE SPRING REUNION	11	12	13 POTE'S VISIT CAPE CORAL S.C. BINGO	14	15	16 ARABA SPRING CEREMONIAL
17 PALM SUNDAY	18 ELECTED DIVAN MTG. 2:00 PM JOINT DIVAN MTG. 4:30 PM DINNER 5:30 PM STATED MTG. 7:00 PM PASSOVER BEGINS	19	20 MAUNDY SERVICES AT SCOTTISH RITE BINGO	21	22 GOOD FRIDAY OFFICE CLOSED	23 EASTER WEEKEND
24 EASTER 	25	26	27 BINGO	28 CLUB & UNIT LEADERS MTG. (FOR MAY-FSA) 7:00 PM DIRECTORS STAFF SPAGHETTI DINNER 5:30 PM	29 MOROCCO POTE'S BALL FRI. NIGHT SOCIAL/DINNER (MIAMI)	30 MOROCCO POTE'S BALL (MIAMI)



May 2011



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4 BINGO (HOSPITALITY)	5	6	7
				A M A R A F L O R I D A S H R I N E A S S O C I A T I O N		
8 MOTHERS DAY	9	10 UAW MEETING AUDITORIUM	11 BINGO (MARINERS)	12 NO CLUB AND UNIT MEETING	13 MAHI POTE'S BALL FRI. NIGHT SOCIAL/DINNER (MIAMI)	14 MAHI POTE'S BALL (MIAMI)
15	16 ELECTED DIVAN MTG. 2:00 PM JOINT DIVAN MTG. 4:30 PM DINNER 5:30 PM STATED MTG. 7:00 PM	17	18 BINGO (FLINTSTONES)	19	20 T.G.I.F. KENTUCKY DERBY	21 ARMED FORCES DAY
22 DON - QUEEN'S GOING AWAY LUNCHEON	23	24	25 BINGO (JEEPSTERS)	26 POTE'S VISIT TO PUNTA GORDA MASONIC LODGE #115	27 BAHIA POTE'S BALL FRI. NIGHT SOCIAL/DINNER (ORLANDO)	28 BAHIA POTE'S BALL (ORLANDO)
29	30 GRAND LODGE  MEMORIAL DAY OFFICE CLOSED	31				

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