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ORIENTAL SHRINERS #7 - 1877 — TROY, NY



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Noble:

YOU ARE EXPECTED TO ATTEND THE

ANNUAL MEETING

Installation of Officers

Sat., January 12, 2013 1:00 pm at the **Oriental Shrine Center**

You will need your 2013 Dues Card for admission.

CALLES TO

Notice is hereby given that the Annual Meeting of Oriental Shriners will be held at the Oriental Shrine Center, 75 Water Plant Rd., Lansingburgh (North Troy), on Saturday, January 12, 2013, at which time an-nual reports will be presented, installation of appointed and elected officers for the year and such other business transacted that may properly come before the meeting.

> GEORGE R. MUDD Illustrious Potentate

Attested by: THOMAS NICHOLSON Recorder

Do You Know?

BYRON MOAK, PP. Historian

— Answers to November 2012 Questions —

- 1a.) The third annual Leprechaun Plunge was a festive event where six charities benefitted from the proceeds as nearly 300 enthusiastic plungers jumped into the cold
- b.) On March 11, 2012, the third annual Leprechaun Plunge took place in the Connecticut River with a chilly 38° water. Costumed participants plunged into the icy waters at Brunelle's Marina in South Hadley, Massachusetts, serving as a backdrop.
- c.) The plunge raised more than \$78,200. Equally impressive were the efforts of Team Shriners, which raised \$3,700. The Shriners Hospital for Children received \$35,382 from the annual event.
- 2a.) The annual Howard D. Steel Conference will be chaired by representatives from the three Shriners Hospitals for Children with SCI (Spinal Cord Injuries) program in 2012.
- b.) This conference is the only one in the world entirely dedicated to the care, research and education associated with children with spinal cord injuries.
- c.) The 2012 conference was to be held from Nov. 29-Dec. 1 at the Walt Disney World Swan and Dolphin Resort in Lake Buena Vista, Florida. More than 100 medical professionals from four continents attended in 2009.
- 3a. & b.) The Imperial Session in 2017 will be held in Daytona Beach, Florida for the first time ever. Both the 2016 and 2017 Imperial Sessions will be held in Florida.
- c.) The 2013 Imperial Session will be held in Indianapolis. Indiana.

December 2012 Questions — Answers in next Issue —

- 1. With the 2013 Imperial Session being held in Indianapolis, Indiana . . .
- a.) When was the last time Imperial was held in Indianapolis?
 - b.) What would be the host Shrine Center?
- c.) How many times in the past, since 1872, has Imperial been held in Indianapolis?
- d.) Where did Oriental nobles and ladies stay the last time Imperial was held in Indianapolis?
- e.) Why is the Scottish Rite Cathedral in Indianapolis such an interesting building?
- 2. On January 12, 2013. Oriental will have its Installation of Officer's.
- a.) Who was installed as Potentate 25 years ago, in January 1988?
 - b.) Where was the installation held?

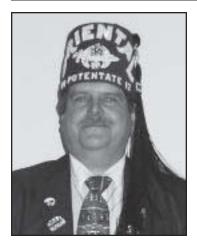
In Memoriam

When Allah calls, then our friends obey, And fold their tents and steal away To the land where the crystal waters flow, Where the beautiful Palms of Allah grow.

Courtland M. Andrew — 12-1-12



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The Potentate's Message



Nobles, Ladies, & Families,

First of all, Lady April, my family and I would like to send Holiday Greetings to all our dear Shrine Friends. May you have a very Merry Christmas and a wonderful New Year. We had a great

time at the Holiday Party and I would like to give special thanks to Sal and his son-in-law David for donating their time and for cooking a wonderful meal.

It's hard to believe that it is already December, as the year has flown by. Lady April and I have been busy traveling, attending meetings and parades. Lady April would have enjoyed being at more events, but with health issues and working, it was not always possible. We have met many wonderful people as we have traveled. Traveling with our counterparts has been such a great experience, knowing they are not just friends, but family as well.

When I started this journey, I stated many things that I wanted to accomplish over the year and I believe that I have achieved most of them. My main goal was membership, doing a cold sands anywhere, anytime and that is just what we did. We just brought in three new Shriners on the 15th of December. In addition, our first reinstated Norco Shrine Club meeting was a success. It's great to again have the Norco Shrine Club up and running, so we are again able to have meetings and socialize with our North Country members.

I would like to congratulate our incoming Potentate-elect John Garhartt and wish him the best for 2013. I hope that you will give to him the respect and support that you have given to me this year. The success of Oriental is critical, and we need to remember that there is no "I" in team. We all need to constantly work together with our Potentate, Divan and other Nobility to have another successful year.

I would like to take a moment to thank Kathy Fink for 10 years of making quilts to benefit the Shrine Hospitals. She has put in many long hours working on her beautiful quilts. Lady April was honored Kathy at our Holiday Party. Again Kathy, thank you, for all you have done for Lady April and myself, and as always, what a beautiful quilt! The winner of the quilt was our very own Miriam Kleinberger, congrats to her.

As my year winds down to an end, I want to say Thank You to those who have supported me. There were some who didn't agree with the way things were done, but the majority did, and I continue to believe that keeping family involved is important to our growth. When I became a Shriner, a gentleman showed me the way to be a good Shriner, Clown and a better person. Even though he could not be here in person to support me, his spirit led me. To my dear friend, mentor and part of my family, Roy Sandberg (Herbie), I would like to say Thank You and I will forever miss you. I would also like to thank all the Ladies, Nobles and families that have supported Lady April and myself this year. It was an honor and a privilege to be your Potentate.

As always, here are some words for thought as I end my year as Potentate. Remember when you ask a Mason to become a Shriner, it's not just the Mason who joins – it is also his Lady and family. So take the time to include them all and invite them to our different gatherings. Remember that new families often would like to be more involved in Shrine activities and not just be left at home or on the sidelines. Without the support from our families, we cannot survive.

And last but not least, my family. My Mom and Dad put me on the right course to become a Shriner. As most of you know, my Dad was a member of Oriental, and I chose to follow in his footsteps. Even though they have passed on, I think of them often and thank them. To my kids, for all you have given up and all the support and help you have given me this year and all the years before, Thank You. And to my Lady April, my wife, my soul mate, my rock, for all you have done for me, standing beside me, I can never say thank you enough – I am truly grateful to you. Thank You and I love you dearly.

Yours in the Faith, Ill. GEORGE R. MUDD, SR., Illustrious Potentate

Norco Shrine Club

ANDY MULLIN, Secretary

Our meeting was held on Saturday, December 15, 2012 at the North Country Club, Keeseville. The meeting was opened with the Shriner's Pledge and an invocation was given by Noble Andy Mullin.

Since this was our first official meeting we started out by welcoming three new Nobles to Oriental and Norco. In attendance were Ill. George Mudd, Sr., Lady April and Lady Faith, Potentate-Elect John Garhartt and Lady Andrea – thank you for making the trip up!

New officers installed were: President Brian DeLacy, Vice President Steve Hansen, Secretary Andy Mullin, Treasurer Clark Forster.

We had about 13 in total in attendance, which is a good start. A discussion was held about new bylaws.

Ill. George spoke about building membership (and actually didn't forget to introduce Lady April). Ill. John spoke about the upcoming Annual Meeting and Installation of Officers to be held on January 12th at 1:00 PM at the Oriental Shrine Center, and also about continuing to build membership.

The Benediction was given by Ill. George

Happy Holidays to all....

Norco Clown Unit

PAUL "Fuddi-Duddy" KLEINBERGER

Northeast Clown Institute Recognizes NORCO Clowns At the completion of the 2012 Institute session, George "Muddpuddle" Mudd and Jeremy "Rags" Cunniff qualified for the Institute's CRAFTSMAN award. The Craftsman is an award that recognizes a clown's achievement in academics, costume & make-up, as well as, performance. The accompanying plaques were presented to George and Jeremy at the Oriental Shriners' annual meeting on December 8 in Troy. Northeast Clown Institute Board Member Paul "Fuddi-Duddy" Kleinberger and Lady April Mudd made the presentations. Clowns and Shriners from around the area responded with thunderous applause. Congratulations to George and Jeremy!

Attention NORCO Clowns. We will conduct a 2013 reorganization meeting on Saturday afternoon, January 12 following the Installation of Officers at the Oriental Shrine Center in Troy. All clowns are requested to attend. We will consider final plans for the Northeast Clown Institute, a Clown A Rama, our appearance at the Saranac Lake Winter Carnival, as well as our annual trek to Montreal to join the Karnak Clowns in the St. Patrick's Day Parade. If you cannot attend this meeting, please advise Ill George Mudd.

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Attention All Nobles, Ladies & Friends

We would be honored with your presence at the Installation of Officers on Saturday, January 12, 2013 at 1:00 at the Oriental Shrine Center in Lansingburgh, NY. This is a public installation followed by a wonderful feast.

Hope to see you there.

Potentate-elect John Garhartt & Lady Andrea

Shriners' Patient Star of Tabs Presentation

The 2012 presentation of aluminum pulltabs from the South Glens Falls Girl Scouts to Oriental Shriners was enhanced by the presence of a patient from the Shriners Hospitals for Children, Philadelphia, PA. The local young lady, Karley Barber, and her mother, Keri Sherman, spoke about some of her experiences at Shriners Hospitals. They also displayed some of her back braces, past and present. This put a face to the efforts of the Girl Scouts.

Five of the older Girl Scouts from the Cadet Troop acted as hosts. They introduced the guests, and the individual troop presentations of the tabs, and presented flowers to Karley.

This was the thirteenth year the Girl Scouts of South Glens Falls presented aluminum pull-tabs from cans to Oriental Shriners. Tabs are collected and large quantities are sold as scrap aluminum as a fundraiser. The funds are used to transport children (van purchase, maintenance and gas) to Shriners Hospitals as well as for direct contributions to the hospitals.

The Shriners Hospitals for Children in Springfield, MA is where children from this area generally go for the treatment of orthopaedic problems. Oriental Shriners also take children to the Montreal, Canada hospital for orthopaedic problems and to the Boston Burns Hospital for the treatment of burns. Costs for the 22 Shriners hospitals for orthopaedic and burns treatments are borne by contributions from Shriners and others; there is no charge to patients or their families.

On May 23 Oriental Shriners Past Potentate and member of Springfield Hospital Board of Governors, L. John Garhartt accepted the tabs from the Girls Scouts at the Moreau Elementary School in South Glens Falls. Approximately 250 pounds of tabs were collected from them this year. The Scouts were alerted to the project many years ago when Girl Scout Leader Mary Antis saw some Shriners removing tabs from discarded soda cans.

If you know of a child who could use the help of Shriners Hospitals, please contact Oriental Shrine Center in Troy, NY at (518) 233-0461 or Shriners Hospitals for Children Information at (800) 237-5055 or visit shrinershospitalsforchildren.org

Contact: Sally Lebowich 692-8062







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Cambridge Area Shrine Club

L. JOHN GARHARTT, PP, Secy.

President Tom Abraham opened the meeting which was held on December 7, 2012, with the invocation by Robert Rabe immediately followed by the Shrine Pledge to the flag. The president then introduced Lady Leslie. Club officers present were introduced: Secretary John Garhartt & Lady Andrea and Treasurer Frank Root & Lady MJ. Shrine officers present were the Assistant Rabban Tim Grogan & Lady Shelly plus the High Priest & Prophet Tom Abraham & Lady Leslie.

A prime rib dinner was then served by the Auxiliary of the American Legion. The staff was thanked for such a fine meal.

Under sickness and distress it was reported that Past Potentate Robert MacMartin had passed. The treasurer's report showed a balance of \$2521.36 and a motion was made, seconded and carried. The secretary's report was accepted as printed in the Oriental News.

The calendar program ends the end of the month and should show a profit. The Stated Meeting will be held tomorrow for the election of officers for 2013 and changes to the bylaws pertaining to update them to Imperial requirements and to eliminate the trustees as they are not required by Imperial Bylaws but the funds would be administered by the finance committee. The annual meeting will be held on January 12th for the receipt of reports. Following the meeting there will be a public installation of officers.

The president reported that the Hartford Lodge will be having a craft fair on March 17th and a quilt will be raffled off with the winner being drawn that day for the benefit of the Hospital Transportation Fund.

The benediction was given by the President.

Saratoga County Shrine Club

HAROLD GOODSELL, Chairman

The November meeting of Saratoga Shrine Club was held at the Saratoga Eagles Club on Monday, November 12th. High Priest and Prophet Tom Abraham gave the Invocation, followed by the Shriners Pledge to the Flag. The meeting came to order by President Gaylord Hawley presiding. He introduced the club officers and their ladies.

Sickness and distress and happiness: P.P. Bob MacMartin is undergoing treatments. Lady Andrea Garhartt underwent hip surgery and is doing quite well. Lady Gerry Goodsell has the shingles. Cards were passed for everyone to sign, prayers and get well wishes to all.

Secretary's report: All received previously, motion made by Jim Flatt and seconded by Red Peek, and carried.

Treasurer's report: Given by P.P. Dan Murray found a balance of \$2,095.43 after disbursements. A motion was made by Harold Goodsell, seconded by Mike LaPointe, all were in favor, and both reports will be placed on file.

Old business: None

New business: P.P. Tom Nicholson reported that he needs forms on file for anyone wishing to drive our hospital van. If anyone wants to drive or accompany the driver, please call Malcolm Ogden. P.P. Tom Nicholson also distributed new Shrine Cards. Lady Shelly Grogen reminded us all about the Cambridge Shrine Club's 2nd Annual Craft Fair, Silent Auction and Basket Party on Saturday, November 17th at the Masonic Lodge. She thanked several ladies that donated baskets. There will be several vendors present as well. Michael LaPointe spoke of organizing a Bass Tournament for next summer.

The President appointed a Nominating Committee for the Slate of Officers for the incoming year; P.P. Howard Waller, P.P. Tom Nicholson and Chief Rabban Dan Murray. Election is scheduled for our December meeting. P.P. Bryon Moak spoke of activities of Troy Shrine Club. Bell Ringers from the Methodist Church will be at the next November 26th meeting.

Winners of the nightly raffle were: P.P. Byron Moak, Ladies Madelyn Waller, Kris LaPointe, Shirley Ellsworth, Doris Flatt and Noble Gaylord Hawley. The raffle collected \$92.

The upcoming dates were mentioned: Cambridge Shrine Club on December 7th, a prime rib dinner will be served, and there will be a "Yankee Swap" gift exchange. On December 8th, there will be the Annual Meeting and Christmas Party at the Lansingburgh Shrine Center. Our next dinner meeting will be on December 10th, we will have a Money Christmas tree for donations to the Hospital Fund, envelopes will be provided. Chef Bob announced that he will serve meatloaf and macaroni and cheese. The kitchen staff was thanked for another great meal provided this evening. High Priest and Prophet, Tom Abraham spoke in the absence of the Potentate, he introduced Lady Leslie and Past Potentates and their Ladies. Those present were: Jim Flatt/Lady Doris, Dan Murray, John Garhartt, Bryon Moak, Howard Waller/Lady Madelyn, Tom Nicholson/Lady Sue Ann, Dick Gibbons/Lady Margaret and Joe Mack. The Divan present were: Chief Rabban Dan Murray, Lady Shelly Grogan, Recorder; Tom Nicholson/Lady Sue Ann and High Priest and Profit; Tom Abraham/Lady Leslie. Tom spoke of the Cold Sands that was held Last Saturday, November 10th, one new Noble was received. He also spoke of the Annual Meeting on December 8th at the Shrine Center, there will be election of officers with installation in

The Benediction was given by Tom Abraham. Many thanks were given to Lady Linda Trasacco for recording the minutes of this meeting.

Drivers Needed!

Our Transportation Chairman Malcolm Ogden is having a problem now and then finding a driver to take a child in our van to the Springfield Hospital. He has a number of drivers at the present time but occasionally it's difficult to get one on a parrticular date. It's a good opportunity to see the hospital if you have never been there. Give Malcolm a call and see if you can help him out. His number is 747-4327.



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Illustrious George R. Mudd & Family

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Lady April Mudd (center) thanks Lady Kathy Fink for her ten years of making quilts for the benefit of Oriental's Hospital, Fund as April and III. George's daughter, Faith, looks on.

ORIENTAL PATROL MEMBERS NEEDED

Oriental Patrol Unit Needs Young New Members
To Wear the Patrol Uniform and
Carry the Shrine Banner and Flags
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Patrol Meets at the Shrine Center on the
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L. JOHN GARHARTT, Chairman

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Glens Falls Shrine Club

WALT CUNNIFF, Secretary

The last meeting of the Glens Falls Shrine Club was held on December 6th at the Holiday Inn in Lake George. The meeting opened at 7:05 p.m. with a prayer by Ill. Bob Rabe, followed by our Shriners Pledge. Club President Truman Cox welcomed all for attending and supporting our club.

Truman introduced his wife, Lady Ann, followed by Vice Pres. Ted VonCzeornig and Lady Martha, Treasurer Al West and Lady Cheryl, Chaplain Bob Rabe and Lady Audrey, and Secretary Walt Cunniff and Lady Claudia.

The club bought poinsettias for the ladies that were with us tonight. This was to thank them for supporting us (the Nobles) with all of our work for the Shriners.

Under sickness and distress: Walt mentioned that Bob MacMartin had passed away and that a card had been sent to Joan by the Secretary's lady on behalf of the club. Truman mentioned that Jim Davidson had been transferred from the hospital to the nursing home in Granville.

The Treasurer's report was read by "dead eye" (Al got an elk while out west hunting) Al West. There was a motion to accept that was seconded and carried. The Secretary's report was read by Walt. A motion was made to accept with a second and it carried.

Under old business: Truman reported that the nominating committee would report at the January 3 meeting and elections and installation would be held at that time. Subsequent to the meeting, a nominating committee of Dick Wilson, chairman, and Al West and Ten VonCzeornig was set up to take care of the nominations. It was noted that the following were willing to hold their respective offices for 2013: Truman—President, Ted—Vice President, Al—Treasurer, and Bob—Chaplain. Walt said that he had been Secretary for a really long time (since 1997 with a short break) and that he really did not want the job again. Truman told everyone to think of a replacement. Al said "good luck with that"!

Also under old business, Walt asked if our donation to the Hospital Fund had been sent or already donated. It had not, so Al cut a check for the \$500 donation and gave it to Walt to be donated at the Cold Sands on December 8th.

Under new business: Tom Abraham mentioned that he had been approached by a lady who was associated with the Hershal/Argyle Lodge. It seems that there is a quilt that has been made and is on raffle. The group wants the proceeds to be donated to the Shriners when it is raffled in March 2013. What a nice gesture! Al West was wondering if it would be appropriate to continue to invite the ladies of our deceased Noble Brothers to our meetings and maybe try to provide them transportation to and from our dinners. All were in favor that it would indeed be MOST appropriate.

Illustrious Bob Rabe received a CD from

Byron Moak for presentation at our meeting. It was about two kids that were and are patients at our Hospitals. A very heart warming presentation that took about 25 minutes. This CD would be a good one to show at most any meeting. As well as our facilities being based on advanced medical techniques, we also would like to be known for our "LOVE TO THE RESCUE."

Our annual Christmas tree had 11 envelopes on it which were donations to the Hospital Fund. The envelopes were turned over to Hospital Fund chairman, John Garhartt.

Truman turned the meeting over to Illustrious George Mudd who said that Lady April did not get out of work in time to get to the dinner/meeting. He introduced: Assistant Rabban Tim Grogan and Lady Shelley, High Priest and Prophet Tom Abraham and Lady Leslie, and Recorder Ill. Tom Nicholson. Past Potentates in attendance were Ill. Robert Rabe and Lady Audrey, Ill. John Garhartt and Lady Andrea, Ill. Tom Nicholson, along with Aides Hank Allen and Lady Marye, Jeremy Cunniff and Lady Heather, Walt Cunniff and Lady Claudia and beverage manager Gaylord Hawley. George stated that his 2012 goal was to make a Shriner anywhere and anytime membership needs to be our goal. Everyone was invited to attend the Cold Sands/Christmas Party on December 8th.

The meeting was closed with a benediction by Chaplain Bob Rabe.

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