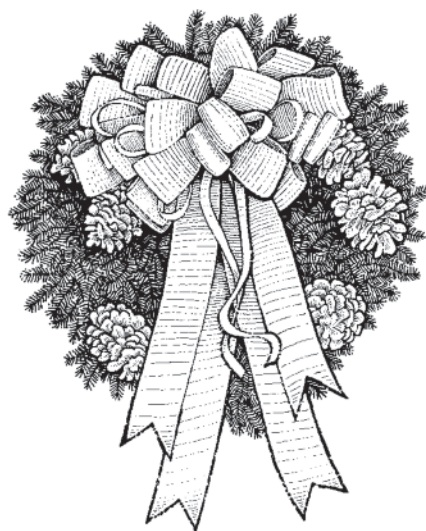


THE *Oriental*

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ORIENTAL SHRINERS #7 - 1877 — TROY, NY

*Season's Greetings
and a
Happy New Year!*



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 To be announced Troy

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Club President Jeff Lindstrand welcomed all to the dinner/meeting held December 1st. Illustrious Sir Past Potentate Bob Rabe gave an invocation to get things started, followed by the Shriners Pledge.

Jeff made introductions starting with his Lady Kate. Officers were V.P. Dan Lambert and Lady Ginnie, Secretary Walt Cuniff and Lady Claudia, and Chaplain Bob Rabe. Our Treasurer Al West is returning from his annual hunting trip in Pennsylvania.

Jeff asked if anyone had notice any errors in the minutes as sent out. There being no corrections, Dan Lambert made the motion to accept the minutes as sent out and Ron Williams seconded and it was carried. Al had sent the treasurer's report with a "Merry Christmas and Happy New Year" to all. Our December 1 balance was \$3424.24. A motion to accept was made by Gaylord and seconded by Dan Lambert and it was carried.

Our nightly raffles were won by: Dan Lambert, Juli Vooy's, Linda Trasacco, Kate Lindstrand, Harold Goodsell, Claudia Cuniff, Ginnie Lambert, Bob Rabe, and Jeff Lindstrand. Thanks to all who brought items.

Under sickness and distress: Jeff reported that Maurice Schwartz, a Past President of the Glens Falls Club, had passed away. It was also noted that our Illustrious Potentate Bob Harris had some "back issues" and had been in the hospital for a week or so. Bob Endee has had cataract surgery and is doing good. Jeff saw Malcolm Ogden at a Mason meeting and he seems to be plodding along okay and said "hello" to all. Dan Lambert had a procedure on his neck. Gaylord's mom has passed away. Walt's sister, Lucy Jude, has passed away. Illustrious Sir Past Potentate Paul Marinello has been in the hospital for a couple of weeks with a "fluid retention" problem. Audrey Rabe is home recovering from Carpal Tunnel surgery.

Under new business: the GFSC received a check from Oriental Shriners in the amount of \$99 for 2016 onion sales.

The nominating committee presented its recommended slate of officers for 2017 as follows: President – Jeff Lindstrand, Vice President – Dan Lambert, Secretary – Walt Cuniff and for Treasurer – Al West.

There were no further nominations from the floor, so a motion to close the nominations and for the Secretary to cast one unanimous ballot was made by Gaylord, seconded by Hank and carried. That ballot was cast and the 2017 officers were duly elected. Past Potentate Bob Rabe was the installing officer and appropriately installed the officers of the GFSC.

Installed by P.P. Bob Rabe were the 2017 officers of the Keystone Kops as follows: President – Dan Lambert, Vice President – Frank Root, Secretary – Frank Root, and Treasurer – Jeff Lindstrand.

Next, Jeff showed a video of what went on at one of the Shriner's Hospitals when it was Christmas. The kids were happy and it gave us another reason to be proud of our fraternity. The next video was to remind us that as Shriners, we have fun at our various conventions. This video/music is by Ray Stevens. Go to this link to listen to it: Shriner's Convention (Ray Stevens) w/lyrics – YouTube.



Our next club meeting will be on January 26, 2017, at the Holiday Inn in Lake George and there will be a presentation from someone from the HOSPICE care givers organization.

Walt mentioned that the next time our club make donations, maybe we could donate to a specific improvement that one of our hospitals might be working on. Jim Vooy's said that there is a "low dosage radiology and imaging" machine being installed at the Boston Hospital. With as many x-rays as the patients are exposed to, these special machines limit the amount of radiation they are exposed to. We could check with our hospital representatives when the time gets nearer.

The meeting was turned over to Chief Rabban Jim Vooy's who made introductions: His Lady Juli, Assistant Rabban Gaylord and Lady Patty, 2nd Ceremonial Master Barry Trasacco and Lady Linda. Barry is also our Circus Chairman. Chief Aide Harold Goodsell and Lady Gerry were also present.

Jim mentioned that Oriental Shriners participated in many parades throughout the year. During the winter months, there will be parades in Lake George and Saranac Lake with many more during the warmer weather too. Everyone will get the opportunity to participate. He thanked the Keystone Kops for their continued dedicated participation in many parades.

Imperial has been made some changes pertaining to parades and Jim said he was turning this information over to Ron Williams, our Protocol officer. One of the changes was that non-Shriners could help the various "musical" unit if they could be recognized as non-Shriners. Other membership facts for Oriental are that the average age is 72 and we have 30 guys that are over 90 years old.

Jim mentioned that every organization must have a mission statement. We have one – FOCUSED – and it is explained as follows:

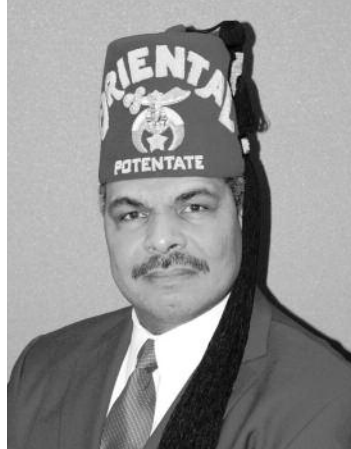
- F** – family
- O** – open communication
- C** – collaboration
- U** – understanding
- S** – safe and seamless
- E** – expertise and education
- D** – driven by research

Jim gave us a few dates to remember: December 10th is our Holiday Party starting at 1 pm at the Shrine Center. January 14, 2017, is the annual installation of officers for 2017. The Saranac Lake Winter Festival parade and the Lake George parade are coming in February 2017 and the dates will be announced. April 8, 2017, is the Potentate's Ball at the Embassy Suites in Saratoga. The Basket Raffle will be held on June 4 at the Ballston Spa Elks Club and the Imperial Session will be in July – it will probably be warm!!!

Bob Rabe gave a benediction and the meeting was adjourned. Have a safe trip home.

**How Do You
 Get A
 New Member?
 ASK
 HIM!**

The Potentate's Message



Dear Nobles and Ladies:

Thank you, everyone, from Lady Jacque and myself for all those who came out to join us in all the Shrine activities this year. I won't talk about our year's start, however, I will be reminded of my time together with my supporters. So, I salute Illustrious Bill Fink, Illustrious Tim Grogan and Illustrious Steve Miner. I want to acknowledge that you provided your time, great skills and knowledge for the benefit of me, my Lady and our Fraternity. We are truly appreciative.

There are many other Illustrious Past Potentates and nobles who also used their time and talent, and each made my days as Potentate easier, and gave Lady Jacque and I a way to enjoy this interesting, once in a lifetime experience. I will always be grateful to those of you for your support, love and kindness.

We attended many Shrine Club events finding wonderful fellowship and fun. Some of these activities included musical entertainment and valuable information. It's "all good" among the Fraternity! I want to remind our Nobility to go out and get a brother or a good friend to bring in to be a part of Shrinedom.

What I learned at the New York-Ontario Shrine Association (NYOSA) meetings, and by talking to others in our Fraternity, that some men and brothers just want to be Shriners. Maybe that is all that they want to do, participate in Shrine activities – that's not a bad thing. And, in these difficult times, where many families are struggling, and time is limited, this is all they can do.

Those that have not been initiated in Freemasonry still have to go through a Lodge and become a Master Mason in order to become a Shriner. However, I am certain that the experience of going through our Blue Lodge degrees will lead them by "the golden rays of truth in our mystic circle." That mystic circle, which unites us fraternally, has created the greatest philanthropy, our Shriners Children's Hospitals. It gives us as Shriners the perfect chance to impart on society what we learned in Blue Lodge, imparting love in the world for a child and a family. What better way to serve mankind and prove our Masonic principles!

A lot has been done this year. The building has been worked on and a lot of rental use of our facility for outside events has been beneficial for Oriental. Thank you Noble Dan Saville and Noble Jeremy Cunniff for all your work at the Temple.

Calling upon all nobles, show you care, make an appearance and join us in our Shrine Clubs and Units. We build our Fraternity through our uniting in fraternal brotherly love, getting together just to have fun and building upon our relationships. Come and see what we can all do together!

Come up with some of your own ideas of what we can do together and then do it. Be the chairman of some activity or the officer of a club or unit and see how much fun you can have and in turn provide. I know there are some happy pranksters in our group that can liven up the place! Come on and make happiness happen. Fun with a purpose is our goal. We have fishing tournaments that create a little friendly challenge. Maybe, for example, we could initiate some sportsmen events with some competitive trap or target venues.

The clocks are now one hour behind. Time limits how we master scheduling. The sun has changed to a lower angle of less light and the colder temperatures of winter are now upon us. I mark my time, and the level is set for us to keep bound together to find a united force, reminding us of what we have gained and what we have lost. By recalling the good things that we have extracted from our

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ATTENTION NOBLES!

IT IS EXPECTED THAT
YOU ATTEND THE

ANNUAL MEETING

AND
Installation of Officers

Sat., January 14, 2017
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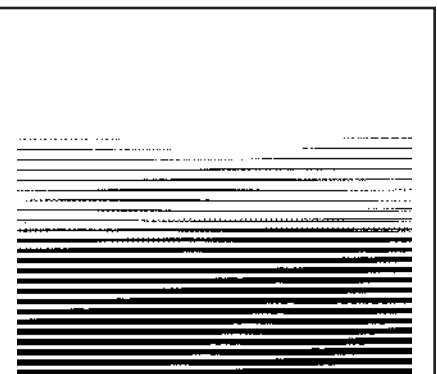
Oriental Shrine Center

You will need your 2017
Dues Card for admission.

Notice is hereby given that the **Annual Meeting of Oriental Shriners** will be held at the Oriental Shrine Center, 75 Water Plant Rd., North Troy, on **Saturday, January 14, 2017**. At this time annual reports will be presented, installation of appointed and elected officers for the year will occur, and other such business will be transacted that may properly come before the meeting.

ROBERT HARRIS
Illustrious Potentate

Attested by:
PP WILLIAM B. FINK, JR.
Recorder



THERE'S NO NOBLE
LIKE AN OLD NOBLE
WHO BRINGS IN
A NEW NOBLE

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Potentate's Message

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experiences of life, we are made joyful in our hearts.

To the Fraternity: **Peace and Goodwill.**

Here are some useful web links:

- Oriental Shriners website:
<http://www.orientalshriners.org>
- * Imperial Info and News:
<https://www.shrinersvillage.com>
- * Easily create your personal account with membership number at WebFez:
<https://webfez.shrinenet.org>
- * Shop at Amazon.com and a donation is made to Shriners Hospital, select the Shriners Hospitals for Children:
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Flags

Shriner's Pledge of Allegiance

"I pledge allegiance to my Flag and to the country for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with Liberty and Justice for all."

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Dues Reminder from the Recorder

The dues statements for 2017 have been mailed out. Please remit your dues as soon as possible. Remember, you must pay your dues in order to participate in Temple events or to hold a Shrine Club office.

Bill Fink

From the Grand Lodge of

Free and Accepted Masons of the State of New York

★ *Message to a friend you know who wants to become a Shriner* ★

To become a Shriner you have to become a Master Mason, which involves becoming a Freemason or Mason.

Becoming a Mason starts with a Conversation. Let's Talk.

We believe men are first made Masons in their hearts, then they ask to join our Fraternity. Freemasonry will take these men – already good men in our community – and help make them better men.

Each man brings something different into the Fraternity – as different as the types of men who become Masons. However, each shares a core of common beliefs & dreams; each brother believes that, even in a small way, by every one of his actions he helps make his world, his community and himself better.

Freemasonry accepts no one for membership unless he comes of his own free will and accord, having already obtained a favorable impression of our Fraternity.

There are few other requirements. You must:

- Be a man age 18 or older (although women and younger people can join related groups),
- Believe in a Supreme Being,
- A belief in the immortality of the soul,
- Live an ethical life, and
- Have a strong interest in the Fraternity with a desire to participate in our charities and activities.

An application fee is also required, followed by a background investigation on all applicants.

If you are interested in finding out more about the Fraternity of Freemasonry, we'd love to speak with you.

Recorder's Corner

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As I started writing my annual report, it occurred to me that you might like a brief summary of the changes that have been made over the past year, so here goes:

First and foremost, we have concentrated on the financial side of the Recorder's activities. It might seem strange that the Recorder has financial responsibilities – why do we have a Treasurer? But a great deal of financial work is done by the Recorder such as keeping track of dues and other income, approving expenses so that the Treasurer has backup data to support the drafts he writes, etc. It is in this area that we have worked the hardest.

When I came into office, there was a significant lack of financial controls. The first step we took was to institute a voucher system, both for expenditures and income. We also instituted a policy of giving written receipts for all cash payments, so that there was a paper trail for cash as well as the checks written and deposits made.

I have worked with the treasurer and our auditor to fine tune these systems, and they seem to be working well.

We also changed our accounting system to an on-line version of QuickBooks. It provides the transparency that should be present in any organization – the Nobility has a right to know what is going on from a financial point of view! Every member of the Elected Divan

has real time access to our financial records. They can now see what is going on, print reports for their own use and start to plan for the year when they will assume the role of Potentate. It also allows the Treasurer (and me) to work outside of the Shrine Office when necessary.

We have also worked on changing the "chart of accounts" to agree with the system recommended by Imperial. Once this is finalized it will enable us to quickly prepare the reports required by Imperial and have a more organized system for tracking our income and expenses.

The next step, will be to require two signatures on all checks. This is required by Imperial, but we have been using only one signature for as long as anyone can remember. Again, this is necessary to provide adequate financial controls.

It may seem strange that I am so concerned about financial controls – aren't we all Masons? Well, as a Permanent Member of Grand Lodge, I receive many communications about Masonic Trials, etc. It would amaze you how many cases occur each year where the charges involve financial impropriety! It is a sad note on our beloved fraternity, but these things do happen.

The final step will be to develop a series of "standard operating procedures" for routine activities so that things get done in accordance with generally acceptable accounting principles. This will save a great deal of time for our Auditor (and your Recorder!)

It is my intent to complete this process over the next year, so that my successor will have a well-designed system in place that will work well into the future.

In closing, let me wish you a Happy New Year! I hope the Holiday Season was blessed and full of cheer. Remember the Annual Meeting on January 14th which includes the Installation of our new Potentate and his Divan. Of course, there will be a great party to follow!

Do You Know?

BYRON MOAK, PP, Historian

— Answers to November Questions —

1.) In order to aid international development for Shriners International, workbooks have been written in English, Spanish, German, French-Canadian and Portuguese.

2.) Shriners International has some challenges in developing worldwide. Some of these challenges are: Communication, Protocol, Grand Lodge Recognition, the Servicing of new Shrine Clubs, Hospital Issues, and Temple Training.

3.) Since 2007, as active international Shrine Clubs went from 33 to 71, a gain of 38, more than 6000 new Shriners were created.

4.) In the past year, besides football and golf, other sports that saw charitable events to raise money for the Shriners Hospitals for Children were of baseball, basketball, clay shooting, fishing and hockey.

Questions for December

— Answers in next Issue —

1 a.) Twenty years ago, in 1996, who was the Potentate of Oriental Shriners?

b.) What was the name of the Potentate's Lady?

c.) At the Cold Sands and Christmas Party on December 14, 1996, who was elected Potentate?

d.) What was the new Potentate's Lady's name?

e.) Why was 1997 considered to be an important year in Shrinedom?

f.) What U.S. city was to be the host for the 123rd Imperial Session in 1997?

2.) In the late 1990s, why was it important for Shriners and their ladies to save Campbell's food labels?

3.) The Potentate's Ball will be held at the new Embassy Hotel and Suites in Saratoga Springs on April 8, 2017. Where was the Potentate's Ball held on April 12, 1997?

Attention . . .

All Nobles, Ladies and Friends

We would be honored with your presence at the Installation of Officers on Saturday, January 14, 2017 at 1:00 at the Oriental Shrine Center in Lansingburgh, NY.

This is a public ceremony with a party following.

Hope to see you there.

Potentate-elect James Vooy's and Lady Juli

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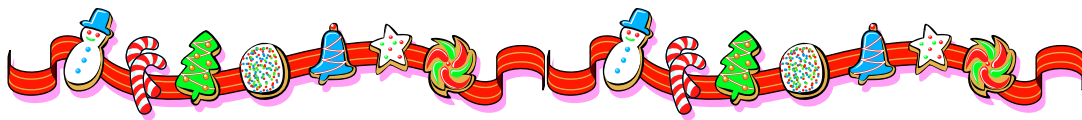
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Illustrious Robert Harris
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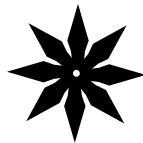
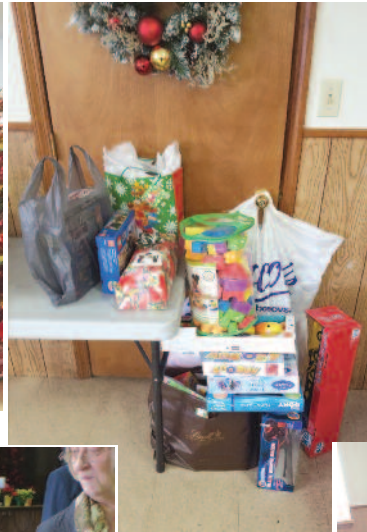
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 Barry and Linda Trasacco
 John and Andrea Garhartt
 Jeremy and Heather Cunniff
 Frank Finch
 Thomas Abraham and Lady Leslie

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❄ Oriental Shriners 2016 Holiday Party ❄



Saratoga County Shrine Club

HAROLD GOODSSELL, Secretary

The November meeting of Saratoga Shrine Club was held at the Saratoga Embassy Suites on Monday, November 14th, 2016. P.P. Robert Rabe gave the invocation, followed by the Shriners Pledge to the Flag. The meeting came to order with Noble Harold Goodsell, in the absence of President Noble Russ Lehr. He introduced the club officers and their ladies.

Secretary's report: was received by all. A motion was made by P.P. John Garhartt to accept the report, seconded by P.P. Dick Gibbons; all were in favor.

Treasurer's report: was given by P.P. Dan Murray, which found a balance of \$1,989.23 after expenses. A motion was made by P.P. Bill Fink and seconded by P.P. Tom Abraham to accept; all were in favor. Both reports will be placed on file.

Sickness, distress and happiness and old business: none reported.

New Business: The nightly raffle realized \$75.00. The winners were: Ladies Juli Vooyo, Carol Slocum, Shelly Grogan, Andrea Garhartt, Jacque Harris, Linda Trasacco, Maria Addis and P.P. Dan Murray. Raffles are needed for the next meeting, which will be on December 12th with RSVP and menu choices due to Dan Murray by December 7th. Meal choices are as follows: appetizers will be a choice of garden salad or vegetable soup, entrée choices are grilled chicken florentine with tomatoes, spinach & feta cream or roasted NY strip steak with mushroom sauce or tortellini primavera with grilled mixed vegetables and basil pesto broth. All meals come with rolls and butter, coffee or tea and caramel cheesecake for dessert.

Our next meeting will be our Christmas meeting, with a Christmas Tree to add our envelopes for the Children's Hospitals.

Illustrious Robert Harris was introduced, who introduced Lady Jacque, Chief Rabban Jim Vooyo/Lady Juli, Recorder P.P. Bill Fink,

Treasurer Dan Rhodes/Lady Maria, Circus Chairman Barry Trasacco/Lady Linda, and Chief Aide Harold Goodsell/Lady Gerry. Past Potentates present were: Bill Fink, Robert Rabe/Lady Audrey, Howard Waller/Lady Madeline, Dan Murray, Dick Gibbons and Tom Abraham and Ladies Carol Slocum and Lady Sally Lebowich.

Illustrious Robert spoke of the improvements being made to our Lansingburgh Shrine Center. He spoke of the upcoming Stated Meeting and Election of Officers and Holiday/Christmas Party at the Shrine Center on December 10th with festivities beginning at noon. There will be snacks and beverages provided and a catered dinner after the elections. The Potentate asked P.P. Tom Abraham to talk about a Shriner's Hospital patient who is now 16 years of age, who was at NYSOA that spoke of her experiences at one of our Shrine Hospitals. She has now raised a substantial amount of money to give back to the Shrine Hospital for all that was done for her.

With no other business on hand the meeting was closed with the benediction by P.P. Robert Rabe.

The December meeting of Saratoga Shrine Club was held at the Saratoga Embassy Suites on Monday, the 12th. P.P. Byron Moak gave the invocation, followed by the Shriners Pledge to the flag. The meeting came to order with President Russ Lehr presiding. He introduced the club officers and their ladies.

Secretary's report: was received by all, a motion made by P.P. Tom Abraham, to accept the report, seconded by P.P. Howard Waller, all were in favor.

Treasurer's report: was given by P.P. Dan Murray, which found a balance of \$2773.57 after expenses. A motion was made P.P. Byron Moak and seconded by P.P. Howard Waller to accept, all were in favor, both reports will be placed on file.

Sickness, distress and happiness: it was good to see that our Potentate was able to walk with the aid of a brace. P.P. Paul Marinello was receiving dialysis treatments

and is being transferred to a rehabilitation center near Tampa, Florida. Christmas and "thinking of you" cards were passed and signed by all and will be sent to P.P. Paul Marinello, P.P. Dick Wilson, P.P. Lew Slocum, Noble Malcolm Ogden and Noble Red Peek.

New Business: President Russ appointed a Nominating Committee for the election of the club officers; Nobles Dan Rhodes, Harold Goodsell and Russ Lehr. Voting and installation will take place at our January 2017 meeting. The night's raffle realized \$65.00. The winners were; Ladies Juli Vooyo, Linda Trasacco, Gerry Goodsell, Leslie Abraham, Madeline Waller and Claudia Cuniff, Noble Frank Finch and P.P. Dan Murray. Christmas envelopes of donations to go to the Shriner's Hospital were collected and turned over to the Recorder, P.P. Bill Fink. Our next dinner/meeting will be on January 9, 2017 at the Embassy Suites Hotel. Reservations are due to P.P. Dan Murray by January 4th. The cost is \$23.00 per person. Dinner selections will be a choice of a house salad or New England clam chowder along with entrée options of pot roast with mushroom gravy, grilled chicken breast with tomato apricot chutney or papardelle pasta with grilled mixed vegetables in a tomato cream sauce.

The Potentate, Ill. Robert Harris, was then introduced, who in turn introduced Lady Jacque, Chief Rabban Jim Vooyo/Lady Juli, Recorder P.P. Bill Fink, Treasurer Noble Dan Rhodes/Lady Maria, Circus Chairman Noble Barry Trasacco/Lady Linda, and Chief Aide Noble Harold Goodsell/Lady Gerry.

Past Potentates that were present were; Dan Murray, Howard Waller/Lady Madeline, Byron Moak, Bill Fink, Dick Gibbons/Lady Margaret along with Trustee Frank Finch, and Lady Sally Lebowich. Ill. Robert thanked everyone for the great year and experience in Shrinedom that he and Lady Jacque had. He spoke of the Installation of Officers to be held at the Shrine Center on January 14th, and wished everyone a Happy Holiday.

With no other business on hand the meeting was closed with the benediction by P.P. Byron Moak.

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