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ORIENTAL SHRINERS #7 - 1877 — TROY, NY



Oriental and Media Shriners march in Saranac Winter Carnival Parade.

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Our New Potentate
THOMAS ABRAHAM
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Many past Potentates of Oriental have been asked to write their biography for publication in the Oriental News. When I was asked to write mine, I realized I had never written one nor had I taken the time to reflect on who I am and how I got to be me. So, now the opportunity presents itself to do just that.

I am a product of my family environment. I was part of the first generation born in this country, and I was the youngest of six children (though I never had the opportunity to know two of my siblings who died in infancy).

I lived my entire life in New York, being born in Geneva in 1950, and raised in Waterloo where my parents owned and operated a small grocery store, gas station, and motel. They ran their business seven days a week, 14 hours every day. Their determined work ethic was a constant demonstration of a solid commitment to improving life as this country of opportunity affords. My parents' explanation of their labor was specific and to the point: They worked hard so they could provide for their children the educational opportunities they never had. Like most parents, they wanted their children to have better lives.

Being the youngest (or the baby of the family), did not mean I escaped working in the store for my parents. I stocked shelves, waited on customers (yep, I made and counted back change without the register telling me how much was owed) and worked the full-service gas pumps on a regular basis. As I recall correctly, working in the store as a youngster certainly helped my baseball card collection!

When I graduated from Waterloo High School in 1968, there never was a question of where I was headed. The expectation of going to college was drummed into me for years. There were challenging footsteps to follow with my older brother being a doctor and my sister who was a teacher and had a Master's Degree in education. So, off to college I went; Thiel College in Pennsylvania was the first stop followed by a transfer to SUNY Brockport in 1970.

Along the way and prior to finishing college, I met a young lady named Leslie and before I finished my junior year, we were married and my life took a significant turn. I took a part-time job in the local hospital while maintaining a full-time course load at college. Prior to the end of my senior year, our first son, Tom Jr., was born in 1972. Now more than ever I had to finish my college degree, get a job, and support my new family.

I received my Bachelor's and Master's Degrees and went on to earn a Certificate of Advanced Study from SUNY Brockport. And, yes, along the way, Michael, son number two, was born in 1974.

I felt quite fortunate when given the opportunity to work at the same school from which I graduated. During my 11½ years at Waterloo as a high school history teacher, I also coached lacrosse and football, and received a Coach of the Year award and received Teacher of the Year award twice.

While I enjoyed teaching very much, I wanted the challenge of having a greater impact on the educational system. In 1986, I began my administrative career. I worked the next 28 years in educational administration, making my way up the career ladder first as a high school assistant principal, then a high

A Shriner and Oriental Temple Are Recognized

On February 12th, Noble Richard Harrington and Oriental Temple were recognized for a generous donation to the Shriners Hospital for Children in Springfield. This donation was from Noble Richard Harrington's estate via the Oriental Shrine Temple. The dedication ceremony was held at the Springfield hospital.

At the age of 12, Richard was in attendance with his father at the February 1925 dedication of the Springfield Hospital. With a prophetic statement, his father told him that someday if Richard had money, he should remember the Shrine Children's Hospital.

Noble Harrington passed away at the age of 93; his estate fulfilled his father's wish. He generously bequeathed over a million dollars to the Springfield Hospital on behalf of Oriental Temple. Both Noble Richard and his father were members of the Oriental Temple.

Illustrious P.P. John Garhartt also presented the hospital with a check for \$1500 from Oriental Temple.

Representing Oriental Temple were: Illustrious Potentate Thomas Abraham and Lady Leslie; Illustrious P.P. Thomas Nicholson and Lady SueAnn; Illustrious P.P. Richard Gibbons, executor of the Harrington estate and who spoke at the ceremony; Illustrious P.P. Dan Murray; Illustrious P.P. John Garhartt and Lady Andrea; and Chief Rabban Noble Robert Harris and Lady Jacque.



Representatives from Oriental at plaque unveiling.

school principal, and finally as a school superintendent, which I served the last 20 of my 40 years in education. I retired in 2013.

I believe that it is with the insistence and assistance from my parents and the encouragement from my wife, Leslie, that I attribute my educational and career success. I am very glad that I had the opportunity to thank my mother for all her efforts to insure I had a college education. Without pause she looked at me and said, "Do the same for your children."

With that in mind, Leslie and I have instilled the value of education and have provided that same opportunity to our sons. In an odd twist, the day Leslie received her master's degree, our son Mike looked at her and said, "Mom, you have been going to school all my life." Both Tom and Mike have gone on and earned their own master's degrees, have maintained successful careers, and have contributed to society by being good, productive citizens. We are very proud of them.

So, who am I? I am my parents' youngest son, a husband of 44 years, a father of two fine sons, and since 2006, I am a Shriner. I am a blessed man.

**Shriners Hospitals
Helping Over
1 Million
Children!**

THE POTENTATE'S MESSAGE



Nobles and Ladies,

The mission of the Shriners Children's Hospitals is to provide the highest quality care to children and help them overcome life-threatening injuries and life-affecting physical disabilities. Because we support the hospitals, this is our mission as well. This is our cause, the cause you believed in when you became a Shriner. To go forth in our support of this mission, our collective efforts must meet the challenges that face us.

At this year's installation, I spoke of two challenges facing our Temple – membership and fundraising. Membership is absolutely critical to the survival of all organizations and without the necessary fundraising, we cease to exist as a temple which, in turn, affects the hospitals we support and the children we serve.

Membership is critical for Oriental. The membership issue has to be viewed two ways. Primarily, how can we bring in new members? Additionally, how can we keep the members we have?

Each of you belong to a Masonic Lodge and most of these lodges have experienced some growth over the last few years. Surely there are individuals in your lodge that would make good Shriners. Have you approached them about the Shrine and the work we do? If not, why not? Sell the good work we do; sell the work you have done. Spark their interest and encourage questions. Make them aware of our collective mission and the cause in which you believe.

Members are dropping out. Membership in Oriental has decreased from just over 1400 to approximately 340. The most current membership information indicates we have 13 nobles who are at risk of being dropped because they are behind on dues for two years. Of these 13 nobles, seven were installed since 2009. As an organization, we need to determine why these individuals have walked away from the Shrine and our hospitals. I will be writing to each of these nobles to encourage them to come back and/or determine why they left and have chosen not to participate.

At this time, there are 36 nobles who have yet to pay this year's dues. I believe these nobles intend to meet their annual monetary obligation; understandably, it is the nature of some of us to procrastinate. I direct my encouragement to all to stay in good standing and demonstrate your commitment to the temple and other nobles by paying your dues as soon as possible.

The second challenge that we face is fundraising. The temple has bills to pay and functions to run and much of the moneys come from the several fundraisers, large and small, that are needed. Yes, it is recognized that we all are asked to buy raffle tickets on a regular basis and most of us yield and support the effort. Keep in mind that opening your wallet or purse does have its side benefits.

For instance, this year's Super Bowl Party resulted in a good time, good food, and good fellowship. The Super Bowl pool paid for the bus to Saranac Lake; hence enabling a number of us to wear our fez, march in the parade, and in doing so, put Shriners in yet another good public showing. Other side benefits? Consuming Lady Gerry's famous Bloody Mary's and Mimosas and chowing on Lady SueAnn & Ill. Tom's deliciously prepared lunches and Lady Andrea's cookies!

We have a number of fundraisers coming up in the near future for which your generous backing will be called upon again. During March and April we will be doing the onion sales. Noble Ray Kappas, chairman, has taken the responsibility of coordinating the sales within the clubs. Last year, we sold 4,300 pounds of onions. Let's try to meet – make that *beat* – that amount this year! How can you help? By buying and selling!

On June 7th, we will be having the second annual Basket Raffle. At this event, the drawing for the "fresh water pearls and white crystal bead necklace" will take place. Those raffle tickets will continue to be sold until then. Last year, we had over 80 baskets to raffle, and that happened because of your support for this cause. Meet or beat? We

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Cambridge Area Shrine Club

L. JOHN GARHARTT, Secretary

President Tom Abraham opened the January 9th meeting and welcomed everyone. The invocation was given by Ill. Tim Grogan and then the Shrine Pledge to the Flag was given.

Under sickness and distress it was reported that Truman Cox's wife passed away. Dan Lambert has had an echo cardiograph; Gary Burch has two hot spots reappear of cancer; Barry Trasacco is receiving cancer treatments and Frank Root is looking good after having teeth pulled.

The treasurer reported a balance of \$1080 in the club's account and secretary report was accepted as emailed to everyone.

The officers for 2015 were installed by Potentate-elect Tom Abraham. Tom reported that the installation of temple officers will take place tomorrow at the Shrine Center. Upcoming events are a Super Bowl party that will take place at the Shrine Center on February 1st and the Saranac Lake parade will be on February 14th with the bus making stops in Wilton Mall by Dick's Sporting Goods, Queensbury Masonic Hall and McDonald's in Warrensburg.

President Tom then introduced Lady Leslie. The Potentate's Ball will take place on March 28 in Saratoga Springs. A motion was made for the club to purchase two squares on the Supe Bowl raffle. On February 12th at the Springfield Shriners Hospital, a donation by one of our past Shrine members will be honored. The donation was for \$1.8 million dollars and everyone was urged to attend.

Everyone then thanked the staff at the American Legion for a fine meal. The raffle winners were: MJ Root, Charlie Wilson, Paul Ross, Tim Grogan, Leslie Abraham and Andrea Garhartt. The president thanked everyone for the support that he received for the years that he was president of the club.

Ill. Tim Grogan was introduced and he introduced Lady Shelly. He reported that he had a lot of fun as Potentate for the last year. He wished Tom and Leslie good luck and wishes for his year as Potentate.

The benediction was given by Ill. Tim Grogan.

MANY THANKS!

Oriental Shriners received the following donations in the month January.

Donations to the Temple

Noble Raymond Trudeau
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Noble Craig Stephenson

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Hospital Transportation Fund

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** In Memoriam **



III. CHARLES S. PEDERSEN
 Potentate 1980

Charles S. Pedersen, 89, of Lindsay St., Amsterdam, passed away Sunday, January 18, 2015, at the E.L. Wilkinson Residential Health Care Facility following a brief illness.

Born in Brooklyn, NY on July 19, 1925, a son of the late Carl and Thalette Pedersen. He was a World War II veteran serving in the U.S. Navy. Mr. Pedersen was a graduate of Pace College School of Marketing, Advertising and Selling in New York City in 1948. Charlie began his career with the Bigelow Sanford Carpet Co. in Thompsonville, CT and later transferred to Bigelow Sanford in Amsterdam. Following their departure in 1955, he began a long career with Fiberglass Industries and retired as Executive Vice President of FGI.

He was President of Advanced Textiles, Inc. and was a consultant to FRP Services & Co., a textile firm in White Plains. He was very involved in the community and was a member of the Amsterdam Lodge # 84 Free & Accepted Masons. Charlie was also a member of the Oriental Shriners in Troy, and was elected Potentate in 1980. He was a member of Board of Governors of Shriners Hospitals for Children, Springfield, MA Unit. He was a Board Member (Emeritus) of the Montgomery County Office for Aging and was on the Executive Counsel.

He served on the Board of Directors of Amsterdam Savings Bank and its successor, Mohawk Community Bank. He served on the Board of Trustees of Amsterdam Memorial Hospital for many years, holding various offices. He was on the Board of Industries for Amsterdam and was a 32nd degree Mason F&AM #84.

Charlie was a dedicated member of St. Luke's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Amsterdam for over 50 years. He was President of the Church Council and served in various other leadership roles. He enjoyed the outdoors, skiing and boating. He married the love of his life, Betty Johansen Pedersen, on April 6, 1947. She passed away on December 27, 2009. Survivors include a sister, June Gordon, of Rockaway, NJ.

Funeral services were held on Thursday, January 22, 2015 at St. Luke's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Amsterdam. Full military honors were held following the service at the church.

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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The Potentate's Message

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know we can – with your committed support.

The fall will be the time of our Sportsman's Raffle. If each current member bought one ticket and sold at least four more, the temple would gross \$34,000. Last year, 830 tickets were sold, which generated \$16,600 gross. Wendell Beadnell sold 50% of that number – now there's a challenge for us all! You can do it . . . we can do it!

The challenges we face are not insurmountable. We will meet these challenges for the children who depend on us and because we are Shriners and because we still believe in the cause.

Yours in the Faith,
 THOMAS W. ABRAHAM
 Illustrious Potentate

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Have You Ever Sponsored A Candidate?
New Members Are Vital to Shrinedom's Very Existence!

Saratoga County Shrine Club
 HAROLD GOODSSELL, Secretary

The January meeting of Saratoga Shrine Club was held at the Saratoga Holiday Inn on Monday, the 12th. Assistant Rabban Gaylord Hawley gave the invocation, followed by the Shriners Pledge to the Flag. The meeting came to order with President Mike LaPointe presiding. He introduced his Lady Kristen, the club officers and their ladies.

Sickness and Distress and Happiness: Noble Truman Cox is in mourning over the passing of his wife. Noble Barry Trasacco will be undergoing treatment for prostate cancer.

Secretary's report: Was received by all. A motion was made by Noble Walt Cunniff to accept the report, seconded by P.P. Byron Moak; all were in favor.

Treasurer's report: Was given by P.P. Dan Murray, which found a balance of \$2,174.27, after expenses. A motion was given by P.P. Byron Moak and seconded by Noble Russ Lehr to accept the report; all were in favor. Both reports will be placed on file.

Old Business: None

New Business: Ill. Thomas Abraham installed the club officers: President Russ Lehr, Vice President Mike LaPointe, Secretary Harold Goodsell and Treasurer P.P. Dan Murray. The newly installed president continued on with the meeting, by introducing his Lady Annelore. He introduced Noble Frank Fitch, who in turn presented our speaker for the evening: Rich Curry, an Elder Care expert. He said he was very familiar with the work of Shriners Hospitals as his niece was a previous patient who received excellent care. He continued on about all of the options of care for a senior loved one. He gave very informative information.

The nightly raffle winners were: Ladies Annelore Lehr, Patty Harrison, Claudia Cunniff, Maria Addiss, Leslie Abraham and Madeline Waller. The Holiday Inn wait staff was introduced and presented the menu for our next meeting on February 9th. The menu will be chicken dijon, pot roast with mushroom gravy and pasta primavera with vegetables in a red pepper pesto. Each meal will be served with garlic mashed potatoes, chef's vegetable, salad, rolls, desert and a beverage. Reservations are due by February 4th to Dan Murray at 885-4358 or dmurray13@nycap.rr.com.

The president introduced Ill. Tom Abraham, who in turn introduced Lady Leslie. Ill. Tom thanked Rich Curry for the lovely presentation of elder care. He reflected on his past installation, by thanking Lady Leslie and all the ladies for all of their help, and to the Past Potentates for all of their words of advice. He introduced his Chief Rabban Noble Robert Harris/Lady Jacque, Assistant Rabban Gaylord Hawley/Lady Patty, Treasurer Dan Rhodes, Personal Aide Noble Walt Cunniff/Lady Claudia, Chief Aide Noble Harold Goodsell/Lady Gerry.

Illustrious Tom made announcements of several upcoming events: The Super Bowl Party on February 1st at the Shrine Center, The Lake George Parade on February 7th and the Saranac Parade on February 14th for which there will be a bus available. He spoke of Noble Richard Harrington, a 90-year-old Shriner who donated 1.8 million dollars. He thanked P.P. Dick Gibbons for the information. P.P. Byron Moak was asked to speak about membership. P.P. Dick Gibbons was asked to speak; he made a special presentation to our new Potentate.

The benediction was given by Assistant Rabban Noble Gaylord Hawley.

2015 DUES OF \$7.00 ARE DUE!



Shriners Hospitals for Children™

The Highlights of Springfield's Accomplishments in 2014

by Richard Fulkerson, Director of Finance

Since June of the 2014 it has been my great honor and privilege to serve as interim administrator. As that time draws to a close, I am proud to say *service to patients and families has remained strong and unwavering*. Shriners Hospitals for Children-Springfield has many accomplishments to celebrate and a bright future ahead and you make that possible.

There have been many notable accomplishments over the past year. The list is extensive and I could not hope to include everything here. But below are a few highlights, in no particular order.

Our Springfield Shriners Hospitals for Children:

- ◆ **Is one of four Shriners hospitals with the highest mean outpatient satisfaction scores** compared with other Shriners hospitals.
- ◆ **Developed the new "BFit" program** using principles of power training to improve functional outcomes for children and adolescents with motor impairments.
- ◆ **Has a collaborative research affiliation with the kinesiology program at the University of Massachusetts.**
- ◆ **Authored three abstracts** accepted for podium presentation at Portland, OR, meeting of Gait and Clinical Movement Analysis Society.
- ◆ **Participated with Lexington and Northern California hospitals on study** examining the long term success of adults with cerebral palsy treated at SHC as children.
- ◆ **Successfully hired both a new hospital administrator, and a new director of patient care services.**
- ◆ **Conducted an employee engagement survey with 88% response rate.**
- ◆ **Achieved an 82% clean claims rate** (best in SHC system).
- ◆ **Experienced claim denial totals among lowest in system** – only hospital in system with zero local issue denials for past two months.
- ◆ **Awarded the prestigious President's Award from the Association of Fundraising Professionals (AFP).**
- ◆ **Received significant philanthropic support** – Leprechaun Plunge Event (March) raised **\$83,000, 46% increase**; Walk for Love (Sept), 600 walkers raised **\$28,000**; Radiothon (Oct) raised **\$133,000, 40% increase**.

Of course the greatest accomplishment and greatest reward is helping the **patients we serve – some 16,000 in 2014**. It is powerful to see those children smiling, walking for the first time, running, riding a bike, and to see and hear the relief and hope in the voice or face of a worried parent or family member.

As we move into 2015 and our 90th year as an organization I see a bright and shining future ahead. Thank you for your dedication and caring. You make a difference in a child's life. There is no more noble a calling.

STATEMENT

Recorder's Office

◆ **ORIENTAL SHRINE HOSPITAL FUND** ◆

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Super Bowl Party



On February 1st, the second annual Oriental Temple Super Bowl Party was held. With almost 30 attendees, a good time was had by all.

It was a good football game with the teams jostling for the title right down to the last minute. Jim Vooys went home happy as his Patriots staged a final comeback and won the game!

No one went away hungry as there was plenty of pre-game snacks and good Sunday football game food. Thanks certainly go out to all who brought a dish and special thanks to Lady SueAnn,

Lady Dorothy, and Lady Andrea for their good work in the kitchen.

And, of course, congratulations to the pool winners: Noble Mike Blaine for the first quarter score of \$100; Noble Paul Kleinberger and Lady Miriam for second and third quarter scores for a total of \$200; and to Illustrious P.P. Joe Ottati for the final score numbers worth \$700. Better luck next year!

This could not have been a success without all of those who took a chance and bought a square~~appreciation and many thanks are extended to you for your supporting the cause!



Oriental & Media Shriners at Saranac Winter Carnival



Do You Know?

BYRON MOAK, PP, Historian

— Answers to January Questions —

1a.) Oriental Shriners first attended the Saranac Lake Winter Carnival and Parade on February 12, 1983.

b.) Oriental nobles and ladies had a tasty meal on February 14, 2004, after the Saranac Parade at Whiteface Masonic Lodge.

c.) Before the Saranac Lake Parade on February 14, 2004, the bus driver got a parking ticket(s) from a Saranac police officer as the Shriners sat on the bus across from Whiteface Lodge. When the nobles were being brought up to the location in the parade, Ill. Potentate Stephen Flatt has the bus stopped and called to Noble Thomas Glover of Media Shriners and Justice of the Peace, to come on board. After listening to the bus driver's story and after convincing the bus driver that he had now seen the judge, Noble Glover quashed the tickets. He said that we want to encourage people to attend the event, not to discourage them.

d.) On February 11, 2006, at Latham Farms, as we were boarding the Upstate bus to attend the Saranac Winter Carnival and Parade, some of our members got on another Upstate bus that was at Latham Farms, which was headed for a casino. Not knowing anyone on board, they realized the mistake, got off the bus and boarded the right bus. Since the mimosas were brought on the bus in Saratoga, we can't blame them but the mimosas flowed freely on up to Saranac.

2a.) The picture is of Ill. H. Lewis Waterbury, who was Potentate of Oriental in 1904.

b.) Annual dues at Oriental in 1904 were \$2.00.

c.) Membership in Oriental was \$25.00 along with petition.

d.) The Imperial Potentate from 1903-04 was Ill. George H. Green from Dallas, Texas.

3) According to the Winter edition of the Shriners Magazine, 2014-15, Noble Floyd V. Creekmore, of Billings, Montana, was the Shrine's oldest clown. He passed away at age 98 in September, 2014. A member of Al Bedoo Shriners, known as "Creeky the Clown," he was recognized in the Guinness Book of World Records as the World's Oldest Performing Clown and was named Clown of the Year by the International Shrine Clown Association (ISCA).



*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.*

Frank H. Alessandrini — 1-3-15
Ill. Charles S. Pedersen — 1-18-15

Who's Who in Oriental Shrine – 2015

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4) According to the Winter edition of the Shriners Magazine, 2014-15, Shriners International has its own YouTube channel named Shriners TV. You can visit at youtube.com/Shriners TV.

Feb.-March Questions

— Answers in next Issue —

1) This July 5-9, 2015, Imperial Session will be held for the first time in Houston, Texas.

- a.) What Shrine Center will be the host?
- b.) When was this Shrine Center chartered?
- c.) What is this Shrine Center's charter number?
- d.) What is the derivation of this Shrine Center's name?

2) What is the Shrine campaign of "Cut the Bull"?

3a.) Can you name this Potentate in the photo from 50 years ago, 1965?

- b.) Who was his predecessor as Potentate of Oriental Shriners?
- c.) What was the name of the Potentate's lady in 1965?
- d.) Who was the Recorder of Oriental in 1965?
- e.) Where was the Imperial Session held in 1965?
- f.) Where were the ceremonials held in 1965?



Vidalia Onions Time

Ray Kappes
CHAIRMAN

Our Potentate, Tom Abraham, has asked me to again be the Onion Chairman for 2015 so I figured that I would send out the early warning for this event. The Potentate has targeted the period of March 15 - April 15 as the sale period. The farm will ship on or about May 15, 2015.

The cost will remain the same as last year at \$6.00 for 5 pounds and \$12.00 for 10 pounds of these fantastic onions.

Remember that this is the first major fund raiser for this year and can bring in a lot of funds to the clubs, units and temple.

Keep your eyes open for future emails concerning this event.

RAY KAPPES - 2015 Onion Chairman

Northeast Clown Institute



**Annual Clown
Training
Program Held
January 16-18**

From January 16-18, 2015, the twenty-sixth annual Northeast Clown Institute was held under the auspices of the Aleppo Shriners of Boston. The institute took place at the Radisson Hotel in Plymouth, MA.

The institute opened on a presentation by an administrator of the Boston Shriners for Children who demonstrated the work and research done for children who have suffered burns. It was at the Boston Shriners Hospital for Children that artificial skin was first developed back in the 1970s.

The Boston Shriners Hospital has about 8500 visits per year. For over 44 years, patients have come from over 80 countries. The hospital tries to treat the entire family. Some patients get their education here.

In a 2014 Harris Poll, Shriners Hospitals had the fourth highest recognition among various hospitals with St. Jude's being number one.

The estimated 200 participants were involved in numerous seminars that were based on whether you were a first or fifth or more year student at the institute.

Some of the seminars based on experience were: First year – Basic Tramp or Auguste Makeup; second year – Introduction to Competition and Poses; third year – Kid Shows; fourth year – Character Development and fifth year – Judging class Makeup, costumes and Skits.

Some of the participants at the institute even visited the Boston Shriners Hospital for Children.

There were numerous vendors on hand who had clown supplies, clown costumes, posters,

various funny pins, magic tricks and cards that can be handed out at parades, circuses, etc.

At the end of the institute on Sunday, a Sneaker Fund was collected for Shriners burns research that was presented to the President of the International Shriners Clown Association (ISCA). Some Shrine centers presented checks.

An auction was also held for various items that were donated by the directors of the institute, vendors or participants of the weekend. About \$2000 was realized – that also went for burns research.

Awards were presented after the auction for those who had participated in the competition on Saturday in the categories of White Face, Auguste, Character and Hobo. Participants received a certificate and pin authenticating their participation. A participant receiving 26 or more points is considered a Craftsman Clown; 52 points, a Master Clown.

Next year's 27th Northeast Clown Institute will be held at the Radisson Hotel in Plymouth on January 15-17, 2016. It is planned that there will not only be a visit made to the Boston Shriners Hospital for Children, but also, a visit to the Massachusetts Grand Lodge.

Byron Moak, PP ("Blue Berry")

And from Paul ("Fuddi-Duddy") Kleinberger

Two hundred ten participants from New England, New York, Canada, Pennsylvania, and as far away as Anchorage, Alaska, joined Blue Berry and Fuddi-Duddy at the Radisson in Plymouth, MA, on January 16th for the 2015 edition of the Northeast Clown Institute. Forty-six participants have been clowning around for less than a year. Several clowns were recognized for their educational achievements and attaining institute milestones. Others were recognized for their competition success.

The Sneaker Fund auction raised over \$2000 and the ISCA President, Bob Bassett, was on hand to receive Sneaker Fund donations from Shrine Clown units from all over Canada and New England. Those donations were kicked off by a \$5000 donation from the board of the institute. It doesn't get much better than that!

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