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**Saranac Lake Winter Carnival
 Saturday, February 11, 2012**

Oriental Shriners have been attending the annual Winter Carnival for many years. If you have never attended you should definitely plan on it this year. Dress warm – cold weather is possible.

We charter a bus for those who don't want to drive. As usual, coffee, donuts, eye openers and lunch are served on the bus. Dinner will be held at the Warrensburg Masonic Temple on the way south. The cost for the day including dinner will be \$35. If you are driving and wish to stop for dinner the cost will be \$15.

The pickup schedule will be:

7:15 am — Latham Farms near Hannaford

7:45 am — Wilton Mall near Dick's

8:15 am — Queensbury Lodge

8:45 am — Warrensburg Lodge

Call Frank Burek for reservations at (518) 270-0068.



Transportation Unit

DAVE MARTINOWICH, Chairman

Norco Clown Unit

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The Transportation report for the period of October 14 through December 30th, 2011:

Van # 6 made seven trips to the Springfield Hospital.

Expenses: 101 gallons of gas for \$353.51.

Van traveled 2,109 miles – current mileage is 64,310.

Drivers were John Garhartt, Tim Grogan, Roger Caldwell, Truman Cox, Edward Peek, Howard Waller and Dave Martinovich.

Kids Helping Kids



Students from Big Cross Street Elementary in Glens Falls have been saving and gathering aluminum beverage can tabs for a recycling program to benefit Shriners Hospital for Children and the Oriental Shrine Hospital Fund. The money raised supports two vans used to transport patients and their parents to Montreal, Springfield, MA or Boston Burns Unit.

Pictured with a group of the school's students are Mr. Desourdy and PP Robert Rabe, emeritus member of the Board of Governors of Shriners Hospitals for Children.

The NORCO Clowns Recognize Two of Their Own! The NORCO Clowns, who are now working on their 41st anniversary, have honored Nobles Byron Moak and Winnie Norcross. Byron received the Roy "Herbie" Sandberg Memorial Humor Award. Winnie received a dedicated service award. The Humor Award was initiated by the Oriental Shriners to honor the memory of Roy "Herbie" Sandberg. "Herbie" was a NORCO clown who had, during his clowning career, been recognized at all levels within the performing art of clowning for his ability to generate laughter and spread the joy of clowning everywhere he went. It's fitting that Byron Moak receive the award because he has garnered a similar reputation during the past few years. Winnie is a NORCO member who has been a sparkplug in the NORCO Clowns, the NORCO Shrine Club and the Oriental Shriners for many years. Recognizing him and his service is a fitting tribute to his many efforts.

"MuddPuddle" Installed As Potentate. Noble George Mudd Sr., of Peru, known in the local clown community as "MuddPuddle the Clown," was installed as Potentate of Oriental Shriners on January 14th. An award winning clown and past president of the NORCO Clowns, George will serve as the leader of the Oriental Shriners for 2012. A very entertaining Shrine Clown, George is also a member of Red Nose Response, Clowns of America International and serves as an International Ambassador. "MuddPuddle" is often seen in local parades and performs at community events and fundraisers throughout the "north country." He is also an award winning participant in the Northeast Clown Institute. When not clowning around, George is a father, a grandfather, an active Mason and is a driver for Adirondack Energy Services.

Wear Your Shrine Pin Always!

NEW MEMBERS NEEDED!



The Potentate's Message



Nobles, Ladies, & Families,

WOW!!! What a dream come true to be your Potentate of Oriental. To sit on the corner of Clinton & Church Sts., Keeseville, as a child watching the Shriners in the parade, the different units go by, Patrol, Clowns, Keystone Cops, at that time I thought it would be cool to be one of them. And then to know that my parents (Irving E. & Lady Amy) were part of the Shrine family, made it definitely cooler.

So I started out by joining DeMolay in 1979. In 1994 I became a Master Mason; 1997 I continued on with the Scottish Rite and in the fall of the year Lady April and I became part of the Shrine family at the time Ill. Craig Cashman & Lady Martha were Potentate and First Lady. Not only was Lady April and myself welcome but our family was welcomed in with open arms. That weekend is when I decided I wanted to become a clown. Nobles Roy Sandberg and Alex Richards, PP, gave me the clowning facts and away I went with it. Then in one conversation with Ken Standard, PP, my words were I would love to be Potentate, but my dad said that it was too hard to become a Potentate. Ken's word "Anyone can be a Potentate, you will not regret it." And today I stand here Potentate of Oriental Shrine.

I would like to thank everyone for joining Lady April and myself at our Installation. It was a wonderful day for all. Special thanks go to Ill. Dick Wilson, PP, for being our Installing Officer, also all the help from Ill. John Garhartt, PP, Noble Ron Williams, and all nobles and ladies for all their help in lending a hand to help Lady April and myself.

The main focus this year will be on Membership – as we all know we have been declining in that area – I have made a goal to receive into Oriental 35 to 50 new members. We will be striving on making Oriental more family orientated. We need the young people, they are our future, family and all.

John Edward's is our Membership Chairman for this year, so go ahead and ask, it can never hurt us, only help us.

Our big fundraiser of the year is our Calendars, they seem to be selling pretty good and they are only \$20. If you need any see Tom Abraham (518) 642-9404. And as in the years past our lovely Kathy Fink has made us a beautiful quilt – tickets are only \$5.00 so go ahead and grab a bunch. We will definitely have more fundraising through the year.

Our first big function of the year is the Saranac Lake Parade on February 11th, there will be a bus for those who like to ride and always beverages and snacks. Dinner will be at the Warrensburg Lodge as in years past. It is \$35 for the meal and trip. Please join us and dress warm, it will be a fun day for all. Contact Frank Burek (518) 270-0068 or fpburek@hotmail.com.

The Potentate's Ball will be March 31st at the Holiday Inn, Plattsburgh. Any questions see Walt Cunniff and Lady Claudia or contact them at (518) 648-5543 or wcunn48@aol.com. They will be conducting this event.

And then our Imperial Session will be in Charlotte, NC, a very amazing city. We hope you will come join us. Jeremy Cunniff and Lady Heather will be our Housing Chairman. You can contact them at (518) 480-3212 or jclimbhigh@aol.com.

A very special thank you goes to my family who has given up alot to support this goal of mine, Without Lady April and my children by my side I would not be here today, Thank you.

Fraternally yours,
GEORGE R. MUDD SR., Illustrious Potentate

Do You Know?

BYRON MOAK, PP, Historian

— Answers to December 2011 Questions —

1a.) Fifty years ago, on December 9, 1961 at a Ceremonial, the holiday season was enjoyed by 221 nobles of Oriental at the Masonic Temple in Troy. They enjoyed homemade clam chowder, hot dogs and hamburgers at noon. A smorgasbord supper was given which was followed with our Oriental Brass Band led by Director Emeritus Prof. Noble George H. Sister. Then a New York City entertainment concluded the evening.

b.) The Potentate of Oriental in 1961 was Ill. Eli Robinson and his lady, Chris.

c.) At the Ceremonial on December 9, 1961 eleven new nobles were created.

d.) More than half of the new nobles were from Plattsburgh.

2a.) Twenty-five years ago on December 6, 1986, the holiday season was enjoyed by Oriental at a Christmas Hospital Ball at the Glens Falls Country Club. Choices at the dinner were prime rib of beef or filet of sole stuffed with crabmeat. A Shrine Hospital Christmas tree was provided for cards and donations.

b.) The Potentate of Oriental in 1986 was Ill. Raymond E. Bailey and his lady, Linda.

c.) Oriental had in 1986 a gift wrap fundraiser. Oriental's members and families were encouraged to wrap all Christmas gifts with newspapers, then use colorful stamps on the packages. The stamps were purchased from Oriental and the money raised went to the Oriental Temple Hospital Fund.

January 2012 Questions

— Answers in next Issue —

1. This New Year's Eve, Oriental Potentate Thomas Nicholson and his lady, SueAnn are planning a New Year's Eve celebration at Lake George. According to Noble Gilbert Sharp in the December 1961 issue of the Oriental News, how did Shriners of Oriental celebrate New Year's Eve in the old days at the Griswold Theater and Masonic Temple in Troy?

2a.) At its peak, about how many members did Oriental have in its Brass Band?

b.) What was the charter year for Oriental's Brass Band?

3a.) Ten years ago, January 19, 2012, who was installed as Potentate of Oriental and who was his lady?

b.) Where was the reception held after the installation?

c.) Who provided music at this event?

d.) What was the Potentate's theme or slogan in 2002?

Correction to the December 2011 issue:

First Lady SueAnn would like to thank Lady Dorothy Allen for showing us how to make our wreaths. She would also like to thank Dorothy for her help this year for all of the 2011 events.

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Ill. Tom Nicholson's Farewell Message

Dear Ladies and Nobles:

First Lady SueAnn and I would like to thank you for the opportunity to serve as 2011 Potentate and First Lady. We have thoroughly enjoyed the year, and appreciate everyone's participation.

We tried "something old, something new" for 2011 and encouraged all Shriners and ladies to *Share the Fun*.

In our looking for the solution to membership, we did try some new things. The Fall Ceremonial was moved to Ticonderoga and held in the Lodge rooms. We ensured that we had quality entertainment for the Ceremonial Feast, and we dispensed with the sit-down Saturday lunch in favor of having an informal lunch in the Hospitality room. We still need each Noble to seek out Master Masons who would enjoy the Shrine. Encourage them to submit a petition and have him and his Lady *Share the Fun!*

We looked for new solutions to fundraising this year. The Divan retired the calendar in favor of alternate fundraisers. We tried a gun raffle, a lawn tractor raffle, and a snow blower raffle this year. All of the raffles made money, with the gun raffle being especially profitable. The circus also was a success, showing a 15% improvement over the previous year. At the end of the year we asked for donations with the dues notices. This simple request brought in nearly \$8000. We are also now registered with *Ambit Energy*. Electricity and natural gas utility users in New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Illinois, and Texas can register with *Ambit* through the Oriental Shriners website. Oriental Shriners will receive \$2 per month from *Ambit* for each utility customer registered. If you have not yet registered, do so today!

In other achievements this year, we contracted with PGI Networks to host and maintain our website, and populated the site with current information regarding Oriental Shriners. We also installed wireless internet service in the Recorder's office and have permanent email addresses for the Potentate, Recorder, Treasurer and the office. Internet service makes communication with Imperial and our members much more efficient and green.

We tried something old for two of our major events: the Potentate's Ball in Saratoga Springs and the Imperial Session in Denver, Colorado. Both were well attended and enjoyed by all who participated. If you attended these events, you enjoyed dinner at the historic Canfield Casino in Saratoga Springs, and a western experience at Denver's oldest restaurant, the Buckhorn Exchange, as well as being in the company of fun-loving Shriners and ladies in two very historic cities.

Also in the category of "old," I had the honor of presiding over the election of Illustrious Dan Murray to Recorder Emeritus. Dan, with the able assistance of Rocky, has run a "tight ship" as Recorder for many years. His shoes will be big ones to fill.

In between these events, we attended virtually every Shrine Club meeting and Potentate's Ball. Each Ball was memorable, including the Masquerade Ball at Mecca Shriners where we shared the experience of a late-October power

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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outage with millions of others in the New York City area. At the last Ball of the year, Kalurah Shrine, Lady SueAnn and I were introduced with the observation that we have travelled about NYOSA for several years as we progressed up the line. Traveling to Shrine Clubs and other Temples is much more enjoyable when you develop relationships with other Shriners and ladies over the years.

None of this would have been possible without the hard work of many. First of all, Lady SueAnn did a wonderful job observing, planning, counseling, traveling, and executing for many years. Personal Aide Noble Walt Cunniff and Lady Claudia did fantastic jobs as chairmen of the Potentate's Ball, the gun raffle, and housing for the Imperial Session. Our Circus Chairman Noble Barry Trasacco and Lady Linda continue to improve the Circus as evidenced by the increased profits this year.

I'd also like to cite High Priest and Prophet Noble Tim Grogan and Lady Shelly for attending as many Shrine Club meetings as they did this year. Lady Shelly also led the Cambridge Area Shrine Club ladies in holding a craft fair, raising \$800 for Oriental Shriners. Thank you, Shelly!

Finally, thank you to every Shriner and lady who attended Shrine Club meetings, paid their dues, sold onions and raffle tickets, or submitted a petition for a new Shriner. Best wishes for the 2012 Divan and future Divans. Thank you for being there with us to *Share the Fun!*

Yours in the Faith,
 Tom Nicholson, Potentate 2011
 SueAnn Nicholson, First Lady 2011

Glens Falls Shrine Club

WALT CUNNIFF, Secretary

The last meeting of our club was January 5 at the Holiday Inn. President Ken Williams was presiding. The meeting opened with the Shriner Pledge and an invocation by Bob Rabe.

The Club officers were introduced: Lady Ernestine, 2nd Vice Truman Cox and Lady Ann, 1st Vice Ted Voncoernig, and Lady Martha, Treasurer Al West and Lady Cheryl, and Secretary Walt Cuniff and Lady Claudia.

One thing about a Shriner dinner/meeting is that it is always unpredictable and interesting. As dinner started, Bob Rabe wanted to pass out some weed for all present to try: seems that he had some roasted Korean seaweed snacks. It was actually pretty good!

Under Sickness and Distress:

1) Gaylord said that Noble Howdy Waldron was not feeling really great but that he was still "kicking - just not so high anymore!"

2) Lady Billie Marinello has passed away and there will be a memorial service sometime on Long Island and another in the Glens Falls area.

3) Mason/Shriner Ed Woodward passed away in the nursing home in Pennsylvania where he was staying with his wife Myra.

4) Noble Charlie Stewart spent four days in the hospital and is back home now.

Appropriate cards were passed to sign and will be sent.

Raffle: Ken Williams put on a happy smile and sold the tickets tonight. Winners were: Marye Allen, Dan Lambert, Roger Caldwell, Ernestine Williams, Sue Nicholson, and Dick Wilson were the nightly winners. Raffle proceeds totaled \$100.00.

The minutes of our previous meeting were approved as sent.

The Treasurer's report for both the month of

December and the 2011 annual report were read and approved as read. If anyone is interested, Al has the reports on file.

Calendars: Walt mentioned that the calendar program is back. If anyone wants some to sell please contact Tom Abraham, the chairman of the program this year.

President Ken Williams expressed thanks to Claudia for providing our get well and sympathy cards and also thanked Bob Rabe, Ron Williams and Walt Cuniff for stepping up to the plate and being a big help to him.

Ken presented a check for tabs in the amount of \$61.50 and a donation of \$50 from Charles C. Hicks. The club also received a check from the Keystone Kops \$330 which is part of their "take" from onion sales. We received a check from Oriental Shriners for \$41.50 for onion sales that were credited directly to the GFSC. Also collected was \$21 in 2012 dues. All of this will be in the next Treasurer's report.

The meeting was turned over to Ill. Tom Nicholson for the installation of the Glens Falls Shrine Club 2012 officers and the Keystone Kop 2012 officers. GFSC: President Truman Cox, 1st Vice Ted Voncoernig, Treasurer Al West, Secretary Walt Cuniff. Keystone Kops: President Henry Allen, Vice President George Green, Recording Secretary Dave Martinovich, Treasurer/Corresponding Secretary Ron Williams. All the officers were properly sworn in and then were prompted to give their support to the ladies in their lives also!

After taking our seats, Ill. Tom asked President Truman Cox to say a few words. Truman kept it short and just said that as he looked around the room he saw a lot of Shriners and Masons who had a whole lot more experience than he did and we all could expect to be called on for our combined expertise.

Ill. Tom took the meeting back and introduced Lady Sueanne, Chief Rabban George Mudd and Lady April, High Priest and Prophet Tim Grogan and Lady Shelley, Treasurer Dick Wilson, PP Bob Rabe and Lady Audrey, PP Bob MacMartin and Lady Joan, PP

Dick Wilson, Aide Hank Allen and Lady Marye, Aide Jeremy Cuniff and Lady Heather, Aide and beverage manager Gaylord Hawley, and Personal Aide Walt Cuniff and Lady Claudia.

Tom noted that this would be his and Sue's last meeting at the Glens Falls Club as Potentate and First Lady. He thanked her for all she did in the past year and also thanked Walt and Claudia for everything they had done and helped with the past year. He noted that Tim and Shelley had been to many club meetings and that they were great "traveling companions." He thanked Barry Trassaco and Lady Linda for the great job they did on the circus. The annual meeting will be Jan. 14th and all are invited but do not forget: you must have your 2012 dues card to get into the meeting. Dues will NOT be accepted on that Saturday so please get your money in.

Membership is important as is Fundraising.

With your dues notice you got a note asking for a donation to the Shrine Center. We received around \$8000.

Ambient Energy is a way for you to donate to the Shrine Center just by paying your electric and gas bills. Go to our website or call Gaylord for more information.

Illustrious Dick Wilson said he knew that protocol dictated that no one spoke after the Potentate was done with his part of the meeting, but he had a tradition to carry out that had been started in 1988 by Percy Thompson. Sooooo we sang "We Don't Give A Damn for the Potentate - Hurray for the Chief Rabban!"

The meeting was closed with a benediction by Bob Rabe.

100 MILLION DOLLAR CLUB

In Memory of JOHN F. LAWLER, JR.
By Keystone Kops

In acknowledgment of
JOHN STARK AND FAMILY
by Harold & Geri Goodsell



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.*

Joseph M. Maselli — 9-30-11

Roy F. Schroeder, Jr. — 11-24-11

Gale W. Lees — 12-30-11

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Please note that Past Potentate 2002 Paul Marinello's wife "Billie" passed away on January 2, 2012.

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L. JOHN GARHARTT, Chairman

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# Oriental Shriners Potentate's Ball

In honor of

## Illustrious George R. Mudd, Sr. & Lady April

**L U A U - BEACH PARTY  
FRIDAY, MARCH 30th**



*LET'S LIMBO TO THE MUSIC OF RAPHEL*

*COME DRESSED HAWAIIAN  
GRASS SKIRTS, COCONUT BRA'S*

*WHAT'S A BEACH PARTY WITHOUT A  
BARBEQUE (DINNER INCLUDED)  
DINNER, DRINKS, AND GREAT COMPANY.*

*THERE WILL BE SOME RAFFLES*

*SO COME JOIN YOUR FELLOW NOBLE'S  
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| Baked Salmon                     | _____      | \$40.00               | _____        |
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**Cambridge Area Shrine Club**  
L. JOHN GARHARTT, PP, Secy.

January 6, 2012 — President Tom Abraham opened the meeting and the Shrine pledge was given by all. The High Priest & Prophet gave the invocation. The President then introduced the officers of the club. The auxiliary of the American Legion served a ham and scalloped potato dinner with all the fixings. The club raffle was held and the winners were Andrea Garhartt, MJ Root, Tom Abraham, Sylvia Wilson and Dorothy Allen.

Under sickness and distress it was reported the passing of Billie Marinello, the wife of Past Potentate Paul Marinello (card will be sent). It was also reported that the daughter of Andrea & John Garhartt is doing better due to her cancer returning.

The Secretary's report was accepted as printed in the Oriental News. The Treasurer reported a balance of \$1800.36.

Under good news it was Tim & Shelly Grogan's anniversary. Under new business a motion was made for the club to purchase five calendars which was carried. The Chief Rabban, Potentate-elect, invited everyone to the installation on January 14th at the Shrine center. He urged everyone to concentrate on getting new members for the coming year. The raffles to be held this year will be the calendars and a gun raffle at this time. He announced the dates for the Potentate's Ball, Spring Ceremonial and Fall Ceremonial. The Imperial Session in Charlotte, NC, will be July 1st to the 5th. The annual bus trip to Saranac Lake Winter Carnival on February 11 and all were urged to attend as it is a great trip. The President thanked Ill. Tom Nicholson for the good year that he had.

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Illustrious Tom Nicholson was then introduced and he immediately introduced Sue Anne. Temple officers present were: Chief Rabban George Mudd, High Priest & Prophet Tim Grogan & Lady Shelly, Oriental Guide Tom Abraham & Lady Leslie. Also introduced were Lady Sally Lebowich, PP John Garhartt & Lady Andrea. Temple Aides were Merrell Allen & Lady Dorothy and Frank Root & Lady MJ.

The Potentate thanked everyone for their support for his year and also announced the Annual Meeting on January 14th. He also spoke on membership and the fund raising for the year and also spoke on the Ambit Energy program.

The benediction was given by the High Priest & Prophet.

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## Saratoga County Shrine Club

HAROLD GOODSSELL, Chairman

The December meeting of Saratoga Shrine Club was held at the Saratoga Eagles Club on Monday, December 12, 2011. Noble Tim Grogan gave the Invocation, followed by the Shriner's Pledge to the Flag. The meeting came to order by President Craig DeVoe presiding; he introduced his Lady Donna, the club officers and their ladies.

**Sickness and Distress:** Lady SueAnn Nicholson is recuperating from Carpal Tunnel surgery; a card was passed around to be sent to the first Lady of Oriental Shrine

**Secretary's Report:** Was received by all. Noble Gaylord Hawley made a motion to accept the report, it was seconded by P.P. Bill Fink, all were in favor.

**Treasurer's Report:** Given by P.P. Dan Murray found a balance of \$1,846.43 on hand. A motion was made by P.P. Byron Moak, seconded by Noble Red Peek, to accept, all were in favor, the motion was carried. Both reports will be placed on file

**Old Business:** P.P. John Garhartt of the nominating committee presented the nominations for the slate of officers for the ensuing year: Nobles Gaylord Hawley, President, Craig DeVoe, Vice-President, Harold Goodsell, Secretary and P.P. Dan Murray, Treasurer. P.P. Byron Moak made a motion to accept the nominations, seconded by P.P. Bill Fink, all

were in favor. P.P. John Garhartt cast one unanimous ballot. Installation will be at our January meeting.

**New Business:** Noble Tim Grogan announced that the Cambridge Shrine Club raised \$800 at their recent Craft Fair held at Cambridge Masonic Lodge. Many thanks were extended to Lady Shelly Grogan and the ladies that worked on this first annual event. The Nightly Raffle took in \$83. The winners were: Ladies Margaret Gibbons, Sally Lebowich, Shelly Grogan, Andrea Garhartt and Noble George Mudd. The Kitchen staff was asked to come out to the dining room for a round of applause for a delicious meatloaf dinner. Chef Bob will be serving a Chicken Cordon Bleu dinner at our January meeting. The Christmas tree donations for the Hospital fund brought in \$175.

The President asked Noble George Mudd, Chief Rabban, to speak. He thanked everyone for the support given to him with the confidence in electing him Potentate for the ensuing year. Noble George spoke of the installation of officers on January 14th at the Shrine Center; the Saranac Parade on February 11th; the Potentate's Ball at the Holiday Inn in Plattsburgh on the weekend of March 30th-April 1st – they are limited to 175 people, so please get your reservations in early. The Spring Ceremonial will be at the Queensbury Hotel on May 4th and 5th. Imperial Sessions will be in Charlotte, North Carolina, June 29-July 5 and the Fall Ceremonial will be the weekend of November 4-5.

Noble President Craig introduced Ill. Tom

*If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more, and become more, you are a leader.*

– John Quincy Adams

Nicholson, who in turn introduced the Divan present: Chief Rabban George Mudd, High Priest and Prophet Tim Grogan/Lady Shelly, Recorder and the newly elected Recorder Emeritus Dan Murray. Past Potentates present were: Bob MacMartin/Lady Joan, Dan Murray, John Garhartt/Lady Andrea, Byron Moak, Bill Fink/Lady Kathy, Dick Gibbons/Lady Margaret, Joe Mack and Lady Sally Lebowich. Aides present were Harold Goodsell/Lady Gerry, Keith Crouse/Lady Jean, Gaylord Hawley and Red Peek.

Ill. Tom congratulated P.P. Bob MacMartin who was the winner of the John Deere Snow Blower. He spoke of the election of officers on December 10th, which went very well, as did the Christmas Party. Lady SueAnn and the Ladies of the Divan were thanked for all of their work, and Noble Barry Trascacco and Lady Linda for the raffle gifts. He spoke of the Ambit Energy, a fund raiser for the Temple. Contact Noble Gaylord Hawley who is the independent consultant at: ghawley1@nycap.rr.com for details. You may enroll at: www.orientalshriners.joinambit.com. The Potentate reminded everyone of the New Year's event in Lake George, and the Annual meeting of the installation of officers on January 14th, 2012. DUES ARE DUE.

The benediction was given by Noble Tim Grogan. Our next meeting will be January 9th, 2012.

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