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**Saranac Lake Winter Carnival & Parade
 Saturday, February 12, 2011**

Oriental members have been attending the annual Winter Carnival for a good number of years. If you have never attended it, you are missing a great time including the COLD WEATHER. (Dress warm).

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

If you are driving and wish to stop for dinner, your cost would 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 Masonic Temple**
- 8:45 am — Warrensburg Masonic Temple**

Call Tim Grogan at 518-692-9672 for reservations by February 8th.



**Our New Potentate
 THOMAS NICHOLSON**



Our new Potentate, Tom Nicholson, is a Past Master of Apollo-King Solomon's Lodge No. 13 in Troy, NY. He currently serves as one of three Trustees and is also President of the Troy Masonic Community Center. Tom is also a Past Patron of Palestine Star Chapter #167, Order of the Eastern Star.

Tom is a 1978 graduate of Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and holds a BS in Nuclear Engineering and an MS in Mechanical Engineering. Upon graduation, Tom joined the Operations Program at the Knolls Atomic Power Laboratory and qualified as Engineering Officer of the Watch and Shift Supervisor at the D1G Nuclear Prototype. Following his Shift Supervisor tour, Tom took on assignments of increasing responsibility in the SEAWOLF and VIRGINIA submarine reactor and protective system design projects. Currently, Tom is the Manager of the Systems Performance Analysis group at KAPL. Tom and his group are responsible for the analysis of the USS LOS ANGELES class submarine reactor plants.

Tom's Lady SueAnn has had careers in both the banking and medical industries. She is currently an ophthalmic technician for Retinal Consultants in Albany, NY. SueAnn is a Past Matron of Palestine Star Chapter No. 167, OES.

Both SueAnn and Tom are from Masonic Families. Sue's parents, Anna and Jack Dingley are members of Palestine Star Chapter No. 167, OES. Jack is also a member of Evening Star Lodge No. 75 in Latham, NY. Tom's father was Past Master of Utica Lodge No. 47, Past Monarch of Iran Grotto, and was a Noble of Ziyara Shriners, Utica, NY.

**Ill. Jerry McGarvey's
 Farewell Message**



Happy New Year! Lady Eileen and I wish you the best of luck in the new year. I would like to take this opportunity to express our gratitude for all of the help provided by the Nobles and Ladies of our Temple in 2010.

Special thanks to the Divan, Aides, Director and Staff, Circus Chairman and Committee, and all of the appointed individuals and committee chairmen for their service this year. Thanks to all of the Club and Unit officers and members. The Clubs and Units are the backbone of our Temple.

We met our goal of net positive membership gain! Hats off to all who helped us in this achievement. We created 21 new Nobles this year.

Good Luck to the 2011 Potentate and Divan. As for Eileen and I, we're going to Disney World! See you at the next Parade.



**Have You
 Asked
 That Non-Shriner Friend to Join Yet?**

**Talk Shrinedom!
 Live Shrinedom!
 Be A Shriner!
 Help other Masons
 Become Shriners!**



The Potentate's Message



Fund Hope for Disabled Recyclable Contributions

By Paul Post

Special to **The Record** – 11/28/10

STILLWATER – Tom Messore is proof positive that a little bit of help can make a big difference.

The Stillwater (NY) resident and World War II Navy veteran collects tiny pull tabs off the tops of aluminum cans that are recycled with money benefiting Shriners Hospitals for Children.

For Messore, 86, the "Pull Tabs for Kids" project really hit home when he learned that 3-1/2-year-old Karissa Mitchell, also of Stillwater, is awaiting a prosthetic device. She is an extremely active, energetic little girl, but has had no right hand since birth.

"She loves to run, play soccer, dance like a ballerina and play on a computer," said her mother, Maria.

On December 8th, Karissa is scheduled to be fitted for a prosthetic device at Shriners Hospital in Springfield, MA. "I just want her to see if it's something she's interested in," her mother said.

Karissa is already seeing physical and occupational therapists who have helped her learn how to do various activities, even how to use scissors.

Maria and her husband, Michael, also have an 11-year-old daughter, Londyn. Messore learned about Karissa from his granddaughter, Angela Messore, whose children are Londyn's friends.

Messore has collected thousands of the tiny pull tabs, mostly from friends and acquaintances. "That's the best part of it; I don't drink," he said, smiling.

Shriners Hospitals in Springfield and Boston have been collecting pull tabs from beverage cans since 1989, recycling them and putting the money toward programs that directly benefit children. More than a half-million pounds worth of tabs have been collected and recycled to date.

Tabs are the only pure aluminum part of the can, which may still be returned for deposit.

Recycled tabs have helped pay for a variety of equipment, such as a Baxter infusion pump, used to dispense pain medication; an arthrometer, used to measure the degree of instability in a knee; a Bullard laryngoscope, used by anesthesiologists to place a breathing tube in patients who have a complex airway; a 10-foot trailer used to transport medical equipment and records to outreach clinics in New York and New England; and computerized wheelchair seating.

The Shriners operate 18 hospitals throughout the United States, Montreal, Canada and Mexico City for children with orthopedic problems and burns. All medical treatment is administered without cost to the patient and their family.

The Mitchells will take the tabs with them for delivery when they go to the Shriners Hospital on Dec. 8.

"They use the tabs to buy things for children they wouldn't otherwise have funds for," Maria said.

Messore said Karissa has inspired him to collect every pull tab he can find.

For information on how to donate pull tabs, call (413) 735-1291 or go to www.shriner-shq.org.

Dear Ladies and Nobles:

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as Potentate this year. Lady SueAnn and I have worked hard to make sure that 2011 is an enjoyable year. We hope you will enjoy it with us.

The major events for the year include the Potentate's Ball, the two Ceremonials, the Circus and the Imperial Session. In between, there will be parades, Shrine Club meetings, and picnics. If you've allowed your activity to wane, perhaps this is the year to rediscover Oriental Shriners. Participate and Share the Fun!

In 2010 we did a great job in making 21 new Nobles. This was fantastic. It is now a new year, and we once again have the opportunity to increase our numbers. Look around your Lodge, and find the one Master Mason who is not yet a Noble of the Mystic Shrine. Present him with a petition, bring him and his lady to a Shrine Club meeting, and get them to a ceremonial. Bring in a new Noble and Share the Fun!

Fundraising is an important part of what we need to do as Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. We will continue with the Circus as our major fundraiser, but we will also be selling raffle tickets, pies, onions, nuts, and accepting donations to the Temple. We need to raise approximately \$100 per Noble to continue the operation of the Temple. When we ask for help with fundraising, we need each Noble to help. Help with fundraising and Share the Fun!

To make our communications of our events and fundraising consistent I have asked Noble Bill Prout to serve as Oriental's Communications Aide. Bill's job will be to make sure that all of our communications to Nobles and the community are consistent and professional. As the Business Manager of the Oriental News, Bill is in an ideal position to serve in this function.

We are looking forward to an active year. Our first events, the Saranac Parade and the Potentate's Ball are detailed elsewhere in this issue. Please join us and Share the Fun!

Yours in the Faith,
TOM NICHOLSON, Illustrious Potentate

IRA Rollover Extended

Good news! The 2010 tax act, passed by Congress in late December, has extended a benefit for certain IRA owners. For tax years 2010 and 2011, tax-free distributions of up to \$100,000 per taxpayer, per year, can be made from IRAs to charities by individuals 70½ and older. Because the tax law was passed late in 2010, it included a provision to allow individuals to make such charitable transfers during January of 2011 – and treat them as if they were made during 2010. Note that the transfers to charity can be made from a traditional IRA or Roth IRA. These distributions can also be used to satisfy annual required minimum distributions (RMDs). For additional information on how to make such a transfer by January 31 to benefit Shriners Hospitals for Children®, please contact: Karen Motyka, Shriners Hospitals for Children® Northeast Donor Relations at 413.787.2032.

If you have any questions, please don't hesi-

tate to contact me at (413) 787-2032. If you know of others that it would be appropriate to send this to, please do so. I do not have Jeff O'Sullivan's email from Anah Temple. If anyone has that information and could send it my way, that would be great.

Thank you and Happy New Year!
Karen Motyka
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"IT'S FUN TO BE
A SHRINER"**

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Saratoga County Shrine Club
 HAROLD GOODSSELL, Secretary

The December meeting of the Saratoga Shrine Club was held at the Saratoga Eagles' Club on Monday, December 8th. P.P. Lew Slocum gave the invocation, which was followed by the Shriner's Pledge to the Flag. President Craig DeVoe called the meeting to order after a social hour of adjustment he introduced Lady Andrea, Miss Ashlee and the Club officers.

Sickness and distress: There were reports that Nobles Bob Thacher, Lew French and Lady Audrey Rabe are in need of our thoughts and prayers, suggestion of cards be sent.

Secretary's report: All received copies, motions were made to accept the report, all were in favor, the motion was carried.

Treasurer's report: Was given by PP Dan Murray. Motions were made to accept, all were in favor, the motion was carried, both of the reports will be placed on file.

Old business: The Christmas Page of the Oriental News was discussed. The Oriental Temple is still selling the bags of nuts.

New business: There was a Christmas tree available which was decorated with envelopes filled with donations to go the Shriner's Hospital. Total donations reached \$180. Lady Carol Slocum read an article of a local boy going over to the Shriner's Hospital. P.P. John Garhartt and Noble Craig DeVoe added that upon meeting Jason Clancy, father of the boy and how overwhelmed he was with the protocol of the Hospital and the Transportation Unit, he was very impressed. It was mentioned that the Troy Patrol is selling Hoffman Car Wash tickets. Chef Bob and the kitchen staff came out for a round of applause for the delicious baked ham dinner.

It was announced that at our January meeting they will be serving chicken cordon bleu. Chef Bob reminded everyone once more that he needs to receive the reservations for the dinners the Wednesday before the scheduled meeting, reservations are very important to the kitchen staff! The Raffle winners were ladies Madeline Waller, Doris Flatt Shirley Ellsworth, Gerry Goodsell, P.P. Bill Fink and Noble Russ Lerh.

The meeting was turned over to the Potentate who asked Chief Rabban Tom Nicholson to speak of some of his plans for the ensuing year, which he mentioned were being finalized. Installation on January 15th at the Shrine Center, Saranac Parade on February 12th. The Potentate's Ball will be in March in Saratoga Springs, the Spring Ceremonial will be in Lake George, Imperial Session will be in Denver in July, and the Fall Ceremonial in Ticonderoga. He also mentioned upcoming parades. Ill. Jerry McGarvey spoke, introducing his Lady Eileen, Chief Rabban: Tom Nicholson/Lady SueAnn, Treasurer P.P. Dan Murray, and Director; Gaylord Hawley. Past Potentates present were: Harry Prout/Lady Elissa, Bob MacMartin/Lady Joan, Lew Slocum/Lady Carol, Jim Flatt/Lady Doris, Dan Murray, John Garhartt/Lady Andrea, Howard Waller/Lady Madeline, Bill Fink/Lady Kathy, Dick Gibbons/Lady Margaret, Joe Mack/Lady Kitty, Chief Aide: Harold Goodsell/Lady Gerry; Aides: Keith Crouse/Lady Jeannie. Noble Joe Bocovitch was one of our new Nobles was also introduced.

Ill. Jerry spoke of it being a great year and

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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Fundraising Plans for 2011

Oriental will continue the Quilt Raffle again this year. Lady Kathy Fink has once again created a unique quilt themed for the year. Proceeds will go to the Hospital Fund. Tickets are available from Divan members and their Ladies. The drawing will be held at the Fall Ceremonial.

On that note, fundraising is an important source of funds for our own temple activities. To start the year, we are conducting a pie sale and an afghan raffle. The afghans are donated by Dorothy Allen and Elizabeth Nicholson.

The pies are from Smith's Orchard in Charlton at \$12 each. As an incentive, every Shriner who sells 20 pies will receive a free pie. Also we are raffling two afghans. Tickets are two for \$5.00 - the drawing to be at the Spring Ceremonial. Tickets will be available for all these fund raisers at Shrine Club meetings and from Ill. Tom and his lady, SueAnn. More information on the pie sale will be in the February/March issue.

thanked everyone once again for all of the support that was received. He spoke of the Annual Meeting on January 15th where a Cold Sands will also be held. Look for new members for that. The Annual Meeting will open at 1:00 p.m. With no other business on hand the meeting was turned over to P.P. Lew Slocum for the benediction.

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Oriental Shriners Potentate's Ball

HONORING

Ill. Thomas Nicholson and Lady SueAnn

Saturday, March 26, 2011

Cocktails at 6:00 pm - Introductions and Dinner at 7:00 pm
at the Canfield Casino, Saratoga Springs, NY

January 6th was our annual organizational/installation of officers meeting. It was held early in the month as this must happen before the Shrine Centers installation of officers meeting. This dinner/meeting was held at Sweet Basils and attended by 30 Nobles, Ladies and guests.

Club President Ken Williams opened the meeting with our Shriners Pledge followed by an invocation by PP Robert Rabe.

Ken and his Lady wished all a Happy New Year, and introductions were as follows:

Ken's lady Ernestine (no new dress there!), Treasurer Al West and Lady Cheryl, Chaplain Bob Rabe and Lady Audrey, Secretary to be Walt Cuniff and Lady Claudia, and 2nd Vice President to be Truman Cox. At an executive meeting held 12/23/10, Walt was elected as Secretary and Truman was elected as 2nd Vice President.

Ken Williams stated that the purpose of the Glens Falls Shrine Club was to promote interest and welfare in Shrinedom and to promote opportunities for closer relationships with each other and other Masonic organizations. With these thoughts in mind, it was announced that proceeds from a raffle would go to the Shrine Center to show our support and help keep OUR SHRINE CENTER solvent. The raffle is for ONE NIGHT STAY AND BREAKFAST FOR TWO at the Holiday Inn in Lake George. The drawing will be held Sat., Jan. 15th at the annual installation of officers at our Lansingburgh Shrine Center.

We had 3 new Nobles that were created during 2010. Truman Cox—his Lady Ann was sick this night, Roger Caldwell—his Lady Debra was also ill, and Greg McDowell with his Lady Susan. Glad to have them in attendance.

The only report given tonight was the Treasurers report by Al West which gave receipts and expenditures for the preceding year. Al noted that at this time we had 19 members that have their dues cards. A motion to accept by Aldo seconded by John Arnesen and the report was accepted.

Illustrious Jerry McGarvey, acting as installation officer, duly installed Walt Cuniff as Secretary and Truman Cox as 2nd Vice President for the ensuing year.

SICKNESS AND DISTRESS:

Dick Wilson and Dick Gibbons are both under the weather and our thoughts and best wishes go out to them. Cards went around for them. Bob Rabe talked a little bit about Fred Doscher. Fred was a big man in more ways than his height. He was loved by all who knew him which was attested to by the turn out at his Masonic service. There were at least 50 Masons in attendance. Fred was Bob's golf partner and was always a "steadying" man. Bob spent time with Fred during his last days and stated that Fred handled himself with the dignity that we all knew him for and he had most all of his things in order. Ron Williams stated that Fred had been a KEYSTONE KOP and Ron had made a donation to the Million Dollar Club in Fred's name. We all will miss Fred - a moment of silence followed.

UNDER NEW BUSINESS:

Potentate elect Tom Nicholson got off on the right foot by introducing his Lady SueAnne. He briefly went over some of the highlights for his year which were:

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Illustrious Thomas Nicholson and Lady SueAnn invite you to the 2011 Oriental Shriners Potentate's Ball in Saratoga Springs, NY. We have a fun time planned in the "Health, History, Horses" city and hope you will join us.

Hotel accommodations are at the Courtyard by Marriott in Saratoga. **Please make your room reservation directly with the hotel by calling 518-226-0538.** Rooms are available at \$119 per night plus tax. Reservations should be made by March 10th.

Oriental will host a Hospitality Room at the Marriott from 4:00 pm on Friday afternoon. The Reception and Ball will be at the historic Canfield Casino in Congress Park. High Definition will provide music for your dancing pleasure. Please make reservations for the Reception and Sunday Breakfast with the Chairman.

Dress for gentlemen is formal attire or black suit and fez; for the ladies, gown or cocktail dress.

<p>Accommodations</p> <p>Courtyard by Marriott 11 Excelsior Avenue Saratoga Springs, NY 12866</p> <p>_____</p> <p>Nobles name and title</p> <p>_____</p> <p>Lady's name</p> <p>_____</p> <p>Address</p> <p>_____</p> <p>Phone</p> <p>Please indicate arrival date:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Friday, March 25, 2011</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Saturday, March 26, 2011</p>	<p>Reception and Ball</p> <p>Canfield Casino Congress Park Saratoga Springs, NY 12866</p> <p>Sign up for:</p> <p>Dinner choices \$55.00 each</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Chicken Boursin _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Oven Roasted Atlantic Salmon _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Roasted Prime Rib au Jus _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Sunday breakfast \$17.50 ea. _____</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Total _____</p> <p>Send reservations to:</p> <p>Walter Cuniff PO Box 424 Indian Lake, NY 12843 Phone 518-648-5543 email: wcunn48@aol.com</p>
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Do You Know?

BYRON MOAK, PP, Historian

— Answers to Dec., '10 Questions —

1) The Brass Band of Oriental Shriners participated at Thanksgiving in the Joy Department Store Christmas Parade. The Joy Department Store was located in South Glens Falls between Main Street (Rte. 9) and Hudson Street. The store closed around 1995 and the building was later demolished. On the site today is a building housing TD Insurance.

2) Imperial Potentate Richard B. Olfene prepared a nine-day trip for Shriners and their spouses or guests to include the Tournament of Roses Parade, the Rose Bowl football game and the 59th Annual East-West Shrine game in 1984.

3) When the Imperial Convention was held in Denver, Colorado, July 2-7, 1994, William H. Fagg was Oriental Shriners' Potentate. Shriners and ladies from Oriental stayed at Stouffer's Concourse Hotel. Noble John Nabors was the Housing Chairman.

January, '11 Questions

— Answers in next issue —

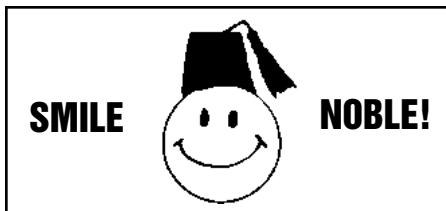
1) How did Shriners begin to collect beverage tabs for the benefit of the Shriners Childrens Hospitals?

2 A.) What Oriental Shrine year was known as the year of the Clowns?

B.) Who was the Potentate of Oriental that year?

C.) Where did Shriners go on a cruise that year?

3) Where is the largest Shrine temple in the world located as well as the Scottish Rite Cathedral?



Raffles Count!

As president of the Glens Falls Shrine Club, on behalf of the GFSC, that undertook the selling of raffle tickets to benefit the Oriental Shrine Center, I would like to extend my appreciation to Lady Ernestine and our daughter, Lori, for an outstanding job of selling the tickets in the amount of \$515.00.

This endeavor of the GFSC participants, hopefully will set an example how we individual clubs can help, while showing the Center that we enjoy the hospitality each function we attend there. The amount of \$515.00 was presented to Recorder Dan Murray, PP, during our enjoyable dinner at the Annual Meeting on Sat., Jan. 15, 2011 at the Oriental Shrine Center. Our suggestion is to use the raffle money for the Building Fund.

This not the GF Shrine Club monthly report. It is a reminder or suggestion to other clubs that my belief is that to receive, one must give.

Ken Williams and Ernestine

Norco Clown Unit

PAUL "Fuddi-Duddy" KLEINBERGER, Pres.

Happy New Year Nobles.

We are sure that 2011 will bring forth many opportunities for the NORCO Clowns to create smirks, smiles giggles and belly laughs.

New Year resolutions: Think of all the things you were going to do in 2010 that you never accomplished. Pick one! Get started on it after you finish reading this issue of the Oriental News. You will feel GREAT!!

Bob (Bobaluba) and Madeline (Mumsy) Weidner were united in marriage on January 1. We've seen a couple of photos! They really did it! They included their clown hearts/noses in the ceremony. Congratulations and good luck as you clown around together!

The 2011 officers of NORCO Clown Unit are in place. President is Noble Paul Kleinberger, Vice President is Noble Andy Mullin, Secretary is Noble Jeremy Cunniff and Treasurer is Noble Bob Weidner.

Illustrious Craig Cashman, who has handled the funds as the Treasurer of the NORCO Clowns for more years than he cares to remember, is stepping aside. We want to extend to him a hearty Thank You for his many years of service.

We all like to brag on our kids and our grand kids and in one or two cases, the doings of our great-grand kids! Nick Edwards, who many of us know as "Bread Crumb" and has often joined us in parades and events with his dad, Noble John "Cornbread" Edwards, starred as the Cat In The Hat in his school's production of Suessical this fall. Our congratulations to Nick on a great job!

Congratulations to Noble Clown Frank Burek. As Master of Apollo-King Solomon he not only produced a great Colonial Lodge demonstration this fall, on December 27, he coordinated and hosted the first celebration of St. John The Evangelist to be conducted in a long time. It was attended by several Grand Lodge dignitaries as well as many brothers around the Rensselaer Schenectady District. A great time was had by all.

Just a heads up – The Troy Area Shrine Club elected Noble Paul Kleinberger as its president for 2011. Paul has also been installed as the Prophet Monarch of the Iran Grotto M.O.V.P.E.R. He's going to be one busy clown over the next year.

The concept of the Roy Sandberg Humor Award was given the thumbs up and the go ahead at the December E-Board Meeting. We hope to present the proposal in its final form to the Nobility at the Annual Meeting/installation of officers on January 15.

The Northeast Clown Institute is set and convene on Friday, January 21 at the Radisson Hotel in Plymouth, Mass. We have a great contingent of nobles attending.

As Shriners we are always looking for fun, easy ways to be involved in things that support the kids we help, their families, our hospitals and our Shrine Center. Here's an idea: Collect the tabs of soda and beer cans. It may not seem like much, but every little tab helps. Tabs collected and turned in to Oriental generate funds that support the Transportation effort.

Noble Clown Tim Grogan is heading up the

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The Transportation report for the period of October 25 thru December 31, 2010:

Van #6 made two trips to the Springfield Hospital. Two trips were cancelled by the patient's parent.

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Building Fund. The fund was established to take care of updates and repairs to the Shrine Center. A donation of any size is appreciated. You can find details of the effort on page 7 of the December 2010 edition of The Oriental News.

Let's take a look at the elected Divan for 2011: Potentate, Tom Nicholson; Chief Rabban, George Mudd; Assistant Rabban, Michael Blaine; High Priest and Prophet, Tim Grogan; Oriental Guide Tom Abraham; Recorder, Dan Murray; Treasurer, Dick Wilson. Now, let's take a look at the 2011 membership list of the NORCO Clowns: George Mudd, Mike Blaine, Tim Grogan, Dick Wilson. Four out of seven elected officers are clowns plus a couple of clowns fill appointed offices. I will let you draw your own conclusions!

NORCO Clowns Honor "Herbie". Roy "Herbie" Sandberg was beloved by everyone in the NORCO Clown Unit, the NORCO Shrine Club, and the Oriental Shrine Center. Within the local, regional and national clown communities, Roy and his clown character "Herbie" were shining stars for over 30 years. Roy passed away on December 18, 2009. In his honor, the NORCO Clowns proposed a special award – The Roy Sandberg Memorial Award. The award recognizes an Oriental Shiner who, like Roy always did, brings a unique sense of fun, mirth, merriment and humor to Oriental events and happenings. The award will be given annually.

The Shiner selected for the honor will receive a plaque. The NORCO Clowns will make an annual donation in Roy's memory and the award recipient's honor to the Shiner's Children's Hospital in Montreal, which was really close to Roy's heart. The Shriners of the Oriental Shrine Center adopted the award at their annual meeting on January 15, 2011. Nominations will be solicited during the fall ceremonial. Any Oriental Noble in good standing may offer a nomination. The NORCO Clowns and the Potentate will make the final selection. The first award will be presented at the 2012 Annual Meeting.

Questions, requests for information and/or nomination forms may be directed to Paul "Fuddi-Duddy" Kleinberger.

GLENS FALLS SHRINE CLUB
(Continued from Page 5)

Jan 15 is the annual meeting and installation of officers.

The last weekend in March—Potentates Ball in Saratoga with the ball at the Canfield Casino.

Spring ceremonial in Lake George in May. We will be staying at the Holiday Inn.

Fall ceremonial in Ticonderoga in Nov. We will be staying at the Best Western with the degree work at the Ticonderoga Lodge. We are locating it there to get some of the North People active again.

Imperial Session is in Denver. Staying at the Magnolia Hotel and the Potes dinner will be at the Buckhorn Exchange.

Our parade season will kick off with the Saranac parade Feb. 12th with a bus making stops to pick people up and a dinner at the Warrensburg Lodge.

Tom thanked Noble Ken for this time.

One of our new Nobles was our guest speaker for the night and he spoke on a subject that has become very close to his heart. Greg McDowell spoke on "UPSTATE JAIL INDUSTRIES". What is this?? And why would anyone want to know about this?? We all are GOD'S CHILDREN – even prisoners, despite what they have done.

Greg retired from teaching after 30 years and also retired from 30 years in the Navy, serving as a pilot both in Vietnam and Iraq. In his employment he has always been a "rules and regulations" kind of guy so all his life his thoughts were always—if you did something wrong, suffer the consequences. But his attitude changed somewhat after his first visit to a jail and he saw that the inmates genuinely needed this ministry. He now is doing this 2 to 3 nights a week and his Lady Susan is also helping the inmates. Just as there are prayer meetings in our churches, so is there in jail. Their #1 prayer request is for "peace in the pod".

We all got a lot out of his talk and saw what

an important part of Greg's life this has become. Thanks Greg for this inspirational talk.

Just before the meeting was turned over to Illustrious Jerry, Walt thanked him for his and Eileen's support and attendance at all of our meetings. President Ken thanked him also.

Illustrious Jerry introduced his Lady Eileen, Chief Rabban Tom Nicholson and SueAnn, First Ceremonial master Tim Grogan and Shelly, Personal Aide Walt Cuniff and Claudia, PP Bob Rabe and Audrey, Aide Jeremy Cuniff and Heather, and Aide Charlie Stewart and Bea.

Jerry said he did not have much to say as it was now coming to an end for he and Eileen, but they both had always had a good time visiting all the Shrine Clubs. He was glad to see 3 of our new Nobles in attendance as the clubs and units were where it all happened. He urged our newest Nobles to participate and have fun. A high note for the year 2011 would be that sometime during the year, Shriners Hospitals would treat our ONE MILLIONTH PATIENT. Imagine that—1,000,000—and all at no charge!!! His immediate plans for 2011 were to enjoy a vacation at Disney World after the East /West Shrine game.

The meeting was adjourned – Benediction by Ill. Bob Rabe.

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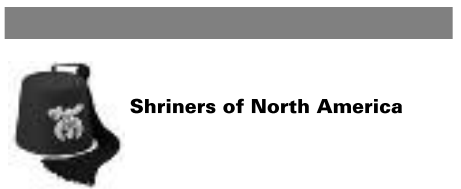
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The above photos show some of the highlights of the installation: Necrology; Ken Williams presenting a \$515 check toward the Building Fund. The installation of officers; Ill. Tom and SueAnn; Ill. Tom with family members and Ill. Tom expressing his appreciation to all who made the day a real success.



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