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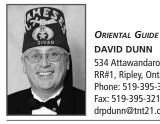




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#### Potentate's Message

#### Illustrious Sir Brian N. Davenport, Potentate

t will soon be a new day, a new year and a new beginning in the history of Rameses Shrine Centre. I thank each and every one of you for allowing me the opportunity to take an active role in the business of our beloved fraternity, (Rameses does hold a special place in my heart and in the heart of my Lady Johanna) and as The World's Greatest Philanthropy.

Let me retrogress for a few lines now. First I want to again thank Illustrious Sir Derek Fisher for nominating me for Oriental Guide back on January 3, 2004. (5 years and 1 week come election time in 2009). Time really flies when you enjoy what you do. (If my thoughts seem a bit scattered its because the cat keeps laying on the keyboard while I'm trying to write this.)

Rameses Drum Corps, in my opinion, is the number one Unit which has supported me from day one and if they allow me, I will be on parade with them again. Of course, there has been many BBQs, picnics, dances and lots and lots of social events to which Lady Johanna and I have been invited. We have been treated royally everywhere; believe me, we will never forget your hospitality! The Curling Bonspiels (thank goodness only one a year - not being a curler the only thing I like on ice is rye), yes ladies, there is a lot of curling done! The Golf Tournaments by so many Clubs are always a lot of fun and a great way to meet so many friends. I think my game did improve...but just a little bit.

Wearing the Red and Whites of Rameses on Parade is always a privilege. It is humbling to hear our Ladies and the crowd cheer. In the United States when we parade, you get a lump in your throat when they sing Oh, Canada or Happy Birthday Canada. It makes you puff out your chest - even my chest was out further than my stomach! If you have never experienced these emotions come out and "Join The Fun".

Special thanks to Noble Doug Morris my Director General, his committee and all the Nobility of the Peel, Mississauga and Credit Valley Shrine Clubs for all their dedication and hard work in organizing the Spring Ceremonial in Brampton in 2008, a job well done.

Everyone has hopes and dreams, sometimes we are lucky to fulfill them, sometimes we're not so lucky. I never intended to be Potentate for life, I knew the date when I was to turn over the leadership of Rameses. So, we move forward. We have lots of work to do. We are embarking on some new and exciting projects that will benefit our hospitals and our children.

As the Potentate in 2008 I am very proud to have started the ball rolling.

Lady Johanna and I want to thank all those on the Elected Divans and Appointed Divans over the past five years for all their dedication. I look forward to working with our future Divans, (back seat only).

I thank you again for the trust and confidence that you have placed in me. I promise you my continued dedication to the Shrine of North America, but more particularly to Rameses Shriners.

Lady Johanna and I wish everyone good health and happiness. God bless you all.



#### Join the Fun

#### **2008 SHRINERS LOTTERY RESULTS**

Winners are printed in the Toronto Star, Saturday Edition, Section 670, Personal Column and on our web site: www.rameses-shriners.ca

Draw 40, 2 October 2008				Draw 43, 23 October 2008					
3020	D. Sorenson	Stouffville	Rameses	\$ 100	2865	R. Smith	Mount Albert	Rameses	\$ 100
0775	T. Arthur	Brighton	Trent Valley	\$ 100	1169	D. Manes	Guelph	Credit Valley	\$ 100
3157	D. Bedford	Collingwood	Ramoca	\$ 100	0995	A. Gray	Cardiff	Algonquin	\$ 100
0875	D. McGuire	Newmarket	Viking	\$ 100	1884	R. Lodge	Ottawa	Kingston	\$ 100
0507	J. Rainey	Palgrave	Tecumseh	\$ 100	0058	B. Graham	Temagami	Sheba	\$ 100
0430	J. Morrison	Sudbury	Sudbury	\$ 250	1643	Kingsway S.C.	Toronto	Kingsway	\$ 250
0366	D&K Gatien	Lively	Sudbury	\$ 250	3555	S. McGregor	Toronto	Patrol	\$ 250
2194	M. Waddington	Bracebridge	Muskoka	\$ 250	0089	R. Rance	Barrie	Sheba	\$ 250
0669	B. Sweet	Porcupine	Timmins	\$ 250	1471	P. Dirinaldo	Kingston	Kingston	\$ 250
0929	B. McCourt	Parry Sound	Waubuno	\$ 500	1614	C. Green	Kingston	Kingston	\$ 500
3030	G. Peer	Sydenham	Kingston	\$1000	2375	E&M Swec	Niagara Falls	Niagara	\$1000
Draw 41, 9 October 2008					Drav	w 44, 30 Octobe	r 2008		
2363	R. Chesher	Niagara Falls	Niagara	\$ 100	1084	D. Preston	Belleville	Belleville	\$ 100
0037	M. McGowan	Barrie	Sheba	\$ 100	3016	J. Emmett	Toronto	Rameses	\$ 100
0321	R. Freeman	St. Catharines	St. Catharines	\$ 100	0210	B. Fitzgibbon	Barrie	Sheba	\$ 100
3422	Port Colborne S.C.	Port Colborne	Port Colborne	\$ 100	0668	F. Yuskow	Timmins	Timmins	\$ 100
1423	L. English	Sunderland	Kawartha	\$ 100	2751	W. Sheardown	Nobleton	Peel	\$ 100
1093	B. Gaw	Milford	Belleville	\$ 250	2477	L. Brisbin	Burlington	Oakville	\$ 250
3233	P. Taylor	Collingwood	Ramoca	\$ 250	2532	M. Peacock	Orillia	Orillia	\$ 250
2163	B. Frankish	Gravenhurst	Muskoka	\$ 250	0116	C. Madill	Barrie	Sheba	\$ 250
0135	M. Rose	Cookstown	Sheba	\$ 250	1538	T. Noerenberg	Kingston	Kingston	\$ 250
1223	B. Poole	Guelph	Guelph	\$ 500	1772	A. Simpson	Elmvale	Manito	\$ 500
0370	J&W Gerhard	Sudbury	Sudbury	\$1000	1920	L. McCulligh	Mississauga	Mississauga	\$1000
Draw 42, 16 October 2008					Drav	v 45, 6 Novemb	er 2008		
1697	D. Smith	Etobicoke	Leaside	\$ 100	0576	J. Walker	Tottenham	Tecumseh	\$ 100
0872	M&R Hutchinson	Holland Landing	Viking	\$ 100	2595	J. Bateman	Orillia	Orillia	\$ 100
3155	L. Bray	Wiarton	Ramoca	\$ 100	0519	C. Lipsett	Schomberg	Tecumseh	\$ 100
1427	S. Devitt	Bobcaygeon	Kawartha	\$ 100	0282	M. Sonne	Toronto	Rameses	\$ 100
0776	D. Purvis	River Drive Park	Viking	\$ 100	0092	L. Robertson	Barrie	Sheba	\$ 100
0611	J. Abbott	Tottenham	Tecumseh	\$ 250	2863	G. Grumback	Peterborough	Rameses	\$ 250
0898		Newmarket	Viking	\$ 250	0824	K. Beggs	Newmarket	Viking	\$ 250
	J. Duffield	Barrie	Sheba	\$ 250	2744	D. Hill	Bolton	Peel	\$ 250
0241	H. Pancoast	Stoney Creek	Hamilton	\$ 250	1981	G. Cottrell	Sundridge	Muskoka	\$ 250
0481	F. Hudgins	Mindemoya	Sudbury	\$ 500	2747	D. Moffatt	Bolton	Peel	\$ 500
0021	D. Fordham	Minesing	Sheba	\$1000	0332	P. & C. Ramsay	Garson	Sudbury	\$1000

#### Notice of the Annual Meeting

#### To the Nobility:

The Annual Meeting of Rameses Shriners will be held at the Headquarters, 3100 Keele Street, Toronto, Ontario on Saturday, January 10th, 2009 at 12:30 p.m.

The Nobility are urged to be present to:

- 1. Hear the Reports of the Officers and Committees for the past year.
- 2. Conduct such business as may be brought before the Rameses Shriners in accordance with the by-laws of the Rameses Shriners.
- 3. Take part in the Election of Officers of the Rameses Shriners and Representatives to Imperial Council.

#### Attest:

Robert R. McGregor, P.P. - Recorder

Brian N. Davenport - Illustrious Potentate

#### RAMESES SHRINERS MONTHLY EVENT SCHEDULE

THE EVENTS STATED IN THIS CALENDAR MAY HAVE BEEN POSTPONED OR CANCELLED. PLEASE CONFIRM WITH THE CLUB/UNIT PRIOR TO ATTENDING

#### December 2008

DATE	CLUB	Event	LOCATION	Тіме
14 December	Rameses	Carol Service	Headquarters	1:30 p.m.
27 December	Waubuno	Wild Game Dinner	Parry Sound	3:00 p.m.

#### January 2009

DATE	CLUB	EVENT	LOCATION	Тіме
10 January	Rameses	Temple Elections	Headquarters	12:30 p.m.
10 January	Rameses	Unit Installation & Banner Exchange	Headquarters	

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Oakville Shrine Club	http://oakvilleshrineclub.ca/				
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Shrine International Headquarters	www.shrinershq.org				
Toronto Imperial Session	www.toronto2010.ca				
Waubuno Shrine Club	www.kirk-white.com/m-p-masons/waubuno/shrine1_2.htm				



#### Lady Maureen's Wine and Cheese Party

Chief Rabban's Lady Maureen cordially invites the Ladies of Rameses Shriners to an informal social time at:

The Holiday Inn Toronto Yorkdale 3450 Dufferin Street, Toronto In the De Havilland Room

On 10 January 2009 - Rameses Election Day From Noon until 3:00pm

The Ladies are invited to join their Nobles at Rameses Headquarters after the elections for the Banner Exchange and Unit Installations.

Please, R.S.V.P. Shrine Office 416-633-6317 by December 22, 2008

t is hard to believe that 2008 is nearly over and we will soon be starting another new year. I have enjoyed travelling and the challenges of the past year and each week has been an opportunity to meet new people and enjoy the fellowship which the Shrine has to offer.

By the time you read this message all the Club and Unit elections should be complete and a new slate of officers will be standing by ready to start their year.

We also approach the 2009 Temple elections and I would like to remind the Nobles that it is your opportunity to come to your Headquarters and be part of the democratic process. You will also have the opportunity to witness the installation of your 2009 Divan and the installation of the Temple Units and the Banner Exchange. This is a great weekend that is not to be missed.

If you are not already aware, in 2010 we will see the largest gathering of Shriners for that year here in Toronto. The 2010 Imperial Session is a chance for Rameses to showcase our

#### Bryan's Blackboard

By Bryan Lawson - Assistant Rabban

Temple, the City of Toronto and to show the public at large who the Shriners are. I would remind each Club and Unit to start thinking about what they plan to do during this session. Every Noble should be thinking about their part of the most exciting session that they may attend that is happening at their back door. I hope that every Noble plans to attend. It will be a great event and to steal the phrase it will be Feztastic.

I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of myself and my wife Lady Ingrid to wish each of our members and their family a safe and happy Christmas and a healthy and prosperous New Year.

Best wishes for safe and happy travels, and remember, Shriners do it Best.

#### Treasurer's Report

BY ROBERT "BOB" YOUNG, P.P. - Treasurer

ur elections are completed. Congratulations to all of our new 2009 Officers. We will soon get to work under our new Potentate and his crew.

Our aim, as always, is our special children and membership. We are always looking for new members to keep our continued growth so we will always be able to look after our children.

Our Units and Clubs need new members to help us do this and it is here that we are able to socialize and practice our new skills in whatever Unit you join or belong.

We need to remember our members who are unable to get out because of sickness or confined because of age. I am sure we can think of someone who could do with a phone call, card or visit. I am sure if you are stuck for words our new smooth talking Potentate can help you here.

all has finally arrived and I am sure we are all looking forward to some cooler temperatures. As our Shrine Club and Unit elections will be well underway, I hope that each Noble will have given serious thought to running for office of his Club or Unit. Every Noble should attend, armed with his Temple and Club dues card and exercise his right to vote.

I am settling in to my new duties as your Oriental Guide. I will be Director of the Shrine Hospital Patient Committee and responsible for the Shrine Lottery.

Nobles, as the 2009 Lottery chairman, I must draw to your attention the importance of "selling out" the fund raiser. It is the second largest fundraiser for your Temple. Tickets have

#### Dave's Place

DAVID DUNN - Oriental Guide

already been distributed to the Lottery Chairmen and ticket money is starting to come in. With 3,700 tickets printed and 11 chances to win each week for a full year, plus a draw for a new Cadillac on New Year's Eve. Remember all proceeds from this lottery go to the transportation fund.

Let us all continue to work hard for the benefit of our Children and have fun along the way.

#### Jim's Notebook

By Jim D. McKinney - High Priest and Prophet

obles! Where has the time gone? It is hard to believe that it is almost a year since being elected as Oriental Guide and then a few months later to be elected as High Priest and Prophet. I consider it an honour to serve on the Rameses Divan.

It has been a very enjoyable year, travelling and visiting many Clubs and Units. Many thanks to the many Nobles and

their wives for the warm and friendly welcomes received by my wife Linda and I.

As we approach 2009, I would like to remind the Nobles of the Temple Elections on January 10, 2009. It is your opportunity to come out and be part of the democratic process.

As 2008 comes to an end, I would like to thank you for your hard work and dedication, which makes Rameses Temple one of the best Shrine Temples.

Linda and I would like to wish each of our members and their families a safe and happy Christmas, a healthy and prosperous New Year and to our Jewish members a happy Hanukah.

#### Ray's Thoughts

By Ray A. Causton - Chief Rabban

here has the time gone? It seems like yesterday the flowers were blooming and it was time to cut grass. Now when sitting at my desk and I look out the window, I see the first snow fall and look at the frost on the window panes.

As the seasons come and go, it gives each of us time to contemplate the past year. Rameses is indeed fortunate to have the respect and admiration of so many Nobles throughout Shrinedom and particularly the Imperial Divan and the New York/Ontario Shrine Association.

Illustrious Sir Brian Davenport has steered the good ship Rameses with skill, perseverance and humility - he is to be congratulated.

I would like to thank all who stood for office in their Clubs and Units and to those who were elected, look to your members for guidance and direction. A wise man once said, "When given an appointed position, you have earned it; but when elected to a position, you must now prove yourself".

It has been brought to my attention from a number of Nobles, that Club/Unit financial reports are not being given at all regular meetings. It is imperative that a report be given at each meeting - if not by the treasurer, then by the President or his designate.

Membership must remain foremost in our minds and activities, it was very vividly brought to my attention at the New York/Ontario Shrine Association meeting.

The 11 Shrine Temples lost 299 Nobles in total but Rameses had the biggest loss 113. Please look to the future, replace yourself, our special children depend on it.

Well! Enough of this negativity. The festive season is just around the corner and the beginning of a New Year.

Maureen and I would like to wish each of you and your families a very Merry Christmas, a Happy Hanukkah and a safe and Happy New Year.

#### Notice of Business Session

#### To the Nobility:

A Business Session of Rameses Shriners A.A.O.N.M.S. will be held at the Headquarters, 3100 Keele Street, Toronto, Ontario on 21 February, 2009 at 1:30 p.m. The Nobility are urged to be present to receive the Financial Reports for the year ending December 31st, 2008, the Auditors' Statements, and to conduct such other business as may be brought before the Rameses Shriners in accordance with the by-laws of the Rameses Shriners.

#### Attest:

Robert R. McGregor, P.P. *Recorder* 

Brian N. Davenport

Illustrious Potentate

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#### Recorder's Message

By Bob McGregor, P.P. - Recorder

obles, the 2008 Rameses Shrine Circus is now a matter of history, however it will go into the record books as being financially the most profitable in recent years and as I write, we are presently \$50,000 over budget on this fundraiser.

This success is due to many factors starting with a super effort by Xentel our marketing group. This effort was backed up by a relatively small group of Shriners assisted in some cases by their ladies or family members who showed up day after day doing whatever job they were asked to do and it doesn't go unnoticed that it's the same faces that show up every time. I will not mention individual names because I'm sure to miss one of you and I wouldn't hurt your feelings for the world.

This very successful Circus culminated with our annual Circus Appreciation Night on October 3rd, 2008 and as I had been appointed Circus Chairman due to a vacancy on the line, I decided to try a different approach. First we mailed out just over 275 Circus certificates with an attached letter inviting all 275 Nobles accompanied by their ladies, to come to the Circus Appreciation Night. This should have been a super evening with some 550 people attending, all were asked to call our office to let us know if you planned to attend so that we would have enough food for everyone. Note that only 140 people called in and to a body that's how many showed up.

We all sat down to a roast beef dinner complete with roast potatoes, peas and corn, strawberry shortcake, tea and coffee. At exactly 8:30 our mini Las Vegas show started and ran for one and a half hours of song, dance and comedy with two very attractive show girls strutting their stuff. It was a

great evening Nobles and we regret that so many of our deserving Nobles didn't show up. For the record, I did say in my letter to the 275 Nobles that we would provide food and entertainment.

By the way, we did make up 300 circus patches and every Noble that signed in on the work book can get one by calling our office. Your name will be compared with the circus director's record and if you're signed in and were not at the circus appreciation night (these Nobles got them), we will send a patch to you with our thanks.

Please allow me to air one of my pet peeves. I mean raffle tickets or in particular the method of sales. I can't possibly count the number of gala affairs Potentate's or President Receptions that I've gone to where my wife, like many other ladies, get their hair done, put on their best dress, and I, like other men, put on my tux and off we go to this high class event, shining like a shilling, only to be pressured into buying an arms length of raffle tickets for \$10. In my opinion you just

turned this high-class event into a house league hockey, coke and hot dog get together.

I went to one such function where the method of sale was a bust full of tickets for \$10. The idea was to wrap a length of tickets around the ladies upper body. This might be fun at a private party with only the closest of friends present but at a President's Ball? I don't think so.

I remember well, many years ago calling one of our Nobles who hadn't been out for a while and I asked him why, and his answer was as follows. I'm an ordinary guy, I have a routine job and I look for my cheque every Friday. I like the Shrine and I look forward to the Thursday get together and the \$10 dinner. I usually only have about \$20 left on a Thursday and I can manage the dinner ok but someone always has to sell \$5 raffle tickets that I can ill afford and frankly don't want, but if I don't buy a ticket, the seller makes no bones about calling me a cheap \*#?\*#?\* and that's why I don't go. Nobles, that was over 30 years ago but I never forgot his answer.

Let me make a suggestion. If your function is \$25 a ticket, charge \$30 and give everybody a "free" raffle ticket when they arrive. It saves a lot of time not to mention aggravation. If you

don't like this, set up a table for the sale of raffle tickets as far from the entrance door as you can, put up a huge sign, raffle tickets for sale. If somebody wants a ticket, they will come to you, that way it's their choice. For the record, if I'm appointed by the

> Potentate to run a function, you can bet your boots it will not include the sale of raffle tickets. There now, I've said my piece

By the time you read this, the Club and Unit elections will be over and I wish every 2009 executive well for the coming year. If you're looking for advice, let me just say don't sweat the small stuff, put fun and fellowship at the top of your list of things

to do. Remember the good guys outnumber the bad guys by hundreds to one and no matter how hard you try, you can't please 'em all.

As always, I remind you of the Temple elections on January 10th, 2009 at 3100 Keele Street starting at 12:30 p.m. This is your Shrine and it is important that you show up to vote for the Noble of your choice. No one has a given right to any position on the Divan, that honour has to be earned and your vote makes that distinction.

2008 has come and gone and as usual with the speed of light, it seems we just get started and in the blink of an eye it's over. I thank all the executives of our Clubs and Units for all that they did this year to help keep us at the top of the list of Shrine Temples in North America. Your hard work and dedication did not go unnoticed by me and I close by wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year, but most of all thank you for just being Shriners.

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Wake up in the Alamo City with the scent of huevos rancheros in the air, the sound of mariachis, and the sight of barges winding down the San Antonio River, and you know you're some place special.

San Antonio is quite possibly Texas's most beautiful and atmospheric city, so it's no wonder it's the state's number-one tourist destination. Remember the Alamo? It's here, sitting in a plaza right downtown, so you can easily walk to it from your hotel. But while most visitors check out this famous symbol of Texas liberty when they come to town, the historic mission is by no means the only reason to visit San Antonio.

In fact, the heart of the visitor area is the Paseo del Rio -the River Walk -- a festive, almost magical place that winds through downtown at 20 feet below street level.

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# Nobles of Fame, Distinction and Honour

By Noble Michael A. Parkes Editor-in-Chief



Lieutenant Audie Murphy of B Company, 15th Regiment, Third Division. Murphy received the Medal of Honor and the Legion of Merit on June 2, 1945 in front of his entire Division in Salzberg, Austria. Murphy became known as the most decorated soldier in the US Army and went on to be a major American film star until his death in 1971.

very now and then, either in conversation or web browsing, I come across snippets of information regarding famous or well known people that are, or were, Shriners. I think the first notables that I became aware of were, Roy Rogers, Gene Autry, President Ford and John Diefenbaker.

Perhaps it's just me but I keep getting the thought that in this time when we are trying so hard to enlist new members

that we seem to keep silent on the fact

that so many famous people both past and present are, or were, Shriners. Perhaps this is not the right attitude by I feel proud to be in an organization that has such a distinguished past and present. So why do we seem to hide, or play down, this heritage? I've been to the Imperial site but find no mention of these past members of distinction. Why? Is it because we don't want to raise one Noble about another?

In advertising, we hire people of fame to sell our products and it works. Would it not be possible to discreetly include a page benouring these past Nobles with a big on each? They do it

honouring these past Nobles with a bio on each? They do it in Hollywood with a star on Hollywood Blvd. It seems to me that our attitude seems to be "out of sight, out of mind".

What I would like to do, when space permits, is to bring to the attention of our Nobles, these people of distinction, if for no other reason than to keep their memory alive not just in our minds but in the minds of new and potentially new members.

My first "Noble of Distinction" is Audie L. Murphy. I first

became aware of Audie Murphy as a movie star. In fact he was one of my favourite stars in the 1950s and 1960s. He made a total of 44 movies, many of which were Westerns, which, back then, were very popular. It was not, however, until the release of his biographical movie "To Hell and Back" in 1955 that I

became aware that he was in fact a war hero. War hero might be a bit of an understatement of fact. He was the most decorated American soldier of World War II, receiving every decoration for valour that the US had to offer as well as 5 decorations presented by Belgium and France, culminating in the Medal of Honour for his final action. He rose from the rank of private to Second Lieutenant and company commander. I must also mention he did all this before reaching 21 years of age.

Audie became a Mason on February 14th, 1955 at North Hollywood Lodge 542 and by June 27th 1955 was raised to the 3rd

degree of a Master Mason. Audie took his 32nd degree work at the Scottish Rite Temple in Dallas on November 11-14, 1957 and became a Shriner at Hella Temple, Dallas on November 15, 1957. Audie died in a plane crash near Roanoke Virginia on May 28, 1971 he was 46 years of age.

If you would like to find out more about this Noble you can do so by visiting http://www.audiemurphy.com/welcome.htm and be sure to sign the guest book as a Shriner.

As a side note, a few years back I visited Arlington National Cemetery, just across the river from Washington, and made a point of visiting Audie Murphy grave. For me it was a moving experience.



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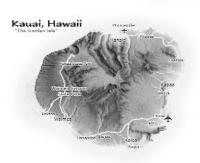
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#### Clowns spread a smile, a laugh and a hug to hospitals

By Noble Jerry McKnight Hamilton Shrine Club

ontreal Hospital Visit - what an adventure, the Hamilton Clown Unit had on their first visit to the Montreal Hospital. Organized by Les "Flat Foot" Vass, their visit to the hospital was both educational and a lot of fun. The clowns were a big hit with the "Shrine Kids".

After the hospital visit, it was off to the Canadian Shrine Bowl Football Game - Concordia vs. Laval. What a Game. Les "Flat Foot" Vass, Bob "Chuckles" Disher and Ben "Lucky" Davidson were the only clowns in costume at the game and they were a huge hit. They were greeted by the Potentate and the "Karnak" Shriners.

Upon leaving the game, still in full face and unable to find an empty cab, they boarded a city bus back to the hotel. The commuters on the transit system were delighted and got a few

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laughs. When boarding, they found three clowns and a couple of Shriners from the Hamilton Clown Unit ready to entertain them on their ride.

Les "Flat Foot" is working on his next project, a visit to the Boston Burn Unit, this is a great opportunity to visit

this wonderful hospital. As well as being a fun trip, what better way is there to see how the monies raised through the hard work of Shriners is put to good use and how much it's so desperately needed. More details to follow Nobles, so let's keep some time available to join in the fun in 2009.

**Trik-A-Thon** - In August, the clowns held the 3rd annual Trik-a-Thon to raise funds for the hospitals. The Trik-A-Thon,

originally the concept of Ben "Lucky" Davidson, was this year under the direction of Noble Jim Bennett. It took the riders on a long scenic ride by tricycle as they travelled from Hamilton to Niagara Falls. "Kopper" Andy Long personally escorted the entourage in his police cruiser, with thanks to the Niagara Regional Police, Grimsby detachment. In Niagara Falls they were greeted by fellow Shriners from the Niagara Falls Club who hosted a gastronomical BBQ for them.

**Mook Degree** - The Mook Degree is the brainchild of "Kopper" Andy and turned out to be not just a most enjoyable, fun evening, with barrels of laughs, but a terrific fundraiser, over \$2500 was raised for the clown's Sneaker Fund.

Nobles, please take advantage of the opportunity to have a fun night, for a very worthwhile cause, when you get your invitation to join in and become a "Mook".

Membership in the Clown Unit has grown to about 20. Included in their many fundraising events throughout the year is the "Big Event", The Shrine Circus.

This event, lead by "Hendie" uses the talents of everyone in the Clown Unit. The Clown Unit is also involved in visiting children who are confined in our local hospitals. With a smile, a laugh, and a hug, their monthly visits lift the spirit of the children and they are a welcome break in the day for both the children and hospital staff.





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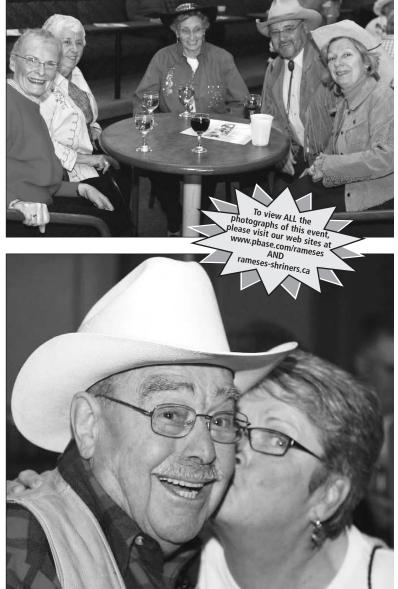
Western attired Shriners and their Ladies recently attended the annual Turkey Dinner and Western Night. Pictured from top and clockwise: The Divan and their Ladies enjoy a moment together. A table of friends smile for the camera. Kissed by a cowgirl! A turkey carver works with surgeon-like skill. Dancin' with his gal. Illustrious Sir addresses the cowpokes. A good laugh is always in fashion.

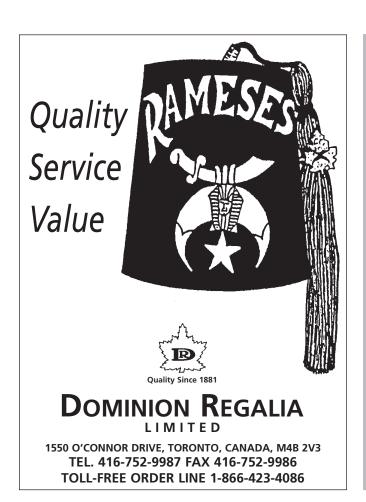














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Visitors to the recent Vineland Craft Fair were able to purchase the world famous Shrine Christmas cake from the well dressed Shriner above.

#### Murder Mystery solves two problems

By Noble David Gillies

NIAGARA SHRINE CLUB

The Niagara Clown Unit pulled off another funny one. Their Murder Mystery Dinner profits solved an on going mystery, how to cover the next insurance bill? A sell-out crowd was treated to a very funny, well acted Dinner Theatre presentation with a Birdy twist in this feathered who dun it. (Believe me, it means something to those that attended).

Shriners' cake sales got off to a great start over the Thanksgiving weekend. A hard working group of sales professionals put the strong arm on a few hundred of the thousands who visited the Vineland Craft Fair. No turkeys in this group or added to their waistlines as three full days were put in selling at the booth.

The Maid sailed out to wave the Shrine flag on several occasions over the last few months; Labour Day, Grape and Wine parades in St Catharine's and three Santa Claus parades Thorold, Niagara Falls and Niagara-on-the-Lake.

If you're not from Niagara and you sight the Maid on the horizon at any function, hail us; we will be glad to pipe you aboard for a look around.

With all the US election comedy over the last several months, "Saturday Night Live" could do a show with our electoral results. The Niagara Club elected a real clown who is going to make a great president. Congratulations to him, his officers and directors and to all the appointed committee chairs.

Isn't it fun to be a Shriner!

#### Busy Ladies of the Household

Lady Elaine Clare Flowers
ORONTO TEMPLE #69
DAUGHTERS OF THE NILE

n early September, there were a number of Ladies of the Household including our Queen Elaine who attended Fall Frenzy Days, located on Chautauqua Lake, just outside the village of Mayville.

One of the highlights of the weekend was a trip to the Erie Shriners Hospital, where our Ladies of The Household presented a number of goodie boxes to the hospital for the kids. By all accounts a great weekend was had by all.

On Tuesday September 16th, we had our Official Visit of Our Supreme Queen Muriel V. Knapp, a gracious and lovely lady.

We had our Ceremonial and welcomed two new Princesses into Oronto Temple #69. We had a Social time and then our Banquet Honouring Our Supreme Queen, Muriel V. Knapp.

Great fun was had with the apple pie making, it started on Sunday where Princess Julie and her Noble Derek rolled up their sleeves and started making the dough (no, not the green stuff), along with other helpers preparing the kitchen for the workers on Monday. Now the fun begins, apple peelers, apple slicers, making bags and boxes, dough rollers, pie fillers, pie crust crimpers, and the apple pie spice mixers are all busy working, and lots and lots of chatter. We made 1,740 pies. Congratulations.

Special thanks goes to the members of Mrisela Unit, they helped peel 76 Bushels of apples.

Our grateful thanks to each and every one who came out and helped, and we do it all for "The Kids", it sure does make you feel all warm and fuzzy just knowing that we are helping to make a difference for the kids.

Our Ladies of The Household were busy sewing, knitting, creating for the Bazaar at Sherway in October.

At this time Oronto Temple #69 would like to wish everyone, A Very Merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy New Year.

## Letters to the Editor.

Please address all correspondence to the Editor, Michael A. Parkes at email michaelaparkes@rogers.com or Rameses Shrine, 3100 Keele Street, Toronto, Ontario, M3M 2H4



#### **Dear Editor**

Sir, I just received my November Papyrus and read your article re "Brothers In Arms" with much interest.

Although I find the U.S. Civil War of much interest (sorry, but I seem to gravitate towards the South), I have never had the opportunity of visiting those historical parts of the United States in the manner which you have.

Obviously, your knowledge far outweighs mine, I guess I should describe myself as a "casual observer" in comparison to your accomplishments.



however, I am sure we both find that era of history very, very interesting (actually I find much of it heart wrenching).

After reading your article, I did a check on the internet under "Shriners in the civil war" and found many, many different websites. You may well be aware of same and have already looked through them, however, I thought I

would pass this along to you, just in case you weren't aware of them.

I have original Confederate money (bills) which I acquired over the years. At my two cottages up north, I fly three flags:

- 1) The Canadian Flag
- 2) The American Stars and Stripes
- 3) The Confederate Flag.

All are on separate poles in compliance to the etiquette concerning Flags.

Anyway, thanks for the most enjoyable read. Also, once again, many thanks for your continued efforts as Editor and for your support of the Hillbilly Club, truly appreciated. (Gee, we will have to get you into our Club someday,

Regards and take care Cuzin' Barry L. Jones Rameses Shrine Hillbilly Club

#### **Directory Changes**

Ben Hughes, PP - Old address: Clearwater Lake, Box 6 New Address 178 Green Briar Road Alliston, ON, L9R 1X9 705-434-0072

There is no longer a secretary for St. Catharines and District Shrine Club. All correspondence should now be sent to Noble Donald Neilson, President.

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#### Notice of Motion

WHEREAS Article 36 of the Imperial Bylaws, Section 336.2 states clearly that only Nobles may take part in parades or public exhibitions.

WHEREAS The Shrine of North America now recognizes that women play an important part in support of the Shrine.

WHEREAS Ladies are an important factor in fundraising for the Shrine and work tirelessly in support of their Nobles.

WHEREAS In all cases Civic Parades are non-gender events which includes ladies, men and children.

#### **BE ADVISED**

That I, Noble Brian Denton, will at our next Stated Meeting, move or cause to be moved a directive to our Imperial Representatives to have Article 36 changed to read as follows.

Ladies may accompany their Nobles in Civic Parades only.



Kawartha Firemen's Unit in Bobcaygeon; Nobles Don Bellamy, Paul Jones, Roy Mackay, John Cumin and Bob Russell are ready to start their engines!

#### Fire Unit received a great reception

By Noble John Cumin

KAWARTHA SHRINE CLUB

The Kawartha Firemen's Unit had a great year being involved in community fair parades in the area. For our first year with the new Units we received a great reception from the crowds. We currently have 5 miniature fire trucks as shown above. The object of our Unit is to raise awareness in the Shrine Hospitals and in our local Shrine Club and have fun at all times.

The Firemen's Unit also sponsored two soccer teams. We attended games and the final banquet where we shared in presenting our teams with their trophies.

In Peterborough there are 2200 children playing soccer so this is an excellent place to meet parents and promote our hospitals.

The Unit is having a Christmas get together with our ladies who provide moral support at all our parades and monthly meetings. We thank Bob and Debbie Russell for hosting this event

We wish all Nobles a Merry Christmas and a prosperous and healthy New Year. Come and join our Unit - fun is our main object.

#### Hole in one at Shrine Golf Tournament

By Noble Don Neilson

President

ST. CATHARINES & DISTRICT SHRINE CLUB

Thanks to the hard work by Noble Richard Osborne and the support of our sponsors, the St. Catharines & District Shrine Club First Annual Golf Tournament was a huge success. Our hosts at the Pelham Hills Golf and Country Club were like the weather - perfect.

The highlight of the day was a hole in one on the Par 3 - 157 yard 7th hole by Wor. Bro. Richard Green of St. Georges Lodge #15 G.R.C. using a seven iron. His dream shot was also enough to help his team win the tournament with the lowest score.

The dinner was enjoyed by all, after which Noble Don Neilson, President of St. Catharines & District Shrine Club thanked Noble Osborne, the sponsors and all who participated in making this event a success. He then handed the winner's plaque for the overall lowest score to Bro. Richard Green and his team, who beat Don's team by one stroke!

Don then gave a short talk on the Shrine organization, including our aims and aspirations, then answered the guestions that were asked.

A number of the participants were surprised at what we accomplish so much so that questions were asked how one joins - all in all, a good day.

# Our special Shrine children need your continued support

By Lady Marjorie Young
BOKHARA COURT #22, LOSNA
don't know if it is me but, the
days sure seem to fly by; we
spend the first part of our lives
wishing to grow up and the last
part wishing they would slow
down.

Our Sherway Gardens Bazaar and Grand High Priestess' visit is over and now we begin working toward our Annual Spring Tea to support our Canadian Hospital.

Our special children need our support with clothing, reading material, toys that can be used in bed as well as the regular toys. Flannel sheets are always in need for the beds and stretchers. Bath sheets and cosmetics are also handy for the teenagers.

It is so easy to choose for the young children because we see more of them in the system and forget that they grow up and are still in the system.

There is always a need for computer programs as there are schools in our hospitals. These are a few things to keep in mind. If you would like to donate items contact one of our Ladies.

We also make cash donations which can be designated to the Canadian Hospital, toward equipment that is needed by the hospital staff, the price of the special needs equipment is astronomical.

There will be more on our tea in a future edition of the Papyrus.

Lady Patricia Martin, Associate Princess, 905-692-2509, is responsible for our Hospital Chair and Annual Spring Tea this year and would be glad to hear from you.

The Ladies of Bokhara Court hope that you have a pleasant holiday season and that the New Year is not up and down financially, weather wise, etc. like the one we are leaving behind.



# Rameses Halloween Party 2008

On Sunday 26 October Rameses Shriners once again held their annual Halloween Party and Games for children. As always, it was a huge hit with the kids their parents and grand parents. From the grand opening to the last hot dog, it was nothing but bustling, laughing and screaming. Monsters, heroes and fairies shared the fun of dressing up and being someone else for just one day a year. Many thanks to all the Nobles and their Ladies who made this fantasy event even more fantastic. For all the details on the volunteers for this Party please see the story on Page 26.











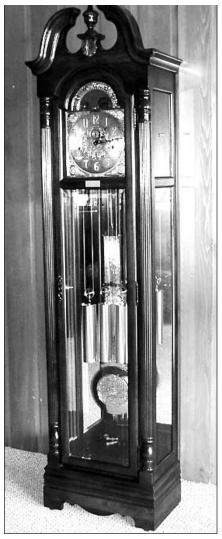












#### Rameses Shriners Potentate's Lady's Project 2008

ady Johanna extends a very sincere thank you to all those Nobles and Ladies who bought tickets for the 2008 Potentate's Lady's Project.

The lucky winners were from North Bay, Sudbury, Belleville, Aurora, Kingston and Mississauga.

The proceeds of \$2,300 were used to purchase a gorgeous Grandfather Clock for Rameses Shrine Centre's foyer. The next time that you visit your Centre, make sure that you take the time to see it.

#### Club Presidents & Unit Directors for 2009

The Press Corps will be taking pictures in the Sahara Room (lower level) on Saturday 10 January 2009 for those Nobles who require pictures for the 2009 Roster.

Starting at: 10:00 a.m. The cost: \$10.00

#### Halloween praise and recognition

By Noble Russell Bradley Rameses Shrine

Halloween Party Chairman 2008

t requires many people to make an event like our Children's Halloween Party successful.

First, thanks to **Toni** in our Shrine office. Toni puts a tremendous amount of effort and enthusiasm into making this event the success that it is.

Noble **Dave Farberman** donates so many items to our Halloween event every year. There is no way we could afford to purchase the items Dave donates to us.

Noble *Jim McKinney* donates all the candy the kids receive.

**The Clowns.** We had a wonderful turnout of Clowns this year. The kids continue to be mesmerized by the sculptures the clowns make and by their appearance.

**The Drum Corps.** The kids always enjoy a band and to march behind one is a real thrill.

Noble **Ray Causton**. He picks up, delivers and hands out the pumpkins the

children take home after the party.

*Illustrious Sir Bob Whitmarsh* for the books the kids take home in their goody bags.

Noble **Steve Singleton** for picking up and returning the helium tank and the McDonalds dispenser and just about anything else that needs to be done.

Noble **Dave Earlam** and his grandson for walking around in the oversized blow-ups.

**Leaside Shrine Club** for cooking, preparing and dispensing the hot dogs and drinks.

**Hilda** (face-painter) and the many **Volunteers** running the games.

The *parents and grandparents* who spent hours making costumes and bringing the ghosts and goblins to our party.

Thanks to all of you. This function could not happen without the assistance of each of you and of course thanks to Illustrious Sir Brian Davenport and his Divan for passing the budget that made this Halloween Party possible.

# Spend a little time, save a lot of money on these simple Halloween games

By Noble Russell Bradley

obles, we currently rent the games for our Children's Halloween Party. These games are simply made out of plywood. There are pictures of these games below and they can also be seen in colour on the Rameses Web Site under Halloween, Gallery One, www.pbase.com/rameses

If you are interested in making one or more of these game structures, please contact Noble Russell Bradley at 416-622-7709.





## Oshawa Shrine Club growing like a weed

By Noble Vic Phillips

OSHAWA SHRINE CLUB

hile some Shrine Clubs throughout North America are finding it difficult attracting new members, our Club is booming. The Club building is packed with members for our regular meetings every third Wednesday; partly because of the excellent food cooked up by head chef "Janice" and partly because of the fellowship before and after meetings. Jokes are cracked all evening long, all in good taste, with politics left at home.

The various Units compete for members and it often takes a "newbie Shriner" months to decide whether to start riding with the mini bikes, or perhaps joining the snappy car Unit. The clowns never have a problem attracting members, and the award winning Oriental Band is always in demand.

All the Units have their own fundraisers and various social events. There is always something to look forward to besides parades and dances and already the gang is getting excited about the Spring Ceremonial in beautiful North Bay next summer.

Many members go off on their own touring our hospitals in Erie, Montreal, Chicago and Boston and other nearby driving points.

Some of the snowbirds are well known at various Temples in Florida and Arizona and have become affiliated with our southern neighbours' Temples.

Now that the days are getting shorter,

we run to places and pay hundreds of dollars a day to get the heat we

complained about in July.

Many of us are so old our thoughts have gone from passion to pension, but having fun is still the name of the game at the Oshawa Club.



By Noble John Miller RAMOCA SHRINE CLUB

Ramoca Shrine Club Units had a very busy summer and fall parade season. In August the Ramoca Shrine Wheelers Mini Cars and Mini Choppers participated in the Town of Southampton's 150th Homecoming Parade to the delight of the large crowd.

The Wheelers were joined by the Oriental Band Unit to entertain onlookers at the Meaford Scarecrow Festival parade in September. Then in November and December, Ramoca Shrine Club Nobles participated in local Santa Claus parades in Owen Sound, Chesley and Wiarton.

The Ramoca Shrine Club Pig Roast was again hosted at Noble Creighton Taylor's farm at the end of August. Noble Bryan Lawson, Assistant Rabban and Noble David Dunn, Oriental Guide and their ladies joined us for a great afternoon of fellowship and food. The Wheelers draw prizes were made at the Pig Roast and the winners were: First prize - Bed and Breakfast including Spa treatment, Marie Primeau; Second Prize - Weekend for 6 for a cottage at Sauble Beach, Julia Bradley and Third Prize - \$150, Doug Richardson. Thanks to everyone that bought tickets to assist the Wheelers Unit.

This year's Joint Potentate's Dinner was hosted by President Dan Ward and the Nobles and Ladies of the Ramoca Shrine Club. Noble Brian Davenport, Potentate of Rameses Shriners and Noble Gail MacKay, Potentate of Mocha Shriners and their ladies attended with Nobles from both Divans. The Bruce Shrine Club, Mocha Temple will be the host for the 2009 dinner.

Our November meeting was again a joint election and installation evening. Past Potentate and Rameses Shriners treasurer, Noble Robert Young presided and installed Noble Paul Balogh as the Ramoca Shrine Club 2009 President. The other Club Officers and Directors were elected and installed to assist Noble Paul next year. Congratulations to all Nobles on the 2009 Ramoca Shrine Club Executive.

#### Parade Marshal's Message

my first year as Parade Marshal. Your participation and co-operation was greatly appreciated. I look forward to working with you in 2009, we are a team.

I have had very favourable remarks for Rameses in those parades and events attended in 2008.

On 21 August 2008 I attended a Parade Chairman's meeting in North Bay to discuss the Spring Ceremonial for 2009.

I can assure you that the Nobles in North Bay are working very hard to ensure a successful Spring Ceremonial in 2009.

The Spring Ceremonial will be well advertised and consequently we hope well attended by the public.



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#### Hillbillies workin' hard doing their thing for our kids

#### By Cuzin' Noble Barry L. Jones

HILLBILLY SHRINE CLUB - CLAN 46

owdy dear friends and kind-hearted neighbours. Here's a quiz: How many appearances by Hillbilly Club members does it take to make the Shrine Circus tour one of the most successful years? Well, it takes 261 - cause that's how many we did this year.

We also realize there were many other very dedicated Shriners who took much personal time to show up and work along side of us on fire watch. Each Shriner who made it his job

to help out deserves much credit and I am certain your efforts were much appreciated by the Divan, the Shrine and the folks who attended each performance.

For several years, around late September, Noble Bob O'Brien and his wife, Hillbilly Mama/Lady Marion, host the very famous and sought-after Hillbilly Degree at their country residence beside the Talbot River in Kirkfield, Ontario. This year a new name: "Gathering of the Clans" (it was once called the Hillbilly Degree and Chowdown) was held on Saturday, September 27th and Shriners and Hillbillies from far

and near showed up to enjoy a fun-

filled afternoon, renew old acquaintances

and make new friends. Amongst the 80 or so Shriner and Lady attendees, eleven Shriners and thirteen of their Ladies got up the nerve to take either the Pa or the Ma Hillbilly Degree.

Mother Nature proved kind to us - although heavy rain hit just after 9:00 p.m. - long after just everybody had headed back home for chore time. Many who had taken the Degree(s) on previous occasions also returned just to add some fun to their autumn schedules. Everybody agreed - there was hardly a nicer way to spend an afternoon in the country.

Following the Degrees, a fine Hillbilly-type outdoor meal was enjoyed (slices of hot roast on buns; delicious beans, cobs of corn, salad, plenty of cake, coffee, etc.).

Two contests were held: one for the 'best dressed Hillbilly' and the other for the 'best Hillbilly hat'. Well folks, although I am very shy, I feel I should tell you I was the best dressed Hillbilly winner! It wasn't simply because I was laying on the grass stomping my feet. I reckon it does pay to get dressed up once in awhile. Hillbilly Mama, Lady Denise Davidge was real busy organizing and selling tickets for the 50/50 draw - in fact she even tempted purchasers with homemade (and delicious) cookies - "buy 50/50 tickets-and have a cookie!" Thanks for your hard work, Denise.

Well, no event would be official without a serious side and this year was no exception. Gentle readers, do you recall the Hee Haw boys on television some years back? Well, our own Hee Haw boys made their premier performance! Now, I reckon (perhaps to avoid trademark laws) we should refer to our boys as "The Oh No Boys" (while they were singing that's what most of the spectators were heard yelling).

A true Hillbilly version of pickin' and singin' as provided for by Cuzins Bill (Sanders) on ukulele, Bill (Chisholm) on banjo and

vocal backup by Jim (Rennie). Also providing some soothing background music were Cuzin' Lorne (Howard) - maintaining the frantic tempo with his spoons and two of today's

Candidates - Cuzins
Rick (Morreau)
and Jim (France)

- both were avidly plucking out notes on the old washtub bass fiddle.

The Oh No Boys commenced to crooning or perhaps it may be more fair to say,

howling at the moon with a particular lovely song dedicated to we Rameses Hillbilly Shrine Club members. There was hardly a dry eye to be noted,

although that could have been due to most of us peeling onions. While the crowd

clapped their hands and tapped their toes, a few of us kept watch over the fields because hunting season was getting under way and we just weren't too sure what sort of attention the hog-wallering would garner from afield.

Marion's famous Hillbilly Fleamarket was in operation all day and with the help of some of our Hillbilly (and other) gals, a great deal of money was raised - special thanks to the many purchasers of Hillbilly items. Also a big thanks to Marion and all the ladies who volunteered to help out.

Monies raised will form part of the Hillbilly Clan 46/Rameses Hillbilly Shrine Hillbilly Clubs annual donation to our Montreal Shriners Hospital for Children and those special children we, as all Shriners, work endlessly to assist. We will, once again, be donating to the Transportation Fund to assist with all their great work. Thank you one and all!

Dear reader, it seems for sure the word is spreading far and wide amongst our Shrine Fraternity as to the popularity of this Club and the Hillbilly Degrees. Our final 2008 parades are being/or were held in Milton (November) and in Stouffville

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#### Hundreds of Hillbillies to show up for good ol' fun-filled time

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(December).

The melodious sound of bluegrass music emanating from our specially decorated Christmas float never fails to induce much toe-tapping, hand clapping and impromptu clog-dancing amongst the hundreds of spectators who come out to have a look at us (and I suppose try to figure us out)! More especially, however, action by many of the spectators which really tugs on the ol' heart strings is when we receive rounds of applause, thumbs-up and vocal thank-yous as we pass by. Yup, they know and appreciate what we, and all Shriners, do for our special cause. The accolades are truly

heart-warming.

Well, folks, during the long winter, some of our mechanically-inclined members will be spending much of their own time doing necessary repairs and rebuilding of parade equipment and drawing up plans for new and interesting parade goodies.

They are very special and dedicated members year-round - not just at meetings and parades. Speaking of meetings, we get together at 7:30 p.m. on the fourth Mondays (except for our summer break), at Shrine Headquarters on Keele Street. Having seen us parade, you may be thinking that is my cup of tea. Why not check us out? Joining our Club will cost you \$50 plus an additional

(and one time only) \$10. Afterwards annual dues are \$50.

The 2009 Hillbilly International Convention will be held next summer in Toledo, Ohio. A different location is chosen and hundreds of North American Shriner Hillbillies show up for a good ol' fun-filled time.

Next Spring 2009, when our parading season begins, YOU, as a Shriner, are welcome to come along and join in with us - you can sit on our float in one of our most-comfortable plastic lawn chairs or, if you prefer (as do some who aren't too shy) walk or dance the entire parade route. I am sure you will agree parading with the Hillbillies is more fun than an old time horseshoe pitching contest!

A very special howdy to Michael Parkes who does so much work and organizing to get each edition of the Papyrus put together and sent out to we Shriners. I understand he recently broke his foot, however, I don't want to take up the space here to alarm him too much by mentioning what we do over here on the farm when a horse gets himself into alike predicament! Y'all take care, Michael and I am sure the best wishes and regards from every Rameses Shriner is conveyed. We hope for your quick recovery.

To all Shriners and/or their families experiencing less than perfect health, we send our best wishes and prayers.

Now I will say g'day and may the Good Lord take a liking to you. Folks, a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to y'all from your good friends here at the Rameses Hillbilly Shrine Club and Hillbilly Clan 46.

I'll be seeing you at the general store! Thanks to each of you for being a Shriner.

One of our members figured he would add some class to our parades by purchasing a couple of musical instruments. He went to a music store, looked around and said to the clerk "I reckon I will take that red trumpet over there - and also that there accordion." The clerk looked at him and said: "Hhmmmm. . .well, okay, you can have the fire extinguisher, but the radiator has to stay!"

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#### Section 325.9 - Representatives

- (a) Single Ballot. Where a temple elects more than on Representative.
  All candidates must be balloted for one written ballot.
- (b) Complete Ballot. Each member voting must vote only for the total number of representatives to be elected otherwise his ballot cannot be counted as a vote.
- (c) Majority Vote. A majority vote of those present and voting is necessary to elect each Representative.
- (d) Election. Only those candidates who receive a majority vote shall be declared elected.
- (e) Successive Ballots. Successive written ballots must then be taken in the same manner on other candidates until all Representatives are elected.
- (f) Highest Vote. If more candidates receives a majority vote than the number of Representatives to be elected, then those receiving the greatest number of votes shall be declared elected.
- (g) Void Ballot. Blank ballots are not votes.

#### **Section 325.10 - Election Regulation**

- (a) Electioneering. The printing, publication, circulating or distribution of resolutions, letters, telegrams, tickets or other devices, by a Noble, suggesting, recommending, opposing or containing the names of the proposed candidates in the temple is prohibited.
- (b) Violation. For any violation of (a), the Imperial Potentate may suspend any offending Noble, and he may declare the election of the officers void and order a new election.
- (c) Notice. At least one week prior to the annual meeting or any election the temple Recorder shall mail to each member a notice thereof containing this section.

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