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THE OFFICIAL PUBLICATION OF TEBALA TEMPLE A.A.O.N.M.S.

Tom Brawner, Potentate

Dec 2008/Jan 2009

## WELCOME NEW SHRINERS TO TEBALA



**Tony Ziegler**



**Michael Barnes**



**Robert Lang**



**Peter Suffield**



**Carlos Duran**



**Victor Duran**

### Schedule of Upcoming Events:

Temple Meeting & Elections	12/17	Temple Meeting & <b>TebalaGram</b> deadline	1/14
Tebala Temple Memorial Service	1/4	Tebala Temple Installation of Officers	1/17

The deadline for submissions to the **TebalaGram** comes on every stated meeting of Tebala Shrine. The next **deadline** is on **January 14**. For ease and speed in handling, please send your submissions as attachments to your emails. Both photos and word documents are far quicker to correct and format for publishing with software this way. If you need help with your submission, please request it from Tebala office. We solicit your input, and are eager to assist you. The **TebalaGram** email address is:  
**[tebalagram@comcast.net](mailto:tebalagram@comcast.net)**



## Note from the Pote...

Nobles, the year is quickly coming to a close and as you know, all good things must come to an end. It has been a pleasure serving as your Potentate this year. This year has been very busy, especially with all the remodeling of the Temple, the monumental statue of Walking Tall guarding the main entrance to Tebala Temple, and our new, impressive electronic sign displaying the events at the Center. I would like to thank all the donors and volunteers who made all this possible. Without your generosity and assistance, this would not have been a reality. Isn't our Temple beautiful and something to be proud of?

The haunted house was an adventure this year – after moving it twice, the final resting place was in the north parking lot at Tebala, and was again successful. Again, I thank all who made it happen. (I really enjoyed the treats made by the ladies as well as all the food prepared by S.H. & L.)

I hope all who attended the Potentates' Ball had as good a time as my Lady CoCo and I did. Hoffman House over excelled in their preparation and presentation of food served at the Ports of Call. Many thanks to Chef Richard and the Hoffman House staff. As always, New Odyssey was excellent and enjoyed by all.

The first annual Alabet & Tebala Casino Trip fundraiser was successful. We raised \$350.00 for the children and all had a good time. My apology to the many requests for Mimosa's which I absent-mindedly left in the trunk of my car. Rumor has it that they were enjoyed at the Fall Ceremonial Ladies Luncheon held at the Center for Sight and Hearing Impaired. The focus at the luncheon was on Cochlear Implants and the importance of having them performed at an early age for the child's development of speech. The featured guests at the luncheon

were, Nikki Sweet and her daughter Carrisa, age 6, who had a Cochlear Implant at the age of 3. Carrisa now has beautiful speech and is attending regular classes at school. Wouldn't it be wonderful if Shriners would assist these children too?

A warm welcome is extended to all the new Nobles who were received in Tebala Shrine for the year 2008.

In conclusion, let me take this time to thank my Chief Aide, Norm Oehler, and the line aides for all of their assistance throughout the year. A personal thank you to Craig Sand, P.P. for being my personal M.C. in 2008. His humor was priceless at the Ball during the **muster drill**. "Ginger" (Tessie Etier) was awesome as Craig's assistant in demonstrating proper application of life jackets and safety procedures.

Finally, there are two people I want to thank for all their assistance in 2008. They are Business Manager Denise McLendon and Paula Stanbury. Too many times they are not recognized for all the things they do for Tebala Shrine. Thank you Denise and Paula from the bottom of my heart.

Fraternally yours,

Tom Brawner, Potentate 2008

## RECORDERS RECORD

There are 2 important meetings coming up

Wed Dec 17 2008 Elections-MUST have 2008 dues card

Wed Jan 14 2009 (Note this is the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wed ) Annual Meeting

And Installation of 2009 Officers- MUST have 2009 dues card

At our Fall Ceremonial on Nov 15 we created 6 new Nobles.

Remember to send in your child's reservation for the Kids XMAS Party on Dec 14 2008 - Reservations a MUST by Dec 12 2008 for kids ages 10 and under for Santa to bring a gift.

We also have to know how many adults are coming to be sure we have Food enough to eat. COME OUT AND HAVE FUN

## HAPPY HOLI DAYS

James E. Leason P.P.  
Recorder

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## TEBALA CREW AT GLSA IN SEPTEMBER



Photo was taken by past Imperial Potentate Dr. Lemeuix at GLSA in Cincinnati last September just before we began the parade. *Respectfully submitted by Martin McDaniel, Assistant Rabban.*

### From the Chief Rabban

Well the year is almost over and it's been eventful. December Temple meeting is election of officers, so come out and vote. I went to the membership seminar in Tampa at the end of October and I think Imperial has come up with a really good program for membership. I am working with Craig Sand to build a committee and use the program to increase our membership. We just had Fall Ceremonial in November and I think it was a positive one. We didn't have a big group but they were all great guys. I would like to thank Mark Torrance, Doug Gull-Clemmons and all the people who made the Haunted House a success. They all put in a lot of time and worked super hard to get it done. Today is a great day to be a Shriner!

Yours in the faith  
Joe Zimmerman

### Assistant Rabban Rantings

Greetings Nobles! Thanks to all of the Units and Clubs for your donations to the various Shrine Hospitals, Tebala Transportation Fund, Sneaker Fund, Solar Panel Fund, etc. All of the Units and Clubs really came through again this year and your increased support of the Tebala Transportation Fund is especially appreciated. It makes me feel particularly proud to be a Shriner when I see the results of the work of so many nobles dedicated to the care of the children we serve in our 22 Shrine Hospitals.

Another round of thanks goes out to everyone who helped out with Tebala's "Temple of Terror". Constructing an over 8000 square foot temporary building in just over two weeks and operating the house for 9 evenings plus taking down and storing the entire structure is a feat that could not of happened without the help of so many people. Co-Chairman Mark Torrance and Doug Gull-Clemons deserve a lot of credit for their planning, energy, drive and determination in making the "Temple of Terror", a success again this year. Once again, THANK YOU to everyone who helped with this project.

Everyone make a note on your calendars of the upcoming Tebala Temple annual meeting – December 17 and then the Shrine Installation – January 17, 2009. It is important to call in to the office if you are coming to the Annual Meeting in December so that our wonderful kitchen crew, S,H,L,G&B, knows how many people to plan to feed. Speaking of S,H,L,G&B, I owe Bill Falconer, the "B" of the group an apology. In last month's article I inadvertently left out the "B" when mentioning the group. Sorry Bill!

In closing, the events that I've witnessed from so many nobles during the past few months involving the Walking Tall/Sign project, "Temple of Terror", and the Ceremonial really make me proud to be a part of our great fraternity.

Yours in the Faith,  
Martin McDaniel, Assistant Rabban

### Editorial Policy

All submissions to this issue of the *TebalaGram* have been included without alteration to style, grammar, or spelling in an attempt to preserve the creativity **and integrity of the writers' original intent.** *Any article or material submitted that does not meet the standard of Freemasonry or the Shrine will be stricken at the discretion of the editor and the Divan.*

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## IS TEBALA REALLY HAUNTED?



Above: Here's a scary pair, especially the one on the left. Noble Art Hass and Christian take a break from the Haunted House in the Oasis where Nobles Greg Stanbury, Leon Larsen, and several other helpers kept refreshments replenished for workers.

Left: Noble Robert Boyd stops "clowning around" long enough to scare the daylights out of Tebala's guests to the Haunted House. Many never saw him coming.

### 2008 Tebala Shrine Circus

The 2008 Tebala Shrine Circus final figures are in; the Circus itself showed a slight increase in income **\$1569.00**.

The additional sources of income to the circus were a tragedy the Nobility sales (ticket vouchers sent to noble's) is down by **\$10,428.00**, AD sales for circus book down by **\$4935.00**, Telemarketing sales down by **\$10,615.00**.

As you can see our income took a terrible hit, in part due to the no call list, and in part due to the inability or failure of our noble's to meet their obligations.

The haunted house is now over, and time is here to start on the **2009 TEBALA SHRINE CIRCUS**. I am working on this already and **"I NEED YOUR HELP"**.

I have been told that the survey that the Temple conducted indicated that our members think that we should be getting more of our income from non-

members. I do not disagree with this at all but if you don't want it coming out of your pocket, we need your help to get into other peoples pockets.

This cannot be accomplished by the Divan, the Chairman of the fund raising events, and the **100** or **so** members that give of their time and efforts.

There are some ideas being kicked around for additional means to raise money that target non-shriners, if shriners wish to participate they will be welcome. But again **"YOUR HELP IS NEEDED"**. This may be as simple as copying the full page fliers of these events which come in the Tebalagram and spreading them around in places that are appropriate to the event. You may be asked to sell items for the temple, no out of pocket expenses to you except for a little time and maybe a little gas.

Let us all reassess our obligation and do our part.

Loy Rice  
Circus Chairman

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# ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL MINI-CLINIC AT TEBALA



L to R, Nobles Eugene Gambrel, Bob Saxer – driver, Norm Oehler (standing)

Applications and screening begins.



Nobles Dan Hartman and Bear Barker “clown around” for the kids so the adults can handle the paperwork.

: Bear Barker wonders “what went wrong” with his balloon toy.

## TEBALA MOTOR PATROL

This month we don't have any pictures, but we do have some information about the Patrol and the Temple. There were six new Nobles created on the 15<sup>th</sup> of November. Five of the six were from Waukegan and our fearless leader Ziggy was 1<sup>st</sup> line signer on four of those petitions. So you can see he is always trying.

Our Parade season is just about over. We have one last parade in Fox Lake on the 29<sup>th</sup> of November for their Santa Clause Days. So if the weather stays good we may not have to

wear parkas to it.

The Holidays are fast approaching and everyone is gearing up for that with parties and such. So, from all of us over here in the east, have a wonderful and Merry Christmas and a Very, Very Happy New Years from the Motor Patrol.

*Submitted respectfully by,*

*Mike Hoeth  
Motor Patrol Director*

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## Tebala Shrine Temple Annual Election of Officers

**All Nobles must have a 2008 Dues Card!**

You are hereby notified that the Election of Officers for the ensuing year will be held at the Stated Meeting of Tebala Temple at 7910 Newburg Road, Rockford, IL, on Wednesday, December 17, 2008. **A dues card is necessary for admission!**

The Imperial Council states in part as follows: Article 325.6 -Nominations must commence not later than 9:00 p.m. and when that hour arrives all other business must cease and none may be transacted until the election is concluded.

Section 325.10(a) -The printing, publication, circulation or distribution of resolutions, letters, telegrams, tickets or other devices by a Noble suggesting, recommending, opposing or containing the names of proposed candidates for office in the Temple is prohibited. (b) For any violations 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) At least one week prior to the annual election of officers, the Temple Recorder shall mail each member a notice thereof containing this section.

ATTEST: Tom Brawner, Potentate  
James E. Leason, P.P. Recorder

*Please note:* This is the regular meeting for December business. The election of officers may commence anytime after the formal opening of the Temple at 7:30 p.m., but in no event later than the hour prescribed by the Imperial Code. Election of Divan.

## Tebala Shrine Temple Annual Meeting

**All Nobles must have a 2009 Dues Card!**

You are hereby notified that the Annual Meeting of Tebala Temple will be held at 7910 Newburg Road, Rockford, IL, on Wednesday, January 14, 2009 at 7:30 p.m., at which time the annual reports of officers will be presented. **Your 2009 dues card is necessary for admission.** The Finance Committee will elect Nobles for a term of two years. Representatives to the Imperial Council will also be elected.

Tom Brawner, Potentate  
James E. Leason, P.P., Recorder

## Tebala Shrine Building Corporation Annual Meeting

**All Nobles must have a 2009 Dues Card!**

You are hereby notified that the Annual Meeting of the membership of Tebala Shrine Building Corporation will be held at 7910 Newburg Road, Rockford, IL, on Wednesday, January 14, 2009 at 7:30 p.m., at which time the annual reports of the Tebala Shrine Building Corporation will be presented.

Tom Brawner, Potentate  
James E. Leason, P.P., Recorder

**T u r n U p t h e H e a t ... S i g n u p a n e w N o b l e !**

## Trophies and Prizes Awarded to Winners



Pete and Jean Holm navigate to victory in the first annual Tebala Directors Staff Road Rally.

Pete and Jean came in first with the most correct answers and best navigation in the rally. It was a fierce competition and the winners truly deserve the grand glowing first place trophies. Second place went to the team of John and Robbie Blassingham. John thinks the cow in the middle of the road that he rescued was to blame for his second place finish.

Third place and winners of the coveted First Peanut Butter award went to Jevon and Carrie Dennis. Fourth place and winners of the not so coveted Second Peanut Butter award went to Larry and Jean Keyser.

The rally left from Tebala starting at 10:00 AM on November 16<sup>th</sup> and **ended at Bootie's in Pecatonica. Everyone**, including the workers both before and during the rally did a great job. Thanks to Dick Hilstad, Bruce Sumpter, Leon Larsen and John Blassingham for helping make the rally a success. Everyone had a great time **and we'll all be talking and laughing** about the fun and challenge we had during the rally.

The Second Annual Directors Staff Rally will be held in Spring 2009. Look for further news and the date for the next rally.

## Rockford DeMolay Chapter

This is an invitation for all you Masons/Nobles, to bring your sons, grandsons, and/or their friends, to become an active part of our Chapter. The age requirements are: Boys, ages 12 to 20 for DeMolay, and Girls, ages 12 to 20 for "The Sweethearts Corp." We meet on the first and third Wednesdays of each month at 7:00. We meet at Ellis & Star-in-the-East Masonic Lodge, located at 4524 Charles Street in Rockford.

DeMolay is based upon the life of Jacques DeMolay, who gave up his life rather than betray a trust. He refused to betray his comrades in 1314 and was burned at the stake by King Philip of France.

Also, this is an invitation for Adult Advisors to assist in our program which includes: program planning, chaperoning events, ritual assistance, providing event transportation, and any financial assistance you may wish to provide.

These young adults may just well be the future members for Masonry and its associated organizations. We could use some more interaction with adults. Try it, you'll like it — I did, and I do.

**Ron Pauly**  
Advisory Council Chairman

### *New opportunity for personal growth at*

**Tebala (EOE):** *Tebalagram* is accepting applications for head of our newest section of the newsletter, the *Readers' Satisfaction Department*. Interested parties should request application forms ***in person only*** at the Tebala Shrine office. Please ask for the Recorder for further instructions, and he will be pleased to inform you. Submit your completed application form to the attention of the Divan who will assist the Potentate in the final selection process. Incomplete application forms will ***NOT*** be considered. *The successful applicant will take charge of ordering the circular file where all previous complaints have been filed that have come in regarding production of the newsletter. Salary determination will be made commensurate with performance and will fall into line with current staff compensation.*

**On November 11, 2008, TEBALA SHRINE BIG WHEELS  
Gave a Donation of \$3,000.00 to the Chicago Shrine Hospital  
Towards 5-Flat 27" Screen Televisions to the PICU Care Unit.**



Left: Jerry Owens, Secretary of the Tebala Shrine Big Wheels; Center: Kally Schneider, Director of Public and Community Relations; Right: Alan Doty, Treasurer of the Tebala Shrine Big Wheels.  
**All Monies Collected from Parades are GIVEN to the Shrine Hospital.**

**We Ride To Help Children Walk.**

**Shriners Hospitals for Children - Chicago**

THANK YOU LETTER

From: Schneider, Kally [mailto:KSchneider@shrinenet.org]  
Sent: Friday, November 21, 2008 4:06 PM  
To: bigwheel2@sbcglobal.net  
Subject: donation for TVs for Chicago Hospital



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The \$3000 donation will be used to purchase new flat screen TVs for the Pediatric Intensive Care Unit (PICU). The Chicago Hospital is currently remodeling their six-bed PICU as well as the surgical suites and Post-Anesthesia Care Unit. Without a budget for new televisions, Tebala Shriners stepped in to provide funding so the newly transformed space would be fit with updated technology as well. For patients requiring intensive care, television is often the best distraction from pain or discomfort and we are grateful to our Shriners who came through to provide this much needed equipment for our kids.

Kally Schneider  
Director of Public and Community Relations  
Shriners Hospitals for Children  
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# END OF YEAR BIG WHEEL MEETING



Above: At the MILK PAIL Restaurant, Sunday, November 9, 2008, Members brought their Wives—Lady Friend—or a Guest. All Enjoyed Good Food & the Dixie Land Jazz Band. Right: The city of Sycamore celebrated its 150th Anniversary this year, as well as its 47th Pumpkin Festival and Parade. Parade founder Wally Thoreau (top hat) lead the parade for many years riding his own big wheel, but this year that task was filled by the Tebala Shriners famous Big Wheels Unit, headed by Jerry Owens.



**IN GOD WE TRUST**  
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Installation 7:30 p.m.

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## THE CHAPLAIN'S CALL

*Think About This....*

In this fast-paced world in which we live, the very thing we need to do is what we often don't do: We need simply to sit still and open our heart to the counsel of God. Then we will be well prepared for whatever the day brings.

Sometimes the most godly thing we can do for ourselves is go to sleep. Sometimes the most godly thing we can do for our family and friends is to take a break and regather our strength.

Perhaps the words of the carpenter, promising rest, are so compelling because of our endless desire and quest to rest—not just to rest in the body, but to rest the heart, to find peace, to finally settle down in a valley fertile with contentment.

Do you know where to find rest? Where you find a clean conscience? Where you find the ability to sleep at night and live with yourself? By living in the pleasure of the Father who made you.

If you want to bring under control a fast-paced life-style, you must eliminate the unnecessary; if you want to be where God wants you to be, you must concentrate on the necessary.

Don't think that God always has goose bumps and happy feelings toward his people. That same God is the God who once wondered if he should have ever made this thing called the human race. But it's the same God who assures us that "you are my people and I will be your God." It's not based on feelings or perfection; it's based on a covenant of love.

*Your Servant in Christ . . . . Pastor Ken*

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## Tebala Air Squadron Parades



**Photo on left: Clarence and Anna Rice (in back), Aneida (in plane), Daniel (leaning next to plane), and Tashina (in front)**



**Photo on left: Noble Clem Schultz**



**Photo to right: Noble Oriental Guide Dave Babcock and Noble Dave Giamalva**

On October 26<sup>th</sup>, 2008 Tebala Air Squadron paraded in Savanna Illinois. The members who went to parade were, Dave Babcock, Jim Leason, Clem Shultz, Tom Brawner, Barry Kasmar and myself, Dave Giamalva.

Anna Rice and her husband Clarence had contracted us to parade and had agreed to pay for our fee. Anna & Clarence with their 3 children Tashina 24 years old, Aneida 18 years old and Daniel 10 years old met us as soon as we arrived in Savanna. We all then realized this was not like any parade we had done before. We were told that all 3 of their children had gone through the Shrine Hospital. Clarence told me that Tashina the oldest has had 18 operations and if it wasn't for the Shrine Hospital he would have been bankrupt years ago. This family is so thankful they wanted to give something back to the Shrine. After hearing their story it was decided by the Air Squadron not to accept the fee that they

were going to pay out of their own pocket. This family made each one of us who paraded that day feel good and proud about who we are and what we do.

Anna & Clarence have a DJ business that they do part time. She has told me that they would like to come to Tebala for a function and play for us in the future. We will work on this and hopefully have them up for one of our parties. I also promised Anna & Clarence that the Tebala Air Squadron would be back to parade next year for them. I would also like to see all clubs and units if you are free next year to come to Savanna and join us and meet this special family. The parade is held on the last Sunday in October. I would personally like to thank Chuck Pierce for his donation to the Air Squadron from this event.

Dave Giamalva  
Tebala Air Squadron



**Tebala Air Squadron participates in the Hot Dog Parade. Photos submitted by Noble Todd Kovalski of the Tebala Blue Haze Choppers and his Lady Courtney.**

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# Blue Haze Choppers

## Ride at Night

The Blue Haze Choppers paraded at the annual "Hot Dog Parade" in River Grove IL. On Saturday October 4, 2008. Our only night time parade.

It was great having Todd Kovaleski bike light up in blue lights at the front of the group. Joining him were Jevon Dennis, Tom Whitaker and Joe Blanchard.

Our support group from Tebala on the side lines, cheering us on was John Milliren and his Lady Bonnie, Carrie Dennis, Courtney Kovaleski and Tina Blanchard. Also, Jevon and Todd's sons joined us as our youngest fans and future Shriners. (The Blue Haze Choppers recruit at an early age)

I was told there was another tire issue with the Blue Haze Choppers. Guess it must have been another one of those defective tires like I had!

Also, next time you see Tom Whitaker, ask him about the Blue Haze Choppers new parade move called the "Hang on and Slide Though The Grass" maneuver. They say Tom was very impressive with this move, but he wasn't willing to teach it to anybody.

See you ALL next parade season and thank ALL of you for your support this year.

**REMEMBER!! ANY club or unit member may join the Blue Haze Choppers. You don't have to ride, but we do have two bikes available if you want to. Just give me a call anytime. We go out to restaurants with our wives and family's we have a dinner/meeting and a lot of fun. Come on out and join us!! Would be great to have you and it's a night out with your Lady, at the same time.**

Call my office and leave me a voice mail and I will get back to you.

1-815-713-2354

Joe Blanchard

Blue Haze Choppers President



**Blue Haze Chopper future Shriner, three-and-a-half-year-old Drake Dennis, is shown on his Dads chopper at the Hot Dog parade in River Grove, IL. His Dad Jevon is the 2009 VP of the Blue Haze Choppers.**



**Noble Todd Kovaleski leads the group in the night parade with his chopper lighting the ground underneath him in blue lights.**



**Blue Haze Choppers perform for the "Hot Dog Parade."**

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## Blue Haze Choppers Italian Night Out



On Friday November 14<sup>th</sup>, the Blue Haze choppers had their monthly meeting at Sams Italian Restaurant in Rockford on Riverside Blvd. The meeting was well attended by 2/3 of the members.

The new 2009 officers were introduced to the club and Tom Whitaker made a presentation on what's coming up in 2009 parade season. Chief Rabban Joe Zimmerman addressed the club and spoke briefly about the upcoming year and high priest and profit, Bill Robertson gave his blessings to everyone.

The Blue Haze Choppers Christmas Party will be December 5<sup>h</sup>. It was also announced the Blue Haze Choppers Club, even though not a year old, would be making its first donation at the annual clubs and units gift giving and the fall ceremonial. Tom Whitaker, the clubs parade coordinator, will make the presentation.

The club is still growing and taking new members. You don't have to ride and you can belong to any other club or unit you want to. The Blue Haze Choppers is a social club where the ladies come to the dinner/meeting, kids to. It's a great social club, great time out for dinner, once and a month with your lady. Join us-all welcome. Just call my office anytime of the day or week and leave me a message. 1-815-713-2354.

Respectfully Submitted  
Joe Blanchard  
Blue Haze Choppers President



**Our Tebala Temple Chaplain, Reverend Noble Ken Krause, recently celebrated a significant birthday milestone. Lady Judy assisted with his decorations and I placed him next to the Welcome Sign. Congratulations Ken! Respectfully submitted by Noble Jim Hall.**

Place YOUR advertisement in the Tebala Gram TODAY!

To the Shriners everywhere,

What can I say about Shriners hospital Minneapolis? One word comes to mind and that word is HOPE. They give children with a multitude of orthopedic problems and their families just that and so much more. My stepson Noah was born with hemi-hypertrophy, a condition where one half of the body is growing faster than the other. In Noah's case it was his left leg that needed to be lengthened. Not only are the surgeons and staff some of the best in their field, but they are some of the nicest people you would ever hope to meet. All of the staff at Shriners have been amazing. They don't treat the children like they are different or have problems; instead they are so kind and loving and make the children feel special for just being themselves. They see past the fact that they may have physical conditions that may slow them down, and deal with the children. The children you meet at Shriners are so remarkable as well, they are so upbeat and positive, and they aren't going to let anything hold them back.

I was most impressed by the sense of family between the staff and families that come to Shriners. All the staff are so friendly and welcoming and they really care about the children who come through their doors. Before Noah had his surgery one of the ladies Amy, who works as an activity director came around to Noah's room and showed him the different things that the Dr. would be using and told him what he might see in the operating room. She had a scrapbook with pictures and objects in a box like the mask, an IV, and a gown. It really helped to alleviate some of Noah's fears as well as our own. She answered any questions that Noah or any of the adults had and really made us all feel at ease. Dr. Mielke was the orthopedic surgeon who performed Noah's surgery. He put a fixator into Noah's leg which needed to be turned 3x's daily at first and then 4x's daily until Noah reached the proper length that Dr. Mielke wanted. Knowing that Noah had a specialist in the field of orthopedics to do his surgery was really comforting. We knew he was in good hands.

We were all struck by how generous all the Shriners are, and how happy all the kids are when they are there. They have a recreation room where kids can play games (both video and board), basketball, art projects, toys and anything else you can imagine that is fun to do. They are very encouraging and uplifting to the children's spirits and self esteem. When children go in to have blood work or x-rays done, they get to pick out a prize, like a game or a book or something fun. Before they leave the hospital they are allowed to choose something from a wagon of goodies. Whether it's a stuffed animal, books, or crayons, or baseball cards, it's always something to put a smile on a child's face. It's not only for patients but also for siblings, which for some of the families might be the only toy's they ever have had. They really make the children feel special and forget for a while their individual physical challenges. They let the children know it's okay if people look at them. People are just curious and aren't necessarily judging them. They just want to know what it is that you are dealing with. The kids handle this well by learning to talk to people when they do stare, and explain what they are going through. This is a valuable life lesson for the children to learn. It is important not to judge others for being different, and to know that we are all the same when it comes right down to it.

When you come to Shriners you feel like part of a family. The Surgeons; Dr.'s; Nurses; Anesthesiologists; Cast Makers; Prosthetic Specialists; Physical Therapists; Activity Personnel; Social Workers; Cooks; Cleaners; and everyone in between are an integral part of your child's care and recovery, and they really do care about the kids and their families. I can't say enough about how blessed we feel to have the Shriners in our lives. Our local shrine in Milwaukee even paid for my husband and me to stay up at Minneapolis at the Parent Center during Noah's surgery. The Shriners and their centers help so many families in need, that without them, we could never afford to get the help our children need to give them a better life. They are not only giving these children a second chance at life, they are making their dreams come true. They are helping children to walk that might never have been able to; They are giving children prosthetic legs and arms that are state of the art that allow them to keep up with other children their age, if not surpass them; They allow children to be children and feel safe and know that the whole world isn't judging them, that they are beautiful and special just the way they are. Thank you to the Shriners of Minneapolis, Milwaukee, Chicago, Rockford, and all the local chapters and Shrines in between, because you are making all of these miracles possible by your contributions, and caring and all the hard work you do to raise money for the children in need.

Even though I know it is not enough I just want to say thank you. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for all you do for all the children out there that need your help, and particularly for my stepson who has every opportunity in life now thanks to people like you. Thank you!

Sincerely, Elizabeth Monroe and Family

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Noah with several unidentified Hospital Staff Members



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**Top left & middle: Noah with unidentified Hospital Staff; top right: Noah with Rev. Dr. John O'Lane.**



**Bottom left: Noah with Mom & Dad (Sean & Beth).**

**Bottom right: Noah and Family, Front (L-- R): Kylie, Katie, Noah. Back (L-R): Sean (Dad), Beth (Mom), Emily, Carolyn (Grandma).**



NOAH and his family have recently relocated to Tebalaland from Wisconsin. NOAH told me personally that he wants to be a SHRINER when he grows up.

Jim Hall, Loves Park Shrine Club Scribe

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## LOVES PARK SHRINE CLUB NEWS...(and random thoughts)

My wish for all readers is that you have the Merriest Christmas possible followed by the Happiest, Healthiest, Most Prosperous New Year EVER!

Noble Augie did it again. He sold twelve dozen of the "Poor OL' George" CAL-EN-DURS in less than a week. A triple tip of the Fez to Augie for his dedicated service to the "Club"!

The final report of the recent parade season goes like this: A total of 12 parades with 1596 miles being logged. A huge thank you to everybody who participated. Special thanks to Noble Glenn Klebsdel for keeping track of the schedule for us. As I reported previously we will be doing some renovating to the Carousal during the off season.

After the parade season was over we had our Annual Meeting with election of officers. The final tally looks like this: Noble Jim Campbell, President; PP Leon Larson, Vice President; PP Tom Runge, Secretary; Noble Jim Hall, Treasurer. Congratulations and thanks to all for serving. Let's support our new officers and drop your oar in the water and pull hard as often as you can. Start by paying your dues for 2009. Send your check for \$10.15 to the address at the end of the column. **JUST DO IT!**

If we follow our usual procedure we will likely be dark January, February and March of 2009. During this period your officers will gang up somewhere and lay out plans for the remainder of the year. We will have a few work (days/nights) details to work on up-dating the carousal, which should include a place to store our portable generator, install new speakers, rewire the CD

player, etc. a monthly Club newsletter will probably keep you advised of how and when you can help. Start by sending your dues in post-haste.

Attention Noble "DOC" Fink and anybody else who had any association with the Harlem School District; starting August 2009 and continuing through the school year Harlem will be celebrating its 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. You read it here first!

Our thanks and a tip of the Fez to Noble Dick Croft for his decade or so of faithful service as Secretary of the Loves Park Shrine Club. Lady Gwen has stuff for him to do in his extra time. His activity at several area Blue Lodges will increase significantly, also. Personally I think he will use some of the EXTRA time to practice his golf game. He hopes to get his card in the BGA. (Bad Golfers Association)

In order to meet the deadline this column will be submitted prior to our Ladies Night Out in November. Also, yours truly will be out of town on that night, so I'll report a good time was had by all.

Augie and Roger Allen will be heading south again this winter. We wish them safe travels both going and returning.

Thanks to Noble Joe Fleming for his input as to the history of the "GONG". There were actually two gongs. One was the big four foot diameter (which had wheels) and was for parades only. It was made from an old Coca Cola sign. When it got to be more of an effort than it was worth it went back to the scrap heap. The second one (about sixteen inch diameter) was hand held and used at all performances.

There was nothing special about it as it was purchased at a local percussion store. As it was just another instrument owned by the temple. It could have been absorbed along with the other drums, horns, etc. or drifted off to another unit.

I recently received a brief note from Noble Hy Bergsten, all the way from Pompano Beach, Florida. Everything is under control there and he expresses his greetings to all and hopes things are under control here also. He also sent a copy of the ORANGE PEEL GAZETTE. (non-copyrighted) from which you will read some of the content in this column. Great hearing from you Brother Hy.

### SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE TIME:

Brain Teaser Time:

C F I L O R U ?

Can you figure out the next letter in the above sequence?

Read on to find the answer.

### MISCELLANEOUS:

One of the alleged top 10 e-mail spammers in the world is arrested in Seattle. Which is a really strange place for a Nigerian prince to be living.

When University of Chicago professor Robert Lucas won the Nobel in economics, he gave half of his \$1 million prize money to his ex-wife. A clause in their divorce settlement in the late '80s required him to split the cash if he won before the end of October 1995. Lucas' prize came three weeks before he would have been free of the obligation.

Many people felt that they needed to cut back this year. Instead of spending all their money on a two week vacation, they spent all their money on a one

week vacation.

When you use a digital camera you know instantly how silly you look.

A can of soup with 25% less salt is about 35 cents more than a can of soup with the regular amount of salt. Apparently it costs more to add less salt.

**RECENT T-SHIRT SIGHTINGS:**

**I rarely finish anything**

**If yur'oe albe to raed this tnahk your biran.**

**Someone switched off the light at the end of my tunnel.**

**I DON'T CARE HOW THEY DO IT HERE...I'M FROM TEXAS.**

**I want my kids to have everything I didn't have. Then I want to live with them.**

**Silence is Golden. Duct tape is Silver.**

**IF AT FIRST YOU DON'T SUCCEED...call it Version 1.0**

**Brain Teaser Answer:**

The sequence is every third letter of the alphabet, which makes the missing letter "X".

**PONDER ON:**

The secret of staying young is to live honestly, eat slowly and lie about your age.

Paying as you go is all right, but first make sure you're going the right direction.

The welcome surprise you can give your wife on your anniversary is to remember it.

Everything comes to him who waits – if he waits until it comes.

Most parents begin by giving in, and end by giving up.

The person who is always kicking seldom has a leg to stand on.

Success is a ladder which cannot be climbed with your hands in your pockets.

If there is no wind, row.

**WHO SAID THAT?**

I am always willing to learn, however I do not always like to be taught. - Sir Winston Churchill  
Opportunity is missed by most people because it is dressed in overalls and looks like work.

-Thomas Alva Edison

Far and away the best prize that life has to offer is the chance to work hard at work worth doing.

-Theodore Roosevelt

I am not afraid of storms for I am learning to sail my ship. -Lousia May Alcott

Your rewards in life are always in direct proportion to your contribution. -Anonymous

Tell me and I forget; show me and I may remember; involve me and I'll understand. -Chinese Proverb

There are three ways to get something done; do it yourself, hire someone, or forbid your kids to do it. -Mona Crane

Good judgment comes from experience, and a lot of that comes from bad judgment. -Will Rogers

**KIDS AND GRANDKIDS TIME:**

Q. What's the only vegetable left in your garden after a giant walks through it?

A. Squash!

Q. What kind of plants do math teachers grow?

A. Ones with square roots!

Q. What do you call a cow without legs?

A. Ground beef!

Q. What does an elephant take with him on vacation?

A. His trunk!

Q. What animal is on legal documents?

A. A seal!

Q. What did the dirt say to the rain?

A. "Because of you, my name is mud!"

Q. What did one wall say to the other wall?

A. Meet you at the corner!

**LAUGH A LITTER TIME:**

Employer: Your resume says you've worked about 45 years, but you say you're only 38 years old. How do you explain that?

Employee: Overtime!

Leon: Our feather company's mascot used to be the goose. Now it's a duck.

Bruce: It sounds to me like you're downsizing.

Frick: I work the midnight shift as a short-order cook.

Frack: That sounds like a fry-by-night operation.

Zippers

A mother was showing her young son how to zip up his coat. "The secret," she said, "is to get the left part of the zipper to fit in the other side before you try to zip it up."

The boy looked at her quizzically... "Why does it have a secret?"

Blonde Q & A

Q. What did the blonde do when she heard that 90% of accidents occur around the home?

A. She moved.

It's almost time to duck out but first a reminder---Please forward your ideas, comments, questions, complaints, atta boys, suggestions or whatever to President Jim Campbell at 1-815-637-4373; Vice President PP Leon Larsen at 1-815-633-7437 (home) or 1-815-494-1554(mobile); Secretary PP Tom Runge at 1-815-389-8622 (home) or 1-815-222-6566 (mobile) or Treasurer Jim Hall at 1-815-633-1784. The mailing address remains Loves Park Shrine Club, P.O. Box 2411, Loves Park, IL 61132-0411.

Thanks for reading the whole thing... Now it's time to duck out!

Jim Hall, Scribe



Nobles Glenn Klebsdel (waving) and Jim Hall man the Loves Park Shrine Club trailer. The dolls remind everyone of the children helped in the Shrine Hospitals at no charge.

## ...AND THE WINNER IS...



Do you remember the fund raising event held recently by the Loves Park Shrine Club? The results are now final. One of the photos depicts Illustrious Sir Tom (No Peeking) Brawner drawing the winning ticket. The other photo is the presentation to THE WINNER, Noble Barry Kasmar, of the "I am proud to be a Shriner" bottle by Noble Dick Croft.

Our sincere thanks to all who donated to this event. A check for \$220.15 was presented directly to the Chicago Children's Shrine Hospital in memory of the late Carl Johnson. Thanks again to Brothers David and Bruce Johnson for making this possible.

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