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ALCHEMIST

April 2004

CALENDAR of EVENTS

A P R I L

1 THURSDAY Musketeers	3 SATURDAY District I Meeting	6 TUESDAY Scottish Rite
	4 SUNDAY Tea Dance	
7 WEDNESDAY Unit Head Dinner 6pm RSVP	10 SATURDAY Children's Easter Egg Party 12 noon	14 WEDNESDAY Stated Meeting Dinner 6 pm RSVP "Must" Meeting 7 pm
17 SATURDAY Potentate's Ball	24 SATURDAY Ladies Luncheon	26 MONDAY Circus Workers Party 6:30p RSVP

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1 SATURDAY Provost Guard Fish Fry See ad page 2	2 SUNDAY Tea Dance	4 TUESDAY Scottish Rite
5 WEDNESDAY Unit Head Meeting Dinner 6pm RSVP	6 THURSDAY Musketeers	8 SATURDAY Spring Ceremonial see ad page 3
12 WEDNESDAY Stated Meeting Dinner 6pm MUST RSVP meeting 7pm	13 THURSDAY Pot Luck, Classic Cars Host	24 MONDAY Boosters Luncheon Ladies Day 31 MONDAY Office Closed, Memorial Day

Recorder's Message

768----768----768----768...this is the number of members who have not paid their 2004 dues and includes both regular and life members. I know quite a few of you are upset about the dues increase as well as the Imperia Per-Capita Tax. Just as the Imperial needs additional funds to operate so does your temple. Please write a check today and help your temple out of our financial situation. The dues increase last year was the first in 10 years and I am certain you realize over this period of time costs have escalated, just as your expenses have increased. A committee has been appointed by the Potentate to advise the divan of future plans regarding our yearly loss of members.

We all mourn the loss of our Assistant Rabban Billy Hicks and P.P. George Holley. Both of these exceptional and dedicated Nobles will be missed and our prayers go out to their families and friends. P.P. George Holley served as Potentate in 1965.

For the good news, the circus is over for 2004 and shortly Chief Rabban Max Pass will begin work on circus 2005. There is no report as of yet on how the circus did, however, we can't lose any money, just can't make as much as we wished for. I want to thank everyone for their hard work selling and renewing banners, ad's and candy sales.

Many interesting events are coming up and I beg you to attend them and show your support for this absolutely wonderful fraternity of ours.

Yours in the Faith: Ralph F. Muench, Recorder

Published Monthly



Pass thru the Unseen Portals

DEATHS

James W. Boydson**Bob Hawks****Frank William "Billy" Hicks, Jr.**
(Asst. Rabban)**Grady W. Kee****JC Mclain****James W. Norvell****C L Shugart**

ELECTIVE DIVAN

Illustrious Potentate...Donald N. Lefkowitz
Chief RabbanMax E. Pass
Assistant Rabban
High Priest & Prophet...Shelby G. Berryhill
Oriental GuideJimmy D. Norman
TreasurerJerry L. Archer
Recorder.....Ralph F. Muench

LIVING PAST POTENTATES

Rufus E. Craven1970
Raymond H. Sayle1972
Roy C. Nixon1977
Howard R. Winn1978
Joseph W. Evans1979
Robert I. Stacey1981
Billy W. Miller1982
Raymond E. Harvell1983
William J. Jason1985
Edward D. Morrison1986
A.B. Williams1987
Ernest E. Sutherland1988
Thomas N. Dickey1989
E.C. Jones1990
Kermit C. May1991
Thomas L. Brimhall1992
B.W. Thornburg1993
Gene L. McDaniel1994
Oscar L. Gilchrist1995
Albert H. Owings1996
John B. "Jack" Rendall1997
Charles M. Grisham1998
Robert E. "Billy" Conn1999
R. Roy Good2000
Ernest E. Sutherland2001
D. Randy Waddell2002
Charles E. Moore2003

IMPERIAL COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES

Dr. Rufus Craven, P.P., Emeritus
Robert F. Henderson, PGM, Emeritus
A.B. Williams, P.P., Emeritus
Donald N. Lefkowitz, Potentate
Max E. Pass, Chief Rabban
K.C. May, P.P.
John B. "Jack" Rendall, P.P.

S.E.S.A. REPRESENTATIVES

Donald N. Lefkowitz, Potentate
Ralph F. Muench, Recorder
Charlie Grisham, P.P.
J. D. Parks

AL CHYMIA TRUSTEES

Bill Goss
Ron Anglin
Mickey Jones
Randy Waddell, P.P.
Charlie Grisham, P.P.

BOARD OF GOVERNORS

ST. LOUIS UNIT
Robert F. Henderson, PGM, Emeritus
John B. "Jack" Rendall, P.P.

S.E.S.A. VICE PRESIDENT

Robert E. "Billy" Conn, P.P.

In Memory of



Frank W. "Billy" Hicks
Assistant Rabban 2004

Feb. 25, 1947 - Feb. 23, 2004

Thanks for Your Donation:

Building Fund
Howard & Nina Winn (2 donations)

Burn Hospitals
Ann & Ed Bingham
Stan & Elizabeth Brinson
Ann Fruitt
Sally Gentry-Adams
Patricia Massey
Ira Shipp
Smith & Nephew
John G. & Carol Whitsett

Children's Hospitals
Vernita Maxwell
Mr. & Mrs. J.M. Patterson, Sr.

Transportation Fund
Al Chymia Brass Band
Jim & Ann Connors
Frayser Raleigh Senior Center
Sylvia Greif (2 donations)
Charles & Jackie Grisham
Bob & Judy Kennedy
Frances Kitchens
Wilson & Ruth Laminack
Don & Rochelle Lefkowitz (6 donations)
Edward McCall
Toy & Jane McCrary
Ralph & Sandra Muench (5 donations)
Jim & Sue Norman (2 donations)
Albert Owings
Jack & Nan Rendall (3 donations)
Ripley Circuit Methodist Hospital
Men's Club
Ripley Shrine Club
Floyd & Nellie Rowe (2 donations)
Universal Manufacturing Co.

Temple Fund
Ed & Ann Bingham
Jimmy Cox (2 donations)
Allan & Amber Douglas
Memphis Bop Club
Mid-South Insurance Office
Precision Air Conditioning & Heating
Jo Reynolds
Al & Tommy Shaw (2 donations)
Tech High School '52 Reunion
Betty Wright

Membership Changes
Membership as of 2-29-04

Affiliations4
Restorations2
Assoc. Dropped1
Demits2
Deceased8

Membership as of 1-31-04 ...2281
Membership decrease5
Membership as of 2-29-04 ...2276

Affiliated
Byron F. Cox, Jr.
Max Jerry Taylor
Stephen B. Treat
William T. Woolfolk, Jr.

Restored
Joseph F. Russell, Jr.
Denzil Williams, Jr.

Demits
Glen Robert Braun
Ronald E. Patterson

Associate Dropped
Stephen B. Treat

2003 Paper Crusade
Beech River Shrine Club\$2747
Carroll County Shrine Club ...\$3,000
Dyersburg Shrine Club\$1435
Goodwill Shrine Club\$1,111
Jackson Shrine Club\$900
Paris Shrine Club\$4,590
Pickwick Shrine Club\$40,100
Ripley Shrine Club\$5289
Tipton County Shrine Club\$576
Cabiri\$125
Brass Band\$621
Brownsville Tin Lizzies\$3,650
Carroll Co. Mounted Patrol ...\$22,000
Chanters\$242
Clowns\$79.51
Dune Patrol\$577
Director's Staff\$2460
Greeters\$214
Hillbilys\$1162
Hospital Staff\$19,943
Legion of Honor\$320
Motor Corps\$9,131
Mounted Patrol\$438
Provost Guard\$460
Patrol\$293

Hospital Staff Summery

During February, we made a total of 11 trips and transported 44 patients and family at a cost of \$2,031.28., drove 7,876 accident free miles. Year to date: 15,861 miles driven, 22 hospital trips with 69 patients and family for a total expenditure of \$3,695.34.

We issue an urgent plea for drivers. If you can help, please contact the Hospital Staff Office by calling the temple number. The satisfaction you receive by helping our patients is indescribable; after all, serving unfortunate children is why we became Shriners!

John Fowler
President



Whew! The circus is over and between performing several skits at each performance, having pictures taken with the kids and keeping our makeup neat, it was quite a hectic few days.

In the past couple of months President Tom Hunter, Dean Brown, Tom Myrick, Mike Clement and Don Chenault went to the Chocolate Fantasy and gave the Shrine a good image and help Ed raise money for the Kidney Foundation. The same above clowns went to St. Frances Hospital to visit Don's brother and other patients. A smile helps people feel better.

I would like to thank everyone for their cards, donations and calls when my brother passed away.

Don Chenault



Now that the 2004 circus is behind us, I would like to personally thank all the Nobles, their ladies, divan members, the circus committee, all other volunteers and especially our Circus Director for the hard work and the many hours in planning and working this years event. Words cannot express my gratitude.

A "tip of the fez" to John Fowler who has been updating and is still working on our Al Chymia website. I invite each of you to pull up www.memphis-shriners.com. It features our monthly calendar as well as detailed information as to our fraternity, Shrine Center and hospitals, our Nobles and their Ladies, as well as other interested parties. You will find it a valuable source of information and membership. We will be adding more information in the future regarding our clubs and units

and a market place section for business sponsors.

Again, at our stated meeting this month, all the Shrine ladies are invited to a "Ladies Night Out." Dinner will be served at 6:00 p.m. for Nobles and their ladies for a nominal fee. At 7:00 p.m. the ladies will adjourn to the party room for their own program. This month, Ms. Tammy Dugan, Director of Public and Community Relations of Shriners Hospitals for Children, St. Louis Unit will make a presentation. Please bring your lady on April 14th. **Most importantly, be there yourself to cast your important vote to fill the vacancy on the divan.**

More details will follow regarding the housing at our upcoming Imperial Session in Denver, as well as the Southeastern Convention in Mobile, AL.

Yours in the Faith:
Donald N. Lefkowitz
Potentate

The Frank W. "Billy Hicks, JR.



Saturday, May 8, 2004

PROGRAM

9:00 amCandidstes registration in Party Room
UNIT HEADS ADDRESS THE CLASS
10:00 a.m.First Section - open temple for voting on petitions
10:30 a.m.Prologue; Old Fez; Seven Sons; Ritual; Violations
11:30 a.m.Moslem Feast
12:30 p.m.Introduction of Divan & Past Potentates
1:00 p.m.Second Section
2:30 p.m.Third Section - Presentation of Fezzes & Dues Cards

CEREMONIAL STAFF

W. Albert OwningsClass Director
Cecil WilliamsDirector, Directors Staff
Keith SmithMembership Chairman
CommandantBilly King
Dr. Rufu CravenMedical Staff
Dr. Jeremiah UpsahwMedical Staff
Robert CarterRitualistic
Greeters & HillbilysMoslem Feast
Floyd RoweMaster of Ceremonies
Steve GibsonM/C, Second Section
Hollis ThomasonRegistration

Director's Staff

The Director's Staff has had a busy few months, which is typical of circus time. At the coliseum, banners and signs were again hoisted and tickets sold for the rides. Additionally, staff members spent two weekends (one very cold) selling candy bars. We still believe that we got contributions on that cold weekend because folks felt sorry for us. The staff was included in a picture of Shriners, published in the Commercial Appeal in February, as hundreds of teddy bears were prepared for shipment to two Shrine Hospital locations. Not a bad looking bunch! Decorating activities for the Potentate's Ball and Ladies Luncheon are on the near horizon.

Steve Treat



George R. Holley
Past Potentate
12/26/1914 - 2/11/2004

Provost Guard Annual

Fish FRY!

Saturday
May 1, 2004
Al Chymia
Dining Room
\$8.00 per person

RED BIRDS GAME



SUNDAY, JUNE 27, 2004

\$15.00 PER PERSON

Transportation Provided. Call Office for More Info.

Noble Odell Baker

was named

"Man of the Year"

by the Germantown Lion's Club last month. A "tip of the fez" for his hard work for our community and Shrinedom.