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ALCHEMIST

January / February 2005

★ CALENDAR of EVENTS ★

January

3 Monday OFFICE CLOSED	4 Tuesday Scottish Rite	5 Wednesday United Head meeting, Dinner 6:00 pm, RSVP MUST!	6 Thursday Musketeers	12 Wednesday Stated meeting, Dinner 6:00 pm RSVP MUST! Meeting 7:00 p.m.	15 Saturday Installation Dance See Ad page 7	24 Monday Boosters Luncheon Ladies Day

February

1 Tuesday Scottish Rite	2 Wednesday United Head meeting, Dinner 6:00 pm, RSVP MUST!	3 Thursday Daughters of the Nile Supreme Queen Visit Musketeers	6 Sunday Super Bowl Party See Ad page 7	9 Wednesday Stated Meeting Dinner 6pm RSVP MUST meeting 7pm.	10 Thursday Pot Luck	23 Wednesday Circus workers Kick Off Party Members & their Ladies, Dinner 6pm. RSVP MUST!

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**ALCHYMIA
SHRINE
CIRCUS**

2005 63rd Annual Circus

MARCH 3-6, 2005 MID-SOUTH COLISEUM

Business Office: 377-7336 • Circus Office: 377-7337 • www.memphis-shriners.com
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As I told you on election night, I thank each and every one of you for electing me Potentate. Many plans are being made by your divan to make 2005, a great year for you. The most important is that of increasing our membership. If we are to strive forward, we must have an abundance of new members. Continuing from last year, we need to get the young Shriners more involved and this will happen. I have appointed many of the Yoshi (Young Shriners) to key positions. We need all the uniformed units and committees to work with these young Nobles.

Please read the back of the Alchemist for important dates in January and February, and support as much of these activities as you can. The Installation of Unit, Club & Committee heads dance and the Super Bowl Party will start the year off. All Nobles and their ladies are invited to come out and have a great time. Mark your calendars, the 63rd Annual Shrine Circus will be held on March 3rd – 6th, as you can see on the cover. Practically all of the acts are new and we need every Noble to help. If your lady would like to help, she is welcome also. The Circus along with our annual dues, and other fund raisers are the lifeblood of this temple. You are asked to wear your “FEZ” to the circus.

I want to thank all of you Shrine Ladies for letting your husbands spend the many hours they devote to the Shrine. I would also like to thank Ralph, Patsy and Jane for their excellent work as well as Charlie for his dedication. Additional thanks to Fred our Circus Director for his hard work to make the 2005 circus a great success. With all the Nobilities help, I know it will be successful. One special Thank You goes out to Marge Whitsett, who is our “Special Detail Lady” in the office.

I want everyone to know the divan and I have an open door policy and will discuss any matter pertaining to your Shrine Center. Please, do not listen to rumors, come in and ask me.

“Help me Survive and Thrive in 2005”

Max E. Pass

RECORDERS MESSAGE

I never believed my elders when they would tell me as you get older the years go by faster. I’m a true believer now! I can’t believe another year has passed. This past year we have had so many of our members pitch in to save us money and would like to thank them. I know I will miss someone, so on the front end if I miss you, I apologize. Little Billy Hicks, Billy King, Robert Embrey, William Embrey, Ricky Hicks of Hicks Convention Services, Mickey Jones, Eugene Scudder, Richard I. Jones, Marge "Little Momma" Whitsett, Jim & Ann Connors, Bob & Claire Kermick, Neal Blankenship, and this is where I go brain dead.

I would like to congratulate our newest divan member, Carnell Allen Smith. Allen is most noted for being "The Candy Man." Welcome Allen!

Our newest Jr. Past Potentate, Donald N. Lefkowitz (Farfel) and his Lady Rochelle did a wonderful job last year and should be congratulated by every Noble in Al Chymia. He was the best Public Relations Officer we have ever had and will be missed in that position. Lady Rochelle was always a gracious First Lady and Don impressed me with his demeanor when dealing with less than tasteful situations. Thank you for a great year and please don’t become a stranger.

I am looking forward to working with our Potentate Max E. Pass and the 2005 divan. A lot of work is ahead of us and many critical decisions must be made to ensure the smooth operation of our Shrine Center.

Lastly, I would like thank the membership who elected me as your Recorder for my 14th term. I will endeavor to do the best job I possibly can and will keep your needs at the top of the list. My office has always been and will continue to be open to any member at any time.

Ralph F. Muench

ELECTIVE DIVAN

Illustrious Potentate Max E. Pass
 Chief Rabban Shelby G. Berryhill
 Assistant Rabban Jimmy D. Norman
 H P & P Rayford "Wayne" Bonner
 Oriental Guide Allen C. Smith
 Treasurer Jerry L. Archer
 Recorder Ralph F. Muench

IMPERIAL COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES

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

S.E.S.A. VICE PRESIDENT

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

S.E.S.A. REPRESENTATIVES

Max E. Pass, Potentate
 Ralph F. Muench, Recorder
 Charlie Grisham, P.P.
 J. D. Parks

AL CHYMIA TRUSTEES

Ron Anglin
 Billy Goss
 Charlie Grisham, P.P.
 Richard Callicott
 Ken Koehler

BOARD OF GOVERNORS

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

LIVING PAST POTENTATES

Rufus E. Craven 1970
 Raymond H. Sayle 1972
 Roy C. Nixon 1977
 Howard R. Winn 1978
 Joseph W. Evans 1979
 Robert I. Stacey 1981
 Billy W. Miller 1982
 Raymond E. Harvell 1983
 William J. Jason 1985
 Edward D. Morrison 1986
 A.B. Williams 1987
 Ernest E. Sutherland 1988
 Thomas N. Dickey 1989
 E.C. Jones 1990
 Kermit C. May 1991
 Thomas L. Brimhall 1992
 B.W. Thornburg 1993
 Gene L. McDaniel 1994
 Oscar L. Gilchrist 1995
 Albert H. Owings 1996
 John B. "Jack" Rendall 1997
 Charles M. Grisham 1998
 Robert E. "Billy" Conn 1999
 R. Roy Good 2000
 Ernest E. Sutherland 2001
 D. Randy Waddell 2002
 Charles E. Moore 2003
 Donald N. Lefkowitz 2004

PROVOST GUARD

Provost Guard announces the following officer appointments for 2005: Robert Embrey, Captain, Paul Thompson, 1st Lieutenant, Dave Huey, 2nd Lieutenant, Secretary/Recorder Boyd Highfield and Richard Jones, Treasurer. The Provost Guard continues to operate under the following Mission Statement for 2005.

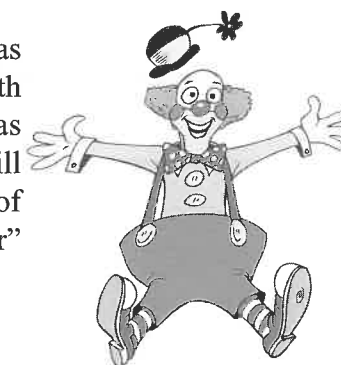
"Our mission is to insure the security and integrity of all assets, including buildings and grounds, belonging to Al Chymia Shriners. Additionally, Provost Guard insures peace and harmony is maintained at all functions and none are permitted to enter except those having the proper documentation or permission. At the Shrine Circus, Provost Guard Members provide valuable services including security and traffic control for all performances. Guard members also participate in parades and ceremonials when requested." Most importantly, PG plans many functions through out the calendar year in order to guarantee continued family involvement.

Boyd Highfield

CLOWNS

Clown President Tom Hunter has had a great year! He had us performing for the Shrine two or three times a month. We went to Le Bonheur, McDonald House, Company Picnic, Charity Runs and other events. He should be given a “Gold Star.”

We had our year end dinner and our special family was given a lot of Christmas presents. The little boy with cancer was given a Motor Scooter and he was overjoyed! Thank goodness our Potentate Don will be coming back to the Clowns. This years “Clown of the Year Award,” was presented to Don “Zipper” Chenault.



Make a Child Smile
 Don Chenault

DIRECTOR'S STAFF



The Director’s Staff had a good turnout for the November meeting. The Director announced he had dug into the archives and found some old binders with historical Director’s Staff meeting minutes and other pertinent data.

We will begin to try to fill in gaps in our history and will re-establish records on an ongoing basis. If any other members of the Shrine Center have some good memories, we could sure use your help in re-energizing our history. Please contact Cecil if you can help us fill in the history with any interesting facts.

Our Christmas Celebration was well attended and some unsuspecting members were reminded about what blunders (social and others) befell them in the last 365 days.

Hope everyone had a safe holiday.
 Steve Treat

Alchemist Deadlines

The Alchemist has expanded to 8 pages and will be issued every other month. In order to have an article published the deadlines are;

March / April	February 10th
May / June	April 10th
July / August	June 10th
September / October	August 10th
November / December	October 10th

ALL UNITS, CLUBS AND COMMITTEES ARE ENCOURAGED TO SUBMIT ARTICLES, EITHER BY E-MAIL OR LEGIBLY WRITTEN/TYPED

ARE YOU AMONG THE 200?

As of this writing, we will **SUSPEND** approximately **200 Nobles** on December 31, 2004 for **Non Payment of dues**. Are you one of them? We joined the Shrine to help children, however, if we don't have a temple the children will be the ones who suffer. Many Nobles donate hundreds of hours of their time to promote Al Chymia through the annual Golf Tournament, Chili Cook Off, Dances, etc. All we ask of you is to pay your annual dues and participate in our various functions. There is something here for every member who wants to participate. Please get re-instated and support OUR TEMPLE!

INSTALLATION DANCE

Saturday, January 15, 2005

8:00 p.m. - 12:01 a.m.

Set-ups furnished

All Unit, Club & Committee Heads

will be sworn into Office

Free to Members

Visitors \$15 a Couple



Passed thru the Unseen Portals

DEATHS

Joseph W. Evans, P.P.

David Louis Brooks

J. Wyeth Chandler

George R. Curtis

Alton C. Gillless, Jr.

Charles E. Goodwin

James E. Smith

Phillip G. Horton

PATROL

The Patrol had a great time at the installation of officers party the first of the month. We have pledged to support the Potentate in 2005 in our usual manner. Wal Mart has again permitted us to sell circus candy for the past two months to help raise monies for the circus.

Speaking of the circus, the Patrol has been assigned the duties of Registration as last year, along with Alsa Shaw and D.N. Doyle. We are looking forward to attending the Patrol Association Mid-Winter meeting the last of March in Savannah, GA. Several Patrolmen are planning to attend.

Let's all help the Potentate try to survive in 2005!

Derf Notxes

YOSHI

We are alive and going strong. Currently we have 14 members all under the age of 50, just youngsters. We are willing to help any Unit if possible. Our room is almost finished with new paint, carpet and other items thanks to Billy King, more commonly known as "BG King. Com." We welcome any Shriner who wishes to have a good time and wants to help our Shrine Center thrive in '05.

We would like to welcome our new President, Ricky Page and Co-President, Mike Trubger. William Embrey is the Treasurer and all our Ladies are Secretary. We meet on the 3rd Thursday of each month in our room on the 2nd floor at 7:00 p.m. Come out and join us!

HOSPITAL STAFF



The most dedicated members in any unit, the Hospital Staff, have completed another year of driving our precious cargo to various Shriners Hospitals for Children. Our statistics through November 2004 are very impressive. Trips were up and expenses were down for the year, however, those turn-arounds to St. Louis are a killer.

To date, our drivers covered 94,654 miles, made 115 trips to St. Louis, 6 to Cincinnati, 10 to Galveston, 6 miscellaneous and transported 387 patients at a cost of \$21,749.39. We had 15 emergency trips by air at a cost of \$10,407.98, which was almost 50% of the trips by van. Total expenditures through November 2004 were \$32,157.37.

We are in desperate need of drivers. Several of our regular dependable drivers will reach the age of 80 and our bylaws dictate they must retire from driving, however, they can work in the office. If you are able, please contact our office and sign up. The more drivers we have, the less trips each one has to make.

I would like to thank the entire Hospital Staff for your support this year.

John Fowler
President

APPOINTIVE DIVAN

- 1st Ceremonial Master Wilson Lamanick
- 2nd Ceremonial Master Merrill Varner
- Director Cecil Williams
- Marshal Neal Blankenship
- Captain of the Guard Dal Doyle
- Outer Guard James Enochs, Jr.

POTENTATE'S APPOINTMENTS


- Chief Aide M.S. "Mickey" Jones
- Ass't Chief Aide's J.D. Parks
- Potentate's Aide's Frank James
- Leonard Carroll
- Hunter Holley
- Horace Davis
- Jim Matlock
- Ricky Carwile
- Buddy Bowles
- Thomas Hunter
- William Embrey
- Herman Revere
- Billy Poston
- Gayle Percival
- Jack Rendall, P.P.
- Sidney Cole
- Executive Aide Billy Dalton
- Chief Ambassador Neal Blankenship

RECORDER'S DREAM

I fell asleep the other night,
 And while I had my snooze,
 I dreamed each member stepped
 Right up and promptly
 paid his dues.
 But when I found 'twas
 but dream,
 I nearly threw a fit.
 It's up to you to make it true,
 Suggestion---PLEASE REMIT



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 WILL BE HELD
 APRIL 9, 2005
 DETAILS IN NEXT ISSUE**



AL CHYMIA SHRINERS

2005 INITIATION FEES

Jan 1st – March 31st Apr 1st – June 30th Jul 1st – Sept 30th Oct 1st – Dec 31st

	Jan 1st – March 31st	Apr 1st – June 30th	Jul 1st – Sept 30th	Oct 1st – Dec 31st
Initiation fee	\$75.00	\$75.00	\$50.00	\$50.00
Jeweled Fez	\$80.00	\$80.00	\$80.00	\$80.00
Hosp Assessment	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$5.00
Dues	\$100.00	\$75.00	\$50.00	\$25.00
Per-Capita Tax	\$15.00	\$15.00	\$15.00	\$15.00
Total	\$275.00	\$250.00	\$200.00	\$175.00 Does not include next years dues

Membership Changes as of 10-31-04

- Demits**
 James B. Latimer
 Ronald S. Holder
 Brent E. Robertson
 David W. Hammersley
 Henry F. Barlow, IV

Creations
 Ralph L. Scott, Jr.

- Membership Changes as of 10-31-04**
 Demits 5
 Deceased 8
 Membership as of 10-31-04 2,237
 Membership decrease 12
 Membership as of 11-30-04 2,231

DONATIONS

- Burn Hospital**
 Shirley J. Barker In Memory of Mary Ann Craft
 Memphis Rodders In Honor of Pat Collins
 Robert H. Miller In Memory of Mary Ann Craft
 Pilgrim Sunday School Donation
 Bobby & Elaine Smith In Memory of Jesse Tuberville
- Children's Hospital**
 Anonymous Donation
 Stan & Liz Brinson In Memory of Joe Evans, P.P.
 Lydia Clark Donation
 Mary Day Donation
 James L. Gentry Donation
 Milton & Regina Jones In Memory of Sema Trimble
 Ida Lee Scott In Memory of Joe Evans, P.P.
 Linda Tozer Donation
- Transportation Fund**
 Bartlett #216 Order of Eastern Star
 In Memory of Mary Ann Craft
 Shelby & Barbara Berryhill In Memory of Joe Evans, P.P. and A.C. Gillless
 Carroll Co. Mounted Patrol Donation
 Giles Carter Donation
 Mary Clouse In Memory of Joe Evans, P.P.
 John, Janice & Carey Craft In Memory of Mary Ann Craft
 Jack Davis In Memory of Wonnie Meador
 Hazel DeHaan In Memory of Joe Evans, P.P.
 Mr. & Mrs. Hot Elkins In Memory of Sara Barry
 Dorothy Evans Donation
 Laverne Galbreath In Memory of Joe Evans, P.P.
 Grand Krewe of Ptaah In Memory of Joe Evans, P.P.
 Miller & Inez Grantham In Memory of Joe Evans, P.P.
 Vicki, Charlie, Sarah & John David Grantham
 Memory of Joe Evans, P.P.
 Hunter & Mary Wilson Holley, P.P.
 In Memory of Joe Evans, P.P.
 Jackson Shrine Club Donation
 Don & Rochelle Lefkowitz ... In Memory of Joe Evans, P.P.
 Speedy Recovery to Floyd Rowe
 In Memory of Reuben Copen
 Speedy Recovery to Barbara Berryhill
 Speedy Recovery to Gene McDaniel
 In Memory of A.C. Gillless
 In Honor of Mr & Mrs Benton Hardin
 In Memory of Mary Heflin
 Memphis Coin Club Donation
 Ralph & Sandra Muench ... In Memory of Bev Johns Mother
 In Memory of Joe Evans, P.P.
 Speedy Recovery to Gene McDaniel
 In Memory of Mary Heflin
 Ronald Murphy Donation
 Jim & Sue Norman Speedy recovery to Barbara Berryhill
 Speedy recovery to Max Pass
 Speedy Recovery to Delores Pass
 John Packard In Memory of his wife Dorothy
 Gerald & Thresia Pickens In Memory of Joe Evans, P.P.
 Joe Pickler In Honor of Edward A. Wright
 Joyce & Pete Pickler In Honor of Edward A. Wright
 Margaret Richardson & Girls... In Memory of Daniel Hearst
 Leonard Rosser Donation
 Floyd & Nellie Rowe In Memory of Joe Evans, P.P.
 In Memory of Mary Heflin
 Ruby T. Shook In Memory of Joe Evans, P.P.
 Phyllis & Paul Taylor In Memory of Joe Evans, P.P.
 Charles I. Ward In Memory of Joe Evans, P.P.
 David Wood In Memory of Jimmy T. Wood
- Building Fund**
 Dorothy Evans Donation

SUPER BOWL AND POT LUCK PARTY

SUNDAY

FEBRUARY 6, 2005

5:00 P.M. - UNTIL

AUDITORIUM

7 1/2' X 10' SCREEN

**BRING YOUR FAVORITE DISH
 FOR EVERY ONE TO ENJOY
 "POTS" WILL BE AVAILABLE
 AND SET-UPS FURNISHED**

UNITS, DECORATE YOUR AREA

NO OTHER POT LUCK

PARTIES, PLEASE

