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November-December, 2011



*Merry Christmas  
and  
Happy New Year*



## POTENTATE'S MESSAGE



*My Fellow Nobles:*

My Fellow Nobles: The Boss Hoss National Rally was held at Paris Landing State Park on Sept. 22-24. The winning tickets was drawn on Sept. 25. The winner was Neeltje Suffern of New Concord, Kentucky. A big thank you goes out to Asst. Chief Aide Tim Good for an out-standing hospitality room. A total of \$120,000 was raised for the Shriners Hospitals for Children. Our Fall Ceremonial is scheduled for Nov. 5th. We need petitions. Five petitions were handed out at the Boss Hoss Rally. Please check the calendar of events. This has been a sweet 'n' sour year. A big thank you goes out to everyone who has supported me this year.

**Yours in Faith,**  
Gayle Percival, Potentate 2011

## ASSISTANT RABBAN



Dear Fellow Nobles,

This year has really flown by and 2012 is rapidly approaching. Please remember to start now on getting your circus ads and banners turned in ASAP. For those of you unable to attend the September stated meeting, we are now accepting all major credit and debit cards for events, dues, circus tickets, fraternal fund raisers, and many other things in the near

future. I would like to thank everyone that helped with the paper drive this year. As for the Carroll County Trail Ride, you couldn't have asked for better weather, the turnout was awesome and the hospitality was great. I hope everyone that came to the Billy Hick's annual golf tournament had a great time. I would like to thank everyone that helped the Law Dogs Poker Run that supported the Shrine Hospitals. Many thanks to everyone for their work and continued efforts.

Sincerely Yours,  
John McFarland Assistant Rabban



## CHIEF RABBAN

My Fellow Nobles;

Hope everyone enjoyed the Stag B-B-Q. Sorry we missed it but Fred and I attended a seminar in Portland, Oregon on circus and fund raising. We picked up some new ideas for 2012. This year is going by very fast. Please make sure you

get your ads and banners renewed for the circus. We need each unit, club or committee to sell one new ad and one new banner. This will greatly increase the circus income. The calendar for 2012 will be out Dec. 1st. If you plan to use either the party room or the dining room please get your reservations to Amanda. We are already receiving rentals for 2012. I am counting on everyone to pitch in and help to make 2012 a successful year.

Yours in the Faith  
Tom Cross, Chief Rabban



## TREASURER

I hope that everyone is ready for a busy fall. We still have some fun events to attend at AlChymia. We will have some Holiday parades to attend and our final event of the year will be our New Years Eve Party. Please invite at least one couple to attend this wonderful event. We will have a live band along with a DJ for a New Year's Party you will never forget. Please let me know if I can offer you assistance in the future.

**Joey Williams,**  
Treasurer

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FOR ALL THE CIRCUS PICTURES  
WWW.MEMPHIS-SHRINERS.ORG**

## RECORDER



This has been a very interesting year here at our shrine temple. The winter was very cold and the summer was unusually hot. Your temple was represented at the Imperial Convention and Southeastern Convention with two of our Uniformed Units competing at the Southeastern. There are several events in November and Decembers planned for you or your family. Please try to attend as much as possible.

This is my last article to write for the Alchemist since this is my last year to be your Recorder. I have served five years in this position and 13 years as your Circus Director and I think it is time to move on due to my health. Several of you know that I have had several operations and I want to enjoy my family and especially my Grandsons. I have devoted over 40 years to the Shrine and is has been a fun time. I want to thank those who have supported me in my endeavors as the Circus Director and Recorder. We have made a lot of money for the temple over the years and fun doing it. Dorothy and I wish each of you a Happy Holiday and a Happy New Year.

Fred Sexton, Recorder

## BRASS BAND

With this column, we wind up another year. I thank all of you who have helped and supported me in writing it. We want to wish the best of holidays and a great 2012 to all of you. The band, like most units, needs more members. If you ever played in a high school, college, or even a "garage" band, look us up. We meet at 7 o'clock Tuesday nights in the east end of the Shrine Center. We are looking forward to continuing as the Brass Band in 2012. Our attendance at our tea dances has been somewhat low in 2011. Well, they say hope springs eternal, and we are looking forward to a better year. Our tea dances are the first Sunday of each month at 3:00 PM, with the exception of February, when it is held on the second Sunday. Since our last column, we have learned that our long-time driver and helper, Cliff Gullett, has passed away. Cliff drove our band-wagon for parades and helped us at every opportunity, always with patience and a cheerful smile. They had moved back to Louisiana several years ago. JoAnn was a faithful member of the "Band-Aids", and we all enjoyed many outings together. Our prayers and sympathy go out to JoAnn and family. Cliff is greatly missed. Again, we send best holiday wishes to you and your families. As always, we send our thoughts and prayers to our sick and homebound.

Charlie Freeman, Scribe

## MEMBERSHIP REPORT

MEMBERSHIP AS OF 8/31/11 ..... 1563

### GAINS:

CREATED ..... 0  
AFFILIATED ..... 0  
RESTORED ..... 0  
ASSOCIATED ..... 0  
TOTAL ..... 0

### LOSSES:

DEMITTED ..... 0  
SUSPENDED ..... 1  
EXPIRED ..... 4  
ASSOCIATES DROPPED ..... 0  
REVERSAL ..... 0

TOTAL ..... 5

MEMBERSHIP AS OF 09/3/11 ..... 1558

MEMBERSHIP CHANGES 9/30/11

### PRB SUSPENSIONS

GERALD W. PICKENS



Passed thru  
the Unseen  
Portals

CHARLES A. CASE SR.  
ROBERT DREW CONGER  
JAMES EARL COOPER  
MANNING W. FORD

### LIVING PAST POTENTATES

Roy C. Nixon.....	1977
Robert I. Stacey.....	1981
Billy W. Miller.....	1982
Raymond E. Harvell.....	1983
Edward D. Morrison.....	1986
Ernest E. Sutherland.....	1988
Thomas N. Dickey.....	1989
E. C. Jones.....	1990
K. C. May.....	1991
Thomas L. Brimhall.....	1992
Gene L. McDaniel.....	1994
Oscar L. Gilchrist.....	1995
Albert Owings.....	1996
John B. "Jack" Rendall.....	1997
Robert E. "Billy" Conn.....	1999
Ernest E. Sutherland.....	2001
D. Randy Waddell.....	2002
Charles E. Moore.....	2003
Donald N. Lefkowitz.....	2004
Shelby G. Berryhill.....	2006
Jimmy D. Norman.....	2007
Wayne Bonner.....	2008
Allen Smith.....	2009
Herman L. Reviere.....	2010

### DEATHS THE FOLLOWING DEATHS WERE INADVERTENTLY LEFT OFF SOME MONTHS AND WE DID NOT HAVE A ALCHEMIST DURING THE SUMMER MONTHS.

WAYNE A ALLEN	WILLIAM D SANDY
ELMER R ARRINGTON	JAMES A WALKER
CHARLES L BOEHM	THOMAS L ACUFF
EARL W COX	OLIVER L CONNER JR
ROBERT W FRENCH	CHARLES R HARMON
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EWELL W BETHUNE	DAVID H MASON
MAURICE F GOAD	JOE ANTHONY PITTS
CHARLES L GRISHAM PP	WILLIAM W PLUNKETT
WILLIAM J JASON PP	CRUE G RUSSELL
NED R MCWHERTER	
ADRIAN E PROCTOR	

## OFFICIAL CALL

"In accordance with the bylaws of Shriners International and Al Chymia Shrine, you are officially called to the stated meeting to be held Wednesday, December 14, 2011, at 7:00 p.m. for election of Officers and Representatives to the Imperial Council for the ensuing year and such other business as may be presented. NOTE ARTICLE 2, SECTION 325.11 OF THE IMPERIAL BYLAWS.

### ARTICLE 25

Officers: Their Election or Appointment  
325.11 Election Regulations

(a) Electioneering. A candidate for an elected office in a Shrine temple may print, publish and circulate during the year he is seeking the elected office, a resume consisting of his educational background, his vocational history, and his Masonic and Shrine record. Except as provided in the prior sentence, the printing, publication, circulating or distribution of resolutions, letters, telegrams, tickets, email or other devices, by a unit, club, noble,

or a group of nobles, suggesting, recommending, opposing, or containing the names of proposed candidates for office in the temple is prohibited.

(b) Expenditures Prohibited. The expenditure of money for gifts, favors, or entertainment on behalf of a candidate for elected office is prohibited.

(c) Violation. For any violation of (a) or (b), the Imperial Potentate may suspend any offending Noble, and he may declare the election of the officers void and order a new election.

(d) 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.

Imperial bylaws require a 2011 dues card to attend this meeting.

Gayle W. Percival, Potentate  
attest: Fred Sexton, Recorder

## PROVOST GUARD

My wife and I recently attended the Boss Hoss Rally at Paris, TN where we along with our Potentate, and other Nobles with their ladies and other volunteers FINISHED THE SELLING OF THE TICKETS FOR the Boss Hoss giveaway. It was a huge success, and enough cannot be said for the way Noble, Charlie Mixon worked so hard to make it such. Without doubt, he showed self discipline and dedication to this project. Thank you Charlie and I know the Children's Hospital thanks you as well. Tim Good was in charge of the hospitality room in Paris and he as well has done a marvelous job as well. Thank you Tim. The Provost Guard had their annual fish fry for members and their guests on the 10th of September. Thanks to members of our unit it was also a successful event, with many in attendance and the food was great. Thanks to Don Brown who cooked the fish and to our unit's ladies, who as always, complete the meals with all the trimmings. The annual trail ride for the Mounted Patrol is fast approaching and if you have not attended before, please try and attend as you are missing out on a great time. The Provost Guard made their annual bus trip to Horseshoe Casino in Tunica, MS on October 22nd. It was fun. See our ad in this issue in the Al Chymist. At this writing, one distinguished member of our unit, Richard Jones is hospitalized with a mild stroke. Please remember him our prayers. Our unit continues to serve our temple and Potentate while working details in September and the first part of October. I thank Bill Norton, Don Brown and Dave Huey for their dedicated work.

Jerry Taylor  
Captain 2011



# Yoshi Fall Bash

Saturday, November 5th  
Location: Ball Room

Festivities will include:  
Spaghetti Dinner,  
Free Beer, Music,  
Dance Lessons & Dancing

Dinner served at 6:00  
Music & Dancing at 7:00

\$15 Per Person;  
\$25 Per Couple  
(Free for New Nobles)

See a member of Yoshi  
for tickets and information.

## WIDOWS LUNCHEON

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO THE ANNUAL  
**WIDOWS LUNCHEON**  
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12 • 11:30 A.M.  
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## MEMORIAL SERVICE

November 20th is a day we will honor our nobles who have passed over the desert sands. This year we have lost three Past Potentates. We are honoring all our nobles who have been visited by the Black Camel. A special program will honor this group of nobles. Please come and help us to honor those nobles who have gone on to their reward.

Time 2 pm 11-20-11

Respectfully,  
Commander Paul J.  
Thompson



# Happy New Year

Dine on  
Black Eyed  
Peas,  
Cornbread,  
etc.



Guests Welcome When Accompanied By A Shriner.  
Formal Preferred or Coat & Tie  
Do NOT Wear Fez



Admission: \$50.00 per couple  
**RESERVED SEATING**  
Band: The Bankers & a DJ too!  
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Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

**RESERVATION SEATING WILL BE SOLD 8 PEOPLE PER TABLE, OTHERS WILL BE ASSIGNED.**

Please Reserve \_\_\_\_\_ Tables at \$200 each. Enclosed is \$ \_\_\_\_\_

I do not have a full table, send me \_\_\_\_\_ tickets at \$50 per couple. Enclosed is \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Mail in Orders must be received by December 15, 2010

Proceeds are for the benefit of the Temple and are not tax deductible as a charitable contribution.



## FALL CEREMONIAL

In honor of Leo Wald  
Shrine Temple

Saturday, November 5, 2011  
5770 Shelby Oaks Drive

Interstate 40 at Sycamore View North to Shelby Oaks

### Program:

**9:00:** Candidates register in Party Room; Unit Heads address class

**10:00:** First Section • Open Temple for voting on petitions

**10:15:** Video tape on Shriners Hospitals for Children

**10:30:** Prologue; Old Fez; Seven Sons; Ritual; Violations

**11:30:** Moslem Feast

**12:30:** Introduction of Divan, Past Potentates, Units, Clubs, Committee Heads,  
and Chief Ambassador

Introduction of Scottish Rite and York Rite Representatives

**1:00:** Second Section

**2:30:** Third Section

Presentation of Fezzes and Dues Cards



## Rainbow Girls Never Walk Alone

Please join the  
West Tennessee Rainbow Girls  
November 11th

at the Al Chymia Shrine Temple at 6:30 pm  
for

### PUTTING ON THE RITZ FOR CHARITY

Entertainment will be provided by the  
Southaven Wind Symphony and the Main Street Jazz

Grand Worthy Advisor Feena Zullick  
has chosen as her main charity project this year  
the Shriners Burn Center in Cincinnati.

All proceeds from the dinner will go to this very worthy project.

The cost of the roast beef dinner with all the trimmings will be \$15.00 per person.

We will also have a silent auction with many nice items on which to bid.

For tickets please contact:

Mrs. Jean Pierce at 901-358-7964

Mrs. Ruby Brown at 901-494-0506

Mrs. Glenda Landrum at 901-233-3372

Mrs. Heidi Zullick at 901-361-6597

Mrs. Alice Harrington at 901-356-3317

If you will be unable to come we will be glad to accept a donation.  
Thanking you in advance.



## NOTICE

We now have a credit card machine. This machine can be used for dues, circus tickets & other Temple events. No money donated to the hospital or transportation fund can be put on this credit card machine.

## EGG NOG PARTY

11 AM - 2 PM  
AT THE TEMPLE  
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