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CALENDAR

March 2013						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
24	25	26	27	28	1	2 Daughters of the Nile Luncheon
3 TEA DANCE	4 Ladies Day Monday Lunch	5	6 Unit Head Burgers	7	8	9
10	11 Ladies Day Monday Lunch	12	13 Stated Meeting Spaghetti	14	15	16 Wrestling Match
17	18 Ladies Day Monday Lunch	19	20 TACO SALAD	21	22	23 Hot Springs Horse Track Trip
24	25 Ladies Day Monday Lunch	26	27 Burgers	28	29	30
31 Easter Egg Hunt	1	2	3	4	5	6

April 2013						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31	1 Ladies Day Monday Lunch	2	3 UNIT HEAD MEETING POT ROAST	4	5	6 LADIES LUNCHEON
7 TEA DANCE	8 Ladies Day Monday Lunch	9	10 Stated Meeting Pork Tenderloin	11	12 DISTRICT MEETING II-13	13
14	15 Ladies Day Monday Lunch	16	17 Burgers	18	19	20 PARKING LOT PARTY
21	22 Ladies Day Monday Lunch	23	24 Spaghetti	25	26	27
28	29 Ladies Day Monday Lunch	30	1	2	3	4



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MARCH / APRIL 2013



*2013 Potentate John McFarland
and Lady Martha*

POTENTATE'S MESSAGE



Dear Nobles and Ladies

I would like to thank each of you for a wonderful year so far. We have so many people participating and putting fun back into the Shrine. The Installation dance was a success as well at the Super Bowl Party and Valentines Party. Currently we have many initiated projects underway with the intentions of making your membership more enjoyable.

Currently a new addition that everyone has had so many compliments about is the graphics on the new hospital vans. Currently we have one more to do and as of right now all the monies for the graphic work has been contributed by the membership. This endeavor is greatly appreciated by all.

The Circus was a success and would like to thank everyone for all their help and we are anticipating it being a very profitable circus. There was so much help it would be impossible for me to individually recognize everyone here. We are looking forward into getting the final accounting as soon as possible so we can pass the information on to you. There were several changes made this year in making this circus a success, one of which was hiring a advertising firm for a defined and target driven campaign to draw the crowds to fill the arena. The Memphis Redbirds partnered with us to help promote our circus though their 45000 email subscription base. The Ring Masters Dinner was a huge success and again I would like to thank everyone for participating in this program as we plan on continuing this tradition of years to come.

DATE TO REMEMBER: April 6th, Ladies Luncheon, see the enclosed flyer with the information, last year we had approximately 220 and this year we are looking to get it up to around 300. It will be a event you will not want to miss out on.

Again we look forward to seeing each of you at the Temple.

Fraternally,

John McFarland
Potentate 2013

RECORDER



Greetings from the Recorder's Office

We are looking forward to a great circus. By the time you get this it will probably be history. We thank you for all the hard work and dedication, not just for the circus, but all throughout the year. Without you nobles it would not be possible. Our Boss Hoss sales are about to crank up and we need lots of good help. This is one of our greatest fundraisers for the Hospital, so please help when called upon. We need new nobles and don't forget \$125 for

this year is a bargain!! Hopefully, my health is doing much better. I have finished 6 rounds of chemo and so far all is looking well, but it has been a tough winter.

Thanks for all your prayers and consideration.

Fraternally,

Your Recorder Jimmy Norman, P.P.

ORIENTAL GUIDE



I am taking this opportunity to thank all of the Nobility for their time and energy to produce a fantastic Circus. The Potentate employed new marketing ideas and with your collective effort, generated a successful event. Working together on such an important endeavor perpetuates our center, is personally gratifying and rewarding. Lady Ann and I had a delightful evening at the Valentine's Day dinner. A good time was had by all in attendance. We are looking forward to attending next year.

Coming up in March will be the Al Chymia Wrestling Match at 7:30 p.m. on March 9th. I have been told it has an exciting card.

The St. Patrick's Day Parade is March 16th. At this time we have horses and automobiles committed to participate. Hopefully we will have a large turnout. This is a opportunity for Al Chymia and the shrine to be recognized.

As a member of the Divan, I welcome any suggestions or notifications of activity that will facilitate our prosperity and fun.

Yours in Faith,

Ted Illsley Oriental Guide

HIGH PRIEST & PROPHET

Hey Nobles!! Great things are happening at Al Chymia and we have just blitzed



January and February and we are off to a great start in 2013. Already, there has been several successful events take place at our temple and we do greatly appreciate the support that has been shown. A fine dinner for the Ring Masters club was held at the Butcher Shop the night before the start of our circus and it was very well attended. We had a great circus this year and I commend all of you who dedicated your efforts to make this a very successful event. (Nobles, we are having fun and it is beginning to show) Please continue your valued support for our Potentate and

our Divan in our worthwhile endeavors as we move forward. It is always my privilege and honor to greet each of you and if I can be of assistance to anyone, please feel free to contact me.

May God's blessings be upon our lives and help us to serve those less fortunate than ourselves.

Jerry Taylor
High Priest & Profit

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

MEMBERSHIP

AS OF 11/30/2012..... 1477

GAINS

CREATED20
AFFILIATED.....0
RESTORED1
ASSOCIATED.....1
TOTAL.....22

LOSSES

DEMITTED6
SUSPENDED55
EXPIRED10
ASSOCIATES DROPPED0
REVERSAL.....0
TOTAL.....71

MEMBERSHIP

AS OF 1/31/2013..... 1428

RESTORATIONS..... DAVID WHIDDEN
CREATIONS..... ROSS P BEARD
.....SHAUN BERRYHILL
.....JERRY W BIRDWELL
.....DAVID L BOOTH
.....ROBERT A BURROUGHS
.....DAVID RAY CARTER
.....CHARLES H CHILDERS
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DEATHS

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ALLEN C SMITH, PP
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NORMAN THOMPSON
NORMAN E TODD
MAURICE MALONE WALSH

BRASS BAND

I would like to start by recognizing the members of the band who make the tea dances work. You know that's the first Sunday of every month from two to six with two bands. They are Johnnie Fine, Skip Buss, and Joe Wright. We have some Shriners who are regular attendees, but we would like to see more of you there. Soft drinks, set-ups, and popcorn are free. Admission is ten dollars. Our president, Johnnie Fine, also deserves kudos for the work he does getting the band together for rehearsal and play dates. Like every Shrine Unit, we are in need of members. If you ever played in high school or college, look us up. We rehearse on Tuesday nights at seven at the very east end of the Shrine Center building. Having said all this, we look forward to the rest of 2013 with hope. We in the Brass Band will do our best to serve our new Potentate. We close with a prayer for our sick and shut-ins and their families. We also want to thank our supporters.

Charlie Freeman
Scribe
2-4-13

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
Herman L. Reviere.....2010
Gayle W. Percival.....2011
Tom Cross.....2012

ELECTIVE DIVAN

Illustrious Potentate..... John McFarland
Chief Rabban..... Earl Wright
Assistant Rabban..... Robert W. Carter
High Priest & Prophet..... Jerry Taylor
Oriental Guide..... Ted Illsley
Treasurer..... Joey Williams
Recorder..... Jimmy D. Norman, P.P.

EMERITUS DIVAN

Treasurer..... Jerry L. Archer
Recorder..... Ralph F. Muench

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AL Chymia Shriners

Ladies Luncheon

CHAMPAGNE & DIAMONDS

SATURDAY APRIL 6, 2013

Social Hour 11:00

Luncheon 12:00

HONORING FIRST LADY
MRS. MARTHA MCFARLAND

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Mrs. Earl (Kathy) Wright

Co-Chairperson

Mrs. Harold (Diane) Hobaugh

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Mrs. Jim (Sue) Norman

Mrs. Jack (Nan) Rendall

Mrs. W.D. (Dean) Moore

Mrs. Harold (Diane) Hobaugh

Chaplain

Mrs. Ernest (Lynn) Sutherland

Invitations

Mrs. Wade (Novette) Lewis

Reservations

Mrs. Toy (Jane) McCrary

Mrs. Mark (Amanda) Bandy

Ladies of the Divan

Mrs. John (Martha) McFarland

Mrs. Earl (Kathy) Wright

Mrs. Robert (Virginia) Carter

Mrs. Jerry (Barbara) Taylor

Mrs. Jim (Sue) Norman

Mrs. Ted (Ann) Isley

Past Potentate's Ladies

Mrs. Jack (Nan) Rendall

Mrs. Albert (Ruby) Owings

Mrs. Oscar (Linda) Gilchrist

Mrs. Tom (Gladys) Brimhall

Mrs. E.C. (Lou) Jones

Mrs. Edward (Trisha) Morrison

Mrs. A.B. (Patsy) Williams-Brace

Mrs. Raymond (Jean) Harvell

Mrs. Max (Delores) Pass

Mrs. Robert (Sue) Stacey

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Mrs. Robert (Nancy) Conn

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GREETINGS FROM YOUR CABIRI

We celebrate the new beginnings of each year in our philanthropy with new leadership. We feel confident that 2013 – our 120th year – will be one of the best yet as Potentate John McFarland and the Divan are full of new ideas and promotions to improve the fellowship and preserve the growth and future of Al Chymia.

The Cabiri is sad as we start our year with the loss of a 50 year member of Al Chymia and 2009 Past Potentate Allen Smith. There was only one Allen and he will be greatly missed by all.

The death of the old and the beginning of the new have started me thinking. It has been said that if a man does not make new acquaintances, as he advances through life, he will soon find himself left alone. Many people are bored because they are lonely and idle – too much time on their hands. The answer to boredom is to get involved with people and ideas. As my special insurance against boredom I would like to share my thoughts in hopes to bring you happiness.

- Join an organization and become actively involved in some phase of its work. (Al Chymia Shrine)
- Select one charitable activity and really work with it. Giving money is fine and good for the soul but just as important is direct personal work which brings with it new friends. (hospital van driver, Boss Hoss ticket sales, children's clinic, paper drive)
- Interest some young person in your line of work and teach him to love it as you do. (membership drive)
- Select some hobby that promises to be increasingly rewarding as you grow older. (join a unit or club – Motor Corps, Hillbilly Unit, Shooters Club, Band, Clowns, Classic Cars)

For me, being involved at Al Chymia helps me with these activities. It helps to make aging a pleasant, relaxed, contented period instead of a time of frustration. I will continue having a future instead of merely a past.

Join us, support all functions, GET INVOLVED and make new friends – you'll be glad you did!

R. Wayne Bonner, P.P. 2008

JACKSON SHRINE CLUB

The Jackson Shrine Club is planning to have Shrine Night at the Jackson Generals Baseball Game. It will be on Saturday, May 18, 2013. This will be a double header and post-game fireworks. The shrine will parade between the 2 games. We would really like for all units, clubs and committees to participate in this event. Please try to help us out on this and be in the parking lot no later than 5:00 p.m. that day. The parade will be sometime between 5:45 to 6:45 p.m. COME AND HAVE SOME FUN!!

Robert D. Williams 731-616-0477



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