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Divan &  
their Ladies  
wish you  
& yours  
a joyous  
holiday  
season.



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Dear Nobles,

2015 is almost over and it has been quite a year. I want to thank the entire Nobility and their ladies for their support all year. With your hard work and dedication we have had an outstanding year with many successful projects and events. The support of our committees, units, clubs, and leadership team has been outstanding! Thanks also to the DeMolay, Rainbow and especially the Ladies of Al Menah. You all are the BEST!!

Our fall party was one of the best thanks to Van and Vickie Miller and their committees, especially Debbie and Phillip (Fat Rabbit) Parman for the use of their decorations. Everyone was in costume and the chili cook-off was great. Kudos to the Clowns for the best decorated area. If you weren't there, you missed a great party.

The Ladies Extravaganza was a tremendous success. This year's proceeds will go towards the Imperial First Ladies Program for 2019-2020 (Patsy Cain). This program benefits our Shriners Hospitals for Children. (This year's program "In Dreams I walk" First Lady Lisa Gantt supports treatment and research of osteogenesis Imperfecta.)

Although our ceremonial in September brought in fewer new Nobles than last year (38); we are not finished. There will be a "cold sands" Ceremonial on December 14th, the day before our stated meeting and elections. Get out there and get another petition.

I cannot thank the nobility enough for allowing me the privilege of being Potentate for 2015. I pray I have served you well.

Thanks also to the other member of the Divan and their Ladies for their support and encouragement.

Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, and a Happy and Prosperous New Year to you all.

Remember to "Put Your Best Foot Forward" for all Al Menah. God Bless you.

**Yours In The Faith,**  
**Mike Van Sant**  
**Potentate**



# From the desk of...

## CHIEF RABBAN



I'd like to start out by saying Thank you for all your hard work. Al Menah has had a good year. I would like to thank our Potentate Mike Van Sant and the rest of the Divan. Lady Tracy has done an outstanding job with the ladies program.

December 7th will be the Chief Rabban Dinner, hospitality at 5:30 with dinner to follow at 6:00. I hope everyone will show up to hear next year's plan. My team and I will lay out our goals for next year. We are going to try some new things and the meeting will have a lot of information.

You should have received your dues notices from Tampa, please remit your dues, our Temple depends on each of you. The Circus is all done but a lot of the Nobles have not yet paid for their Circus tickets, we need for you to get that money in as soon as possible.

We have so many great things coming up, so please get involved and enjoy the greatest Temple in the World and as always if you have questions or concerns my door is always open and you are always welcome to call me. Kim and I wish you a Happy Holiday Season and please be safe.

**Yours in faith,  
Chief Rabban  
Jeff Head**

## ASSISTANT RABBAN



The Ladies Extravaganza was a huge success this year, the ladies raised over \$7,000.00. There were over 35 vendors and 27 beautiful Tablescapes. Thanks to Janice Chaussee and Rene Hedgepath and all the Ladies that work so hard to make this event bigger and better each year. And thanks to the Rainbow Girls for providing Lunch.

Thank you to all the Units and Clubs that attended All the Veterans Day Parades. Al Menah was well represented in several cities.

The Patients Party Toy Run was the biggest ever. Twenty-four Motorcycles and over 60 people attended the ride and everyone enjoyed lunch at Henry Horton State Park. Thanks to Terry Posey for leading the ride, Bubba Hayes and Barry Molasly for organizing the event and Scott Jones for driving the Clown Bus. They collected a lot of toys and over \$800.00 for our children.

The Springfield Christmas Parade was well attended. Thanks to John and Ruth Dean and the Robertson County Shrine Club for a great hospitality.

We will have our annual Christmas Open House and lighting of the Christmas Trees Dec. 4th at Al Menah.

On Monday Dec. 14th we will have a Ceremonial for new members at 5:00 pm.

Our Stated Meeting and election of officers is on December 15th. Please come out and support Al Menah.

Our Annual Patients Christmas Party is Dec. 13th. Come out and see our patients enjoying the fun.

On Dec. 31st we will have our New Year's Eve Party. This is always a good party.

This month is full of events, parades and parties. Let's all get ready to do our part to make Al Menah shine in all the parades we attend.

Lady Tracy and I would like to wish everyone a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year!!

**Asst. Rabban  
Frank Hester**

## HIGH PRIEST AND PROPHET



I would like to thank all the Nobles and their ladies for what you do at the Al Menah and how you all make sure that it is the best Temple in North America.

As we approach this holiday season, Lady Tammy & I want to extend to each of you the hope for a safe and joyful holiday with your family..

Again, thank you for your support!

**High Priest and Prophet  
Horace Perkins III**

## ORIENTAL GUIDE



I would like to extend my appreciation to the Nobility for the privilege of serving as your Oriental Guide this year. 2015 has absolutely flown by! As we prepare for 2016, do not forget the many important dates in December-Parades, Christmas Parties, and most importantly the Patient's Christmas Party on December 13, the Ceremonial on December 14, and the Stated Meeting and Election on December 15. Lady Beth and I wish for you and your families a happy and safe holiday season and the Merriest of Christmases!

**Oriental Guide  
Randy Williams**

## REMINDER:

### IMPORTANT NOTICE FROM THE RECORDER'S DESK:

**The dues notices for 2016 have  
been sent out from Tampa.**

**Let Office know if you did not  
receive yours.**

**Thank you,  
Robert G. Daniel**





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# News from Cincinnati

Specialty care beyond a burn

## Shriner Road Runners Transport Precious Cargo

Every Shriners temple has a special unit of transporters called the Road Runners. Countless miles and innumerable hours have been accumulated by this unique group of volunteers. The Road Runners have all traveled millions of roads and highways transporting children and their families to Shriners Hospitals for Children® – Cincinnati across the United States, and then safely home again. When asked why they volunteer so much of their time, the Road Runners simply reply that when they see what our patients and families are going through, they are honored to “go the distance” and feel privileged to take on the tasks assigned to this unit.



Locally, Road Runners pick up families and children and transport them to their local Shriners Hospital for appointments, and also drop off and pick up families from the airport.

“I started driving in 1988” said Road Runner Marvin Boyer of Syrian Shriners. “Back then, we used our own vehicles and gas and we operated out of the temple, not the hospital.”

Road Runner Bud Linn became involved with the Road Runners in 1992. “Over the years we gave talks, showed films, took people on tours, and picked up patients and families to bring to the hospital; really anything we could do to be helpful.”

Road Runners across the globe have achieved milestone journeys, traveling millions of miles to hospitals throughout the system. We are honored to recognize this elite group of Shriners and thank them for their continued dedication and commitment to positive outcomes for our patients.

Having Road Runners to transport our patients and families at no cost is another one of the many special services that Shriners Hospitals for Children—Cincinnati provides. Eliminating transportation worries helps families focus on the most important thing: Getting their child well.

Shriners Hospitals for Children® – Cincinnati is one of only four freestanding hospitals in the country dedicated to the treatment of pediatric burns and specializing in plastic and reconstructive surgery. Our physicians' experience and expertise in pediatric burn treatment, cleft lip and palate, complex wound and skin conditions, and plastic and reconstructive surgery makes Shriners Hospitals for Children – Cincinnati a first choice for care.

### Shriners Play a Big Role in Referrals

When it comes to finding medical help for children, Shriners are now more important than ever. Members of the fraternity have always played a critical role in helping families in their communities get connected with Shriners Hospitals for Children – Cincinnati, and now it has become even easier with a website and referral cards.

### Website

Shriners Hospitals for Children – Cincinnati continues to make referring a patient and obtaining an appointment for care easier than ever through the [www.shrinershospitalcincinnati.org](http://www.shrinershospitalcincinnati.org) website. Every page has a Schedule an Appointment and a Contact Us feature; both are easy forms that families can complete and submit online directly to the hospital.

### Referral Cards

Referral cards are also a great resource that Nobles can use. These cards allow families easy access to hospital information and services. The cards provide hospital contact information to assist in scheduling appointments. On the back of each card is space for the Shriner's name and Temple. Please stop by the Business Development office to pick cards up, or call 513-872-6391 to have them mailed to your Temple.

### Follow us on Facebook:



<https://www.facebook.com/ShrinersHospitalCincinnati>

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866-947-7840

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855-206-2096

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# NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY

**December 31st, 2015**

**Al Menah Shrine Temple**

**Doors Open At 6:30pm**

**Band Starts At 8:00pm**

**Featuring Shane and the Moneymakers**

**Singles-\$15.00 Couples-\$25.00**

**(Pay at the door)**

**BYOB - Set ups will be provided.**

**Please bring a covered dish.**

**CHAMPAGNE & BLACK EYED PEAS WILL  
BE SERVED AT MIDNIGHT!**

## CHILI & STEW COOK OFF

Bring your best chili or stew! Prizes  
will be awarded for both categories.

**Free cover charge for all  
new 2015 Nobles and  
their Ladies!**



# CENTER NEWS

## CLOWNS

Santa Claus is coming to town so get those chimneys cleaned and cookies baked. As with every holiday season, we each are trying to figure out how we're going to get everything on our list done and still make time for the family and friends we only get to see around this time of year. However, I urge you to slow down and cherish every second you get your friends and family. Time goes by quickly, so make every second count.

If you should find yourself in the mood for a parade then you're in luck. There will be plenty for you to participate in this month so check your email daily for updates on times and locations.

The Fabulous Al Menah Clowns would like to welcome our newest members Charlie "Hot Rod" Jackson and Colton "Slim Jim" McDonald. We're excited to have these clowns in our unit and we look forward to many great years of clowning alongside them.

The Patients Christmas Party will be held here at Al Menah on Sunday, December 13th. If you need help finding your holiday spirit, this is the place to be. You can't help but feel blessed when you see so many smiles and hear so much laughter from those in attendance. Hope to see you there.

Election night is Tuesday, December 15, 2015. Be sure to come show your support for Al Menah and cast your vote for our future leadership.

As always, thank you for all that you do in support of our hospitals. Please keep the sick and those unable to attend our events in your prayers.

**Vernon "Jingles" Blackburn**  
Secretary

## DIRECTOR'S STAFF

This is the holiday season with lots of activities. The Nashville Christmas Parade will be on Saturday, Dec. 5, however, we will have the Center's Christmas Open House and Tree Lighting on Dec. 4, 2015, Friday, 6:00pm.



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This is the time we can bring our children as Santa will be there for our children. Please bring finger foods. Our unit's Christmas Party will be December 12, 5:30 pm appetizers and dinner 6:00pm.

We have had a wonderful year under the direction of Captain Donnie Drayton and appreciate all he has done for the unit. Thank You Donnie!!!

We will have the Patient's Christmas Party at the Center, December 14, 2:00 pm. This is the time we host only our hospital children.

The first section of Ceremonial is December 14, registration at 4:30 pm.

As the Temple Election for 2016 Divan will be December 15, we want to thank Potentate Mike Van Sant and for his leadership, hosting the SESA meeting, and all the many things he did for our Children. The year ends with the New Year Eve Party on December 31, 2015.

As we give thanks let us include in our prayers our sick: Don and Janie Young; Rick and Louise Rider; Billy and June Burgess; Buddy and Artie Helms; Carl and Gloria Knight and Fuzzy and Barbara Alderdice. Please remember our unit widows as this is a season of memories for them. Our service people on foreign soil and at home, our veterans and country's leaders because of their service we have all the freedoms we have and hope to have. God Bless You, Yours and America.

**Cordially**  
**Lt. Joe Stroud**

## GREETERS

A NOTE FROM OUR 2015 CAPTAIN- I want to thank the unit for allowing me to serve as Captain this year and for all the help and co-operation during the year. I hope I have made a difference.

I wish the 2016 Officers the best for their Term - Capt. Richard Kranpitz

A NOTE FROM OUR 2016 CAPTAIN -Thank you from your 2016 Officers for the opportunity to serve the Greeters. We look forward to seeing all of you at our many Shrine and Greeter functions (Many hands make for light work)

**Captain Jerry Tucker**

Congratulations to the new officers for 2016: Jerry Tucker — Captain  
Tom York — First Lieutenant  
Wayne Hess — Second Lieutenant  
Tom York — Secretary/Treasurer  
Jim York — Chaplain

We had a good turnout for the Veterans Day Parades and finished the Hendersonville Parade with a visit with Keith Corbin (who has been ill for a long while) to help celebrate his Birthday with a cake and singing of Happy Birthday. Keith, congratulations and we hope you have many more, also enough is enough get well soon

The Greeters Christmas party was held at Dalts, with a Cocktail Reception before at the home of Charlie and Edna Smith with a good turn out and great time was by all

Keep selling plaques. Remember plaque sales run year round.

A big thank you to Charlie Smith for the delicious dinner at our last meeting.

Keep in our prayers all those that are hurting and sick

Happy Chanukah, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

**Lou Becker**

## HORSE PATROL

We are happy to announce our newly elected Horse Patrol officers. They are as follows:

Dale Francis — Captain

Benji Maggart — First Lieutenant and

Scribe Parker Francis — Second Lieutenant

Dan Clark — Secretary and Treasurer and

Quarter Master Lee — Drill Master

Dan Clark's wife unfortunately suffered a stroke a few weeks ago. She is in our thoughts and prayers, and we wish her a very speedy recovery. We are glad that Walter Johnson's eye surgery was a success. We are also still wishing Dale Francis a quick and complete recovery from his knee surgery.

The Horse Patrol is looking forward to riding in several Christmas parades coming up soon. We hope to see everyone at the parades and come say hello to the Horse Patrol.

Happy Trails until we meet again.

**Scribe**  
**Benji Maggart**

## MOUNTAINEERS

LOOKIE HERE!!! You mountaineers better get your p's and q's together real quick. We got a bunch of plans and your's are gonna be part of it. Parades? Yes sir, a whole bunch heading our way. They are Nashville, Gallatin, Lebanon and Lewisburg and maybe a couple more thrown in.

At our last meeting we voted a whole new bunch of officers for year 2016. Claude Claytor - Captain, Danny Wyatt - 1st Lt. and Jess Harris - 2nd Lt. Frank Carter - Sec. and ol Ronnie Berry - Treas. First time ever them mountaineers can read and write, but only one graduated from high school. Guess which one? We ain't a telling his name but he got married a short time ago at age 77 and



they say his memory was really a slipping bad.

Some of you fellows missed a real good spook party Halloween night. We had lots of fun, food and good friends getting it together.

Until next time, keep your powder dry, pray for all our distressed our children in the Shrine Hospitals and our troops in harms way all across this troubled world.

**Ray Cravens, Captain**  
**615-587-3247**

## LEGION OF HONOR

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! This year comes to a close and with it my term as Commander of the Legion of Honor. I want to thank all our members for their hard work and commitment that has given LOH a successful year and contributed to Al Menah's success. I want to thank our Illustrious Potentate Mike Van Sant and our Divan for their service to our Shrine. The Shrine is about service and camaraderie. I believe the members of LOH exemplified that this year.

We participated in all the Shrine's events - the circus, parades, fund raising, ceremonies, and social activities. In all these things, the members of LOH displayed the finest attributives of our fraternity.

In this final month, we have an election, a ceremonial, parades, the patient's Christmas Party, and the Al Menah New Year's Eve Party. We will be there serving and enjoying fellowship with our fellow Shriner's and their families.

Next year, Troy Smith, a retired veteran of the US Army and a combat veteran, will be Commander of LOH. Serving with him on our line will be Roy Lindsey and Art Devooght. These men will provide great leadership for next year. I hope it will be an even better year than this year.

If you are a veteran consider being a part of us next year. Join our band of brothers!

Please pray for our nation in this time of trouble. Pray for our children. Remember our highest duty is to serve God and lead a Christ-like life. God bless America and you.

**Ronald Queen**  
**Commander**

## MOTOR CORPS

HO! HO! HO!

The Holiday Season has arrived and that means Parades and more Parades! Please make note of the following dates and parade locations as these are the parades the Motor Corps will attend! So shine those motors and continue being part of the great Motor Corps Spirit!

12 -5 White House - L/U Noon S/O  
1pm starting at Municipal Park  
12 -12 Hartsville - L/U 9 am S/O 10 am  
starting at Minit Mart  
12-12 Gallatin - L/U 11 am S/O Noon  
starting across from Hospital  
12-12 Millersville - L/U 2 pm S/O 3 pm  
starting point to be announced

MOTOR CORPS ELECTIONS were held at the November stated meeting. Congrats to all on your appointed and elected offices!

The Motor Corps hosted a TOY RIDE FOR OUR PATIENTS! We had 25 motorcycles, several cars, the Temple Van and one crazy Clown Bus. The following units were represented: Divan, Clowns, Legion of Honor, Director's Staff, 3 Degrees Chap 16, Sumner County Klowns, Greeters, John Posey of the Provost Guard, Oriental Band, Potentate's Guard and several Friends of Boswell's. 63 people enjoyed fellowship and a great meal as the ride ended at Henry Horton State Park. Lots of toys were collected, which you know will put a smile on a lot of faces.

Our PATIENT'S CHRISTMAS PARTY is Sunday, Dec. 13th. If you have never participated, you certainly have missed it! These kids, OUR kids, will tug at your heart strings. Make plans to attend in full Motor Corps uniform with Fez!

AL MENAH ELECTION NIGHT is Dec. 15th. Come out and show support for the candidate of your choice.

The NEW YEAR'S EVE party at Al Menah is always a good time! BYOB, Black eyed peas and Champagne at Midnight. Doors open at 6:30. \$15 per person/ \$25 per couple. Come bring in the New Year with us!

MOTOR CORPS CAPT BREAKFAST, as always, will be bright and early on New Year's Day! Awesome food, awesome cooks, awesome fellowship! Start the New Year off on the right foot!

As always, stay mindful of those who need our prayers. Attend your Blue Lodge and spread the word "MEMBERSHIP". We are always looking for good men who aren't afraid to roll up their sleeves and jump right in! Ladies too! Remember, we ride so they can walk! MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL!!!

**"Fat Rabbit"**

## SHRINE CLUB NEWS

### Hendersonville Shrine Club

I would like to say Thank to the Divan and all the Shrine units that participated in our Hendersonville Day Parade. It showed the spirit of our city and our country we have for our Veterans.

We use this day to honor our Men and Women who fought for our freedom.

A big Thank you goes out to our Potentate Mike Van Sant and the Divan for all the accomplishments this year.

As we enter the Christmas season with our Christmas Parades and parties, remember our Kids Patient Christmas Party at the Temple Sunday, December 13. This is a heart warmer because it shows what we are all about "our kids".

Our club will not meet again until the January 25th which is the fourth Monday of the month. We will meet at the Black Eye Pea 164 East Main Street in Hendersonville. We would like to invite all the Nobles and their Ladies in our area to join us for some good food and fellowship. We will meet at 6:00pm to eat and fellowship. Our meeting will begin at 7:00pm.

Al Menah Temple Election night is Tuesday December 15th at 7:30pm. Come out and support your Candidate of choice.

To close out our year, join in with the Founder at the Temple and enjoy our New Year's Eve Party. Hope to see you there!

**Boyd Parnell**  
**President**

### Williamson County Shrine Club

Thanks for your great work on the Paper Sale and Plaque Sale. Our club is now at almost \$34,000 on the Paper Sale with more on the way. We still have time left to get more Plaque Sales in! Have you renewed your Plaque? Have you sold one?

Our Motor Division has already been in two Veterans Day Parades and we are gearing up for several Christmas Parades coming up. We meet on the third Thursday of the Month at Logan's Roadhouse in Cool Springs on Bakers Bridge Road. Come on out, we would love to have you with us.

Remember to pray for our leaders, our Doctors / Nurses at the Shrine Hospitals and our Military who are fighting to ensure our freedom.

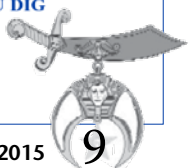
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**WCSC Ambassador**

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# News from Cincinnati

## Welcome, Mashayla Colwell, Director of Marketing & Communications

Shriners Hospitals for Children—Cincinnati extends a warm welcome to the new director of marketing and communications, Mashayla Colwell. Mashayla is a seasoned marketing professional with extensive experience in strategic communications and marketing. She came to Cincinnati Shriners Hospital after spending several years working in Cincinnati's Mercy Health System.

"I was looking for another opportunity in healthcare when I found out about the position at Shriners," Colwell said. "I knew that Cincinnati Shriners Hospital treated pediatric burns, but had no idea about the complex plastic surgery and reconstruction we do. Since I started working at the hospital, I learn something new every day."



Mashayla Colwell

"Everyone I have talked to has said what a hidden gem this hospital is, and my number one goal is to make sure Shriners Hospitals for Children—Cincinnati is not a secret anymore," Colwell said. She added, "I want everyone to know about the amazing work we do here and the amazing people who make it happen every day."

Colwell has an interesting background in marketing and communications, having worked in the casino industry for eight years, three of those spent in Las Vegas; and then later worked at Cincinnati Bell.

A few years later she realized she wanted to have more meaning in her job. "You can take marketing and communication skills and transfer them into any industry if you are adaptable enough. I fell in love with health care and the genuine compassion you see from health care workers. They change lives."

Also on her list of goals is to create a comprehensive communication plan to build patient volume and get employee involvement. She will also work closely with the Board of Governors and local Shriners.

Colwell is settling into her position and her passion is evident. "It is exciting to have the opportunity to spread the word about Cincinnati Shriners Hospital locally and regionally," she said. "I am looking forward to getting to know the people who work here and the Shriners and let them tell their stories about this amazing hospital."

Mashayla Colwell can be reached at 513-872-6192 or via email at mcolwell@shrinersnet.org.

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### Shriners Play a Big Role in Referrals

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### Website

Shriners Hospitals for Children – Cincinnati continues to make referring a patient and obtaining an appointment for care easier than ever through the [www.shrinershospitalcincinnati.org](http://www.shrinershospitalcincinnati.org) website. Every page has a Schedule an Appointment and a Contact Us feature; both are easy forms that families can complete and submit online directly to the hospital.

### Referral Cards

Referral cards are also a great resource that Nobles can use. These cards allow families easy access to hospital information and services. The cards provide hospital contact information to assist in scheduling appointments. On the back of each card is space for the Shriner's name and Temple. Please stop by the Business Development office to pick cards up, or call 513-872-6391 to have them mailed to your Temple.

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**Be Burn Aware This Holiday Season**

Dear Nobles,

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As the experts in pediatric burn care, Shriners Hospitals for Children® will once again be the authoritative voice in promoting holiday fire safety and burn prevention with today's launch of the **Be Burn Aware** campaign.

**This year we are excited to announce our newest Love to the rescue® Ambassador, Joe Minoso.** An actor on the popular NBC show "Chicago Fire," Joe is committed to helping Shriners Hospitals for Children reduce the risk of house fires and burn injuries. Through a series of Public Service Announcements (PSAs) and media interviews, Joe will share useful information to remind families to Be Burn Aware this holiday season.



**Be the Voice of Fire Safety in Your Community:** Christmas trees are the deadliest source of house fires during the holidays. One of the key ways to educate the community about Christmas tree safety is to take the information to the source – anywhere Christmas trees are sold.

**Create a Visible Reminder:** Shriners Hospitals for Children created Fez-themed Be Burn Aware tip cards with useful information on how to keep Christmas trees fire safe. These tip cards can be taken to local tree distributors and handed out at community events. [Visit the materials ordering system on Shrinersvillage.com to order your safety tip cards.](#)

[If you prefer to print your own tip cards, click here to download the file.](#)

**Spread the Word:** We encourage you to share this useful information with your friends, family, businesses and the public at any community event.

**Learn More:** Tips to prevent burn injuries, activity sheets for children and educational videos for the entire family are available at [BeBurnAware.org](#).

Our holiday Be Burn Aware campaign is another way we send Love to the rescue. Thank you for your commitment to this great campaign and our patients. We couldn't do it without you!

Yours in the faith,

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# Notices.....

## Patients' Christmas Party

Nobles and Ladies, Sunday, December 13th is the date for our Annual Patients Christmas Party which will start at 2 PM. Nobles and Ladies that wish to assist need to be at the Temple around 12. The party will be the same as it has been since its first event with tasks handled by the same groups as in the past. Notices are being sent to those patients that we have addresses for and Hospital Drivers are being asked to spread the word to those making hospital visits.

As in the past, our Shrine Ladies are being asked to please bring finger desserts that DO NOT require being cut.

Also, if any Units or Clubs would like to make cash/check donations to help keep this a function that does not rely on Hospital funds, they will be greatly appreciated. Except for the first year and some minimum assistance the second, all the parties have relied on donations and gifts.

A final request that I've issued every year and hopefully is not taken the wrong way; this party is for our Hospital patients and the Christmas Open House is for our families. PLEASE do not bring children to the Patients Party....IT'S THEIR DAY!

If you have questions or need to speak with me, call anytime (615) 519-9558

**Wes Frye, Chairman**

## Ladies Extravaganza and Shopping Feztival a Success!

Thank you to all that helped setup for the event, decorate tables, guide vendors to their booth, announce door prizes or serve lunch. It was an enjoyable event again this year that raised over \$7,500 for the Imperial Lady's 2018 program. Lunch was donated and served by the Rainbow Girls, 39 vendors displayed arts & crafts, the Clown Ladies ran "Santa's Candy Kitchen" and the Directorettes offered fabulous Bake Sale items. The Committee is especially appreciative of the tablescape sponsors and their support of our 26 tablescapes that sold for over \$4,000. Local news celebrities, Jennifer Johnson (Channel 4), Carrie Sharp (Channel 5) and Cherish Lombard (Channel 2) judged our tablescapes and commented that it was a very close vote because everything was so beautifully decorated. Potentate's Lady Heather Van Sant judged the vendors for the most "Fez"tastic Booth. Winners were:

Best Theme – Snowmen, sponsored by Williamson County Shrine Club, decorated by Ladies Diane DeVooght & Nancy Leeton.

- Most Creative – Blue Christmas, sponsored by Jr. Past Potentate Carl Barnes, decorated by Lady Joyce Barnes
- Judges Choice 1st place – Gone to the Lake, sponsored by Dickson County Shrine Club, decorated by Lady Rene Hedgepath
- Judges Choice 2nd place – French Country, sponsored by Rainbow Girls, decorated by Ladies Renee Bolden & Alicia Villines
- Judges Choice 3rd place – Take Me to Paris, sponsored by Williamson County Shrine Club, decorated by Lady Donna Isbell & Lady Amy Pewitt
- "Fez"tastic Booth – Posy Hill Soap Shack, owner Robin Collins

The event was a huge success that could not have been accomplished without everyone's effort.

**Thanks again,**

**James and Lady Rene Hedgepath  
and Bill and Lady Janice Chaussee  
Co-Chairs of the Ladies Extravaganza**

## Upcoming Events

**Open House & Tree Lighting  
Dec 4**

**Chief Rabban Dinner  
Dec 7**

**Hospitality @ 5:30pm  
Dinner @ 6:00pm**

**Patient Christmas Party  
Dec 13th**

**Ceremonial  
Dec 14**

**Registration: 4:30pm-6:00pm**

**Public Installation  
January 3, 2016 @ 2:00pm**



I want to thank all of you that came out and supported our Ladies Nite in 2015. We have had some truly wonderful and fun events this year. I look forward to seeing you in 2016 as we support Lady Kim with her projects and events.

Don't forget that we will not be meeting in December as this will be the Nobles' Stated Meeting/ Elections.

Frank and I pray that each of you have a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!!!

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Hugh Murphy 10/18/1926 — 11/10/2015 Laverne, TN	Charles D. Lollar 07/17/1943 — 11/11/2015 Carthage, TN
Thomas E. Workman 10/31/1946 — 11/18/2015 Mount Pleasant, TN	Lloyd G. Ray, Sr. 09/10/1932 — 11/16/2015 Cumberland City, TN
William M. Hinton 09/20/1929 — 11/17/2015 Clarksville, TN	Roy T. Resha 08/04/1945 — 11/05/2015 Goodlettsville, TN
Fredrick L. Silver 06/12/1929 — 11/07/2015 Old Hickory, TN	Thomas E. Frost, Sr. 08/30/1940 — 10/19/2015 Spring Hill, FL
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	White House	12:00 PM/1:00 PM
	Lewisburg	1:00 PM/2:00 PM
	Donelson	1:00 PM/2:00 PM
	Westmoreland	1:30 PM/2:30 PM
	Lawrenceburg	4:00 PM/5:00 PM
12/6(Sun)	Laverne	5:00 PM/6:00 PM
	Lebanon	1:00 PM/2:00 PM
	Hendersonville	1:00 PM/2:00 PM
12/10(Thur)	Cookeville	1:30 PM/2:30 PM
	Linden	6:00 PM/7:00 PM
12/12(Sat)	Hartsville	9:00 AM/10:00 AM
	Fairview	10:00 AM/11:00 AM
	Gallatin	11:00 AM/12:00 PM
	Leipers Fork	1:00 PM/2:00 PM
	Granville	2:00 PM/3:00 PM
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