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Dear Nobles and Ladies,

Thank you for the confidence and support you have shown, by electing me to the office of Potentate for 2016. What an honor to serve you. Kim and I will serve our hospitals and fraternity to the best of our abilities. I would also like to thank Illustrious Sir Mike Van Sant and Lady Heather on a great year; hopefully we can build on his progress.

Membership should be a huge priority for 2016. I'm so excited that Sam Isbell and Dale Pewitt have stepped up to accept the role of Membership Chairman and Co-Chairman for 2016. They will make a great asset to our team. The theme for 2016 is "One Team One Dream" and with your help we can make children's dreams come true.

Last year, Illustrious Sir Mike started a program to recognize the Shriner Of The Year. Our first recipient will be William "Bubba" Hayes, and it's a wonderful tribute. We lost Bubba on December 7th. He was a great friend and a great Shriner. Please keep Gwen and Carla in your prayers.

I would like to welcome Scott Jones and Lady Kim to our Divan. The Divan is looking forward to working together with you to make 2016 a great success. Our calendar of events will be out soon. Please enjoy as many activities as you can. Kim and I will be here anytime you need us, so just reach out.

**"One Team One Dream"**  
**Yours in Faith**

**Jeff Head, Potentate**  
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# From the desk of...

## CHIEF RABBAN



Thank you Nobles and Ladies for your hard work and support for the past three years and for the confidence you place in me to be your 2016 Chief Rabban.. Al Menah is blessed with talented and dedicated people.

I would like to congratulate Ill Sir Mike Van Sant and Lady Heather on a great year. Congratulations to our newly elected Oriental Guide Scott Jones and all the 2016 Divan members for being elected to your new position. Ill. Sir Jeff Head. Lady Tracy

and I look forward to your leadership this year and pledge our support to you, the Divan and Al Menah Shrine.

December, as usual was a very busy month and a lot of fun too. All the parades and Christmas Parties were outstanding. Thanks to the Ladies and Nobles that made these events happen.

We had another Ceremonial on December 14th and have several more new Nobles at Al Menah. This year we will be counting on every Noble and their Lady to help us in our efforts to Recruit, Restore and Retain our membership. I would like to thank our Membership Committee and introduce to you our 2016 Membership Chairman, Sam Isbell. Noble Isbell has a lot of great ideas and will be calling on each and every one of you to help with our membership goals. Remember that it takes everyone working together to achieve our goals. We know how to do it. ....Be active in your Blue Lodge and tell "The Shrine Story" to as many brothers as you can. It is really very simple, just "ASK A MASTER MASON TO BE A SHRINER".

To all the New Nobles, it is a privilege to have each of you as a new Al Menah Shrine-Mason. We are glad you chose Al Menah and we look forward to you being a vital part of our fraternity. We need each of you to recruit one new noble for our 2016 ceremonial. If you do, we can continue to be the Greatest Temple in North America. If I can ever be of assistance to you please let me know. Be active, participate and encourage other to do the same.

2016 will be exciting with plenty of activities and events and even some new ideas and changes from the normal. Please support the efforts of the Divan and your Shrine Center as we endeavor to create a positive fun environment for our members.

**Yours in faith,  
Chief Rabban  
Frank Hester**

## ASSISTANT RABBAN



Another great year at Al Menah! A big thank you goes out to Potentate Mike Van Sant for his leadership this year. I would like to congratulate Jeff Head and all the Divan for moving up, and Scott Jones for being elected Oriental Guide.

Christmas Parade season is over and thank you to each Noble for making it a success. I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving, a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Thank you to everyone for allowing me to serve as High Priest and Prophet and I look forward to a great year as Assistant Rabban. In closing, please keep Gwen and the Hayes family in your prayers.

**Asst. Rabban  
Horace Perkins III**

## HIGH PRIEST AND PROPHET



Lady Beth and I wish for you and your families a FEZ-tastic New Year! My thanks to our 2015 Potentate Mike Van Sant for his leadership and personally, for his friendship and help to me this past year.

I wish to extend my sincere appreciation to the Nobility for your support and am very much looking forward to serving as your 2016 High Priest and Prophet. Welcome to Scott Jones as our newest Divan Member upon his election as

Oriental Guide. Congratulations to our newly elected Potentate, my good brother Jeff Head. Your Divan and Nobility pledge our support to you.

Together, we all can look forward to continuing to make Al Menah the greatest Shrine Center of them all and do even more for our kids.

**High Priest and Prophet  
Randy Williams**

## ORIENTAL GUIDE



Lady Kim and I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year's Eve. I look forward to serving as your Oriental Guide for 2016 and I appreciate all the support that everyone has shown me over the past year.

Our Illustrious Potentate Jeff Head and Lady Kim have planned a great year of events. Let's all show our support to them and have an outstanding year at Al Menah.

It was great to see everyone at the ceremony for the installation of 2016 Al Menah Shrine Officers. We wish everyone a healthy and wonderful year!

**Oriental Guide  
Scott Jones**

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# CENTER NEWS

## CLOWNS

The Fabulous Al Menah Clowns have had another amazing year. Capt. Huneycutt would like to thank everyone for their hard work and support this past year.

All that attended our annual Clown Christmas party had an evening of fun, fellowship, and celebration of the units accomplishments for the past year. For the upcoming year, the clown unit will be lead by Captain Geoff "Sticks" King, Lieutenant Vernon "Jingles" Blackburn, and newly elected Secretary Frank "Froggy" Wilson. Remaining as Treasurer in 2016 will be John "Sweet Pea" Waynick. We would like to thank Troy "Paint Bucket" Huneycutt for his role as Captain in 2015. We had a lot of fun and made some great memories.

We would also like to congratulate the 2016 Divan that advanced to their new positions and welcome newly elected Oriental Guide Scott "Joker" Jones.

We have another year full of fun and exciting events planned for 2016, so we hope to see you at our events.

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.

**clowns**

## GREETERS

Congratulations to the new Divan and a Happy New Year to all the Nobles  
Lou Becker



We would once again thank our past captain Ray Cravens and wife Jane for all their hard work this past year. The Mountaineers are ever so grateful.

Congratulations to all our 2016 elected officers:

Captain - Claude Claytor 1st Lt. - Danny Wyatt 2nd Lt. - Jess Harris  
Sec. - Frank Carter Tres. - Ronnie Berry. We all pledge a

great year for 2016.

Remember our responsibilities as Mountaineers, circus ads, plaques and most importantly support our Shrine Center and our Shrine children.

Our prayers and condolences go out to our good friend from the Motor Corp Bubba Hayes and wife Gwen and family.

We would also like to acknowledge our members. Past Master Leo Claytor who has had recent surgery and Dale Nord who has been a little under the weather.

In closing, we wish all of you a Happy New Year and as always keep your powder dry. Pray for distressed Shrine children and our troops in harms way across this troubled world.

**Until next time,  
Claude Claytor, Captain**

## HORSE PATROL

Horse Patrol -Well, the Horse Patrol has finally hit the big time! Along with some of our fellow Shriner clubs the Horse Patrol participated in the filming of "He is Still King", a Billy Ray Cyrus movie that is scheduled to premiere next summer. We got real familiar with the Springfield square, as we circled it about 5 times for the filming. We all had a great time, and it was great weather for a December day. We really appreciate everyone who came out to ride and participated.

We are glad to hear that Dan Clark's wife's health is improving after her stroke. We will continue to pray that she has a 100% recovery. Everyone please remember the sick and elderly over the Holiday season. Also don't forget to give the horses some extra treats for Christmas. We are all looking forward to the relaxation and reflection of the Holidays, and also to the business at hand for next year. The Horse Patrol would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! Until next time, happy trails and God bless.  
Benji Maggart

## LEGION OF HONOR

As your new incoming Commander I would like to thank our outgoing Commander for a good year. As always I hope that this coming year will be greater than last year. I will make it a priority to accomplish all missions given to our unit. I know with a new Commander there will be some changes made. Our unit will go through these changes with great satisfaction. One of my core responsibilities will be to ensure prompt and continued communications.

We will work with the Potentate, Divan, captains and all other units to make sure this year will go smoothly and all priorities will be accomplished with great pride.

As every Commander tries to keep a schedule I know this will come with many changes throughout the year. I also hope that our membership continues to rise knowing that each and everyone in the shrine helps with this mission.

We will continue to support our hospitals and children with all our efforts and hearts.

I would like to close by saying that our temple and all nobles will ensure that this coming year will be greater than the last. I know we all strive to do better each and every year. I would like congratulate all of our new Officers throughout our temple for taking the responsibility to ensure we continue to have great success throughout our organization.

**Troy Smith  
Commander  
Legion of Honor**

## MOTOR CORPS

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!! We hope everyone had a safe and joyous Christmas holiday!

The Motor Corps, as well as all of Al Menah, suffered a tremendous loss last month in the tragic passing of our 2-time Past Captain Bubba Hayes. We are truly blessed to have reaped the benefits of the pride and spirit you brought to our unit, to the Shrinedom, and to have been a part of the outstanding dedication and endless work you gave to our fraternity and Brotherhood. God Speed, My Brother.

Our Patient's Party was a huge success! Thanks to everyone who participated. The smiles, the child's laughter...just priceless, and the very reason we are Shriners! A HUGE thank you goes out to Randy Byrum for his assistance with our toy shopping at Dollar General Store!

Congratulations to the newly installed Motor Corps officers and appointed positions. Thanks to all that attended the Captain's Breakfast New Year's morning and a special thanks to all who worked, cooked and served to make it possible!

Congratulations to the newly elected Oriental Guide, Scott Jones and Lady Kim. Also, congratulations to Illustrious Sir Jeff Head and Lady Kim and the rest of the 2016 Divan on your elections. We look forward to a wonderful year!

As always, stay mindful of those who need our prayers. Continue to keep Gwen and Carla Hayes in your thoughts and 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!

"Ride with Pride; Keeping the Spirit Alive"  
Fat Rabbit, Journalist

## SHRINE CLUB NEWS

### Cheatam County Shrine Club

We had our annual Christmas party this week and a good time was had by all.

PLEASE NOTE: beginning with our meeting on January 5, 2016 we will change our meeting location to Cody's Diner 113 Cumberland St in Ashland City across from

Ashland City Church of Christ. Come join us at 6:00 for good food & fellowship!

**Sam McCammon**  
President

### Hendersonville Shrine Club

We had a very productive 2015 with lots of Shrine Activities and great speakers at our meetings. Our club did our part on the #1 thing we do by bringing in over \$34,000.00 for the Shrine Hospitals for Children.

Thanks to our outgoing President, Art DeVooght and all the Club Officers for serving in 2015. Our Motor Division was seen in lots of parades through out the year and lots of fun was had. Thanks to our Motor Division Captain, Stew Long and the Motor Division Officers for serving in 2015. We

finished off 2015 with our Christmas Party, at the Elks Lodge in Franklin. New Club and Motor Division Officers were elected at that meeting. Let's get behind our new officers and help make 2016 our best year yet!

A big thank you goes out to Potentate Mike Van Sant and the entire Divan for the great job they have done this past year. Now, let's get behind our new Potentate, Jeff Head and the new Divan. Let's all work to have harmony in the Shrine and keep helping those Children in our Shrine Hospitals.

Please say a special prayer for the brave men and women protecting our freedom. Shriners Help Children!

**Butch Mays**  
WCSC Ambassador

## MEMBERSHIP

Greetings Nobles!

My name is Sam Isbell and I am the new Membership Chairman for Al Menah Shrine Temple. As all Nobles are aware, membership is an integral part of the success of our fraternity. Membership is far greater than just adding new nobles each year. It encompasses participation in special events, stated meetings, paper sales, etc. These events allow us to get to know each other outside of our Masonic Lodges, County Shrine Clubs, and Units. Remember we are far more than just Shriners we are all Brother Masons. Faith, Hope and charity are what we believe in. Together we help our children to live better lives by providing them care at our hospitals.

In the coming months Al Menah will be organizing a bus trip to one of our hospitals so that each Noble and his lady can witness some the great work that we help to fund. Far too often many of our members never have the opportunity to travel to one of these miracle venues. We hope that once this trip is announced that you will take the opportunity to participate and see what your hard work does.

As you visit the Temple you will start to see several changes as well. We will be creating a Nomad room which will be specifically set up for Nobles that are not part of a unit. Details about this will be presented in our next newsletter. Also we will be holding an open house to let our fellow brethren visit us and ask us questions that they may have.

Our ladies program has continued to be a great success and provides a fantastic chance for them to get to know each other. As we are all aware our ladies support us in everything that we do and are always there to lend a helping hand. For that we thank them!

With all of the great achievements that we have accomplished we still have the issue of growth. Currently we have approximately 3,400 nobles with two thirds of them being 65 years of age or older. We must all understand that as this great generation of Shriners ages, it is imperative that we help find new Nobles to replace them in order to continue our great traditions. Our goal for this coming year will be to add 150 new Nobles. Obviously this is an aggressive number, but together I believe we can achieve them. I am asking for your support in this campaign.

Please contact me if you would like to have brochures or other membership information. It is at no cost and may help answer questions that a prospective Shriner may have. Let's all work together and make 2016 a great year at Al Menah. I hope that everyone has a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Fraternally,  
Sam Isbell

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# News Worth Sharing

for friends of Shriners Hospitals for Children--Lexington  
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## Shriners Hospitals for Children Medical Center Topping Out Ceremony

We celebrated a big milestone in the construction of the \$47 million Shriners Hospitals for Children Medical Center (SHCMC) last Tuesday--the "topping out" of the new building. Check out these links to see the media coverage of the Topping Out ceremony, and look for more pictures in the [Topping Out album on our Facebook page](#)! Many thanks to everyone on the Topping Out committee who made this event a success!



*The steel beam, signed by patients, Shriners, and hospital staff, rests on the ground outside the SHCMC before the ceremony*



*The beam*



*The beam, in place, on the Shriners Hospitals for Children Medical Center*



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# News from Cincinnati

## Cincinnati Shriners Patient #65 Fulfills His Dreams

On May 20, 1965, William Joe Culp bit into an electrical cord causing massive destruction of his upper lip, mouth, and nose, parts of his face and around his left eye. At 1-1/2 years old, his parents rushed him to the local hospital emergency room.

Thankfully for Culp, the Aladdin Shrine Temple from his home town in Steubenville, Ohio, heard about the accident and stepped in to help. They sponsored Culp as a patient to get treatment at Shriners Hospitals for Children®—Cincinnati, a new hospital specializing in pediatric burn care.



Omar Shriner, William Joe Culp

In 1965, Shriners Hospitals for Children—Cincinnati was located in a small area in University Hospital, while plans to build a freestanding hospital dedicated to pediatric burn care were underway.

Culp's patient number was 65, which made him the 65<sup>th</sup> patient in Cincinnati Shriners Hospital history.

He spent the next 14 years returning to visiting Shriners Hospitals for Children—Cincinnati for care. Culp had more than 30 different surgeries over that time to correct the function and cosmetic defects on his face as a result of his severe burn injuries.

"I still remember how wonderful everyone was in my time at Shriners," said Culp. "One particular nurse I will never forget is Gayle Mahler. She had a huge impact on my life and how I dealt with my appearance and injuries."

Joe, with nurse Gayle Mahler, on the cover of the hospital's 15 year anniversary program.

At age 11, Culp remembers having two goals in life; obtain a mechanical engineering degree and to one day become a Shriner. He finished college and became a mechanical engineer in his early 20's.

Culp is now 52 and recently became a Shriner at Omar Temple. He said the main reason for fulfilling this goal was to help children the way the Shriners helped him. He currently lives in South Carolina with his wife of 26 years and has three boys ages 20, 22 and 24.

Once he became a Shriner, he had a strong urge to visit Shriners Hospitals for Children—Cincinnati. He wanted to see what the hospital was like today and relive some of the positive memories he had held onto all of these years.

Culp was happily surprised with how different the facility is today. Luckily for Culp, one of his tour guides, Vicki Keehn, remembers Gayle and several other employees that were here when Culp was a patient. Vicki has worked for Shriners 37 years and was very gracious to take the time to show Culp around and reminisce with him.

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.

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11/09/1934 – 11/21/2015  
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# Upcoming Events

(as of this publication)

## JANUARY 2016

Jan 10 Potentate Social  
Jan 19 5:30 pm Captain's Meeting  
6:00 pm Noble Dinner with Ladies  
7:00 pm Stated Meeting with  
Unit meetings to follow  
Jan 30 Hillbilly Degree

## FEBRUARY 2016

Feb 3 Past Captains  
Feb 6 Singles  
Feb 7 Clown Football Party  
Feb 13 Valentines Dinner & Dance  
Feb 16 5:30 pm Captain's Meeting  
6:00 pm Noble Dinner with Ladies  
7:00 pm Stated Meeting with  
Unit meetings to follow  
Feb 20 Demolay Sweetheart Dance  
Feb 26 - March 3 Potentate's Trip