

# WA WA SHRINERS

## WARBLINGS





**David Fairlie**

## **POTENTATE'S MESSAGE**

May I begin by expressing my sincere thank you to you the Nobility of WAWA Shrine for this incredible opportunity to serve as your Potentate for 2009. It truly is an honor and once in a life time experience. Your 2009 Divan is committed to continue promoting our fraternity throughout WAWA and continue to develop our fraternal relationship with The Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan.

It is my pleasure to now introduce you to six new Divan members and their ladies starting with our new Marshall – Gord Berg and Lady Pat; Chief of Staff – Art Hunter and Lady Elaine; Chaplin – Ron Sutton and Lady Mary; Captain of the Guard – Laurie Monsees and Lady Lynn; Outer Guard – Roy Gaebel and Lady Jean; Assistant Chief of Staff – Eric Vincent and Lady Jeanette.

The Annual General Meeting, Memorial Service and Instillation that was recently held January 17 & 18 in Regina was attended by 180 nobles and ladies. Our annual Memorial Service continues to touch the heart as we said goodbye to 36 friends.

At the banquet, the new Divan was installed by a number of Past Potentates under the capable leadership of Ills. Sir Dick Gutfriend. Lady Darlene Clarke read a moving letter composed by one of our first cleft pallet patients; Ms. Maureen Musgrove. Her letter told the story of what it is like to grow up and what it means to be different. Maureen's mother, father and brother joined her on the podium.

A sincere thank you from myself and Lady Inez to all the nobles and ladies who participated in this year's event and to those who helped organize and made the weekend such a success.

Your Divan recently returned from Rochester, Minn.; where we attended the Mid West Shrine Association winter sessions. Ills. Sir George Maxwell – Imperial Potentate spent one and a half days with us to discuss the financial pressure our 22 hospitals currently face. As a result of the severe market correction, the entire system will be experiencing serious challenges. A long discussion ensued as to what actions should be considered. The Imperial Sir was requested to consider a number of options other than hospital closures. However, due to considerable damage caused by Hurricane Ike – the Galveston Hospital will not reopen and all patients will be transferred to Houston.

Imperial Sir informed us that Shriners of North America will soon transcend into Shriners International as new Temples are underway for South America, Australia, and possibly Europe.

We are looking for a fun filled Provincial Curling Classic in March, hosted by the Prince Albert Shrine Club. If you have not registered your team, please do so as soon as possible; come out, renew friendships share in fellowship and fun.

June Ceremonial (5, 6, 7.) will be hosted in Saskatoon and promises to be a unique experience with a gala Shrine-A - Rama planned for Friday evening to be held in the Bessborough gardens. The public and our entire Masonic family will be invited. It promises to be a Feztastic affair. We certainly hope you can see your way to come and join us.

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**Mel Douglas**

## RECORDER'S MESSAGE

Well, here we go again, the start of a new year, a new Potentate, some new faces and a heck of a lot of fun. I'm sure, those attending the AGM and Pote's Ball had a great time and the plans for the Ceremonial in Saskatoon on June 5 -7, 2009 are progressing towards another unique experience.

Having just returned from MSA winter session held in Rochester, MN, their plans are well along to providing a fun summer session. The noble registrations are being done online this year and the housing chairmen, along with the office are working out the procedures and will be in touch with units.

In the past year, the shrine centre has tried various new procedures in communications between the office and shrine clubs, nobles and the public. Some appear to be working, some were flops and some we don't know because nobody responded. We must remember, PC stands for Personal Computer and no two setups are alike. Feed back and ideas are always appreciated by the Recorder.

A change of day and time for the Stated Sessions is going to be tried this year, along with a dinner and speaker prior to the session. Please put in your calendar the following dates.

**Wednesday, 27 May, 23 September, 18 November**  
**Shrine Centre Regina.**

**1730 Dinner and Speaker. 1900 Stated Session (Fez)**



**Gord Berg**

## BIOGRAPHY OF NOBLE GORD BERG

Gord was born in Winnipeg and spent most of his life in Saskatchewan. Gord and his Wife Pat currently live in Regina and between them they have 5 Children and 11 Grandchildren.

Gord spent most of his working career with Federated Cooperatives and Consumers Cooperative Refineries in Regina, Saskatoon and Brandon working in the manufacturing, marketing and retailing areas. His hobbies are: Golfing, woodworking, metalworking and travelling.

Gord's Masonic career began in Saskatoon in 1973 where he joined Elstow Lodge and became a Master Mason in 1974.

In 1975 his work transferred him to Regina where he became a member of King Hiram Lodge where he served as Master in 1994.

In 1978 he joined Wa Wa Shriners where he has been an active member. In 1980 he joined the Wa Wa Drum Corps where he was a Side Drummer. In 1992 he transferred to the Wa Wa T-Bird Patrol here he has served as Sec.Treas. since 1993.

In 2003 he was appointed to the Divan as Captain of the Guard where he served one year.

In 2005 he was appointed as Chairman of the Shrine Cash Calendar Program where he has served until present.

In 2009 he was appointed to the Divan as Marshal.

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## COME AND JOIN US AT SHRINE-A-RAMA AT THE WA WA SHRINE CEREMONIAL

**June 5th/6th, 2009**

Planning is underway to have our performing units in WA WA attend the Friday evening (June 5th) Shrine-a-Rama. The Bands and Drill Units will perform in the Garden area at the Bessborough Hotel in Saskatoon. An area in front of the Bessborough Hotel will be available for the motorized units to perform. We encourage all WA WA bands, drill units, clowns, motorized units and equestrian units to attend and show Saskatoon your remarkable talents and do your part to promote our Shrine.

Also don't forget the Ceremonial Parade planned for the following day June 6th.

See everyone at Shrine-a-Rama

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## T-BIRD REPORT

Since the November T-Bird Report our unit has participated in a number of activities and WA WA events.

Our Christmas Party is one of the highlights of our T-Bird social calendar and it took place November 29, 08 at the RUSI on Elphinstone. We decided to send “written invitations” to our T-Bird Ladies as well as to our Associate Members- a card with the picture of the T-Bird Cars and Drivers, a short invitation was sent. Feedback was that it was much appreciated. The event was well attended with Potentate Richard Brown as guest.

Entertainment was provided by Joe Bernardt on accordion, helped or deterred by a few, zealous singing members. We had good attendance, including Jo Kiesel all the way from Medicine Hat. The sad news is that Jo passed away in January of this year. Many of us were aware she had some health problems but not aware of such a serious nature. We will all miss Jo and Noble Norm Keisel.

Before turning the operation of the Unit over to the new executive in December, Noble Ken McDonald, President and Noble Gord Berg, Secretary/Treasurer, presented a very positive Annual Budget for 2009 and Audited Account Report for 2008. There was some discussion in the area of Annual dues. The past few years of fund raising and assistance from the WA WA Shrine our finances are in the best condition they have been for many years and since the cars have been refurbished, there was some feeling that we might possibly lower our membership fees. This was discussed but the general feeling was that we could not afford to lower membership fees, our unit is too small and we are operating close to breakeven on an average year.

Thank you to all who have assisted in the T-Bird Bar and Cook Friday's which took place December 12/08 for Cook, January 23/09 for Bar and the most recent Cook, February 6/09.

There were about twenty members/spouses who attended the Potentate's Banquet on January 17th after the Installation of the 2009 Divan. The T-Birds wish to congratulate two of it's members on their advancement in the Divan-Noble John Clarke and Noble Gord Berg.

Finally we are looking forward to our next Cook event March 13th, our Irish Stew Night. This is a special Cook Event featuring St Patrick's Day Green –green table clothes, cookies and green beer etc etc. Thank you to the Drum Unit for switching Fridays so we could feature this event near St.Patrick's Day. Everyone come out and help and enjoy.

P.S. In our last Warblings, I made a very serious mistake, I forgot to mention Cheryl Squires, a hard working member of our T-Bird Ladies who has spent hours working at the Hot Dog Fund Raiser Events etc. etc.and more importantly she makes the Best Butter Tarts. Can't get on the wrong side of anyone who makes Butter Tarts !

My sincere apologies Cheryl !

Respectfully submitted by Noble Darrol Driver, President

### Share the News with all Nobles and friends

We are happy to share some exciting news with you. Recently, Katie Couric hosted the “All Access Grammy Special” on CBS. The first musical artist she interviewed was Justin Timberlake, who is up for the “Best Pop Collaboration with Vocals” award for the 2009 Grammys.

Toward the end of the interview, Katie and Justin talk about Justin’s love of golf and the Justin Timberlake Shriners Hospitals for Children Open PGA TOUR golf tournament. Justin goes on to talk about the beneficiary of the event, Shriners Hospitals for Children, and says very complimentary, kind words about our philanthropy.

Below you will find a link to the video of the entire interview someone posted to a You- Tube page. When you view the video, the mention comes at the 8.28 mark. YouTube:

Just click on the site or paste into your browser.  
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7YCl-HdeUeM>

Here is the section of the transcript that alludes to the Golf Tournament:

*But there’s one true love in Justin’s life that he’s more than happy to discuss: golf.*

*Golf Digest magazine says **Justin ranks No. 15** among famous musician golfers. He’s even got his own PGA Tour stop, the **Justin Timberlake Shriners Hospital for Children Open**, which had its first event in Las Vegas last fall.*

*“The beneficiary of the tournament is the Shriners Hospitals - that’s philanthropy at its best. You’re talking about any person under 18 years old comes into this hospital and for nothing gets the best health care in the world,” he tell **Couric** during a golf outing, where he gives her pointers on her drive.*

*“I think with each project, whether it be a film, an album, or a song, or a season to come up with designs for a fashion label or producing, whatever it is, what I have naturally done is find a specific muse for each thing and I just go from there,” he says.*

*“I think that from what I’m hearing from you, sort of the secret to your success is to stay a fan of everything... a fan of life almost,” adds Couric.*

*“Absolutely. I think that’s the key,” he continues. “I mean it makes you a better person to begin with, but I think it makes your art better because I think you become open to the possibilities.”*

*“I would say right now it’s pretty good to be Justin Timberlake,” says **Couric**.  
“It doesn’t suck,” he replies with a big smile*

Don McDougall   Chief Rabban/ PR Chair   WA WA Shriners   February 9, 2009

## GOOSE LAKE CLUB REPORT

### Our 40th Year of Service in West Central Saskatchewan

February 8 was Goose Lake's first social and meeting of 2009. Attending were 11 Nobles and 12 Ladies who began with a whist tournament this pleasant sunny afternoon at the Kindersley Masons Hall. High and low scores went to Nobles Dave Leopard and Jack Loppacher. Respective awards went to Ladies Esther Leipert and Leona Adams.

During the social Charter Member Noble Austin Hamilton and 2nd Vice-President Ian Carberry did double duty, preparing the ham supper with Kindersley Lodge Wor. Master Randy Lavoie and other Masons (and we hope, soon-to-be Shriners).

President Bill Imlach conducted his first meeting in just over an hour despite the volume of accumulated correspondence. Both he and Lady Donna were pleased to have represented Goose Lake and enjoyed their time in Regina at the Annual Ball.

President Imlach pointed out his very special gavel, given to him by his namesake and uncle, Noble William Imlach. In 1971 the elder Imlach was President of the then Park Shrine Club, near Detroit, MI.

- Members were pleased about another successful Cash Calender project---all 340 were quickly sold. Goose Lake ranked fourth in Club sales.
- President and members will contact Noble Ken Eksdale to arrange possible SBI presentations in some local elementary schools (Ken's also our Liaison)

Noble Joe Bertram will try to line up a team for the WA WA "Brier" in Prince Albert.

Signed cards of best wishes were sent to Nobles Clare Cooney and Bill Wallace and to Lady Eleanor Near. (A couple of days after the meeting we learned that Noble Cooney was back home and OK.)

Next event is the Annual Bowling Social in Rosetown April 19, when we'll welcome home our many snowbirds.

Submitted by

Dan Gerle, Secretary





## PIPES AND DRUMS REPORT

Band season usually begins with our Dine the Ladies at the Royal United Services Institute (RUSI) in February. Following same the work begins. Band members not only participate in Shriner sanctioned performances (gigs) but in 2008 the majority of the band helped out with appearances by The Sons of Scotland Band, (5); The 2nd International Tattoo, (4); and the RCMP Sunset Ceremony Pipes and Drums, (4).

In addition to helping other bands we also appeared in standalone mode at Mosaic, Ceremonial, Manor, Carlyle, Fort Qu'Appelle and two full dress private functions. However, little is known of the contributions our band members make to various gatherings as individuals or small detachments. Very few practice nights go by without a request for these services. For example, the accompanying picture shows the Pipes and Drums Four (PD - 4) who entertained at the Naval Officers' Association of Canada Rabbie Burns Weepers, Happy Hour for landlubbers, at the RUSI.

Of course the highlight of 2008 was our Fortieth Anniversary Dinner as detailed in all the Warblings of 2008.

2009 looms another busy year, again beginning with Dine the Ladies. The support and forbearance of these fine Ladies seems to remain largely unsung except for cursory mention such as this!



## GALVESTON HOSPITAL REPORT

Shriners Hospitals for Children (SHC) is facing the most tumultuous and trying economic environment in the history of the organization. Leadership is focused on what is best for the Shriners Hospitals for Children system, which means difficult decisions must be made.

The SHC-Galveston Hospital suffered significant damage from Hurricane Ike in September of last year. More than \$3.5 million has already been invested in addressing the damage. Patients have not been treated within the facility since the hurricane. Treatment of acute burns has been provided at other hospitals within our system. During this same period, the value of the endowment fund has fallen by more than \$2 billion. Expenditures in 2009 are again anticipated to exceed the total amounts of gifts & bequests, dividend & interest income, and other sources of recurring operating income.

Given current financial constraints and with capacity available to treat acute burn patients at the three other burns hospitals, the Boards of Directors and Trustees have voted to suspend additional renovation and reconstruction activity at the SHC-Galveston Hospital, pending further evaluation and improvement in our financial situation. Patients will continue to be served at Shriners Hospitals for Children and other locations as appropriate. An initial analysis estimates that this action could avoid as much as \$30 million in annualized operating expense. This is one of many steps in a system-wide effort to achieve long-term financial stability.

To date, we have demonstrated our commitment to the staff of the Hospital through continuation of their pay and benefits coverage. Since normal operation of the Hospital will not resume until further notice, this coverage will continue through March 31, 2009 for eligible employees. Local Hospital leadership will adjust work hours and schedules to allow for the transition of active patients to alternative providers within and outside our system, as appropriate to their needs.

All employees will be paid accrued Paid Time Off (PTO). Access to outplacement services and to our Employee Assistance Program (EAP) will be made available through that same date. Employees will be contacted by Human Resources for consultation regarding assistance programs and opportunities to apply for open positions throughout the system.



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## EVENTS CALENDAR

<b>March</b>		
11 - 15	Oriental Guide Seminar	Tampa, FL
15 - 19	Asst Rabban Seminar	Tampa, FL
25 - 28	Shrine Directors Assn	Columbus, OH
27 - 29	Provincial Curling	Prince Albert Shrine Club
23	Divan Meeting	Zem 1630, Supper 1700, Meeting 1800
<b>April</b>		
02	Past Potes Dinner	Shrine Centre
17	Warblings Cutoff	
27	Divan Meeting	Zem 1630, Supper 1700, Meeting 1800
<b>May</b>		
14	Circus	Swift Current
16 - 17	Circus	Moose Jaw
20	Circus	Battlefords
27	Stated Session	Shrine Centre
27	Divan Meeting	1500 Divan Meeting: 1730 Dinner & Program: 1900 Stated Session
22 - 24	Circus	Saskatoon
26	Circus	Wyn-El-Wa
28	Circus	Parkland
29 - 31	Circus	Regina
<b>June</b>		
05 - 06	WA WA Ceremonial	Saskatoon
22	Divan Meeting	Zem 1630, Supper 1700, Meeting 1800

## MOOSOMIN SHRINE CLUB

The Moosomin Shrine Club hasn't let the snow and cold stop our activities, and with President, Noble Bob Mills and his 2009 officers leading the way we expect another successful year.

Calendar sales were again strong, with committee chair, Noble Ron McKay, reporting 194 sold!

Our club held the popular 'You are Being Served' fund raiser with Noble Les Gerhardt coordinating ticket sales. This project was once again a success and we thank Noble Les and the Nobles and Ladies who acted as hosts for making this possible.

April is our month to deliver 'Meals on Wheels' and Noble Bob can count on the Nobles to enthusiastically participate in this community service.

The Moosomin Shrine Club continues to support whenever and wherever we can, the works of the Shrine and worthy causes in the community that supports us.

When we learn of a local child who might qualify as a patient to a Shrine Hospital we make the necessary enquiries.

We continue our efforts to encourage new members to join, often working with the 'Blue' Lodge in mutual cause.

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Roy Gaebel, Chief of Staff Art Hunter, Treasurer Ill. Sir Doug  
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Captain of the Guard Laurie Monsees,  
2nd Ceremonial Master Don Kellington  
(Front Row L-R) Assistan Rabban Bevin Leipert, Potentate  
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## MSA 2009 SUMMER SESSION

The 2009 Midwest Shrine Association Session will be held in Rochester, Minnesota August 19th, 20th, 21st and 22nd. The Doubletree Hotel, formerly The Radisson Plaza, with 211 rooms, located downtown, is the Summer Headquarters Hotel. Registration office and the Marketplace will be located in the Mayo Civic Center, 2 short blocks from the Doubletree.

Wednesday evening will feature a Counterparts dinner and get-together with sit-down dinner and professional entertainment. We are defining "Counterparts" as all elected and appointed Divan members, Past Potentates, Imperial & MSA present & past officers, Chiefs of Staff, members of the hospital Board of Governors and Chief of the hospital medical staff, and all of their Ladies.

The MSA Potentates have requested we incorporate some golf time and have expressed a desire to have a Ceremonial to take in candidates who would then be eligible to compete and parade. It would be a FIRST for the MSA and a great draw for a new candidate! They will be made honorary members of all 14 MSA Shrine Centers!

As we have taken in younger Nobles with children we feel we need to provide a separate Children's Program during the General Ladies Luncheon and the Shrine A Rama so both the Noble and his Lady can enjoy the programs without worrying about their children. Separate programs have been developed in a secure nearby location with competent staff for different age groups from infants to young teens. Advance registration will be required using the online Nobility registration system [www.msa09.org](http://www.msa09.org) so we know how many children in various age groups allowing us to adequately prepare appropriate meals and entertainment for the kids. Remember, Shriners Help Kids, including those of our Nobility

Another new program will be encouraging Ladies who have lost their Noble to register. While they may have developed strong friendships within the MSA over the years, when their Noble is no longer in their life they have not felt welcome coming to th MSA. We value their participation and will welcome them to the Ladies' programs.

On Thursday evening we will parade in Byron, a city about 10 miles from Rochester on freeway class highway US14. It is a 'bedroom' community of about 5,200 and by allowing workers to get home before the parade will allow more people to view our parade. There will be an Oasis following the parade. Be sure to bring your Treasure Chest Key to the Oasis! If it opens the Chest, take your \$100 bill!

Competition is Friday at the Fairgrounds (Horse Patrols), Apache Mall (Clowns, Bands & Marching Units), and Mayo Civic Theater (Chanters), all within a couple miles of each other. The Motor Corps competition will be held at the Shoppes On Maine Shopping Center movie theater lot located south on US63 and east of the 40th Street Exit.

The Fairgrounds is the animal housing and parade vehicle storage area and is located centrally from all motels and events.

Several Temples have asked about putting on their special "fun" degrees so we have the rooms reserved on Friday in the Civic Center.

We hope to have musical Units that do not participate in formal competition to perform at various locations in the city. Let us know you want to participate and we'll coordinate it!

Friday evening will highlight our Shrine A Rama dinner and entertainment. We have booked a very professional Big Band with a Frank Sinatra tribute! You will not want to miss this show!!

The Saturday parade will be in a residential area of Rochester ending at the Rochester Fairgrounds with a 'Bon Voyage' Oasis. We have approval for the Saturday parade to be led by the very popular University of Minnesota Marching Band who always draws a huge crowd wherever they perform.

We have arranged to have the Imperial's Shrine and Hospitals promotional trailer and will have it parked where our local population can learn what the Shrine is all about. If you have not seen it, take an opportunity to do so. It is used to distribute Masonic, Shrine, and hospital brochures.

Director General's Lady Elvina Thompson has a very active committee planning an interesting Ladies program. The Counterpart Ladies will enjoy a brunch on Thursday followed by a tour of the Mayowood Mansion with a city tour. On Friday the General Ladies Lunch will be held with an interesting, dynamic speaker. Tickets are limited to 550, register EARLY! On Thursday the Womens Auxiliary will host a tea at the Civic Center for all Ladies. Remember Nobles, the heart and soul of the Shrine is our Ladies!

Plan now for a full and fun list of activities every Noble, their Lady, and family can enjoy!

A MAJOR change will be how to register. To give the host temple enough accurate information far enough in advance to book housing, facilities, gifts, etc. we will be using a web-based online computer system of the Rochester Convention and Visitors Bureau. There is a sizeable discount for those Nobles who use the online system as well as a separate discount for registering early. Go to [www.msa09.com](http://www.msa09.com) Registrations will be paid for using a secure credit card system or by mailing a personal check. Housing reservations will be handled by your temple as it has in the past.

As home to the world famous Mayo Clinic, Rochester is accustomed to welcoming guests from not only the United States, but the world! Rochester has over 4,500 high quality rooms. Osman Housing Chairman Al Christofk and Deputy Director General Marvin Ramsay worked hard to arrange appropriate housing for all within a short distance of each other and all of the competitions and other events. No other MSA site has offered this convenience!

For those planning a longer vacation, the Twin Cities are less than an hour and half north. There you can visit the Shriners Hospital for Children as well as the famous Mall of America and the Minnesota Zoo, among other major attractions. There is truly something for everyone!

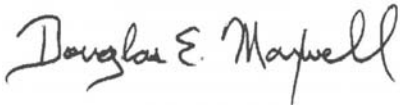
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## IMPERIAL DIVAN

We have received many inquiries concerning the vacancy on the Imperial Divan created by the sad and untimely passing of our beloved brother Imperial Sir Terry McGuire. Personal and business matters will not enable Imperial Sir George Mitchell, Imperial Chief Rabban, to be a candidate for the position of Imperial Potentate at the Imperial Council Session in San Antonio.

In view of these circumstances, the Imperial Divan has asked Imperial Sir Jack Jones to consider stepping aside as Imperial Recorder for the 2009-2010 Imperial Year, and have his name placed in nomination for the office of Imperial Potentate, to which Imperial Sir Jack has agreed.

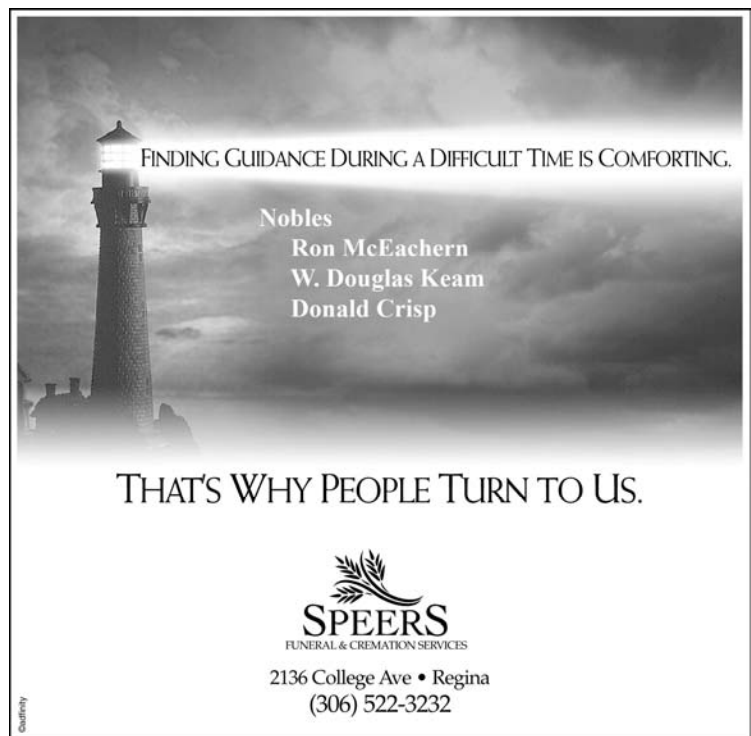
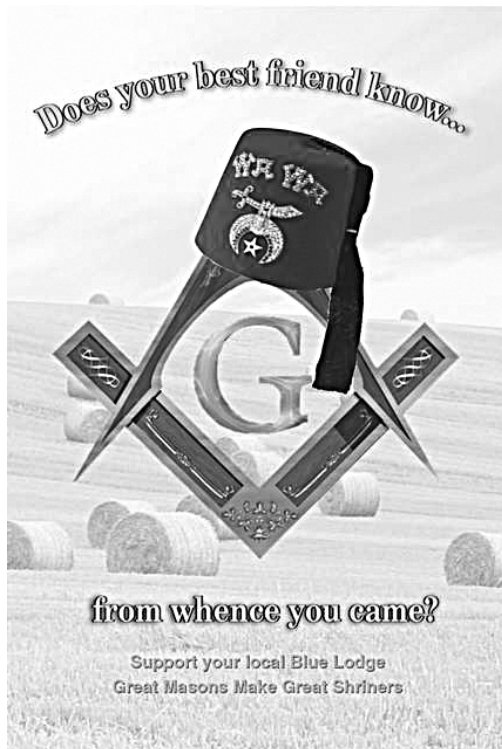
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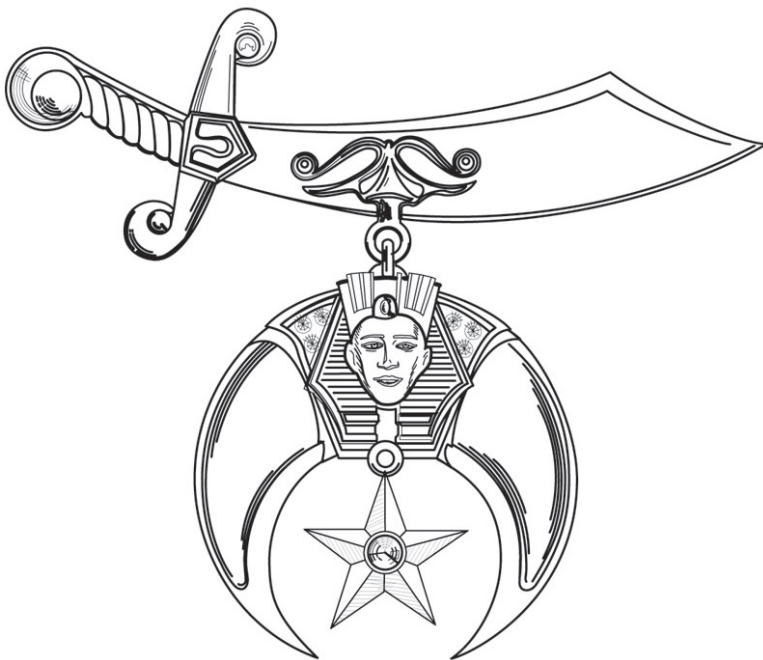
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## Spring Open House

Please join us for our spring open house in Cincinnati. This is a community event to raise awareness of our hospital and welcome the public, Shriners and guests to see Shriners Hospitals.

There will be clown performances, tours, pet therapy demonstrations and refreshments.

For more information or to let us know you are coming, contact Louise Hoelker at [lhoelker@shrinenet.org](mailto:lhoelker@shrinenet.org) or (513)872-6383.

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## CINCINNATI SHRINERS HOSPITAL

The New Year has come and it is an exciting time for our hospital. The staff is looking forward to a great year of serving children and helping kids defy the odds. We hope you'll take an active role in our hospitals by becoming a roadrunner, helping raise funds for our hospital or visiting the Cincinnati hospital...we welcome your involvement in the world's greatest philanthropy.

Saturday, May 16, 2009, 1 – 3:30 p.m. Open House and Family Day. This will be our traditional open house day, but with a twist. We're inviting families, patients and Shriners to come together at our Cincinnati hospital and celebrate our unique place in everyone's lives. There will be clown programs, craft stations, tours of the hospital and refreshments. I hope you'll make a point to stop by the hospital on this special day. If you would like to bring a group to perform or tour, please contact Louise Hoelker at (513)872-6059 or lhoelker@shrinenet.org. More information will be sent to all sponsoring Shrine Centers and many of our patients in the next few weeks.

Our roadrunner program has changed a bit...we are COMPUTERIZED...therefore when drivers sign in they will no longer get their patches, but rather they will be sent to them a short time after their trip to Cincinnati. With this change, it is very important for drivers to check that their name and address is correct in our records. This list is available in the sign-in book. And it is equally important that drivers write legibly so that we can record their correct name, address and shrine center.

The Cincinnati hospital just launched a patient ambassador program. Close to 50 patients and families expressed an interest in sharing their story with others. One of those ambassadors is Sara Christenson. Sara Christenson, 15, became a patient at the Cincinnati hospital after sustaining second- and third-degree burns on both hands when she touched the front of a hot oven when she was nine months old. Since being referred to Shriners Hospitals, Sara has received skin grafts on both hands and has had seven surgeries to expand the skin grafts. Now a freshman in high school, Sara is busier than the average teenager. She plays flute in the school's symphonic and marching bands, and she loves art. In addition to teaching Sunday school and being involved in her youth group, Sara is active in her school's Key Club, a student-led organization that teaches leadership through serving others. Most impressively, Sara is her freshman class president, making her a prominent face among her peers. Despite a busy school schedule, Sara continues her involvement with Shriners Hospitals. She is a Survivors Offering Assistance in Recovery (SOAR) volunteer. As a patient ambassador, Sara has participated in numerous speaking engagements on behalf of the health care system, including the 2008 Imperial Council Session and the 2009 East West Shrine game.

### **Hospital Virtual Tours Now Online**

Virtual tours of Shriners Hospitals for Children in Cincinnati, Lexington and Chicago are now online on each hospital's web site. Links to the tours are found on each hospital's home page and on the "about us" page.

Each tour is led by three patients at the hospital, and designed to help ease fears children may have about hospital stays or visits. The tours are also a way for Shriners, who may live far from one of our hospitals, to connect with health care system.

Cincinnati: [http://www.shrinershq.org/Hospitals/Cincinnati/about\\_us/virtual\\_tour/](http://www.shrinershq.org/Hospitals/Cincinnati/about_us/virtual_tour/)

Chicago: [http://www.shrinershq.org/Hospitals/Chicago/about\\_us/virtual\\_tour/default.aspx](http://www.shrinershq.org/Hospitals/Chicago/about_us/virtual_tour/default.aspx)

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- Competitions are Friday at Apache Mall, Fairgrounds, Mayo Civic Theatre and at the Movie Theatre lot located south on US63 and east of the 40th St Exit.
- To help the younger Nobles, we will have available a Children's dinner and program in the same building as the Shrine A Rama. Remember, Shriners Help Kids, including those of our Nobility.
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