

THE ARABIAN

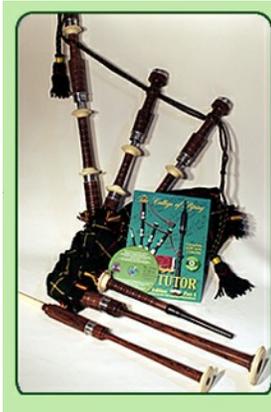
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JANUARY 2011

*Potentate Elect-
John McDonald
&
Lady Terri
invite you to*

“A Tartan Ball”



*Saturday
January 29, 2011
7:30 P.M. Until Midnight*

*Arabia Shrine Center
10510 Harwin Drive
Houston, Texas 77036*

*Dress: Formal (or dark suit or kilt) and Fez
Food will be served -Open Bar*

Baby Sitting available at no charge, but reservations required.

*Admission is free and open to all members and Masonic guests, but
reservations suggested*

*Please RSVP to Jean Shaw, (713) 664-3437
by January 24, 2011*

POTENTATE'S MESSAGE



Dear Nobles, and Ladies,

As I look back on the past five years, it is hard to believe it has passed so fast. It seems like only yesterday that I was elected Oriental Guide and now my Potentate year is over. This year has certainly been challenging and different with the construction of the Shrine Center. In spite of all the hurdles, construction is coming to an end. I've often wondered what a normal year would be like. The best comment I heard from one of our nobles was that when they stepped into the foyer of the ballroom, it was like coming home again.

It was my pleasure at the December meeting to announce to the units that they could start moving into their new unit rooms.

I would like to thank my building committee, James VanMeter, P. P. Doyle Stuckey, Duncan Chapman, Brandon Paradelas and Paul Weber for all their experience and countless hours, my Divan for stepping up and helping me, and the ladies in the office for keeping me on a straight path. I especially appreciate my 2010 Staff for all their kindness and courtesies that have been extended to my Lady and me these last five years.

May God bless you. Have a Happy, Healthy and Prosperous 2011.

Fraternally yours,

Mike Ellis, Potentate

PLEASE NOTE FOR JANUARY 16th:

Memorial Service in the Ball Room at 2:30 p.m.

Staff Orientation in the Gold Room at 4:00 p.m. Please RSVP to Jean Shaw by

Friday, January 14th

January 17, 2011

**Arabia Shrine Center's
Stated Meeting
and Installation Ceremony**

Dinner will be served at 5:45 p.m.

Stated Meeting – Blue Room

Installation Ceremony at 7:00 p.m – Ballroom

**Reception immediately following
Meeting in Gold Room**

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**From Potentate - Elect
 John McDonald**

We have many activities planned for the year, and we encourage you to join us when you can. You are reminded that all activities sponsored by Arabia Temple are open to all Master Masons and their families (when appropriate).

You will note that your Arabian has been received earlier than usual. Our goal for 2011 will be to mail the Arabian **before** the first of each month so that you may have the information in a more timely manner. We have a new publisher who has committed to a shorter turnaround time, resulting in shorter deadlines for submission. The new deadline for submission will be the 15th of each month for publication in the following month. We encourage all clubs and units to provide any news to the office so that we may include your articles in the Arabian. Please email your articles in a document format to Linda Teinert at lteinert@shriners-houston.org. If your favorite club or unit does not have an article this month, it's because we did not receive it. I urge all clubs and units to provide their news to help recruit new members.

ARABIA SHRINE CENTER DIVAN

Mike Ellis (Phyllis) Potentate
 John McDonald (Terri)..... Chief Rabban
 Robert Sharpe (Linda)Assistant Rabban
 Jim Spalding (Ginny)..... High Priest & Prophet
 Jim McKinney (Linda).....Oriental Guide
 David Ashley (Melissa) Treasurer
 Don Slayton (Debra)..... Recorder

ELECTED IMPERIAL REPRESENTATIVES

Mike Ellis Potentate
 John McDonald..... Chief Rabban
 Robert Sharpe.....Assistant Rabban
 Jim Spalding High Priest & Prophet

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Billy Alford.....2008-2010
 Jerry Parrish, P.P.2008-2010
 A. J. DiCaro2009-2011
 David Enderli.....2009-2011
 Benny Hernandez.....2010-2012
 Clyde Edmonds.....2010-2012

**CHIEF ADMINISTRATOR
 (Roster Updates)**

Otto Akers: oakers@mdanderson.org

NOTICE OF STATED MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the next regularly scheduled meeting of Arabia Temple will be held Monday, January 17, 2011. Food will be served at 5:45 p.m. Please RSVP to Jean by January 13, 2011. Meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m. Wear your fez - 2011 dues card required.

Don Slayton
 Recorder

Michael E. Ellis
 Potentate

New Candidates

<u>Candidate</u>	<u>Lady</u>	<u>Top Signer</u>
November 15, 2010		
Darren Scott	MarionSarah	Jack H. Morrison
November 17, 2010		
Herbert Allen Rash		A. Jack Garrett
Nathan Donnell Riley	Jessica	John A. Tuttle
December 8, 2010		
Jamie Joe Beard	Stephanie	Henry L. Austin
December 9, 2010		
Larry J. DeVoy		Lloyd Parrent
Claude Alan Eichenour	Donna	Lloyd Parrent
James Willie Kelley	Betty	Karl B. McLeod
Mark A. Rodriguez	Miriam	Carl Chandler



IN MEMORY

**Charles G. Benard
Billy G. Daniels
James L. Douglas
William T. Jamison, Jr.
Theodore J. Jordan
Herman A. Kraus
Paul F. Mayes
Tom V. Parkinson
Calvin Robertson
Arvol D. Willingham**

A LIVING MEMORIAL LIVES ON

Lest we forget our Hospital Benefit Programs are year round by virtue of their continuing needs. “**A LIVING MEMORIAL**” can add meaning to your remembrance for a friend or loved one and will help a physically challenged child to walk or a burned child to live. “**A LIVING MEMORIAL**” will answer parents’ prayers. More and more of our members are taking advantage of the postage paid memorial envelopes for such tributes.

I respectfully ask and urge you to support this portion of our Hospital Benefit Program.

**Jim Spalding, High Priest & Prophet
2010 Chairman**

“LIVING MEMORIAL” envelopes can be obtained through the Temple Office.

The following is a list of DONORS:

Baytown Shrine Club
Mary Cannon & Family
Mr. & Mrs. Don W. Caskey
Carl & Joyce Ellis
Martha Harris
Montgomery County Shrine Club
Miguel Pastrana
Salim IsMail
Hubbard & Beatrice Wyatt

Brazos Valley Shrine Club
Terry Cason
Cypress Masonic Lodge #1423
Lonnie & Suzanne Hamrick
Frank H. Holcomb, P.C.
NASA Area Shrine Club
Randalls-Safeway
Vana Road Boring Services, Inc.

Brenham Shrine Club
Mike Cason
Dale & Janet DeFoor
Pete & Ann Hargrave
Houston Livestock Show
Rachel Naymola
Powdr Corp.
Brenda Walls

Calling all Shrine Clubs

After a wonderful year as your High Priest and Prophet doing all those hospital benefits, it is time to move on to my duties this year as Assistant Rabban.

Jim McKinney will need all our help to carry on with the precedence all of you set doing such a great job the past year.

My job this year is to facilitate the Shrine Clubs and I do have a plan.

David Ashley and Duncan Chapman are planning an aggressive program to canvass the lodges and promote our Shrine.

Since the Shrine is the most visible branch of our Masonic family, and where we are most visible having fun, it seems logical that we take the lead to canvass our communities for new candidates for our entire Masonic family.

We have 16 Shrine Clubs blanketing the surrounding Houston area. These clubs know all the festivals and functions where people are gathered to have fun.

My suggestion is that we network with our family and attend these functions with our brothers and sisters to spread the word. I would hope we can also get participation from DeMolay and Rainbow. I would like to see each Shrine Club have a Masonic information committee to plan activities to attend and recruit volunteers to make it happen.

Even though we have representatives of all branches in our clubs, I feel we would be missing a great opportunity to solicit and include them in this project.

I will work with you to have promotional material available.

I think a pop up canopy with lawn chairs, a cooler with water and maybe some cookies. Banners and posters will also attract attention. Shouldn't be too hard talking about what we love to talk about anyway.

I would like to schedule 2 or 3 gatherings to share what we have accomplished and pick up ideas. We will also do a report at the stated meeting and in the Arabian.

Looking forward to another great year.

Jim Spalding Assistant Rabban

How many times have we heard it lately? Happy New Year! Happy 2011!

This past year was a good year! We resolved many of the problems we had encountered and our 2010 Potentate and his Lady worked continuously and tirelessly to ensure we have a temple worthy of Arabia. They rebuilt the temple building and helped rebuild friendships and Brotherly Love within.

As Shriners, we have a reputation to live up to. We play hard and we work hard to help our kids and nobody can ever accuse us of slacking on either.

As Freemasons, we have a commitment to live up to. We are Brothers and we have an Obligation that seals our bond to each other.

As a Noble, I want to thank Illustrious Sir Mike Ellis and Lady Phyllis for the work they have done for our Fraternity. They have turned an ugly duckling of a building into a beautiful Shrine Center that we can all be very proud of attending.

As a Noble, I want to wish the new Potentate and his Divan all the success in continuing the strong tradition of friendship and Brotherly love enjoyed by all Nobles and their Ladies.

As a Noble, I am looking forward to a year dedicated to helping kids, having fun, and remembering that we are Brothers in this Nobility we call the Shrine.

I wish all the Nobles and Ladies a Very Happy New Year.

In the Faith, Chris "*Tin Can*" Cantin

GENERAL ORDER NO. 1 - FUND RAISING ACTIVITIES

It is natural to associate the Fez with Shriners Hospitals for Children. Because of this, meticulous attention must be given to all fundraising activities, including circuses, to make certain that such activities comply with the law of the land and that a contributor is not led to believe that his money will be used for the Hospitals when all or a portion thereof will be used otherwise. The integrity of our charity and of our fraternity must remain above reproach.

Your specific attention is called to the following fraternal and charitable bylaws:

§ 335.3 USE OF NAME. "SHRINERS HOSPITALS FOR CHILDREN." The use of the name "Shriners Hospitals for Children" or reference to the Hospitals in connection with any fundraising activity by a temple or Noble without the written consent of the Imperial Potentate and the Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Hospitals is prohibited.

§ 503.11 COMMERCIAL USE OF NAME. The use of the name "Shriners Hospitals for Children" or reference to the hospitals in connection with any commercial product or business enterprise is prohibited unless the written consent of the boards of directors and trustees has been first obtained.

Now, therefore, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

1. Fundraising for Fraternal Purposes:

- (a) NO NOBLE (in his capacity as a Shriner), club, unit, organization of Nobles or affiliated or appendant corporations, shall engage in any fundraising activity without the express consent of the potentate of the temple having jurisdiction thereof.
- (b) There can be no representation, express or implied, that the proceeds will be for the benefit of Shriners Hospitals for Children.
- (c) The temple potentate shall carefully examine all phases of the advertising, promotion and solicitation to determine that it complies with §335.3 and §503.11 of the fraternal and charitable bylaws.
- (d) The temple potentate must approve the terms and provisions of any contract for a fundraising activity after receiving the advice of the temple attorney, and, additionally, as may be required by the temple bylaws.
- (e) A copy of the temple potentate's written consent shall be mailed to the Executive Vice President, Shriners International. Further, such written material pertaining to the fundraising activity, as requested by the *Executive Vice President, Shriners International*, shall be promptly mailed to him.

2. Fundraising for Charitable Purposes:

(a) No Noble (in his capacity as a Shriner), club, unit, organization of Nobles or affiliated or appendant corporations shall engage in any charitable fundraising activity other than for Shriners Hospitals for Children. Permission therefore then must be first obtained in writing from the temple potentate. The temple potentate must then obtain written permission from the chairmen of the boards of directors and trustees. This request for written permission shall be sent to the *Executive Vice President, Shriners International, P. O. Box 31356, Tampa, FL 33631-3356. No charitable fundraising activity shall be held in the jurisdiction of another temple without the written permission of the potentate of that temple.*

(1) A joint charitable fundraising activity with another 501(c)(3) charity may be authorized, provided that a minimum of 50% of the net proceeds are for the benefit of Shriners Hospitals for Children, and the chairmen of the boards of directors and trustees determine, on a case by case basis, that it is in the best interest of Shriners Hospitals for Children and they grant their written permission for the activity.

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GENERAL ORDER NO. 1 - FUND RAISING ACTIVITIES continued

(2) A charitable fundraising activity conducted by a temple located outside of the U.S.A. may be authorized for other charities, provided the chairmen of the boards of directors and trustees determine on a case by case basis, that it is in the best interest of Shriners Hospitals for Children and they grant their written permission for the activity.

(b) 100% of net proceeds (as defined in the Charitable Fundraising – Approval and Reporting provisions of this General Order) from charitable fundraising must be given to Shriners Hospitals for Children except for such portion thereof as may be permitted to be retained for the temple Shrine Hospital Patient Transportation Fund, pursuant to the Special Purpose Funds provisions of any General Order. Provided, however, if the chairmen of the boards of directors and trustees determine for good cause shown, that the law of the land requires that a portion of the net proceeds must be distributed locally, then they may, if they determine it to be in the best interest of Shriners Hospitals for Children, grant their written permission for such distribution.

(c) The temple shall report the result of each charitable fundraising activity within sixty days of the activity, pursuant to the *Charitable Fundraising-Approval and Reporting* provisions of any General Order.

(d) This section shall not apply to activities exempt under §335.4(b) of the bylaws of Shriners International.

(e) Each independent corporation or entity that receives the permission of the boards of directors and trustees to raise moneys for Shriners Hospitals for Children, and which does not have its financial statements reviewed pursuant to §334.6 & 337.8 of the bylaws of Shriners International, shall have its financial statements audited by a certified, chartered or licensed public accountant and shall submit such audit report to Shriners International within 120 days of the activity.

3. Statement of Purpose and Disclosure:

(a) Every fundraising activity must contain factual information on its solicitation material, tickets, programs and documents, including all electronically transmitted material, regarding the use of the proceeds.

Examples: "Proceeds are for the benefit of _____ Shriners) (_____ shrine club activities."

"Proceeds are for the benefit of Shriners Hospitals for Children."

(b) Every fundraising activity which is not entirely for the benefit of Shriners Hospitals for Children shall prominently state on all solicitation material, including tickets, programs, documents and electronically transmitted material, that "payments are not deductible as charitable contributions."

(c) There must be compliance with the *Revenue Act of 1987* provision of any general order by U. S. Temples.

4. Compliance with Applicable Laws:

It is the responsibility of the temple potentate, after receiving the advice of the temple attorney, to determine that there is compliance with all applicable laws in its jurisdiction for the temple's fundraising activities.

5. Financial Records:

(a) The temple shall maintain financial records pertaining to all fundraising activities involving Nobles, clubs, units, organizations of Nobles and affiliated and appendant corporations. Details of all revenues and expenditures shall be maintained in such financial records.

(b) The temple must retain such detailed financial records for a period of seven (7) years.

(c) There must be compliance with *Financial Reporting on Charitable Funds and Activities* provision of any general order.

6. Notification to Nobility:

A copy of the *Fundraising Activities* provisions of this General Order shall be printed in the temple publication at least once every calendar year. If there is no temple publication, then a copy shall be mailed to each Noble in the temple not later than the last day in March of each calendar year.

7. Discipline.

Any officer, Noble or temple which violates a provision of *Fundraising Activities* is subject to discipline pursuant to the bylaws of Shriners International.

DANCE - DANCE - DANCE

News Flash!!!

Arabia Shriners will offer dancing lessons at no charge to members and their spouses, beginning in February. We will offer lessons in basic steps, such as Two-step, waltz, swing, country and other ballroom dance steps as time (and the class talent) permits. We have qualified instructors who will hold classes on the following schedule:

February 9 & 23
March 9 & 23
April 6 & 13
May 11 & 25

There will be no charge for these lessons, but space is limited, so I urge all who are interested to call Jean at 713-664-3437 to reserve your slots. We will accept all names and establish a waiting list if the spring class is full. We may repeat the classes in the Fall if there is sufficient interest or offer advanced classes for those who may have progressed beyond the basics (your Potentate-elect not among them).



RECORDER'S DESK

Don Slayton

A short time ago, I had the pleasure of visiting San Jacinto Shrine Club. After exchanging gifts, a cash donation was taken up for the kids' Christmas at the Galveston Hospital of over \$300.00. The Shrine Club matched this amount, making a total of over \$600.00. No matter how small a donation or benefit raising thousands, it is deeply appreciated and this is what Shrinedom is about.

I would like to thank the nobility for their vote of confidence by, again, electing me as your Recorder. I wish each of you a prosperous New Year.

WIDOW'S CLUB
MEETING
2nd Wednesday
10:00 a.m.
Arabia Shrine Center

PATROL

By: Norm Bates

Here we go, 2011 is underway – settled in our newly completed Shrine Center – with the Unit Room build out about to begin! The Patrol is off and running. With year end celebrations concluded, we can concentrate on making it the best year ever!! We have many new things to look forward to this coming year.

The Patrol held the Election of Officers at the November Stated Meeting with the following Patrolmen being elected for the year 2011: Captain, Dan Walsh, 1st Lt. Social, Gordon Marney, 1st Lt. Military, Henry Gonzales, Drill Lt., Dennie Jackson, Secretary, Norm Bates, with the appointed Financial Officer/Treasurer to be appointed later.

Do not miss the Arabia Stated Meeting and Installation of our newly elected Divan and Unit Officers on January 17, 2011, with dinner being served at 5:45 p.m. RSVP to Jean, please.

The Past Potentates' Ball will take place on Saturday evening, January 15, in the Grand Ballroom of the Shrine Center. This will be the first gala event of the New Year. There has been a great deal of pre-planning and work done; assuring that this will be a Super Event!!! Those Potentates that have led the Shrine in years past are to be honored for their dedication, both then and now!! Please come out and share a great evening with everyone.

The 2011 Inaugural Ball will be held in the Arabia Shrine Center Grand Ballroom on Saturday night, January 29, 2011. This is an Arabia sponsored gala; come out, meet your new Divan, enjoy a great evening.

WE CARE CORNER

John Bentley
713-634-0237

IMPORTANT CIRCUS DATES

January 19 – 1st Circus Report Meeting –
6:30 p.m. – Gold Room
February 16 - 2nd Circus Report Meeting –
6:30 p.m. – Gold Room

BLOOD DRIVE – BLOOD DRIVE – BLOOD DRIVE – BLOOD DRIVE

I was told once by a very wise noble not to be negative or bring up negative issues when talking in front of a group of nobles and ladies. I cannot think of a more negative issue than a Blood Drive. Folks just do not want to hear about them.

“Noble AB, we have a blood drive this weekend and I would like your support.”

“Brother Wilson, I would love to help you out, but I have a condition and cannot give blood.”

“Brother Wilson, I would love to help you out, but I am afraid of needles.”

“Brother Wilson, I would love to help you out, but this weekend is the start of deer season, and I will not be available.”

“Brother Wilson, I would love to help you out, but I just do not give blood, I just do not do it.”

Get over it!! Everyone can participate! The more nobles that participate, the more blood will be donated. You do not have to give blood, just participate. Bring a brother, bring a sibling, bring a spouse, bring a neighbor, bring a fellow employee or just pick up someone off the street.

We have the two hospitals that use blood. We have the two blood centers that support our hospitals. We need units of blood donated to our hospitals. Every unit of blood donated at one of our blood drives provides a credit on our Blood Center bill.

Arabia and El Mina need two blood drives a month, one north of I-10 and one south of I-10. This has never been done, but it is not asking too much. We need 6 groups to commit to having one blood drive every two months. That is 6 blood drives per year.

We have 18 clubs and 18 units and over 55 lodges just in District 30 alone. That's not counting all the lodges represented by the 18 clubs. That is over 100 groups of Shriners in the Arabia jurisdiction only. Why can't we have 36 blood drives in a year? Old River and Hempstead and a few others have been carrying the load for years. Old River alone has contributed over 150 units a year for more years than I can remember, (a contribution of over \$3,800 per year). Thank you, Bill and Russell.

All it takes is one person in a group to commit and then a handful to support him just six times a year.

If your unit is having a special function, why don't we look at having a blood drive? If there is something going on in your community (festival, trades day, etc.), why don't we have a blood drive?

People give blood for many reasons:

It is the right thing to do. People need donations to survive operations and accidents.

It is healthy; it helps to give blood so the body will keep its blood producing cells working.

We need to support our hospitals. If our two blood centers don't have the blood then they cannot provide it for our children when they need it.

I am not foolhardy enough to think we can gather 2,000 units of blood this year, but it all starts with one new blood drive. If you even think it is a possibility your unit, club, lodge or group might sponsor a Blood Drive, please contact me and I will help you facilitate it.

Bobby Wilson, 2011 Blood Drive Facilitator Designate, bwilson@alphatechserv.com or 713-539-8584.

Arabia Oriental Band

By: John Barron

I hope everyone got their special wish for Christmas and enjoyed a safe New Year's Day filled with those who make your life special. Now it is time to put away the noise makers for another year, take down the Christmas lights and say hello to 2011. While you are making out your New Year's resolutions, make one to include your Shrine and be involved with the activities to help us grow our membership.

The Oriental Band has begun moving into our new room and working on various ideas for a theme for our new oasis. It is going to be a challenge to create a surrounding that will be enjoyed more than our old furnishings, but be assured our door will welcome all who enter with open arms and warm smiles.

The new officers for the 2011 Shrine year will be Pete Folks President, Hugh Berry Vice President, John Barron Secretary/Treasurer and Bobby Villazana as our Director. Bobby recently returned to Arabia after several years' absence where he directed bands for other Shrine Centers with great success. We welcome him back and all band members need to dust off their instruments and get ready for TSA and reclaim our title.

This February the Oriental Band and the Motor Corps will again travel to Brownsville, Texas for their annual Charro Days celebration joining with the nobles of Al Amin Shrine. Charro Days has been an annual parade we have made now for more than 20 years and the crowds are always eager to greet us. This year we will have several our Divan going with us. Who knows where you might see them, driving a racer or motorcycle, maybe even beating a drum. However it turns out, we always have fun working together, eating great foods and bringing attention to our great philanthropy, our hospitals. Dates for Brownsville are February 24 – 27 at the Isla Grand on South Padre Island.

Our best wishes to the elected 2011 Divan. May this be a fantastic year with promises to make Arabia the jewel in the TSA crown of Shrine centers by showing our support, grit and drive to be our best. Borrowing from an old saying, "The Best Never Rest."

MEMBERSHIP

By: Duncan Chapman, Chairman

The life of any organization depends on the membership. Time after time organizations have dropped by the wayside simply because there was not an aggressive membership program in place. This year we are very fortunate to have a Potentate that not only supports the membership committee, he is dedicated to providing the training, equipment and funds necessary to put a program in place that will aggressively grow our membership. Our Potentate has instructed the committee to work diligently to improve the retention and recruitment of our fraternity. The coming year is sure to be exciting.

Potentate Elect John McDonald has instructed the committee to offer a membership program to all the Blue Lodges in and around the Houston area. This program, along with a world of information about our hospitals, their patients, doctors, staff and including the work they do, will explain how the Arabia Shrine recruitment program will help with the growth of their Blue Lodges.

The committee will receive the training necessary to set up the computer, show slides, movies and give talks about our mission to improve the Masonic fraternity.

- The committee will promote and help lodge and Shrine fundraisers.
- The committee will promote the silver and gold medallion program.
- The committee will volunteer to help in Blue Lodge degrees.
- The Committee will provide mentoring to each new Shriner.

Recently, the owner of the Mad Bull Club (James Hurtt) requested the assistance of the Membership Committee to help with their seventh annual Shrine Hospital fundraiser. A call from Lloyd Parrent of the Membership Committee elicited a quick response from the Garden Oaks #1306 Brisket Brigade and Holland Lodge #1 membership. They provided a pit, food and plenty of volunteer workers who donated many items for the auction and worked long hours to make this a success. The Membership Committee would like to extend our thanks to Mr. James Hurtt of the Mad Bull Club, Garden Oaks #1306 and Holland Lodge #1. Shrine lapel pins brought in \$220.00 and Hanks Mobile Mechanics purchased a brisket for \$200.00. Total donation to the Shrine Hospital - \$6,022.00

Thanks to all the above and many that were not mentioned due to space

Patients Find Help at both Shriners Hospitals in Texas

(By Jo Ann Zuniga – Regional Director of Shriners Hospitals for Children-Galveston/Houston)

When an electrical fire started a blaze in the Belize home of 14-year-old Damari Tescucun in August 2010, she lost her left leg and part of her right hand to the fire as well as an aunt who passed away in the accident.

Flown to the Shriners Hospitals for Children-Galveston, Damari was treated there for four months. As she healed, she was fitted with a prosthetic and was about to go home just in time for the Christmas holidays. But she needed a new wheelchair since the one she was using was tattered and she used a pillow for a seat cushion.

That's when the Shriners Hospitals for Children-Houston staff members were able to step in as part of a shared services program between the two hospitals. Houston's Occupational Therapy department wheelchair specialist Julia Rodriguez helped fit Damari with a brand-new wheelchair, portable enough for her and her mother Rosalinda to juggle it on the flight back home.

"The treatment is very good going to both hospitals," Damari said.

Her mother nodded in agreement and said, "This new wheelchair is simpler to manage. I'll be able to steer her without crashing into the doors."

Damari said, "I'm really grateful to the Shriners and all the people at the hospitals."

Now she was ready to return to school and catch up with her 11th –grade schoolmates and continue with her plans to go on to college with an eye toward becoming a doctor herself. But most of all she wanted to give big hugs to her father, 18-year-old brother and 12-year-old sister back in Belize.

Damari was one of several Shriners' patients who have benefited from the joint partnership of shared services between Houston and Galveston. OT department director Becky Ligon said, "This really helps the patients to receive their own wheelchairs to take home, plus using one contractor like Rehabilitation Specialists makes it more cost-efficient for us at both hospitals."



Annual Motor Cycle Toy Run - December 4, 2010. Presenting toys to some of the patients.

**Southeast Shrine Club
By: Carl Ellis**

**NASA AREA SHRINE CLUB
By: Bryan Corey**

Well, another year has come and gone. Brandon Paradelas has done a fantastic job as President this year and we all owe him a big Thank You. Richard Morency, Vice President, has given us some great programs and it is a shame that more members did not show up to enjoy them. Fred Lemieux has handled the thankless job of Secretary/Treasurer with a smile and we thank him so very much for all the time he has spent in preparing and e-mailing the minutes to us. The Temple Regional Ambassador, Bill Prell, has joined us for several meetings this year and our Club Ambassador, David Hankins, has been with us each time we met. Thank you so very much, David.

A Temple Potentate is one busy guy, but our Potentate, Michael Ellis and Lady Phyllis, have found time to join us many times throughout the year. We thank you for your visits, and we thank you for the many hours you have donated to our fraternity as Potentate.

To top it all off, Santa came to visit us at our last meeting of the year. Our new officers for next year have been elected and all have accepted their new positions. They are:

President: Richard Morency
Vice President: Bill Walker
Secretary/Treasurer: Fred Lemieux

We meet the 1st Thursday of the month at Los Cucos Mexican Café, 8126 W. Broadway (Route 518), Pearland, Texas 77584 and we cordially invite you and your Lady to our monthly club meeting.

NASC has been very fortunate to have Noble Norm Miller and Lady Janell lead our club in 2010. We have enjoyed the very pleasant venue of Bay Oaks Country Club in Clear Lake for our monthly meetings. Our attendance has been high and our membership has increased by 30%. Friendships have grown as we have worked together for our Kids in both Houston and Galveston hospitals.

Our Christmas meeting found our members donating clothes of all sizes to the children in the hospitals. Our IHOP and Benefit Days collections topping last years donations. In addition, our Ladies' fund raising donations to the hospitals increased over the 2009 totals. We continue to work and sell circus and our turn-ins have been outstanding.

The December meeting was also our election of Officers and Directors for year 2011. Those elected by acclamation are: President, Noble Ed White, Vice President, Noble Matt Bell, Secretary/Treasurer, Noble Bryan Corey. Board of Directors, Noble Bob Burrows, Noble Darryl McIntyre, Noble James Westerfield, Noble Mitchell Wang, and Noble Chris Cantin.

The December entertainment was a most amazing rendition of The Twelve Days of Christmas sung (?) by 12 of our Nobles and lead by our Entertainment Chairman, Noble Darryl McIntyre. Who knew our Chief Rabban, John McDonald, Potentate Elect, sang bass!?!

Our January 27th meeting will be at Bay Oaks Country Club, at 6:30 for our Social Hour. This will be our Installation of Officers. Everyone is invited to join us.

PAST POTENTATES' BALL

DENIM & *DAMONS*

Presented By



January 15, 2011

8 p.m. – Midnight

Shrine Center Ballroom

10510 Harwin Drive

Music by

LIZ TALLEY & TNT COUNTRY

\$25 per Couple

Texas Tux and Ladies Denim & Diamonds

BYOB (Setups Available)

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Proceeds benefit Arabia Patrol and are not tax deductible. arabipatrol@hotmail.com

LIQUOR WAGON

SILENT AUCTION

February 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
		11:30 AM LUN/GR 6:00 PM LOS/LR 7:00 PM FTB 7:00 PM LOS/ GR/BLURM 7:00 PM SAM	10:00 AM DON/LR 6:30 PM NCS	6:30 PM GRE 6:30 PM SOE 7:00 PM AHR 7:00 PM AKK 7:00 PM WAL MEMORIAL LODGE/LR	7:00 PM SOLI- DARITY LODGE/LR	GOL/ PLAYDAY/ AWAY
DIVAN MID-WINTER/MIDLAND						
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
5:00 PM BOW/ ARMIDILLA I SUPER BOWL PARTY	6:30 PM DTS	8:00 AM J W CHAN- DLER/LR 11:30 AM LUN/GR 6:00 PM LOS/LR 6:30 PM ARK 6:30 PM GOL 6:30 PM LOH 7:00 PM SPO	10:00 AM WIDOWS/GRN ROOM 7:30 PM DANCE LESSONS/ BLRM	6:30 PM MOC 6:30 PM ORB 6:30 PM SAJ MEMORIAL LODGE/LR	7:00 PM SOLI- DARITY LODGE/LR	7:00 AM - 11:00 AM GRAND MASTERS CONFER- ENCE/BLRM
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
5:00 PM BOW/ ARMIDILLA I	6:00 PM PRO	11:30 AM LUN/GR 6:00 PM LOS/LR 6:30 PM FEZ 6:30 PM GUL 7:30 PM CLJ	6:30 PM 2ND CIR REPORT MTG	6:30 PM LAH OV/RSVP 6:30 PM LUF MEMORIAL LODGE/LR	6:00 PM DRC 7:00 PM SOLI- DARITY LODGE/LR	10:00 AM GO TEXAN PARADE/ CONROE/ OFFICIAL
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
5:00 PM BOW/ ARMIDILLA I	6:00 PM FOOD/7:00 PM TEMPLE STATED MTG RSVP	11:30 AM LUN/GR 6:00 PM LOS/LR 6:30 PM BOW 6:30 PM MGC	6:30 PM BRA 6:30 PM BRE 7:30 PM DANCE LESSONS/ BLRM	6:00 PM WES 6:30 PM NAS 6:30 PM TOM	6:00 PM FREE- DOM LODGE/LR	
ORB & MOC CHARRO DAYS/BROWNSVILLE						
27	28					
5:00 PM BOW/ ARMIDILLA I	6:00 PM BAT 6:30 PM PAT					
ORB & MOC						

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 ***Super Bowl Party*** 

Feb. 6 2011

Arabia Shrine Center

10510 Harwin Drive, Houston, Tx 77036
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----- ***Free Admission*** -----

***Members, Family and friends
Masonic friends welcome!!!***

Big Screens, Food and Refreshments

Tailgate Party Before the Game

Cooking Contest

Refreshments Provided

