2017 St. Paul Winter Carnival
Grande Day Parade
1st Ceremonial Master Mark Galloway and Outer Guard Brian Miller take 70 minutes to engineer the hanging of Osman’s banner.

MSA winter session lunch Jonathan Pahl, Mark Galloway, Larry Norte, Tom West, Mike Nehm, Brian Miller, and Jim Gratias.

MWG Master Bob Darling and Osman Noble addressed the MSA session in Bloomington.
Pote’s Notes

The Circus is Coming to Town!

It seems like we were just enjoying the New Years brunch and now we are about to join together in our upcoming Shrine Circus. As the saying goes it takes a village to raise a family. I remind you that it takes you, our Nobility as a whole, to have a successful Circus. I invite everyone to come out and participate in this important Osman fund raising event. Show dates are March 30–April 2nd. Help promote this by liking our Circus Facebook page, posting a Circus yard sign at your home or business or selling tickets! The Circus is more than a ticket. It’s an experience bringing families together to enjoy a family friendly event. I remind you that Osman has the distinct honor of hosting the longest consecutively running Shrine Circus in North America. Yes, we will have Elephants, Tigers, Clowns, peanuts and more! Thank you to our Circus Directors’, Chief Rabban Mike Nehm, Noble John Davenport and all of you, for your good works for this noble cause.

I would also like to thank our Recorder Tom West and my Potes’ aides for helping make our recent time at the winter MSA meetings enjoyable and for the several Nobles who took time out to attend this important winter session.

Our main 2017 priorities we have as Nobility, are our Circus, Membership and our Hospital, and having fun working on these three priorities. Our Circus helps us raise necessary funds we need as a fraternity to operate. Our Membership is the single most important effort for our future. If we improve our membership numbers, most future challenges will be taken care of. If you know of a candidate interested in joining Osman, please call Doreen in our Shrine office to get that person signed up. And our third priority is our Shriner’s Hospital for Children. I remind you support of the hospital and our patients is the reason we all do, what we do.

This month we are participating as a Temple for the first time, in the St. Paul St. Patrick’s Day Parade on Friday, March 17th. Come help us promote Osman Shrine and our upcoming Shrine Circus. Following the parade we will hold our first open Ceremonial of 2017 at 6PM at the Lost Spur Event Center, followed by a St. Patrick’s Day buffet and St. Patrick’s Day Party. Everyone is invited! I anticipate the debut of our newly reformed Pipe Band and other special entertainment. Look for the sharp dressed Nobles in “Kilts”? Your invited to bring your “jokes” and come dressed in your favorite St. Patrick’s Day attire. Remember everyone is Irish on St. Patrick’s Day, in St. Paul! There will be a special party favor for all who attend the party.

Mark your calendar for the MN Grand Lodge Communication from April 6-8 in St. Cloud. Congratulations to our own Osman Noble and MWG Master Bob Darling of the great year he has had as our MN Grand Master.

The after Circus Party on Sunday, April 9th. Don’t miss the April 21st Osman Womens Auxiliary Wine Tasting and Craft Beer event. It’s not too early to reserve Saturday, June 24th for the Potentate’s Gala and Summer Ceremonial. I invite any interested club or unit or person, to donate an item or two to the Pote’s Gala Silent Auction. The C or U raising the most funds will receive a prize from the Potentate. These funds raised from the Silent Auction will go towards future warehouse building improvements. And I remind you there is still time to join us on a fabulous fall 12 night, September 22-October 4th Potentate’s Mediterranean Cruise, contact travel agent Kathy Grauer, today.

I am honored to be your Potentate and if there is anything I can do for anyone, please know I am here.

See you at the Circus!

Richard Purcell
Potentate, 2017
“Called to Serve”
President Christopher Johnson called the meeting of the Osman Clubs and Units to order with a prayer and Shrine Pledge of Allegiance. The Club and Unit Seminar took up an order of business regarding the acquisition of a trailer by the Daddy-O’s. A motion was made and seconded to allow the Daddy-O’s to purchase the trailer. The motion carried.

Assistant Rabban Anders Haugen discussed the use of the Shrine Pledge at all Shrine events as well as proper fez etiquette. It is important to follow such protocols at all Shrine events and community parades.

Membership Co-Chairs Gary Hoven and Burt Rovner discussed the importance of all club and unit heads to subscribe to the e-mail list. If you want to pass information to all Osman Club and Unit heads, including events, needing help with parades, etc. send an e-mail to cu@osmanshrine.org. In addition, Membership has an e-mail address for communications. That address is membership@osmanshrine.org.

Rose West made a presentation on behalf of the Osman Women’s Auxiliary. She thanked all of the Clubs and Units for their wonderful donations at the Parade of Glory. Rose noted that anyone can join the Auxiliary, including men and those without Shrine affiliation. She also reminded everyone of the Wine Tasting on April 21 at the Spur and asked the Clubs and Units for donations of wine, money or other items for a silent auction or raffle. There will also be Craft beer tasting this year.

Assistant Treasurer Al Christofk spoke about the checking accounts and the process that needs to be followed. He will email out the procedures and the items that are needed.

Dr. Cary Mielke, Chief of Staff of the Shriner’s Hospitals of the Twin Cities gave a report on the hospital. They are having many events for children and their families this year including camps and the prom. Hospital Day will be on May 20th.

The construction for EOS machine is in progress. Plan is to be operational March. There is also a new scoliosis physical therapy program as well as Metabolic Bone and Sports Medicine Fracture Clinics. P.P Roger Robinson discussed how to easy it is to become a patient. Call local hospital and have a short
conversation to see if you are qualified and appointments as quick as 2 weeks.

Chief Rabban Mike Nehm and Circus Director John Davenport gave a pitch for the coming circus. Lawn signs are available as are coupon books to be distributed to public places in your community. If you need a hotel, John Davenport has a special rate at the Courtyard Marriott in Roseville. Credit Cards will also be used this year at all of the booths as well as one on the main floor for tickets.

First Ceremonial Master Mark Galloway and Second Ceremonial Master Jim Gratias asked all Clubs and Units to have their articles in by the 10th of the month for the next month. Articles should be e-mailed to Doreen Lynch. Please provide captions for photos. Please use spell check and grammar check. Articles are limited to a half page.

High Priest and Prophet Larry Norte gave a presentation about insurance information. Doreen Lynch has certificates of liability for the Clubs and Units. Drivers 70 and over are asked to fill out a form in the office.

Recorder Tom West reminded all Clubs and Units that their financial reports are due by the end of March. Osman uses them for income tax purposes so please fill them out as completely and accurately as possible.

Ill. Sir Rich Purcell closed the meeting with remarks. Membership is the key. Membership Dues paid 100%. First Club or Unit to get 100% in members paid will get a Prize. Rich gave an overview of his schedule. There will be a Silent Auction on June 24th between the ceremony and Gala. Club and Units are encouraged to donate items. Club or Unit that raises most money will get a prize. Call to Serve 2017!

Illustrious Sir Rich Purcell recessed Osman Shrine at 7:47 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Wade Harvey, Secretary
Our next event was the Club and Unit meeting on Feb 4th. Officers and members of the units attended and got to learn about what the plans were for this coming year. Lots of interesting topic's from parades this year, to parade procedures, to membership, hospital status and patients, and certainly the upcoming Circus, were reviewed. Opportunities to serve by joining any club to be more active were abundant.

We are going to be in St Paul, for the St Patrick's day parade on Mar 17th. This parade is for walkers only, no handouts, however we plan to carry a huge Circus banner to advertise the 2017 Circus. The parade is in downtown St Paul, and is a short one. The lineup time is 11:00 am and the step off is noon. We would like to get some volunteers to walk in the parade, carry our banner, wearing our fez's and meet about 10am to pass out coupons for the Circus in the crowd and business, prior to step off. This is going to be a great fun parade!

We had a great time at the Winter MSA, learned a lot about the parades, unfortunately nothing is final as yet. Zuhrah is having a tough time finding a suitable location for the summer MSA parade. There will be more to come next month. Thanks to Nobles Wiley, Dan, Bob, Rich and Tom for helping get the Hospitality room set up manned to serve and torn down! Great job Nobles all!

Latest update on parades for 2017 for your unit planning:

- Mar 17th St Paul St Patrick's Day parade, walkers only 11am lineup, noon step off, short parade, and then the Ceremonial to follow later that afternoon at the Osman Event Center/Lost Spur and followed by a St Patrick's day buffet and party. Watch the blasts as I get more details about parking, shuttling? Etc. I will advise.
- Mar 30-April 2nd, Osman's Shrine Circus! Come join in the hardest FUN you will ever have! There is a task for every noble, no matter how small! Get involved.
- Jun 23rd, South St Paul, Kaposia Days parade
- July 8th, Lakeville parade
- Jul 12th, White Bear Ave parade
- Aug 19th St Paul Park parade
- Aug 18th, MSA parade in Minneapolis
- Sept 10th, Northfield DJJD's parade, DUE TO A SCHEDULE CONFLICT WE WILL PROBABLY NOT BE IN THE NORTHFIELD PARADE. I am researching other parade potentials for that weekend, stay tuned!
- Oct. 7th, River Falls parade

More details will be available in the coming months, regarding Oasis, line up times, locations, and special instructions for each parade. Please remember, again this year, I would like for all units participating in any given parade, to notify me in advance, so I can plan the line ups to accommodate all the motorized, walking and non- motorized units, safely.

Thanks for all the support and help I get each year!

Jim Moore,
2017 Osman Chief of Staff

The Queen of England just celebrated her 65th year on the throne. What if our President was in charge for that long? More important what if we had the same Potentate for 65 years? One year is probably enough.

We had so many people at the restaurant where we had our last meeting I couldn’t count them all. Guldens has such good food and service, we go there often.

We had a great showing of most of our active members at the St Paul freezing cold Winter Carnival. The Potentate and his posse seemed ok as they walked the parade but not as warm as the Directors Staff. We drive and ride in our vans, warm in the winter, cool in the summer.

The motto of the Directors Staff is...”let’s ride”...not “let’s walk “

Parading is the most fun thing we do as Shriners and anyone who hasn’t is missing one of the heart swelling thanks we enjoy.

We have some big changes coming so we can parade even more. Hope to see you at our upcoming parades.

Mr President,
“ The Silver Fox”
Randy Bruso
I want to thank each and every one of the members of Zagalas. It is you & your significant other that always make the parades. Your hard work for this past year is what makes the parade season so special. Your commitment to the Children of the Shrine Hospital was noticed by all. Because of you and your work the Shrine Hospital children and their families will have a better life.

As the Easter Bunny prepares for the egg hunt, members of Zagalas are starting to think that spring could be on the way and soon they will be taking their vehicles out… With that I asked a few members to share some of their fun vehicles stories:

For those of you that know our quiet and soft spoken Joe Burnham:

Well, it was 1968.....we had a '67 Impala Super Sport convertible, and I was DJ’ing as Jolly Joe Burnham at KWEB. BTW....there were only 2 radio stations at the time: KWEB and KROC. We had a gathering of Radio station couples at a dive bar known as Taft 'n Janes in Douglas. After lots of dancing/drinks we all headed back to Rochester on 52. On the way, 2 of us decided racing would be a good way to get back fast! Soon, a car with lots of flashing lights came up behind us. My good friend Denny Luell, decided to split, leaving me to deal with the long arm of the law. The officer asked where I'd been, and if I had been drinking. Yah, I had a couple.....with that he politely offered me a seat in the police car. When he saw my ID, he said, "Are you Jolly Joe, morning announcer on KWEB?" I replied, yes sir, I am.

With that he said I'm a regular listener of your show......have a nice night, and drive careful! FEWF! Guess being a big star saved my tail!

PP Rahn Lund who we all know loves his cars and loves his speed.

When I was in Europe once with our singing group, I was the lead car of 4. I was in a German village went around a corner and pulled into a parking lot. The other 3 cars went by and thought they lost me. I pulled back out to catch them and when they got out of the village they sped up to catch me. I was behind them and was driving 90 MPH and it took 20 miles to catch up.

Noble Art Pavlish

I was twenty; my 1969 Plymouth GTX needed front brake pad replacement. It was November, misting and cold out. I got my hydraulic jack out, lifted the car in the crushed rock driveway and took off the first front tire. It had disc calipers on the front so this was going to be an easy fix?

Well, not really... The brake line needed to be disconnected to remove the caliper from the rotor. (Who would be so dumb to design something like this? I removed the caliper knowing that I would now need to “bleed” the air from the brake lines –

I went to the house and asked the new bride to come out and give me a hand. Now, she drove my 1959 Plymouth 3 speed on the “tree” and my 66 Plymouth 4 speed on the floor so she was familiar with the whole clutch thing, and the GTX was a 4 speed on the floor too.

I asked her to sit in the driver’s seat and on my command to push the brake pedal down slowly. I opened the first bleeder valve and said push the brake pedal down and tell me when it’s on the floor. She did and I closed the valve and said let it up.. This usually it takes 3-4 pumps to relieve the air bubbles from the bleeder valve. We did this for what seemed like eternity; remember it was cold and misting as I laid on the ground under the car...

I said is the brake pedal getting firmer? “Yes”, she said! Finally I got up to go see what she was doing... Ready for this? She was pumping the clutch pedal, and it was getting firmer because her foot was getting tired!

After we discussed which pedal was which - the process was completed in a few minutes and the repaired brakes worked perfectly. We both laugh every time we think about that day..

And Last but not least- our Current Past Potentate Bruce Thomas

I was working at a restaurant as a valet. I gave away the wrong white Cadillac. The funny thing is the customer didn't figure it out. He got all the way home. It was the second customer that figured it out first when I brought up the wrong white Cadillac for him.

I was so glad that a few were willing to share so that I didn't think that I was the only one to make a minor mistake.

May God bless you and your family.

To the world you may be one person but to one child you may be the world.

Chris Christopherson
Greetings Nobles!

As I sit here preparing this month's Dragon Patrol Column, Bobby Vinton is crooning his 60s hit, “Blue On Blue” on my computer’s iTunes App. That seems appropriate since many of us are still caught up in the Wintertime Blues. Hopefully not you!

That song was followed by Gary Lewis and the Playboys, with “Everybody Loves a Clown.” (Obviously, I’m listening to an Oldies channel!)

We, as Shriners and members of the Dragon Patrol, will soon be over the Wintertime Blues by getting Chang out of hibernation and parading. But before we do that, we will take him to…yes, the Circus! Where they have clowns! And crazy stunts, and yes, even elephants again, I’m told! If you haven’t signed up for the Circus (more on that later), you can do so at our March meeting.

Yes, soon, we’ll be looking ahead to our 2017 parades and all of our other events, but let me look back on a couple of recent ones.

Our Christmas Party at Willow Creek last month was another great time and I’m grateful for all of the nobles and ladies who attended. I hope you enjoyed the evening as much as Deb and I did.

Congratulations to Noble Jerry Korstad on being selected as 2016 Dragon of the Year. Jerry is very deserving of this honor. He has been a long-standing and very faithful member of the Masons, Shrine, RASC and our unit, and continues to give his all for the good of the cause.

Installation of Officers was held and I’m excited at the slate of officers we will have this year. Dale Clark is our new president, Tim Bass is vice president and Ron Lamkin is our new sergeant at arms. Of course, Nobles Art Pavlish and Bert Aikens will continue as secretary and treasurer, respectively, this year, so we continue to be in good hands in those areas. Thank you and best wishes to all of them.

Those of us who were at the Sweetheart Dinner with our ladies were treated to a wonderful evening with good friends and good food. Thank you to Ryan and Audrey Colligan for putting that event together again.

Our next Stated Meeting is at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, March 22nd, at the Eagle’s Club. That night, you can sign up for the Circus, which is March 30 and 31 and April 1 and 2 this year. Move In Day is on March 27 and Set Up is on the 29th, if you’d like to help. Let’s have another great turnout. It’s always a blast!

I hope to see all of you on the 22nd for the March Stated Meeting. Come early, bring your ladies if you’d like, and enjoy a pre-meeting dinner with them and your fellow nobles!

Oh, and now it’s the Four Seasons with “Walk Like A Man.” We will…so kids can.

Fraternally yours
Mike Smith

Clowns

Hello from the clowns,

We have just completed our first two parades of 2017. We would like to thank everyone that helped us handing out coupons at the torchlight parade. (Jessica Harvey, Julie Rumble, and Susan Rumble). We would also like to welcome our newest clown Sean (Rumbling) Rumble! We are excited about the circus coming up March 30th- April 2nd. This is a perfect time if you are interested in clowning we have a lot of experience and knowledge at the Circus. If interested touch base with me and we can see what happens. No need to worry about costumes I do have enough you can borrow one.

We also had a Clown seminar at the MSA winter session and watched Priscilla Mooseburger do an excellent presentation on makeup techniques as well as putting together costumes and their care. P.P. Jim Berg also did a presentation on magic.

Thank you,
Wade Harvey
Clowns Secretary

From the Clown seminar at the MSA Winter session.
Greetings from the Nobles of the Provost.

Provost was present at the Annual Meeting on January 10th and provided the honor guard for the newly elected Ill Sir Rich Purcell. We also had a contingent present at the Potentates Reception on January 14 to assist with parking duties. Several of our Nobles were present at the Winter Carnival Parade (see picture below). Our senior officers also attended the Club and Unit Seminar on Feb 4th.

March will be a busy month with the St Patrick’s Parade on the 17th, our Stated Meeting on the 20th at Little Venetian Inn and of course the Circus at the end of the month – one day of setting up the Jail and 4 days of fun and work!

Upcoming meetings:
• Provost Monthly Meeting, Monday, March 20, 2016, Social 6:00 PM, Dinner 6:30 PM, Meeting 7:00 PM, Little Venetian, Little Canada; Provost dress is winter uniform.

Other events:
• Osman Shrine Circus Set-up, Monday, March 27, 2017, 12:30 (tentative time), Coliseum, Minnesota State Fair Grounds; Need help with Provost Jail set-up; sign up on the schedule worksheet
• Osman Shrine Circus, Thursday, March 30 through Sunday, April 2, 2017, Coliseum, Minnesota State Fair Grounds; Provost dress is winter uniform

We continue to frequently post information on the Osman Provost Facebook page. Take a look at the page, and “Like” and “Share” the postings with your Facebook friends.

Fraternally submitted,
Ken Arehart, Secretary
kenarehart@comcast.net

Sportsman’s Club

The Sportsman’s Club is now up and functioning. The new officers that were elected at the February 4, 2017 meeting is as follows: President – Don Stahl, Vice President – Peter Lokhorst, Secretary – Mark Galloway, Treasurer – Mike Nehm, Event Chairman – Brian Miller and Kent Swedberg. The sportsman’s Club meetings will be held on the 3rd Mondays of every month. The next meeting will be held at the Masonic building on Monday March 20, 2017, the meeting will start at 7:00pm. If you are interested in becoming a part of the Spotsman’s Club, come on down to the next meeting at Plato to see what we have planned for events.

Fraternally submitted,
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The February 9th meeting was held at Barley’s Restaurant in Austin. President Stout called the meeting to order, and following the Invocation and Pledge to our Flag, those attending ordered from the menu.

A surprise for the ladies attending was the presentation of a beautiful red rose for Valentine's Day. These were a gift from President Stout. Very thoughtful of President Brad Stout.

President Stout and Noble Hanson gave a report on their attendance at the Officers Seminar held at the Lost Spur on February 4th. It was noted that the request from the Oriental Band for repairs to the bus was approved by the Club & Units and would be forwarded to Osman Board of Directors for further approval, etc.

Information about Insurance, the Circus, Ceremonials, the Shrine Hospital for Children, etc., was also shared with the members. The next Ceremonial will be held on Friday, March 17th, and we are hoping our candidate will be able to attend and participate. This is open to the public. It was announced that the Potentate has requested our participation at the Ceremonial to be held on Sat. June 24th. This will result in our inability to participate in the Grand Meadow parade on the same date.

Noble Hanson explained some concerns with the development of the 2017 parade schedule. He has made a few contacts in hopes of replacing parades that we may have lost and is also seeking help for a sponsor at the St. Charles parade in August. If any member can help us with this, please contact Neil Hanson at 437-7292. It would be appreciated. And, again, if you live in our area and are seeking a parade unit, contact us. We would welcome your participation with our unit.

For Sickness Distress, it was reported that Noble Bill Newell was air lifted to St. Mary’s Hospital in Rochester on Feb. 5th with heart issues. We are keeping Bill and family in our prayers and are hoping for good news.

Noble Otto Volkert reported on the sale of Circus Plaques and ads, and it was indicated that for inclusion in the Circus Book, sales should be made and sent to Osman by February 23rd.

Our March 9th meeting might be held at the new Austin Utilities complex with a tour of the facility prior to our meeting. We’ve been told that we can either bring food or have something catered. The calling committee will provide that information.

Neil Hanson
Business Manager

THE PIPE BAND IS BACK!!!!
Want to learn how to play the Bag Pipes or Drums Highland style, then come and check us out. We offer group practices and one on one session. No Experience is necessary. Practice convenes every Monday from 7:00 – 9:00 pm at the Masonic Center at 200 E. Plato Blvd. Contact Jim Smith 651-357-2149.
Greetings fellow Nobles and Ladies!

Hopefully by the time you read this edition of the Osman we will be on the downward side of winter and be looking forward to warmer days ahead and getting ready for another fun filled season of parading and Shrine fun with our families! Before I get too much into what the Osman Daddy-Os have been up to I would like to put forward a huge thank you to Past Potentate Bruce Thomas and Lady Terri on a tremendous 2016 for Osman Shrine. I am looking forward to what Illustrious Sir Rich Purcell and his Lady Sharon have planned for us for 2017 and I promise you that the Osman Daddy-Os are ready to answer your “Call to Serve.”

The Daddy-Os are working hard to put our additional trikes on the pavement. We are ever so grateful to the Club’s and Unit’s group for sending our request for funds to the Divan for their approval. We are trying to be very conservative with how we use those funds and our current call to serve is working hard together to get these trikes built. Our goal is to parade with 11 trikes this season and to work on additional parade maneuvers to create a spectacular show! Just last week several of us got together to get the trikes ready for paint. Given the family and child centric nature of our organization we have tried to involve our kids in any way that we can. You will see from the pictures in this article that our kids have become part of our “pit crew” and will hopefully help us with the entire build! A big thank you goes out to Larry Pahl of LP Collision and Restoration in Pine Island, MN for allowing us to invade his work space giving us a place to prep the frames and for doing an incredible job in painting them!

As we look ahead on the calendar, our next stated meeting is February 23rd, 7 p.m. at Fat Willy’s in Rochester. We are always looking for a few more brothers who are ready to “drift back to their childhood!” Of course, the Shrine Circus is rapidly approaching in the end of March, and the Osman Daddy-Os are proud to be hosting the upcoming Father/Son/Daughter Banquet, stay tuned for further details! We hope to see you all around as we answer our “Call to Serve.”

Fraternally,
Jonathan Pahl

Lauren and Christian Pahl, assisting with loading the trikes to be painted.

Evan Peterson, son of Paul M. Peterson (in background) assists with preparing the steel.

83rd Annual Lynnhurst Turkey Dinner
Hosted by Templar Lodge #176
April 18th, 2017
5:00 pm social • 6:30 pm dinner
At Lost Spur Golf and Event Center
2750 Sibley Memorial Hwy, Eagan, MN

Cost per person will be $30.00 or $240.00 per table of 8 To reserve a table and or ticket contact by Sending checks to Secretary, W.B. Charles Davis at

6509 Walker St, St. Louis Park, MN 55426
YOUR CHECK IS YOUR RESERVATION. Reserve early as space is limited.
MASTER MASONs ONLY
Our January gathering for the Legion of Honor convened at our “home place for monthly meetings” -- the VFW at Mendota. We welcomed our 2017 Divan Rep – Jim Gratias, and he provided a very fine update from the Divan, along with important upcoming activities/dates. Our numbers attending were strong and planning took place for marching in the 2017 St. Paul Winter Carnival Parade. The plan worked extremely well as we carried flags, marching 8 Nobles strong on parade day. Although other Masonic commitments kept some of our regular membership from joining us, we still had a really nice turnout of our group. We also took this meeting opportunity to recognize Past Commander Todd Swedberg, by presenting him with his Past Commander’s pin.

As is our tradition for recognizing wives and significant others during Valentine’s Day week, our February gathering will find us dining at the Cherokee Steak House on February 16th. We look forward to a nice turnout and good fellowship, while thanking our Ladies for supporting us so well during our activities throughout the year. At this gathering, Nobles will also begin selecting/identifying how they can sign-up for our 2017 Osman Circus duties and performance dates. We look forward to another successful circus, staffing the gates and presenting the Colors, prior to each performance.

Our March 16th meeting will be at the Mendota VFW. Here’s to a fun and very successful year of service to Osman in 2017! As always, the Legion of Honor is always looking for new members. If you are new to Osman, we would enjoy talking with you. Feel free to contact any member of the Legion of Honor.

Commander,
Dave Hellstern

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Potentate Rich Purcell and Lady Sharon’s, 2017 Mediterranean Cruise.

Date of Cruise Departing: September 22, 2017, Round Trip from Barcelona, Spain.

Cruise Ports of call are: Nice, France, Florence/Pisa; Rome, Italy, Salerno (Amalfi Coast), Venice, Italy (overnight stay in Venice), Ravenna (Bologna) and Kotor, Montenegro.

Cabin group prices are based on double occupancy and include taxes and fees.

Not included is airfare: ($900.00 in 2016), trip cancellation insurance, or shore excursions.

Cabin prices start at: Interior Cabin $3,180.08 (for 2 people); Ocean View $3,475.08 (for 2 people) and Balcony $4,244.00 (for 2 people). Single, triple and quad cabin pricing is available.

Deposit of $900.00 is due 25 days after booking. Book early to secure the best cabin selection.

Space is limited at the group rate.

For further cruise information, please contact:
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612-529-7990 or via e mail at Kathy.grauer@comcast.net
or Potentate Rich Purcell - purcellrs@aol.com or c 651-373-0806

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Members at the Winter Carnival parade

Youngest member Nick Casci and Oldest member Dave Lokensgard at the Winter Carnival.
The Alexandria Area Shrine Club, Calliope and Four Wheelers had their annual Valentines Brunch on Sunday the 12th with numerous ladies, Divan and special guests. We had a presentation from Dean Carstensen, Community Development Vice President of JCI Minnesota, Kristen Lloyd Membership VP of JCI Minnesota (last year CDVP and the inspiration for this project) and Noble Mike Denke also president of the Lakes Area JC’s. They presented Women’s Auxiliary Chair Rose West with many 5 gallon buckets of can tabs that were collected by JC’s throughout Minnesota. It was made into a competition for the JC’s to see who could get the most tabs and that person received a JC’s sweatshirt from Kristen. Auxiliary Chair Rose was also presented from the Alexandria Shrine Club a bunch of stuffed animals, gift cards and can tabs that were donated by the members of Alexandria.

We had our first parade of the season at the Winter Carnival parade and thanks to some of our Osman Divan reps we were able to have all eight four wheelers on the ground and performing. The new to us motor home is in the works of getting our calliope reinstalled, the sound system put back in, lined up for a paint job and to get the new decals on it. A lot of work left to do on it before the summer season fires up. We would like to thank Alexandria Motors for leasing the puller truck to us year after year, without it our four wheeler trailer would not be making it very far without having to purchase a truck.

A big thank you goes out to Illustrious Sir Rich Purcell, Osman Divan and their ladies for all they do and plan. Rich has a full calendar planned this year with many fun and interesting events to go to and be involved in. Called to Serve and here we are.

Respectfully Submitted,
Brion Golde
Secretary
Greetings, Nobles, Ladies and Everyone,

Do You Want to Have Some Fun?

Albert Lea Shrine Club President “Jake” Loper driving the “van” following our little “Red Parade Cars”. A job(?) Jake has enjoyed for several years. Now is YOUR chance! Just think about it! You, an Osman Shriner, could have a time of your life! Yes I said time of your life…. You could drive one of our little red parade cars this coming season.

A little Higher Power sap lead by Noble “Jake” Loper. This is something Noble Jake started several years ago, which is great to get a little shot in the arm, just before our PERFORMANCE.

We got re-cycled. And are we ever happy about. This Divan member, Noble Michael Meyer (which we had as our rep a couple years ago) will do anything and I mean anything to keep us happy. I have a feeling we’re going to have a very good year. Please join us this parade season… call President Noble Jake Loper 507.373.1818, Vice President Noble Lynn Davis 507.438.5535, Sec/Tre Noble Greg Morfitt 507.481.5435 to reserve Your time with the go-cart. Live a Little!

The photos and words that are written for this article are real and true (I think…).

Albert Lea Shrine Club

Greg Morfitt
Secretary/Treasurer

This could be you. Driving this go-cart in circles, figure 8’s, straight ways. The breeze flowing and you enjoying the program. Turn it on, press the gas to go, hit the brake to stop. Clean, Simple Fun. It really brings back memories of driving that little go-cart. We get to the parade with plenty of time for you to get familiar with you little red go-cart.

One of the great enjoyments of being a “parader” is the feeling of being young again. Meeting other parade units, teams, and goers starts the fun.

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Our growth and enjoyment is directly due to the support of the Osman community! Be proud of the Osman Shriner Club. As Nobles we have made many friends through this endeavor.

We have started a new amateur radio station W2VAK which is in the process of earning its license. This is a hobby and will bring many additional members to our club for years to come.

A great many new members have joined or joined again over the past year. All are welcome and make the club stronger. We are looking forward to what lies ahead in 2016.
APRIL 28-29, 2017
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APRIL 28: 6-10PM
APRIL 29: 8AM-4PM
ST. PAUL MASONIC CENTER
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Well, here we are, and it is circus time already! Everything is ready to go, and we are poised to have one of our best circus’s ever.

All advertising and plaque orders should be in. Plaques for first time buyers are being produced, and will be available for pick-up in the office at the circus.

Everyone is invited to the “Big Final Circus Meeting” on Tuesday, March 14 at 4:30 at Osman.

If you have a yard sign or coupon counter tents, now is the time to put them out. If the plastic stake on your yard sign is broken, I have new metal ones at the office.

Special thanks to all who helped at the Winter Carnival parades. We handed out thousands of circus coupons and had our new circus banner out front both times. Frozen thanks to Stolie, Schultzie, Buddie, Ruggie, Gustie, Rallie, Rubmblie, Julie and Susan Rumble, Jessica Harvey, Chris Elmquist, Mark Galloway and Mike Nehm for donating your time, talents and fingers at the night parade.

The St. Paul St. Patrick’s Day Parade is on March 17. We will be handing out coupons before the parade, and carrying our banner and yard signs through the parade. There may be a van from the Lost Spur too. Call the office for details.

Circus set up starts Monday March 27 at high 12:00. The “Night Before Walk Around” Wednesday March 29 at 6:00.

That’s it for now! See ya under the big top!

John Davenport
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Join us for Pancakes & OES Bake Sale
Newport Lodge #118
Sunday March 12th
8-12 noon
644 W. Broadway,
St Paul Park
$7.00 for Adults
$6.00 for Children under 13

Pancake Breakfast
Dear Fellow Nobles,

We want to wish everyone a happy, healthy and prosperous new year. We hope yours is off to a great start. Even though the New Year began a few weeks ago, I think those are things that we can wish for throughout the year. We also hope that everyone is beginning the New Year with a renewed commitment to our fraternity and philanthropy.

In addition to snow and ice (for most of us), January also brought about new elections and appointments of temple leaders. We congratulate those in new positions and we encourage you to take advantage of the many resources available to assist you in your new roles and endeavors. Leading a temple can be both exhilarating and challenging, and if I could give you one or two pieces of advice, it would be to strive to ensure that every noble and their lady know that they are welcome, valued and important, and to never lose your sense of humor.

We want to especially encourage our new temple leaders to support their temple’s clubs and units. Remember to visit your outlying clubs, and be sure those nobles know they matter to their temple. It makes a great difference when temple leaders are willing to be present at the clubs, and not always expect the club members to be the ones to travel, and come to the temple. Also, please make the effort to participate with the various units by attending their events. Everyone likes to know that their efforts are noticed and appreciated, and making an effort to acknowledge nobles’ participation can only strengthen your temple.

We are starting this year on a very good note. The hard work done over the last few months at both the national, regional and temple levels to reach out to nobles at risk for suspension really paid off. Because of your consistent efforts, and your diligence, we were able to retain approximately 6,000 nobles who otherwise might have been suspended for non-payment of dues. That is really great news!

This was one of the best and best planned efforts to reduce the NPD lists in recent memory. The many different elements in this campaign – the postcards, the automated message from our beloved “superstar” patient Alec and the individual contacts with the nobles – all combined to produce outstanding results. We commend every one of you who was part of this push to retain our brothers. It’s not too early to work on the retention and restoration of nobles for 2017. This must be an ongoing effort that continues throughout the year. Our fraternity’s future depends on sustaining this type of effort; and on every member being committed to making an effort to encourage current nobles and to invite potential nobles to learn more and begin the membership process.

There seems to be a renewed sense of both the importance of our fraternity and the difference it makes in the lives of its members, as well as to the patients of Shriners Hospitals. We also see an increased appreciation for the expenses of our international office, as evidenced by the fact that the per capita increase, which went into effect in January 2016, had essentially no effect on membership numbers. That is also great news!

In other news, the 2017 East-West Shrine Game is now in the books. This signature event generates massive exposure and interest in both Shriners Hospitals for Children and Shriners International, and is one of our most important traditions. The game was played in front of a crowd of 22,198 inside Tropicana Field in St. Petersburg, Florida, and was broadcast nationally on NFL Network. We thank everyone involved in the 2017 East-West Shrine Game, including all our staff, volunteers, players and coaches. Your hard work made the event a memorable success.

We also thank all of those who either watched the game from the stands or at home.

We also want to thank everyone who gave up their time to travel to St. Petersburg, to be part of this special event, and share it with your fraternal family. Of course, not everyone can travel and attend in person, and we thank and congratulate the temples that had watch parties and other events to bring their nobles and local communities together and support the East-West Shrine Game. It really is quite an honor for us to host the country’s longest-running college all-star football game. If you were not able to attend in person this year, consider coming next year. It’s a great event, and lots of fun, with opportunities to watch the practice sessions and enjoy both an amazing pre-game tailgate party as well as an exciting football game. If the game isn’t enough of an incentive, consider this: it’s held in Florida in January. Who wouldn’t want to be there?

As we look to the future, please consider your role in our fraternity and philanthropy, and resolve to be as active and involved as possible. You will be better for it, and so will the organization.

Thank you for all that you do.

Yours in the faith,

Chris L. Smith, Imperial Potentate

Shriners International
Osman Shrine
Golf Classic

SAVE THE DATE

Sunday,
September 10, 2017

Lost Spur Golf Course

More details to follow.....................

Osman Shrine Stated Meeting
March 14, 2017, Lost Spur/City View
5:00 pm Buffet dinner • 6:30 pm Stated Meeting

Notice of vote
Due notice is hereby given that, at a Stated meeting of Osman Shrine on March 14, 2017, the Following will be voted upon:

As required by Osman Bylaws, the Nobility will vote on the 2018 fundraiser.

There shall be a 2018 fundraiser for the Osman Shrine, a Circus to be held at the State Fair Coliseum.

Attest. Richard Purcell,
Potentate

Thomas West,
Recorder

Meeting starts promptly at 6:30 p.m.
EAST WEST SHRINE GAME

Wade Harvey, Steve Hoyer, Art Lemke, and Burt Rovner

Tyler Bass with P.P. Frank Spevak who won the football grill, Anders Haugen

Sandy & Tim Bass with Ill Sir Rich Purcell

Tom West won a football blanket

Everyone in line for the great food

The Taco and Chili buffet

The prizes everyone could win

Everyone enjoying the East West game party

Mark Hughes having fun with Larry Norte

East West Shrine game

Tyler Bass and the Grand prize winner Jean Pavola

Tyler Bass and Lady Sharon Purcell
Dear Auxiliary Members and Friends of the Auxiliary,

It is soon Shrine Circus time! I always look forward to seeing so many of you at the Circus. I am proud of our many Auxiliary members who usher, work in will call, sell food and novelties in the booths, sell tickets, make cotton candy, work in the hospitality room, guide people to the special seats reserved for the physically challenged etc. It is a great time to see friends and to join in the fun with all the excited children!

Noble Tim Bass and Lady Sandy from the Rochester Area Shrine Club brought the Ehlers family to Shriners Hospitals for Children-Twin Cities for young Louis, check-up. Kristin Ehlers, Louis’ mother, was a patient at Shriners Hospital when she was a young child. Kathy Fliceck, Diane Johnson, Laurie Miller and I had the privilege of giving them a tour of the Parents Accommodation Center building and the Auxiliary work rooms. Louis was very happy when he got to pick out a toy and fleece blanket.

Once again, I want to give a huge thank you to the Alexandria Area Shrine Club. Noble Mike Denke who is also a JCI, Kristin Lloyd, JCI Membership VP, and Dean Carlson, JCI Community Development VP, sponsored a pop tab collection across the state for the Osman Womens Auxiliary. It was amazing. They collected several thousand pop tabs. These pop tabs will be taken to the recycling center, and the money will go to the Auxiliary’s mission to purchase mobility equipment for the children at our Hospital. During the meeting, Kristin and her friend became the newest members of our Osman Womens Auxiliary. We appreciate them joining our wonderful organization!

In addition, Rudy Denke, his wife Pat, his mother, Carol Denke, and son Mike Denke and members of the Alexandria Shrine Club collected many stuffed animals, toys and gift cards for the children at our Hospital. Thank you for all of your contributions to the Osman Womens Auxiliary. We so appreciate all you do for the children at our Hospital.

I want to recognize and thank Linda Johnson for her many years of dedication and hard work on the Osman Womens Auxiliary Board. Linda has decided to take a break, she will not serve on the Board this year. The great new is that she will continue to be a very active Auxiliary member, and be very involved with Auxiliary activities.
Linda has served in many roles including chairman of the Auxiliary from 2003 - 2005. Most recently Linda had the role of chairing the outreach and communications for our Auxiliary. I want to thank Linda for all of her creative, forward-thinking ideas and her many contributions on the Auxiliary Board. We will miss Linda not being on the Board, but I am so pleased that she will continue to be very involved. Thank you, Linda!!

Thank you to those who have sent in their Osman Womens Auxiliary membership renewal. Our goal is to increase our membership as membership is our life line. If you haven’t sent in your renewal, please send it to Kathy Flicek now. If you are not a current member and would like to join, please contact Kathy Flicek at #651-454-7868 or kmflicek@gmail.com. Remember the Auxiliary is open to all men, women and young adults with or without a Shrine affiliation. By becoming a member, you will be supporting our mission!

The Osman Womens Auxiliary will be raffling a beautiful quilt (66 inches by 86 inches) throughout 2017 as a fund raiser. The quilt will be at all of our events beginning with the BUNCO party which is our first event for 2017. You won’t want to miss the opportunity to purchase raffle tickets for this wonderful quilt.

Please mark your calendar now for the Sixth Annual Auxiliary sponsored BUNCO Party. Please note that we are having the BUNCO Party on a Friday evening this year. The BUNCO Party will be on Friday, March 24, at the Lost Spur / Osman Event Center. Social begins at 5:30 PM, with a Fish/Beef Taco Bar at 6:00 PM. BUNCO play will begin at 7:00 PM. If you don’t know how to play, we will teach you. It is a fun game of dice and chance.

Everyone is welcome. Bring your family, friends, neighbors anyone who wants to play BUNCO. There will be prizes for the winners!!!

The Osman Womens Auxiliary calendar of events will be incorporated into the Osman calendar printed on the last page of the Osman; so, please look at the last page for other upcoming Auxiliary events.

Again, it is a pleasure and honor to serve as your Chairman, and thank you for all of your continued support to the Auxiliary. Your donations are making a difference in the lives of the children at Shriners Hospital for Children – Twin Cities. We appreciate everything you do. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me.

Rose West, Chairman
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April 29, 2017
Registration 9:00am
Shoot 10:00am
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Prior Lake, MN 55372
www.horseandhunt.com

Other Information:
- Call or email to reserve a spot:
  Bill Vice: 612.232.2495
  viceeastbethel@msn.com
- 5D birds and lunch for $50
  (Please bring your own shells)
- Lunch only for $20
- Gun raffle tickets $5 each or 5 for $20
- The event is open to everyone: ladies, kids, non-Shriners, beginner, experts and everything in between
- Sign up individually or as a team of five
- Lewis class scoring will be used
- Sponsor a shooting station for $200
  Sponsorship includes signage and entry into a separate drawing for a Henry Big Boy .45 Long Colt rifle ($750 value)

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AT OSMAN EVENT CENTER/LOST SPUR EVENT CENTER
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FRIDAY MARCH 17TH, 2017

5:00 PM  CANDIDATES REGISTRATION
6:00 PM  OPEN CEREMONIAL
7:00 PM  BUFFET AND ENTERTAINMENT

The cost to become a Shriner in 2017 is $200.00 which includes your 2017 dues, initiation fees and fez.
Get your candidates ready and get their Petition into the Shrine office.
Cost for the Buffet is $15.00 per person, Cash Bar. No cost for the candidate and their Lady
RSVP Osman at 651-452-5660 or doreen@osmanshrine.org by March 6th, 2017.
Everyone is welcome…. Nobles, friends and family.
“Special Entertainment” A special Potentates gift “favor” will be given to those attending
Dress in your best “St. Patrick’s Day Attire” May be prizes for the “Best Dressed Leprechaun”
Winter Carnival Parade

Steve Igou loves being on two wheels

Enjoying the Oasis before the parade

Scott Overby trying out new wheels

Rob Hoven with Ill Sir Rich Purcell and Chief Rabban Mike Nehm

Oasis before the Parade

Julie Golde and Stolie (Wade Harvey)

Cycle members Joe Warling and Steve Ingram

Oasis before the Parade

Group picture just before the end of the parade

Everyone enjoying a warm meal before the parade
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### Upcoming Events

**April 2017**
- Grand Lodge 6th – 8th
- After Circus Party – 9th
- Lynnhurst Dinner – 18th
- Ladies Auxiliary Wine Tasting 21st

**May 2017**
- Ladies Appreciation Brunch – 7th
- Club & Unit meeting – 9th
- Hospital Days – 20th

**June 2017**
- Stated Meeting – 13th
- Alexandria Circus – 16th
- S. St Paul Parade – 23rd
- Ceremonial – 24th
- Potentates Gala – 24th

**July 2017**
- Imperial Session July 8th – 13th
- Club & Unit - 11th
- Osman Family Picnic – 29th

**August 2017**
- MSA Summer Session 17th – 19th

**September 2017**
- Osman Shrine Golf Classic – 10th
- Stated Meeting – 12th
- Potentates Trip – 21st – October 3rd

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**NOBLES!!!**

Do you have a profession, business or trade you would like to make available to your fellow Nobles and families?

Please consider advertising your business, trade or service in our monthly Osman Publication.....
Burt Rovner, Gary Hoven, Art Lemke, Ill Sir Rich Purcell, Steve Hoyer and Rob Hoven

Craig Mann, Ill Sir Rich Purcell, Chris Zack, and Thomas Hoemke

Schultzie (Tom Schultz) loves to clown around

Alexandria 4-wheelers love the Winter Carnival parade

Eric Mundt of the Mankato T-Birds

Ruggie (Ron Hayle) enjoying the crowd

Scott Overby having a blast in a T-Bird

Showing off the new Circus banner.

Winter Carnival Parade
Saturday, May 20
9 am – 1 pm
(Come and go as you please. Open-house style.)

Shriners Hospitals for Children – Twin Cities
2025 East River Parkway | Minneapolis, MN 55414

Presentations will be stationed in hospital departments. You will be given a map upon arrival and can travel around on your own.

Families are welcome!
Trout pond and activities on the front lawn!

Lunch will be served from 11 am – 1 pm.

For questions, please contact Lauren Elm at lelm@shrinenet.org or 612-596-6119.