

ZEM ZEM NEWS



1892-1967

Seventy-fifth Anniversary

POTENTATE'S MESSAGE



On April 13, 1892 sixty-two Nobles were initiated as charter members of our Temple. On that memorable occasion, A. K. McMullen was the Illustrious Potentate. Since that time seventy-one other Illustrious Sirs have served in this office.

On this, the seventy-fifth anniversary of our Temple, it is proper that we give recognition to their generous contribution to the growth and success of our Temple. In our reflection we also recognize the hundreds of unit men and others who gave of their time and talents to the building of this great Temple. Adding much to its prominence too have been those from among our ranks selected to serve in high offices of the Shrine. In 1964 our Temple gave to the Shrine its Imperial Potentate and the ability and performance of Imperial Sir O. Carlyle Brock in this highest office of the Shrine will not soon be forgotten. Among others serving with distinction has been Illustrious Sir James A. McKnight, who has completed fourteen consecutive years as a Representative to Imperial Council. Illustrious Sir C. P. Toohey, a Past Potentate of our Temple, is now serving as President of the Mid-Atlantic Shrine Association.

Many other members have given exceptional service to our fraternity. Forty-odd years ago, soon after the Shrine had made a decision to build and operate hospitals for crippled children, Zem Zem Temple created its own hospital. Since that time this hospital has treated and cared for and cured thousands of crippled children. Zem Zem Hospital has been wholly administered and largely supported by the members of our Temple. We can be proud of this achievement and also proud that now the Imperial Council, recognizing the need for this hospital, have recently made it the 19th Shriners Hospital for Crippled Children—Erie Unit. As such, it will serve an area within a radius of two hundred miles of Erie that circumscribes a population of fourteen million.

To make further assessments of our heritage, we make special mention of our many splendid units and active Shrine clubs. Most of these have been years in the building and now they are truly the life blood of our Temple. We have four hundred active unit men who receive numerous requests to display their talents and provide entertainment before other temples as well as our own. Units, whose performances at civic and fraternal functions throughout our jurisdiction, provide our best public relations media.

We voice our deep and sincere appreciation for all of these things—they are our heritage. May they serve us and all those that follow as an inspiration to protect and promote the verdure and bloom of this great fraternity.



ZEM ZEM DIVAN 1967



MYRON H. TRETER
CHIEF RABBAN



WALTER E. STREETER
ILLUSTRIOUS POTENTATE



JOHN H. OAKES
ASSISTANT RABBAN



ALVIN W. LEVENHAGEN
HIGH PRIEST AND PROPHET



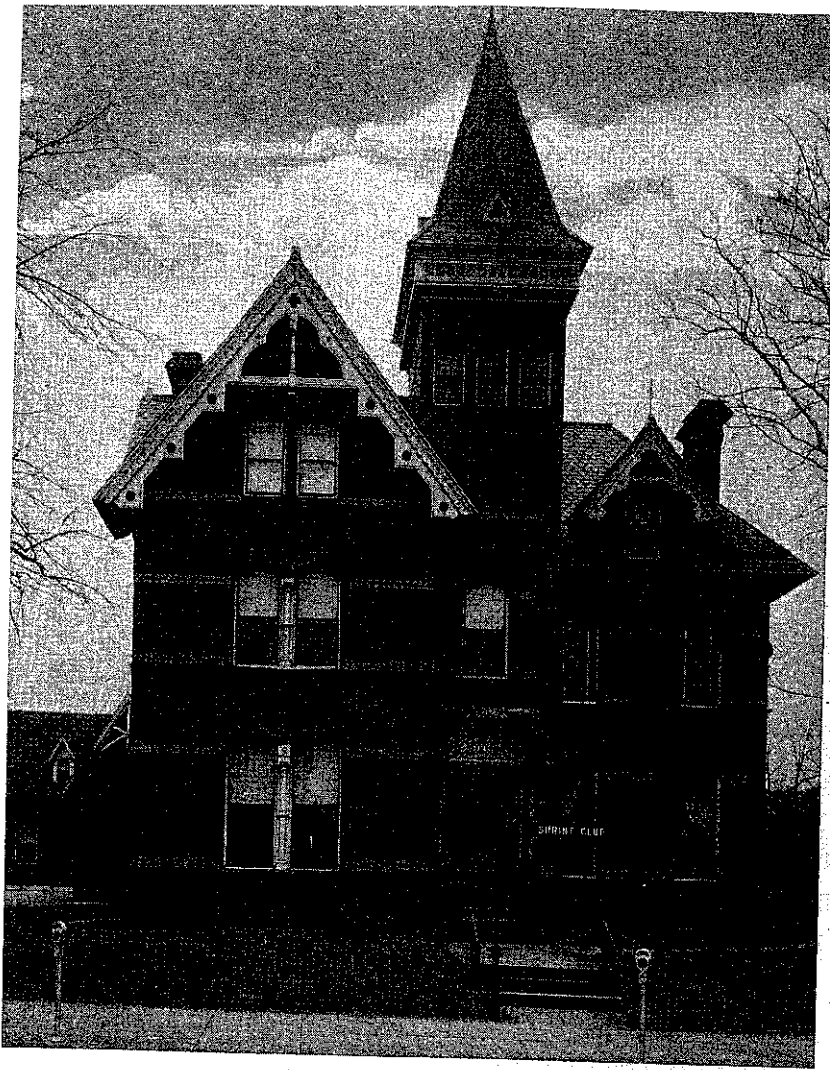
RICHARD H. VANDERWENDE
ORIENTAL GUIDE



EMMET E. McWHERTOR (P.P.)
TREASURER



J. WALTER FENNER (P.P.)
RECORDER



HISTORY OF THE SHRINE CLUB

Club activities were started by the Temple when they purchased the Merchants Club, located on the second and third floors of 917 State Street, Erie and formed the Union Club in December, 1898.

A few years later many Nobles began to feel that the Temple should have a club and home of their own and efforts were made in this direction. In January, 1907 arrangements were made and agreed upon for the purchase of what was then known as the North Presbyterian Church property located at the Southwest corner of Fifth and Peach Streets, the lot $82\frac{1}{2} \times 165$ together with the building thereon at a price of Twenty thousand dollars. However the transaction was not consummated.

Several properties were considered and finally in the spring of 1908, the present Shrine location, then known as the Dr. Brandes estate, was purchased for sixteen thousand dollars and the Club formally opened on September 24, 1908. During the years of occupancy many changes have been made throughout the Club

and today we have one of the finest Shrine Clubs in the country—lounging and recreation rooms, together with excellent dining room facilities where Nobles and their families will at all times find appetizing foods and beverages served.

Every member of Zem Zem Temple is a member of the Shrine Club and no extra dues or fees are required. Visiting Nobles are at all times most welcome.

In 1962 the Nobility voted favorably for the demolition of the old "Annex" and the construction of a new addition known as the Zem Zem "Mosque." This has proven to be a splendid addition to our facilities. We can now hold ceremonials and social functions under our own roof instead of having to go outside and pay high rentals. This new addition is also a source of revenue as it is frequently rented to other groups for parties, dances, wedding receptions, industrial shows, etc.



HISTORY OF ZEM ZEM TEMPLE

The history of Zem Zem Temple dates back to November 10, 1890. Potentate Sam Briggs, of Al Koran Temple, Cleveland, Ohio, then Imperial Potentate, and Frank Bassett of Erie were the prime factors in putting Zem Zem on the map. Without them a shrine in Erie would never have been thought of, much less consummated. With Cleveland in the west, Buffalo in the east, and Pittsburgh in the south, the territory seemed fully occupied,—but because of the importance of Erie as the only historical point on the lakes that was of Federal and National importance, Noble Briggs saw that it ought to made the Mecca or place of pilgrimage for Imperial Potentates, Potentates and Shriners for all time.

He at once, with his wonderful vision in mind, proceeded to put it in operation. He selected Frank Bassett as his manager to select the men for the officers and supporters of the project. As soon as Bassett had selected these, he notified Briggs, who, without delay founded Zem Zem Temple, November 10, 1890, coined a new word "founded" which has since been adopted in the Annual Directory of the Shrine by almost every Temple in the Imperial Council.

In due time the Temple was organized and Imperial Potentate Sam Briggs of Cleveland, Thomas J. Hudson of Syria Temple, Pittsburgh, and Illustrious Potentate Charles W. Cushman of Ismailia Temple, Buffalo, N. Y., came and inducted the first class into the mysteries of the Shrine in Gable's Hall, now occupied by Woolworth's Store.

The first Ceremonial was held on April 13, 1892, in Gable's Hall. The officers of the Temple were as follows: A. K. McMullen, *Potentate*; Frank McSparren, *Chief Rabban*; Dr. Peter Barkey, *Assistant Rabban*; Henry DeWitt, *High Priest and Prophet*; Dr. James E. Silliman, *Oriental Guide*; William C. Shaw, *Treasurer*; Francis J. Bassett, *Recorder*.

The fee to initiation and membership was thirty dollars and the dues four dollars per year. There were fifty-seven candidates in the first class.

Early records show that the Charter was to be dated November 10, 1890, to correspond with the date of original application. However, the Charter bears the date of actual signing although the Temple had been founded and a Ceremonial session held prior to the date appearing on the Charter. The names of the following Nobles appear as charter members:

Other Ceremonials followed and the Temple continued to prosper. The first Ceremonial held outside of the City of Erie appears to have been held at Bradford, Pa., on June 14th, 1894, with Frank G. Maus as Potentate, at which time forty-five candidates were initiated.

Noble Maus succeeded himself as Potentate and a pilgrimage was made to DuBois, Pa., on June 14, 1895,

where a class of thirty-eight candidates was initiated.

The following year, 1896 with Sam B. Kennedy as Potentate, a return pilgrimage was made to Bradford and a class of twenty-five was initiated.

Francis J. Bassett was the next Potentate and on October 7, 1897, a pilgrimage of the Temple was made to Oil City and there initiated a class of thirty novices.

Zem Zem Temple was the third Temple in the state of Pennsylvania, the others being Syria at Pittsburgh, and Lu Lu at Philadelphia. The original jurisdiction of the Temple was practically the entire northern half of the state. Four Temples have since been instituted, which has materially lessened Zem Zem's territory, the present jurisdiction of the Temple being as follows: exclusive in the counties of Erie, Crawford, McKean, Mercer, Forest, Venango, Warren, and that part of Clarion lying north of a continuation of the south line of Venango, and concurrent jurisdiction with Jaffa Temple in Elk County.

For more than thirty years all ceremonials in Erie were held at the Maennerchor Auditorium, Colonial, Perry (now Shea's) and Columbia Theatres, Elk's Auditorium, Masonic Temple, and Public Auditorium.

Of the activities of individual Nobles that of Dr. Peter Barkey is perhaps the most outstanding. He was active in the instituting of the Temple, was Recorder for seventeen years, and for a period of twenty-five years attended every Ceremonial and every meeting of the Executive Committee.

Charitable work, not only for the good of the Nobility but also for the good of the community has been emphasized by Zem Zem since its origin. Among the first contributions of which there appears to be a record was that of three hundred dollars to the Erie Day Nursery and Free Kindergarten Association. The receipt of this contribution was acknowledged by Jenny Pressley, Sec'y. Constructive charitable activities have since continued, culminating in the erection and operation of the Zem Zem Hospital for Crippled Children. This work was made possible by the united effort of the entire Nobility of Zem Zem under inspiration furnished to a great extent by Potentate Walter L. Bolssom and Past Potentate Arthur W. Milne.

This successful effort has given our Temple outstanding recognition by all Shrinedom on the continent of North America. While the relief and cure obtained for unfortunate children has been outstanding yet the work is probably not so much recognized locally as it merits and deserves. Another value of this effort about which we seldom hear or probably ever think is the favorable recognition which has resulted not only for the city of Erie but for the entire jurisdiction of Zem Zem Temple and the inspiration we have furnished for others.



Seventy-fifth Anniversary





Zem Zem Temple
75th Anniversary
CEREMONIAL

Honoring
Imperial Potentate
ORVILLE F. RUSH

April 15, 1967

Iroquois High School Auditorium
Lawrence Park • Erie, Pennsylvania

Ceremonial Time Table

- 11:00 A. M. Candidates Report to Recorder's Office, Zem Zem Temple, 2nd Floor
12:00 Noon Candidates Luncheon Following Registration
12:30 P. M. Candidates Transferred by Bus to Iroquois High School
1:00 P. M. Candidates Hear Brief Presentations by Representatives from Groups and Units
1:45 P. M. Illustrious Potentate and Divan Introduced to Candidates
1:50 P. M. Candidates Escorted to Auditorium
2:00 P. M. Memorial Service, Rev. Robert Rose
2:45 P. M. Voice of Shrine
2:50 P. M. First Section
3:40 P. M. Third Section
3:50 P. M. Introduction of Visiting Divans—Imperial Council Officers and Imperial Potentate
4:10 P. M. Second Section
4:45 P. M. Return to Mosque for Social Hour
7:00 P. M. Banquet
8:00 P. M. Address by Imperial Sir Orville Rush



The Imperial Potentate

A. A. O. N. M. S.

ORVILLE F. RUSH

1966 — 1967



Orville Rush received his college education in Liberal Arts, Law and Graduate Law at the University of Alabama, the University of Mississippi, the University of Kentucky, George Washington University and Georgetown University. At the University of Alabama, again he was voted the outstanding student, was elected to the highest honor of president of the student body and was also elected as editor in chief of the school paper. He was associate editor of both the college year book and the humor magazine, and was student editor of the law journal. He was captain of the University Debating Team which claimed the World's Collegiate Championship. He was president of a long list of clubs, honor societies, professional fraternities and his social fraternity. For a period of time, he edited the Alumni News. He was listed in Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities and has remained active with the University, being a member of the Council for 20 years, and, having served as President of the Alumni Association, D.C. In 1952 he received the honor award as the outstanding alumnus. Recently, the magazine section of the Birmingham News had a two-page spread on the past presidents of the student body of the University and, of the very large number, Orville Rush was one of the eight who were portrayed and featured. During his four years in high school and nine years in college, including graduate work, he was a sports reporter and columnist and contributed to numerous prominent magazines. He found time for sports in college and managed both the boxing team and the fencing team. After being voted the outstanding student in college, he was listed in the college hall of fame. His interest in sports has continued. He was the business manager of a World's boxing champion, has served on committees of various major sports events, and presently serves with the World's greatest golfers on the Committee of the All-American Collegiate Golf Dinner.

After receiving his LL.B. degree, in 1933 Orville F. Rush was admitted to the practice of Law, serving as a Federal Government attorney from 1933 to 1935, resigning to become advisor, counsel and personal representative to Governor Bibb Graves of Alabama.

Orville F. Rush is widely known as a public speaker and has been praised on the Floor of the United States Congress by members of both major parties as an eminent citizen of our country. He has been the titular head of numerous civic, educational, fraternal, religious and philanthropic organizations. He has been the chairman of various fund raising drives both in Alabama and in the Washington area. Despite his remarkably busy schedule, Orville Rush has found time to be considerably active in the affairs of the Methodist Church. He has served as Chairman of the Official Board, Lay Leader, Trustee, Superintendent of Sunday Schools, teacher of the Men's Bible Class for many years and, in 1952 received an Exhorter's License in the church. He has served on the National Education Committee and has spoken in churches all over the United States and Canada. Being a descendant of Lord Percival Rush of the British Parliament, of Dr. Benjamin Rush, signer of the Declaration of Independence and member of the first Congress, and of John Rush, Ambassador to the Court of St. James and Vice Presidential nominee, the Rush family has always been active in politics. Orville Rush was a candidate for the United States Congress at the age of 25, has been a Delegate to National Conventions, served on the National Finance Committee and as a member of the National Advisory Committee, and, for several years was Vice Chairman of the \$100 Dinners.

Orville Rush has been active in all Masonic Bodies of both Rites and is a Past Master of his Lodge. He is a Past President of the Arlington-Fairfax Shrine Club and is the senior Past Potentate of Kena Temple, Alexandria, Virginia. He has received a plethora of citations within the framework of Masonry.



OMAR CARLYLE BROCK II

Imperial Potentate

A. A. O. N. M. S.

1964 - 1965



OMAR CARLYLE BROCK II was born January 10, 1900, in Glen Sutton, Quebec, Canada, to Omar Carlyle and Mary Adeline Boulet Brock. His forbears of Scottish, English and French descent, were first settlers there. Today's 4600 acre Brockvale Farms date back to lands granted in 1815 by House of Hanover.

After completing his studies at Sutton Academy, Carl attended Stanstead Wesleyan College, Macdonald College and McGill University School of Agriculture and Veterinary Medicine. Two years of graduate study at Cornell University followed. He saw service as a commissioned officer in the Canadian Army during World War I.

Carl's first assignment was converting Antietam Farms near Sharpsburg, Maryland, to a modern dairy farm. A few years later, he came to Erie, Pennsylvania, to put a small dairy on a paying basis. After only six months he was asked to head the firm. He did. He liked Erie, the friends he made there. Sanitary Farms Dairy, Inc., has since grown to be one of the largest in Northwestern Pennsylvania.

In 1925, Carl married Grachia May King whom he met while he was managing a highway construction project in West Virginia. They had two children: Grachia Carolyn and Omar, III. Grachia, now Mrs. Robert M. Minton, Jr., lives in Midland, Texas, with her husband and their four children, Cynthia, Rhonda, Brock and Mark. Omar III lives in Erie with his wife, Carol, and their children, Hollis and Scotty. Grachia King Brock passed away in 1938. Nine years later, Carl married Emily Ann. They have two sons, Stuart, 10, and Hubert, 9.

Hunting and fishing with his father in Canada was a highlight of Carl's youth. He's never lost this love for the great outdoors. Trips have taken him to all the big-game areas of Canada including the Yukon and Alaska. Since 1950, he's hunted in Africa, India, Burma, Pakistan, Nepal and the Himalayas. Carl's private collection of trophies is one of the most extensive in the Continent.

Our Imperial Sir's fraternal affiliations include:

Past Master of St. John's Lodge No. 23, A. F. and A.M., Masonville, Quebec; Past High Priest, Mt. Sutton Chapter No. 12, Sutton, Quebec; Past District Deputy, Grand High Priest, Bedford Shefford District; Past Commander, Rose Croix Commandery No. 38, K. T., Titusville, Pennsylvania; Past Sovereign Bedford Conclave No. 12, Sutton, Quebec; Red Cross of Constantine; Past Sovereign St. John's Conclave No. 24, Erie, Pennsylvania.

Past Thrice Potentate Master, Presque Isle Lodge

of Perfection, Scottish Rite, Erie, Pennsylvania; Past Monarch, Erepa Grotto, Erie, Pennsylvania; Past Grand Monarch, Supreme Council, M.O.V.P.E.R. of North America; Past Potentate, Zem Zem Temple, Erie, Pennsylvania; Past Worthy Patron, Betsy Ross Chapter, O.E.S., Erie, Pennsylvania; Past Royal Patron, Coronet Court Amaranth, Erie, Pennsylvania.

Past Grand Royal Patron, Grand Court of the Amaranth of Pennsylvania. Member, The Cabiri, Erie, Pennsylvania; Royal Order of Jesters, Karnak Court, Montreal; Sutton Lodge No. 39, A. F. and A. M., Sutton; Royal Order of Scotland; Knight Masons of Ireland; Grand College of Rites of the U.S.A.; Grand Masters Council, Allied Masonic Degrees, Grand College of America; Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests; Legion of Honor; and active member of Supreme Council, Order of DeMolay. Our Imperial Sir was Coroneted 33° Northern Masonic Jurisdiction in 1960.

Our Imperial Sir is President-Treasurer, Sanitary Farms Dairy, Inc.; Chairman of the Board and Treasurer, Gem City Dairy, Inc., Erie, Pennsylvania; Chairman of the Board and Treasurer, Fenton Dairy, Inc., Titusville, Pennsylvania; Director, Nog Chocolate Company, Inc., Dunkirk, New York; Owner, Brockvale Farms, Glen Sutton, Quebec, Canada.

His civic affiliations include: Member, Past President, Erie Exchange Club; Past District Governor, past member, Board of Control of Pennsylvania; former member, Educational Committee, National Exchange Club; Past President, Greater Erie Milk Dealers Association; Past President, Pennsylvania Association of Milk Dealers; Chairman, Emergency Committee, Milk Distribution, World War II.

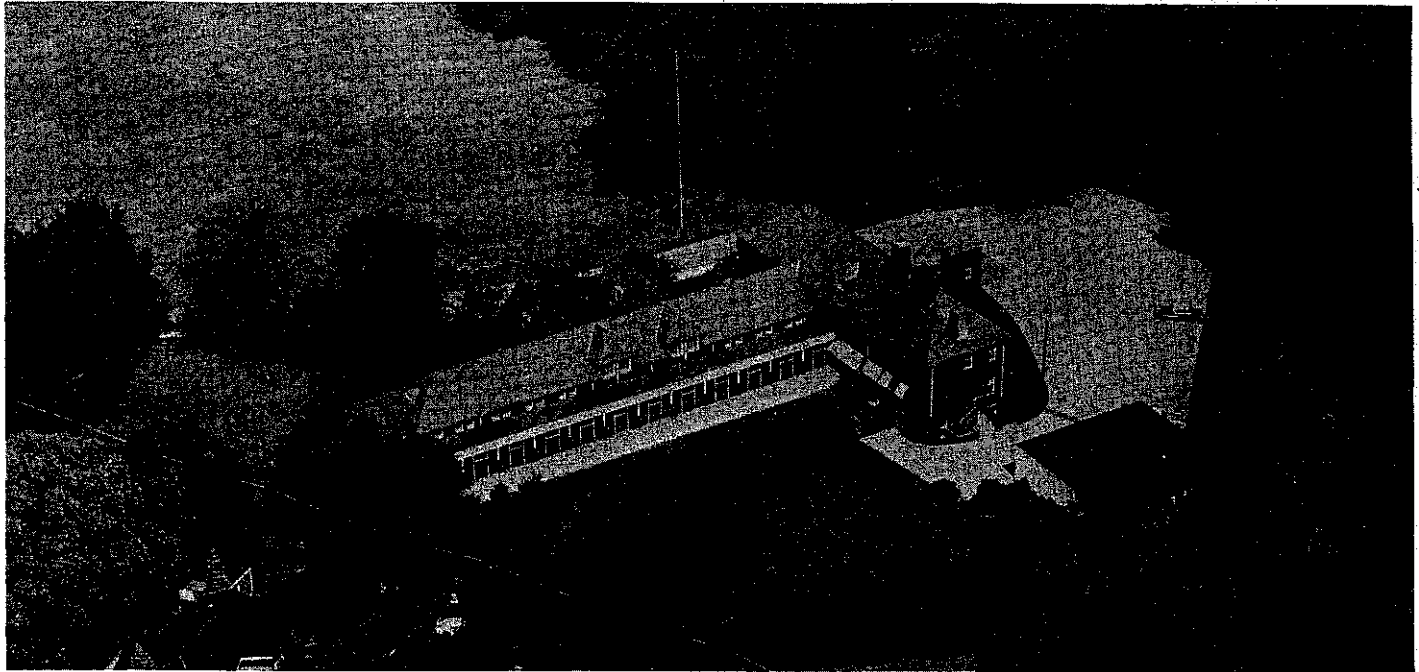
Member, Milk Industry Foundation; International Association Ice Cream Manufacturers; Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware Ice Cream Dealers Association; Shikar-Safari Club International; Royal Canadian Legion; American Association Biological Scientists; Pennsylvania Manufacturers Association; National Small Business Mens Association; Erie County Historical Society; Young Men's Christian Association; American Dairy Science Association.

Past President, McKean Rifle Club; Past President, Erie County Sportsmans League; Past Director, Erie Chamber of Commerce; Director, Gannondale School for Girls; Member, Boy Scouts of America; Erie County Crippled Childrens Society; Erie Moose; Elks; Maennerchor and Siebenburgers Clubs.

He is a communicant of the Episcopal Cathedral of St. Paul.



THE STORY OF ZEM ZEM HOSPITAL FOR CRIPPLED CHILDREN



Living good and constructive lives and contributing their share to the progress of civilization in communities throughout the world today are men and women who undoubtedly would have been doomed to enduring their days on earth as invalids if Erie had not had a Zem Zem Hospital for Crippled Children.

The history of Zem Zem Hospital must stem from "Sunshine Valley Camp". Following a clinic sponsored by the Rotary Club of Erie and held in the Elks Auditorium about 45 years ago, a number of cases were successfully operated upon, and some remarkable cures effected; but, after the operation the cure lies with nature and with muscle training, the greatest aid to medical science in these cases being helio-therapy, or treatment by the sun's rays. The need became apparent for a place where these little youngsters, some of them with tubercular spines and bones, could be put out in the blessed sunshine. Past Potentate Arthur W. Milne offered the use of his farm at Echo Mountain; and at the Ceremonial of Zem Zem Temple in October, 1923 the plan was submitted to the membership, enthusiastically approved, and funds were raised to establish a summer camp on the Milne farm the following season. Twelve children were under treatment there for 3 months, under the supervision of Dr. Arthur G. Davis and with the assistance of Miss Elizabeth Milne. The children themselves christened it "Sunshine Valley Camp".

Two years of these experiments demonstrated such remarkable results that the need for increasing its scope was obvious, and it was suggested that Zem Zem Temple be permitted to erect a convalescent hospital on the site donated to the Hamot Hospital Association by Mr. Charles H. Strong, thereby relieving the Hospital from tax and providing the necessary facilities for curative treatment for these children the year round. The suggestion met with the approval of all parties involved, and the result was the breaking of ground for Zem Zem Hospital for Crippled Children on October 23, 1925, during the visit of Imperial Potentate James C. Burger.

Plans for the structure were donated by Nobles William W. Meyers and William P. Johnson, architects, and the building proceeded under the direction of Noble

Holger Rommerdale, a building contractor. On June 26, 1927 Zem Zem Temple under the supervision of Potentate Walter L. Blossom formally dedicated the hospital for crippled children.

With the hospital now finished and the first patients under treatment, Zem Zem Temple was confronted the task of raising sufficient funds to pay off the construction indebtedness and providing for future maintenance. In August, 1927 a committee was appointed with Judge and Past Potentate William E. Hirt, as general chairman to conduct a campaign for the purpose of raising \$300,000.00. The first subscription of \$50,000.00 by Past Potentate Arthur W. Milne aroused the enthusiasm of the entire membership, and in ten days the amount sought was over subscribed by more than \$3,000.00.

On September 13, 1928, Potentate Henry C. Schaacht and his Executive Committee received the full approval of Imperial Potentate Frank C. Jones, following his inspection of the new institution.

The original cost of the entire hospital was computed at \$120,000.00 with replacement value today estimated in excess of \$500,000.00.

The hospital had an original capacity of 40 beds; and for emergency purposes can provide as high as 68 beds, with space in the dining room, the school room and the x-ray room available if the need should arise.

On January 16, 1965 the Nobility of Zem Zem Temple voted to offer to the Imperial Council (Colorado Corporation) the Zem Zem Hospital for Crippled Children to become an Imperial Hospital.

At the Imperial Council Sessions held in Washington, D.C., in July of 1965 during the term of Imperial Potentate O. Carlyle Brock, the representatives to the Ninety-First session, voted to make Zem Zem Hospital a link in the Imperial Chain.

Within a matter of days Zem Zem Hospital will become the nineteenth unit of the Shriner's Hospitals for Crippled Children. This new facility will become a fully operative hospital and serve a much wider area. In the future the Erie Unit will service the following Temples: Ismailia, Al Koran, Damascus, Rameses, Moslem, Syria, Jaffa and Tadmor.



ZEM ZEM DIVAN

1967



ORVILLE F. RUSH
Kena Temple — *Imperial Potentate*

THOMAS F. SEAY
Medinah Temple — *Deputy Imperial Potentate*
CHESTER A. HOGAN
Affii Temple — *Imperial Chief Rabban*
J. WORTH BAKER
Murat Temple — *Imperial Assistant Rabban*
AUBREY G. GRAHAM
Khedive Temple — *Imperial High Priest and Prophet*
C. P. MACGREGOR
Al Malaikah Temple — *Imperial Oriental Guide*
THOMAS W. MELHAM
Tripoli Temple — *Imperial Treasurer*

GEORGE M. SAUNDERS
Ararat Temple — *Imperial Recorder*
C. VICTOR THORNTON
Moslah Temple — *Imperial First Ceremonial Master*
HENRY B. STRUBY
Hadi Temple — *Imperial Second Ceremonial Master*
JACOB A. WINGERTER
Salaam Temple — *Imperial Marshal*
JACK M. STREIGHT
Gizeh Temple — *Imperial Captain of the Guard*
W. W. BENNETT
Ararat Temple — *Imperial Outer Guard*

WOODROW W. HAYZLETT
Kena Temple — *Imperial Chaplain*

PAST POTENTATES

*1892-1893	A. K. McMullen	*1923	W. Pitt Gifford	1946	William E. Lutz
*1894-1895	Frank G. Maus	*1924	George W. Reichert	1947	Ralph G. Merriman
*1896	Samuel B. Kennedy	*1925	Z. Orlando Hazen	*1948	S. B. Alloway
*1897-1898	Francis J. Bassett	*1925	Emil E. Knobloch	1949	Clarence W. First
*1899-1900	Peter Barkey	*1926	Robert J. Firman	1950	Chalmer O. Day
*1901-1902	Walter W. Gingrich	*1927	Walter L. Blossom	1951	O. Carlyle Brock
*1903-1904	Jay C. Grove	*1928	Henry C. Schacht	*1952	J. V. Frampton
*1905-1906	James W. Sproul	*1929	William E. Hirt	1953	Harry E. Mueller
*1907	Milton W. Shreve	*1930	J. Orin Wait	1954	James A. McKnight
*1908	Hudson W. Mosier	*1931	James Russell	1955	E. E. McWhertor
*1909	Charles J. Haller	*1932	Orson J. Graham	1956	Carl A. Karsh
*1910	Fred W. Ensworth	1933	Elmer L. Evans	1957	Duane G. Keep
*1911	William P. Nutting	*1934	Donald W. Mackie	1958	Jack M. McDowell
*1912	Homer S. Barnes	*1935	W. Karl Hilbrich	1958	William A. Richards
*1913	Charles S. Hooper	*1936	Earl V. MacDonald	*1959	Parke T. Morrow
*1914	William I. Arbuckle	*1937	Ralph W. DeLancey	1960	C. P. Toohey
*1915	Hugh C. Lord	*1938	Lorne B. Mulloy	1961	Chester G. Durst
*1916	F. C. Messenkopf	1939	Earl B. Glover	1962	Chester A. Rhodes
*1917	Harry L. Smith	*1940	Guy H. Curtis	1962	J. Walter Fenner
*1918	John C. Diehl	1941	Wilbur Davis	1963	Carl R. Thomas
*1919	William H. Warner	*1942	Harrison Baldwin	*1964	Robert S. Schluraff
*1920	George F. Diehl	1943	Levi B. Taylor	1965	D. A. Schimmel
*1921	Arthur W. Milne	1944	Lytle L. Salsbury	1966	L. C. McCandless
*1922	Ritchie T. Marsh	1945	James E. Tait		

ROSTER OF SHRINE TEMPLES

The number shown indicates order in which the Temples were chartered.

Aad, 97.....Duluth, Minn.	Balfut Abyad, 35.....Albuquerque, N. M.	Kalif, 100.....Sheridan, Wyo.	Orak, 113.....Hammond, Ind.
Aahmes, 121.....Oakland, Calif.	Bedouin, 127.....Muskogee, Okla.	Kalurah, 80.....Binghamton, N. Y.	Oriental, 6.....Troy, N. Y.
Abba, 87.....Mobile, Ala.	Bektash, 96.....Concord, N. H.	Karem, 146.....Waco, Texas	Osiris, 30.....Wheeling, W. Va.
Abdallah, 31.....Kansas City, Kan.	Ben Ali, 154.....Sacramento, Calif.	Karnak, 81.....Montreal, Que.	Osman, 22.....St. Paul, Minn.
Abou Ben Achem, 89.....Springfield, Mo.	Ben Hur, 59.....Austin, Tex.	Kazim, 140.....Roanoke, Va.	Palatine, 25.....Providence, R. I.
Abu Saad, 142.....Canal Zone	Beni Kedem, 76.....Charlotte, W. Va.	Kem, 116.....Grand Forks, N. D.	Philae, 126.....Halifax, N. S.
Abu Bekr, 105.....Sioux City, Iowa	Boumi, 18.....Baltimore, Md.	Kena, 163.....Alexandria, Va.	Pyramid, 8.....Bridgeport, Conn.
Acca, 29.....Richmond, Va.	Cairo, 91.....Rutland, Vt.	Kerak, 102.....Reno, Nev.	Rajah, 62.....Reading, Pa.
Affi, 47.....Tacoma, Wash.	Calam, 106.....Lewiston, Idaho	Khartum, 95.....Knoxville, Tenn.	Rameses, 33.....Toronto, Ont.
Ahmed, 67.....Marquette, Mich.	Crescent, 94.....Trenton, N. J.	Khedive, 117.....Winnipeg, Man.	Rizpah, 111.....Madisonville, Ky.
Ainad, 130.....East St. Louis, Ill.	Cyprus, 5.....Albany, N. Y.	Khiva, 148.....Norfolk, Va.	Sabbar, 168.....Tuscon, Ariz.
Akdar, 125.....Tulsa, Okla.	Damascus, 2.....Rochester, N. Y.	Kismet, 37.....Amarillo, Texas	Sahara, 48.....Pine Bluff, Ark.
Aladdin, 66.....Columbus, Ohio	Egypt, 143.....Tampa, Fla.	Kora, 60.....Brooklyn, N. Y.	Salaam, 86.....Newark, N. J.
Al Azhar, 107.....Calgary, Alta., Can.	El Bekal, 164.....Long Beach, Calif.	Korein, 69.....Lewiston, Me.	Saladin, 27.....Grand Rapids, Mich.
Al Bahr, 129.....San Diego, Calif.	Elf Khurafeh, 99.....Saginaw, Mich.	Kosair, 19.....Rawlins, Wyo.	Scimitar, 159.....Little Rock, Ark.
Al Bedoo, 151.....Billings, Mont.	El Hasa, 98.....Ashland, Ky.	Ku Lu, 16.....Louisville, Ky.	Sesostris, 36.....Lincoln, Neb.
Aicazar, 134.....Montgomery, Ala.	El Jebel, 39.....Denver, Colo.	Ku Lu, 16.....Philadelphia, Pa.	Sharon, 167.....Tyler, Texas
Al Chymia, 58.....Memphis, Tenn.	El Kahir, 26.....Cedar Rapids, Iowa	Mah, 152.....St. John, N. B.	Sphinx, 73.....Hartford, Conn.
Alee, 74.....Savannah, Ga.	El Kalah, 53.....Salt Lake City, Utah	Maska, 147.....Miami, Fla.	Sudan, 141.....New Bern, N. C.
Aleppo, 13.....Boston, Mass.	El Karubah, 133.....Shreveport, La.	Mecca, 147.....Wichita Falls, Texas	Suez, 151.....San Angelo, Texas
Algeria, 44.....Helena, Mont.	El Katif, 54.....Spokane, Wash.	Medina, 57.....New York, N. Y.	Syria, 9.....Pittsburgh, Pa.
Alhambra, 50.....Chattanooga, Tenn.	El Korah, 75.....Boise, Idaho	Medinah, 14.....Watertown, N. Y.	Syrian, 7.....Cincinnati, Ohio
Ali Ghan, 156.....Cumberland, Md.	El Maida, 104.....El Paso, Texas	Melha, 7.....Chicago, Ill.	Tadmor, 155.....Akron, Ohio
Al Kader, 42.....Portland, Ore.	El Mina, 84.....Galveston, Texas	Midian, 120.....Springfield, Mass.	Tangier, 49.....Omaha, Neb.
Al Kaly, 149.....Pueblo, Colo.	El Riad, 46.....Sioux Falls, S. D.	Mizra, 118.....Wichita, Kan.	Tehama, 144.....Rockford, Ill.
Al Koran, 4.....Cleveland, Ohio	El Zagal, 52..... Fargo, N. D.	Mizpah, 115.....Pittsburg, Kan.	Tehran, 150.....Hastings, Neb.
Al Malaikah, 43.....Los Angeles, Cal.	El Zaribah, 72.....Phoenix, Ariz.	Mocha, 108.....Fort Wayne, Ind.	Tigris, 153.....Fresno, Calif.
Almas, 24.....Washington, D. C.	Gizeh, 85.....Vancouver, B. C.	Mohammed, 65.....London, Ont., Can.	Tripoli, 20.....Syracuse, N. Y.
Al Menah, 131.....Nashville, Tenn.	Hadi, 114.....Evansville, Ind.	Mohammed, 65.....Peoria, Ill.	Wahabi, 128.....Milwaukee, Wis.
Altoha, 83.....Honolulu, Hawaii	Hamasa, 61.....Meridian, Miss.	Moola, 40.....St. Joseph, Mo.	Wa-Wa, 123.....Jackson, Miss.
Al Sihah, 122.....Macon, Ga.	Hasan, 162.....Albany, Ga.	Morocco, 45.....St. Louis, Mo.	Yaarab, 51.....Regina, Sask.
Alzafar, 139.....San Antonio, Texas	Hejaz, 145.....Greenville, S. C.	Moslem, 12.....Fort Worth, Texas	Yelduz, 93.....Atlanta, Ga.
Anah, 150.....Bangor, Me.	Hella, 34.....Dallas, Texas	Moslem, 12.....Detroit, Mich.	Za-Ga-Zig, 82.....Aberdeen, S. D.
Anezeh, 101.....Mexico City, Mex.	Hillah, 112.....Ashland, Ore.	Mt. Sinai, 3.....Montpelier, Vt.	Zamora, 56.....Des Moines, Iowa
Ansar, 135.....Springfield, Ill.	India, 64.....Oklahoma City, Okla.	Murat, 17.....Indianapolis, Ind.	Zembo, 92.....Birmingham, Ala.
Antioch, 78.....Dayton, Ohio	Irem, 71.....Wilkes-Barre, Pa.	Najra, 63.....Deadwood, S. D.	Zem Zem, 55.....Harrisburg, Pa.
Arab, 157.....Topeka, Kan.	Isis, 32.....Salina, Kan.	Nemesis, 132.....Parkersburg, W. Va.	Zem Zem, 55.....Erie, Pa.
Arabia (U.D.).....Fort Myers, Fla.	Islam, 15.....San Francisco, Calif.	Nile, 110.....Seattle, Wash.	Zenobia, 79.....Toledo, Ohio
Arabad, 138.....Houston, Texas	Ismailia, 38.....Buffalo, N. Y.	Nur, 165.....Wilmington, Del.	Ziyara, 10.....Utica, N. Y.
Ararat, 41.....Kansas City, Mo.	Jaffa, 90.....Altoona, Pa.	Oasis, 70.....Charlotte, N. C.	Zorah, 119.....Madison, Wis.
Bagdad, 124.....Butte, Mont.	Jerusalem, 21.....New Orleans, La.	Oleika, 109.....Lexington, Ky.	Zuhrah, 23.....Terre Haute, Ind.
Bahia, 166.....Orlando, Fla.	Kaaba, 11.....Davenport, Iowa	Omar, 103.....Charleston, S. C.	



Imperial Potentate

Orville F. Rush's Message to the Nobility

In previous messages to the Nobility, I have commented on some of the intangible benefits which accrue to the man who serves as your Imperial Potentate. He who wears the Imperial Jewel and five-starred fez comes to know, through many avenues, what fraternity really means.

He sees the pure essence of brotherhood, distilled and refined. He knows the warmth and camaraderie generated through almost a century of fellowship. It is his good fortune to be enveloped by a spirit of well being and conscious goodwill.

For all of this, he is deeply grateful.

But the crowning moment in any Imperial Potentate's tenure comes when he sees the Shrine's devotion and dedication to the cause of mankind manifest themselves in stone, steel and glass: when we begin or complete another "Temple of Mercy."

It shall be my privilege and very real pleasure to help dedicate a new Honolulu Hospital Unit. This will be done on April 30 during the Imperial Visitation Cruise to Hawaii.

Then, on May 14—National Shrine Hospital Day—I shall be in Mexico City to dedicate a new wing on our Unit there.

Five days later, in Boston, I shall participate in cornerstone laying ceremonies at our third Burns Institute, and on May 21 we will dedicate the second such center in Cincinnati.

I count myself fortunate indeed that a benevolent fate decreed that these various events should occur at this time in Shrine history.

And history is exactly what we, as Shriners, continue to make. In just less than 45 years, our hospital program has grown in its original concept beyond anything envisioned in the Twenties.

Among other factors, we shall solicit acknowledgement of that fact from the press and public come May 14—National Shrine Hospital Day.

In this regard, I urge you as individual Nobles, as Temple members, and as dedicated brothers of our Order to speak out. Tell your friends, your business associates, anybody who will listen about what National Shrine Hospital Day means.

On an international level, we have already made plans to let the world know what we're up to. I charge you to do the same at the local level.

To our Illustrious Potentates, to the Recorders, to the Temple public relations chairmen, I say this:

Speak up and speak out. Do it proudly. Make May 14, 1967, a Day that those who follow us will remember; a Day they will want to emulate in the years to come.

* Sincerely yours in the Faith,
ORVILLE F. RUSH



WHO OWNS THE SHRINERS HOSPITALS . . .

These hospitals for crippled children are owned and operated by the Ancient Arabic Order, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, under the corporate name of "Shriners Hospitals for Crippled Children."

WHO OPERATES SHRINERS HOSPITALS . . .

A Board of Trustees, representing the total Nobility, is the policy making group and is responsible for the overall management. A local group of Shriners, designated as "Board of Governors," is responsible for the operation and management of each individual Unit.

HOW ARE THEY FINANCED . . .

Shriners Hospitals are financed by an annual assessment of five dollars on each member of the Shrine; by the sale of "life memberships" to Shriners; by the sale of "contributing memberships" which can be purchased by any person, association, corporation, club, etc.; by proceeds from bequests, endowments, donations; and money raising events such as annual Shrine circuses, rodeos, horse shows, football games, and various athletic events sponsored by local Temples.

GEOGRAPHICAL LOCATIONS AND BED CAPACITIES OF SHRINERS HOSPITALS . . .

ORTHOPEDIC UNITS

- Chicago, Illinois — 68 beds
- Erie, Pennsylvania — 38 beds
- Greenville, South Carolina — 60 beds
- Houston, Texas — 54 beds
- Honolulu, Hawaii — 30 beds
- Lexington, Kentucky — 50 beds
- Los Angeles, California — 60 beds
- Mexico City, Mexico — 60 beds
- Minneapolis, Minnesota — 60 beds
- Montreal, Quebec — 60 beds
- Philadelphia, Pennsylvania — 100 beds
- Portland, Oregon — 80 beds
- St. Louis, Missouri — 100 beds
- Salt Lake City, Utah — 60 beds
- San Francisco, California — 60 beds
- Shreveport, Louisiana — 60 beds
- Spokane, Washington — 40 beds
- Springfield, Massachusetts — 60 beds
- Winnipeg, Manitoba — 50 beds

BURNS INSTITUTES

- Boston, Massachusetts — 30 beds
- Cincinnati, Ohio — 30 beds
- Galveston, Texas — 30 beds



THE HISTORY OF ZEM ZEM CHANTERS



Carl Proctor, President; Fred Willits, Secretary

Some 50 years ago,—about 1916,—four prominent Nobles of Zem Zem Temple enjoyed harmonizing melodious and tuneful songs of that time. They were known as the “Temple Quartet” and consisted of John C. Diehl, an educator; Charles J. Haller, a wholesale grocer; William E. Hirt, an attorney and later a Judge; and Charles S. Hooper, an industrialist. They also served as Illustrious Potentates of Zem Zem Temple.

While the “Temple Quartet” was entertaining the Nobility, several Temples throughout North America were beginning to recognize the possibility, need, and value of organizing a Unit composed of Nobles who enjoyed singing. The idea was received with enthusiastic acceptance in Erie and the interested singers joined the Temple Quartet to form the Zem Zem Chanters. Past Potentate John C. Diehl became its first Director and Noble Fred W. Sapper served as accompanist. The newly-formed Chanters then took part in all Ceremonials and St. John’s Day celebrations.

In 1930, due to a full and demanding schedule imposed upon Noble John C. Diehl as Superintendent of

the Erie Public School system he, reluctantly, had to resign as Director of the Chanters. Noble Wilson R. Bushnell was then appointed Director which position he held until his death in 1938.

Noble William A. Richards was appointed as accompanist in 1932. After 34 years of loyal and dedicated service he resigned his familiar place at the piano and organ in 1966.

Under Director Bushnell, the Zem Zem Chanters grew in numbers and prestige. They made many successful appearances throughout the Jurisdiction; at Imperial Council Sessions, and frequent joint concerts with the Ismailia Chanters of Buffalo, New York.

The Chanters sponsored Annual Concerts to capacity audiences at the spacious and beautiful Warner Theater in downtown Erie. The following guest artists were: Lanny Ross in 1936; James Melton in 1937; Hazel Hayes in 1938 and Gladys Swarthout in 1939.

The death of Director Bushnell in 1938 was a tragic loss to the Chanters and the Nobility of Zem Zem Temple. He had left an enviable record as an accomplished choral director.

It was just before the Hazel Hayes appearance in 1938 that Noble Obed L. Grender was elected to direct the Chanters. With “Obe” Grender as Director, and “Bill” Richards as accompanist, a high standard of Male Chorus singing was developed at Zem Zem Temple. Their combined knowledgeable musicianship brought recognition and acclaim to the Chanters throughout Erie, the Jurisdiction, the Tri-State area, the Mid-Atlantic Shrine Association Conventions and at many Imperial Council Sessions.

The Chanters always appear at all Temple Ceremonials and functions and have enjoyed membership for many years in the Shrine Chanters Association of North America and in the Mid-Atlantic Shrine Chanters Association since 1957. At the Mid-Atlantic Shrine Association meeting in Philadelphia in 1966 honoring President Elect Past Potentate Clarence P. Toohey,



one of our Chanters, Past Potentate Dr. Carl A. Karsh was elected President of the Mid-Atlantic Shrine Chanters Association. At this same meeting, newly-elected Director Richard L. Winston lead the Chanters in song with Noble Willis F. Davis as accompanist.

The Chanters proudly presented musical programs at the following activities. North East Community Fair; Grand Army of the Republic; Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Pennsylvania; the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Pennsylvania; massed Chanter Choruses in the Central Park Mall and Madison Square Garden in New York; in Chicago, Windsor, Detroit, Washington, Cleveland, Toronto; television programs; Ismailia Chanters Mother's Day Tribute in Buffalo, New York; DeMolay Installations in Erie and Union City; Shriner's in Review; Zem Zem Night in the Columbia Theater and the Warner Theater upon the visitation of Imperial Potentate William H. Woodfield, Jr. in 1946; at opening of the Chautauqua Season and on many other occasions.

In 1956, the Chanters constructed a colorful float with a tape recorder and an excellent sound system which enabled them to appear in many civic, fraternal and holiday parades throughout the Jurisdiction and at Shriner's Conventions and Imperial Council Sessions.

During the fifty years of their existence, several occasions stand out as memorable highlights. It was, indeed, a compliment to have the Chanters chosen as one of four Temple Chanter Units in North America to appear with Bob Hope in Convention Hall in Atlantic City in 1954. The attendance at that performance was in excess of 14,000. Anthony Morelli of Radio City, New York, was the Producer of the show and came to Erie to train the Chanters for that Pageant.

Another never-to-be-forgotten occasion was the joint concert of the Chanters of Medinah, Ismailia and Zem Zem Temples in Kleinhans Music Hall on November 11, 1956 in Buffalo, New York. Sixty Chanters were flown from Medinah Temple in Chicago to participate

in this outstanding musical event. Potentate Thomas F. Seay of Medinah Temple accompanied his Chanters on the trip. He, at present, is the Deputy Imperial Potentate. Potentate James G. Anwyl had been the Director of the Ismailia Chanters. Dr. Carl A. Karsh was then the Potentate of Zem Zem Temple.

We shall always remember the thrill of singing on the Capitol steps in conjunction with the United States Marine Band in Washington, D. C. in 1965.

The crowning highlight in Zem Zem Chanter's history was the participation in the Pageant honoring our own Past Potentate O. Carlyle Brock's elevation to the exalted office of Imperial Potentate of the Shrine of North America in New York City in 1964. It was an exciting experience to sing at the Imperial Ladies' Luncheon and the Imperial Potentate's Banquet. We will forever cherish the honor and privilege of being present at this memorable Imperial Council Sessions.

After 27 years of meticulous and precise direction of the Chanters, we were proud of the recognition accorded our retired and talented Director, Obed L. Grender. For his contribution to the field of fine music and excellence in Choral direction, Thiel College of Greenville, Pennsylvania conferred the coveted honorary degree of Doctor of Music upon him in 1965. We share with him the joy of this distinctive honor.

In recent years, members of the Chanters have also taken an active part in governing body of Zem Zem Temple. Those Chanters serving as Illustrious Potentates were: Ralph W. DeLancey in 1937; Dr. Carl A. Karsh in 1956; William A. Richards in 1958; and Myron H. Treter is the present Chief Rabban.

There are at present 39 active Chanter members rehearsing numbers for area concerts, Ceremonials, Imperial Council Sessions in Washington, D. C. and the Mid-Atlantic Shrine Association meeting in Atlantic City in 1967.

Any Noble interested in singing in our Unit is welcome at any Monday evening rehearsal at 7:30 P. M.

Our quota is 50 members!

DR. CARL A. KARSH, *Past Potentate*

FACTS ABOUT THE SHRINE

Over 843,000 Nobles comprise the organization known as the Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine for North America. The 168 Temples of the Shrine are located throughout North America—158 in the United States, 9 in Canada and 1 in Mexico.

The Shrine, organized in 1870, has appealed to many because of its colorful costumes, ceremonies and pageantry, all with an Arabic or Near East flavor. The glamor of the organization has been heightened by the history and origin of the Shrine rituals. Walter Fleming and William J. Florence originated the idea for the establishment of the Order.

In 1876 the Imperial Grand Council for North America was formed with headquarters in New York City. At that time the prerequisite for membership in Europe, Asia, Africa and America was established as a 32° Scottish Rite Mason or a Knights Templar in good standing. The purpose of the Imperial Council was to build the Order of Nobles into an organization for the exercise of charity, improvement of the mind, and an ally of the fraternity of Free Masonry in the United States. This was adopted at the First Imperial Council Session.

The Crescent is the official insignia of the Order. In the center is the head of a Sphinx, on the back of

which is the Pyramid and Star. The Latin motto, "Robur et furor," signifies strength and fury.

The first major charity undertaken by the Order was in 1888 during the yellow fever epidemic in Jacksonville, Florida. The officers and members of Morocco Temple, assisted by associate Knights Templar, organized themselves into a relief corps to aid victims.

Fun loving Shriners have taken great pride in their parades. The first was held in Baltimore in 1884 and the first national parade was held in Omaha in 1892. It was a glittering pageant from start to finish.

Al Malaikah Temple of Lost Angeles is the largest with 28,065 members. Syria Temple in Pittsburgh is second with 26,335 members, and Medinah Temple in Chicago is third with 21,307. Anezeh Temple in Mexico City, Mexico, is the smallest of the Shrine Temples with 626 members.

There are 17 Shrine Associations. They are: Central States, Dixie, Georgia, Great Lakes, Illinois, Indiana, Mid-Atlantic, Mid-West, New York-Ontario, Northeastern, Ohio, Pacific-Northwest, Pennsylvania, Southeastern, Tennessee, Texas and Western. The Southeastern Shrine Association is the largest in number of Temples with 26 member Temples.



ZEM ZEM ARAB PATROL

The entry in the minutes of the meeting was dated August 10, 1920, and this date would become a great day in the history of Zem Zem Temple, as it heralded the formation of the first of the temple units, the Arab Patrol.

Perhaps we can look back to those early days after World War I, and envision an ambitious and enterprising group of Nobles who had the foresight and the dream of forming Shrine units, yet in our widest imagination, it would be difficult for us to envision that they could then realize just what proportion this endeavor would approximate with the coming years.

In our diamond anniversary year, we have tried to capture some of the thoughts, the words, and the meanings, as we look back in time and read from the journal.

On the above date we note that a uniform committee was formed by the Potentate, and a pilgrimage committee to the Imperial Council Session was formed. The record indicates that this first unit was to be a joint patrol and band, and the necessary by-laws committee was also named.

The by-laws were presented and adopted on September 20, 1920. It is most unfortunate that we could not obtain any names from these old, and in most instances, meager records. The old timers incorporated some interesting restrictions, such as any prospective member had to be at least 5 feet 6 inches in height, and weigh a minimum of 140 pounds. After two absences, the members became "extra" members, and any member reporting after roll call, was fined \$1.00. We get the impression these fellows meant business, and if you were to be a part of the unit, you had better lay aside some of your other interests, and pay attention to the business of being a patrolman. The final entry on this date, was that they held what they called a "million dollar" party, and netted \$701.20. Can you imagine just how much money that was back in the early '20's? That must have been a party.

In the ensuing months of the 1920's, we note that the men were measured for uniforms, and that on Dec. 12, 1921, at their 1st annual meeting, 53 members paid dues. They must have enjoyed the "annual" meeting, because they had another one on February 11, 1921, at which time the Potentate suggested that there be two drill sergeants to relieve the Captain of drilling the patrol. Eligibility for the drill team was established by ability and attendance, and 32 members were selected. We wish they had elaborated a little more on their early events and affairs, because they evidently had their eye pointed toward an Imperial Council Pilgrimage, as the record indicates they had an account of \$6586.69, which had been collected from fines and dances, but they do not tell which was the largest source of revenue. This gallant band also had some early notations of a "Crescent" stock which paid off with a dividend of \$110.00, so perhaps they had the proverbial rainy day in mind.

Can you imagine a July 27, 1921 picnic with an income of \$512.97, and expenses of \$734.49? Well, they had one, and we can't match that, even with the 1960's inflation rate.

The Zem Zem Circus, perhaps the top event of the year, even now, made an early entry in the November 1922 notes, in that instructions for duties at the circus were presented to the patrol.



Charles Struble, Capt.; Frank Thomas, Pres.; Wm. A. Roschy, Sec.

'23 must have been a very good year, as they held 74 meetings, with 45 members, and income from fines listed at \$8.00, and the stock paid off again to the extent of \$60.00. How would you like to be assessed a share of party expenses whether you attended or not? Our early patrolmen did, and so says the record.

We pay particular note to a December 20, 1923 entry, on a meeting called by Ill. Potentate Geo. W. Reichart, who incidentally was the first secretary of the patrol. The Ill. Sir questioned the members if they would attend the Imperial Council meeting in Kansas City, and the membership turned down the pilgrimage in favor of trips through the jurisdiction, and the significance of this decision probably was not felt until August 6th, 1924, when the unit met to formulate plans for a trip to the counties, and the response was small, and the good Ill. Sir, promptly suspended the patrol! In looking back, it is not difficult to imagine the turmoil this must have created, and an entry on August 8th, just two days later, bears this out, in that 28 members "reconsidered," and agreed to the trip, and the Ill. Sir promptly lifted the suspension and reinstated the members to former standing. Perhaps the one thing we can't project, is the individualism and the non-conformity of the men, because after the trip was completed, all members promptly resigned!

After the nobles had a chance to cool their heels, and on November 19, 1924, the Ill. Sir requested applications for membership in the Patrol, called a meeting to point out the purpose and duties of the unit, appointed 36 members, appointed the officers, but did not name a president or a vice president, and did not at all appoint the ex-captain, either to office or the unit! A further entry indicates it was not until 1927 that the former captain was taken back into the unit as a member.

The history is a little vague in the pre-depression years, save for the formation of a drum and bugle corps, and the units annual pilgrimage to the Zem Zem Hospital. Well, we've been told those were good years, with plenty of money around, so who wanted to keep records for posterity.

The dark days of the early 30's prompted the suspension of dues for the years 1932 and 1933, and an interesting note from their April 1933 meeting, was that the formation of an Oriental Band was first mentioned.

Our rebellious little band of patrolmen performed at Erie Stadium on June 22, 1933, and was promptly criticized by the Potentate for a poor performance, and this blast got the members off dead center some 14 days later, as the Captain announced that members would be suspended if unfit to perform. I wonder what they could have done? Well, whatever it was, they knuckled down to business, and won the silver cup for the best marching unit in the Erie Day Parade sometime late in 1933.

Our good neighbor to the south, the town of Greenville dedicated a park on October 13th in this year, and the dedication was performed by then Governor Pinchot, and four days later a road was dedicated in Edinboro, and our Illustrious predecessors escorted the governor's wife, and that one we can figure! The heck with the governor; go for the girls.

Late '33 brought an ultimatum from the Ill. Sir that the Patrol could not sponsor any functions except under the name of the temple, and here again the non-conformity struck, when, on January 10, 1934, the patrol did not put on their customary drill at the ceremonial, the cloak of authority promptly assigned the unit to guard duty for the ceremonial! We sort of wish our little group hadn't been so hasty, because this is a custom and duty we perform even to this day. But better days were to come, for the new administration in '34 ruled that the patrol could sponsor any entertainment they desired to raise money, and we were off and running again. Their efforts apparently had immediate success for we note an early '34 entry that the patrol loaned the Kiltie Band \$160.00 for the purchase of bag pipes, and this item was to remain in their hopper for some three and one half years, and we'll write on some interesting developments attached thereto a bit later on in the article.

March 4, 1934 brought the first purchase of mono-grammed patrol fezzes, and a wonderful notation that the Zem Zem News started on this date in our history. The entries of the early to middle thirties noted the strain of the late depression years, as we read that fines were dropped for late arrivals and missed meetings, to ease the financial burden of the members, and the unit even loaned money to its regular members to pay their Shrine dues. According to their writings, it was this year that a paid up dues card was required to attend a ceremonial.

The Zem Zem Hospital Board sponsored a football game at Erie Stadium on Thanksgiving day '34, and the unit put on a drill exhibition, and it was either real bad or real good, with this final notation for the year—"dissention between the Patrol and the Kilties!"

The planners and promoters were at it again in 1936, with a plan for a "Degree of the Order of the Camel Herders", and only four words added thereon—stopped by the Potentate! The Ill. Sir appointed an all units activities committee to raise money for a Detroit trip, and it appears the chief source of revenue was "punch boards" because it was the only reference made as to the source of income. However, it must have been a great promotion, as the trip was made via an excursion boat, and you do not have to dream along too much to just know that must have been a real celebration. The last entry for the year '36 was that George Fuessler was made a member. George was later to be the unit's captain for the years between '45 and '51, came back for a second tour as the unit leader from '54 to '60, is now Captain Emeritus, and more recently coroneted a 33 degree mason, and the same wonderful honor has been bestowed upon a long time secretary of the unit, Arthur M. Meyers.

The only caption of note for 1937 was that, the Kiltie Band had not paid their note as yet.

'38 must have started amiably until, as we continue from the journal, we found that the "usual softball game between the Patrol and the Kilties was played," with the loser paying for the food and drink. This contest took place at their picnic, and sure enough, an argument took place concerning the ultimate winner of the game, and both sides refused to pay the bill. Before you read on, just hazard a guess as to who paid the bill. We'll tell you after a line or two. This was the year of our first clam bake which turned out to be an annual affair, and was held at the Lonnie Taylor farm.

There is a paragraph stating the Kiltie band was "re-organized", and the Potentate must have been waiting for this one, as he promptly ordered them to pay the patrol the \$160 owed them, and remember now, that this goes back to 1934. And, so the year progressed, and our non-conforming compatriots sponsored a Halloween ball, and it was a miserable flop, and the defunct treasury of the poor patrol would not



bear the tariff, so money was borrowed from the temple to pay their indebtedness. What happened to all their promoters? Oh yes, who paid the bill for the ball game? Who else,—the Ill. Potentate.

We'll use a special paragraph to insert the entry for the last note of 1939—hear ye, hear ye, the Kiltie Band paid the note! Now that's not too bad when you stop to consider—they borrowed it in '34, were ordered to fork it over in '38, and finally paid it in '39. Now, is it?

The first minutes taken for 1940, indicate it was the 50th anniversary year for Zem Zem Temple, and if we are going to celebrate our 75th this year of '67, my meager arithmetic must have turned on me. '41 was, from all indications, uneventful, save that our brethren noted this was the year of the 1st Temple Xmas party.

We could not find anything of note to write about for the years of World War II, so perhaps there was no one around to perform this act for posterity, save for one entry that the patrol purchased drums, and this item not reported until 1950. The news of the '50's indicate only that the unit made generous donations to such worthy causes as the hospital, "Y" building fund and the like. Perhaps the conformists were to have their day during this period, as the old stories of suspension, dissention, misinterpreted ball games and the sort were missing, or perhaps the good secretary didn't think any of the routine items would lend itself to our history.

The '60's apparently follow the same pattern of the previous decade for we seemed to have settled down to doing the every day sort of reporting that all good units now record. In recent years the unit has had a wonderful attendance at all Shrine functions, from Imperial Council sessions, to street parades, jurisdiction trips, and the performance of many of their established duties at each of these gatherings. We would like to insert for the record that '66 was a year of accomplishment for this oldest of our temple units, in that we purchased new sabres for the entire unit, and this being the first replacement since September 20th, 1920. Like old automobiles, they probably don't make them like those of yesteryear, and if any of you Nobles plan to be around in 2016, see if you can find one of '66 vintage and see if they held up for

us. This was the year of our blazer and slack combination addition, and a welcome one it was. We also introduced to the Shrine Club in '65 and '66 our square dance promotions, and again, a good one it was. If we can again reach out to the year 2016, we're sure that the patrolman who volunteers to write an anniversary article on this fine unit will have tremendous records to scan, what with our complex way of doing things today.

We note that in the 46 year history of this unit, only eight men have had the honor of serving as its captain. The names of H. C. Schacht, Ted Miller, H. E. Moomy, Walter Lyle, S. P. Russell, G. L. Fuessler, Walter M. Schenker, and your author have received this honor.

And now as we lay aside the journal, and put away some 46 wonderful years of history with this Arab Patrol unit, no less than many wonderful thoughts, memories, and projections in our minds as we have tried to re-live the past with the forerunners of the greatest of all Shrine groups, the unit man. If any of you have wondered what possesses a man, a shiner, now a patrolman, to give up an afternoon at a ceremonial, to secure the building, ask you for a dues card, direct you to your dining table, to man an election, to put on a multi-colored uniform and join a parade, you have to look no further than to find the first man with a big smile on his face, standing ten feet tall, in brilliant green, red, and white array, and he'll have an "Arab Patrol" monogram on his fez. He has the wonderful heritage of so many fine shiners who have called this unit his own. If you are fortunate enough to carry a Zem Zem dues card, and do not belong to one of our fine units, why not drop everything and come along with the Arab Patrol. All we can promise you, is the most wonderful association of your life. To those past patrolmen who are now enjoying their leisure, who have so creditably carried our banner, and as we now observe the 75th anniversary of this great temple, we close with our pledge to you—to carry on the wonderful spirit and camaraderie that you left to us.

CHARLES R. STRUBLE

THE LADDER OF SMILES

There's a smile on the face of a little child,
That never was there before,
And I am so happy today because
It was I who opened the door.
A door that had shut out the light of the sun,
And barred all laughter and joy,
Just because misfortune had crippled the form
Of some underprivileged boy.
So my heart is made glad as my life reaches out,
Where misfortunes and heartaches run wild,
To bring joy and relief from cruel anguish and pain
To the heart of some innocent child.
Up the ladder of smiles I can see them advance,
As they reach for the rung just above,
Through the pain of their efforts I see a faint smile
That reveals a big heart full of love.
May God bless the doctors who work with such skill,
May He make me to feel in my heart,
I too am a Shepherd to one of His flock,
And by giving I have helped do my part.

BY NOBLE GEORGE Z. KELLER
Member of Irem Temple

Queen Elizabeth Honors Nile Noble

SEATTLE, WASHINGTON —

Her Majesty The Queen of England has appointed Noble Ford Q. Elvidge an honorary Commander of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire in recognition of his "outstanding services in the cause of Anglo/American friendship and understanding."

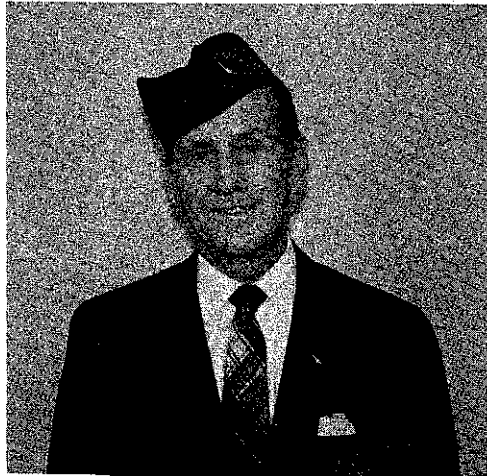
Elvidge is former Governor of the Territory of Guam and president of the Seattle Chapter of the English Speaking Union. For many years he has been honorary legal advisor to the British Consul General in Seattle.

Elvidge has also distinguished himself in Masonic circles. He was Grand Master of Masons in Washington in 1944-45, Grand Sovereign of the Red Cross of Constantine in 1958, and Potentate of Nile Temple in 1961. He is a 33rd degree Southern Jurisdiction Scottish Rite Mason, a member of the DeMolay Legion of Honor, and has served as an Imperial Council Representative for seven years.

Elvidge is presently Vice-Chairman of the Imperial Advisory Committee.



ZEM ZEM PIPES AND DRUMS

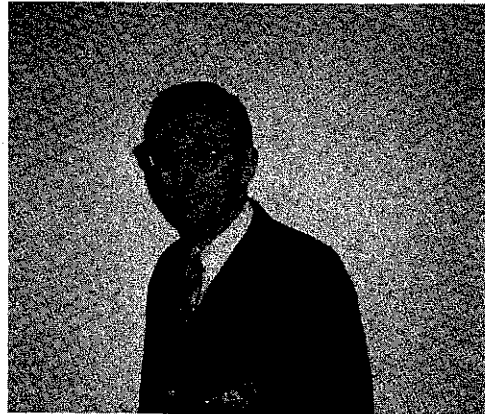


PHILIP HAENDLER
Secretary, Kiltie Pipe Band

Zem Zem Pipes and Drums, better known as Zem Zem Kiltie Band was originally started as the Kiltie Drum and Bugle Corp in 1927. The purpose was to relieve the Brass Band while on parade. As it grew larger it was released and became a separate unit in 1929. The first instructors were Guy D. Halsey on Drums and George J. Ecker on Bugles.

The Kilt then was a red flannel. This unit continued as a drum and bugle corp until 1936 when several bagpipes were added to give more color. This unit first paraded with pipes in Zem Zem's Bradford Ceremonial and was a decided hit and more "pipes" were added and the drum and bugle corp was discontinued.

The new unit was patterned after a Scottish Highlander regiment and adopted the Royal Stewart Tartan. The new Kiltie Band made its first Imperial Council Session parade in Detroit in 1937 and the Pipe Major was Robert Walker who came to Erie from Glasgow, Scotland. John Metcalf was the bass drummer and the original pipers were James Tait, Vern Epp, Florian Brown and Robert Walker.



ROBERT MUNSON
President, Kiltie Pipe Band

This unit grew until it now consists of sixteen pipers, eight drummers and a drum major. The band was received enthusiastically whenever they made an appearance and the highlight of this unit's career was in 1957 when they were invited to participate in the Canadian Warriors Day parade in Toronto and in competition with Canada's finest bands Zem Zem Kiltie Band won first prize, the Ellsworth Hughes Trophy for Senior Band competition. The band again paraded in 1958 in the same parade and placed second. A real worthy achievement for any unit.

The present active members are: Edward Allen, Henry Buhl, James Brock, Alfred Brooks, Fred Bohn, Herc Chacona, Wayne Scott, Alfred Dreisbach, Hillard Fogelbach, George Foster, Phil Haendler, Donald Hazen, Emanuel Kressel, Ray Kristansen, John Jeffrey, Doctor William Lamberton, Knute Lindquist, George Gilbert Loesel, Carl McMahon, Robert Munson, Archie MacDougall, Howard Pollock, Merle Snyder, Moorhead Simonian, Donald Schimmel, John Tozer, William Toboz, Charles Tait, Jack Vidt, Richard Vanderwende, Larry Williams, Michael Yocina.

PHILIP HAENDLER





ZEM ZEM CLOWN UNIT



F. L. BORDEN (Fran)
(President)

C. W. ARTHURS
(Vice President)

AL VERMEIRE
(Secretary-Treasurer)

ROBERT BAXTER (Rusty)
(Director)

In the fall of 1962 Nobles J. A. Banas of Sharon and G. E. Madura of Farrell met with the executive board of the temple to discuss the forming of a clown group. It was at this meeting that permission was granted to form a clown group in Zem Zem Temple.

The first official meeting was on Mar. 31, 1963 at which time officers were elected: *President*, T. C. Phillips of Erie; *Vice President*, F. H. Steen of Greenville, *Secretary-Treasurer*, G. E. Madura of Farrell, *Director of Clowns*, J. A. Banas of Sharon.

In September of 1963 the clown group joined the National Shrine Association as charter members. Through many trials and tribulations the group has grown from two to twenty-four members with two members serving with the National Shrine Association. T. C. Phillips of Erie as first vice president and F. H. Steen of Greenville as publicity director.

The temple is well represented in the jurisdiction as there are members in Sharon, Farrell, Greenville, Erie, Albion, Vienna, Oil City, Rouseville, Sheffield, Edinboro, West Springfield and Jamestown.

The unit is a service group of the temple and its purpose is to make people smile. Many visitations have been made to various institutions: Zem Zem Crippled Children's hospital, Polk State School, Warren State Hospital, Hamot — Sharon General — Farrell

Osteopathic Hospitals, Erie County Home, Mercer County Orphanage, Erie Exceptional Children's Home.

The clowns have participated in many parade activities: Zem Zem Ceremonials, Veterans Day parades in Sharon and Erie, Falling Leaf Festival in Erie, Firemen's parades in Grove City, Sheffield and Warren, New Virginia and West Springfield. Homecoming Festivals, West Middlesex Centennial, Erie Zoological Parade, Tulip Festival in Saegertown, where the unit won the second prize ribbon.

The unit has attended the National Pilgrimages in Chicago, San Francisco, New York and Washington. In New York the unit won the third prize parade cup for clowns and the second prize ribbon for their display board. Washington was the place where the clowns captured the first prize cup and the second prize ribbon for the display board. The trophies have been presented to the temple and are on display in the trophy case.

The clown group is a mixed group of Nobles as we have motel owners, a banker, welder, draftsman, book-keeper, supervisors, funeral director, doctor, contractor, retired fireman, retired tool designer, steel melter, camera shop proprietor, retired railroader.

The clowns meet the last Sunday of the month in different places throughout the jurisdiction. A dinner meeting is held for Nobles and their ladies.



F. H. STEEN (Bugsy)
(Publicity)



C. H. SEIBERT (Sparky)
(Properties)



Standing, Left to right: R. Baxter, Al Vermeire, F. H. Steen, C. H. Seibert. Seated, left to right: F. L. Borden, C. W. Arthurs.



ZEM ZEM CAVE MEN

In 1963, when racial problems were fast reaching their heights in the United States, Imperial Council issued an edict throughout Shrinedom prohibiting any impersonation or portrayal which might reflect on any race, creed, or color, by a Shrine Unit.

This edict affected many Shrine Units throughout the Country, especially Oriental Bands with Imp Squads (Black Slaves) on their rosters.

Such was the case of Zem Zem's Oriental Band with its Imp Squad consisting of fourteen (14) members.

Overnight, this Imp Squad was stripped of its grease and black paint, but not willing to disband. For over a year, this group met faithfully each Friday night, bemoaning the fact that they were not musicians, neither would any Drill Team Captain accept them in view of the fact that there was considerable disagreement among the group as to which was the right and left foot.

At the end of a year, inactivity began to show, by absenteeism and individual attitudes. Therefore, a meeting was called and our now Past Potentate Don Schimmel was invited to attend. During this meeting, P.P. Schimmel recognizing the group's plight suggested that they form a Unit to be known as the "Cave Man Unit." At this time, his comments were that he didn't believe there would be any outside interference or protests in this portrayal.

It was at this meeting that Dan Sabol was elected President of this newly formed Unit and the group refused to allow him to relinquish this Office until January, 1967. A lot of hard work on his part and the part of each and every member was necessary before they could see their plans finalized.

One of their first appearances as a Cave Man Unit was in 1965, in Washington, D.C., where the radio, press, and television gave them "their shot in the arm," which they needed. But even more gratifying to the group was the acceptance along the line of march, and especially the acceptance by those they tried the hardest to please—the kids.



Front row, left to right: W. O. Moreland, Secretary; Fred Langsdorf, President; Dan Bennet. Rear row, left to right: Ray Maeder, Lyell Cook.

The Unit is very grateful to those who have contributed in any way to their apparent success as a Unit and especially, to their parent organization, The Oriental Band.

The following is the present membership roster of the Cave Man Unit: Fred C. Langsdorf, Dan Bennett, Ray Maeder, W. O. Moreland, Harley Pier, Lyell Cook, Norman Redfoot, George Roland, Louie Steadman, Ray Andrews, Ted English, Wallace English, Dan Sabol, Charles O. Bishop, Norman Clark, Norman Roberts, and Ray L. Valone.





Left to right: P. J. Larson, Secretary; Leo Weir, Captain; Carl R. Thomas, (P.P.), President; Ronald Pearson, Treasurer.



ZEM ZEM MOTOR CORPS

The first meeting of record was held December 16, 1963. Prior to that, G. Chester Durst had held many meetings with many men, advancing the idea that a motor corps would be a good thing for the Temple. Actually, in the beginning, this whole idea seemed so ambitious and unlikely that some of the people, including the writer, appeared to go along with it while feeling that it would never happen and, hence, would be no problem. But it made such interesting discussion! Then it began to appear that it would really come about. It seemed we would be lucky to get a dozen. But Chet kept signing people up. Finally, the membership had to be shut off at 50! Thus, Past Potentate Durst became the "Father of the Motor Corps" even providing the physical environment in which it could meet and plan and begin to function. It was now very much a reality replete with growing pains and problems. There were many decisions to be made: what type of bikes to use, insurance to be arranged, uniforms to be selected, transportation facilities to be acquired for the equipment, etc.

At a meeting on January 6, 1964, Chet was named Acting President. At that time, we could call ourselves only "The Motor Corps". This remains our unofficial founders date. A meeting followed on February 10th at which we decided to use Rockford (Bridgestone) cycles which had a top speed of 45 m.p.h., a weight of approximately 160 pounds, turn signals, three speeds forward and were fan cooled. These were an ideal choice for maneuverability and they could run in any gear all day at 200 miles to the gallon or 400 miles per tankful. Jack Holliday arranged to get our bikes for us at his cost.

We now found ourselves with bikes, insurance, uniforms and all—about \$400 "in the bag". (Your writer hadn't even turned in his check stubs at home. We can't speak for how the others broke the news of these acquisitions but we tried one morning at breakfast. "Honey", we remarked casually, "there's something I ought to talk with you about . . ." This, amid a rapidly cooling atmosphere, was met with a rather veiled inquiry as to whether we'd like to have a black leather jacket and a wide belt, with or without "jewels". "Guarded enthusiasm" we reassured ourself, not seeing how anyone could fail to see the merit of this endeavor). The Temple, too, was not quick in its approval. We don't know why. We did, however, have the early support of Recorder, J. Walter Fenner and of Imperial Sir, O. Carlyle Brock. A little crest-fallen but undaunted, we proceeded.

Our first bona fide organizational meeting was held on February 25, 1964. First officers were: *President*, G. Chester Durst; *Vice President*, E. E. McCray; *Secretary*, P. J. Larsen; *Treasurer*, F. L. Agens. F. L.

Gruver was appointed Captain by the President. While still in our "unofficial state", we set up our by-laws which we patterned after those used by the Motor Corps of Moolah Temple of St. Louis. We said we would be self-supporting. Finally, in addition to our word on this aspect of the group, we put this into our by-laws. Our request to the Temple was still in abeyance. It was determined that our Stated Meeting would be the second Monday of the month. We had found that by ordering thirty bikes at a time we would avoid payment of shipping costs. This meant \$8.60 saved per person. However, the fellows decided to pay this amount to the organization. In effect, this was the beginning of our treasury. On March 23, 1964, it was announced at our meeting that we had been accepted by the Temple. We now changed our name to Zem Zem Temple Motor Corps. It was decided that all who were members by April 1, 1964 would be considered Charter Members. We added another officer to our list: Sergeant-at-Arms, Al Cole. Three trustees were also selected: W. Allen Firman, Howard Glessman and W. E. Streeter.

Spring arrived and drills began. At the outset, 90% of the membership were riding motorcycles for the first time. We had a cross-section of ages and occupational classifications. The Liberty Plaza's east parking lot was an ideal place for our practice sessions. In addition to lots of smooth space, it was near the warehouse we were being allowed to use to store our equipment and to hold our meetings. At last, here we were—a \$20,000 unit—on the road, colorful, enthusiastic and, we hoped a credit to the Temple.

We began to look toward ways to increase our treasury. We were already thinking of a dance but had to select a fall date since the summer's work was cut out for us if we were to become anywhere near proficient in the handling of our equipment. Taking courage in both hands, along with a firm grip on our handlebars, we agreed to and did make our first appearance as a parade unit in Flag Day Ceremonies in June of '64. It went well. We also took part in ceremonials and two caravans into the district. Since then, we have averaged about sixteen performances a year including ceremonial parades, centennials, homecomings, imperial parades and so on. We have joined Ismaillia in their jurisdiction—Jamestown and Ripley—and also Jaffa at Punxsutawney and Indiana, by invitation, and the latter's Potentate, Lloyd E. Bastian, was made an honorary member of the corps during our visit there. This past year, we appeared at the Clarion Leaf Festival where they took the cars off the street "to make room" but filled in the sidelines with 3,000 folding chairs for spectators. We were asked for an hour's performance but limited it to a half hour. We

began this with a memorable "big four smash-up" which was unscheduled, spectacular and in which, fortunately, no one was hurt. Otherwise, all went on as planned. We had comments of commendation from Clarion people and some of the Shrine members involved in the festival said that "that day they were proud to be Shriners." That day, as well as many others, we are sure, but it was heartening nonetheless. In recounting our tours of duty as we spread the word about Shrinedom, we could never overlook an annual trip to Tidioute. This is in conjunction with a festival and street dance which they hold each summer. The streets are roped off and our evening there resolves itself into two parts. First, the performance. Then, parents begin bringing their children over "for rides". You can tell it is a real occasion for them. The children are "scrubbed", neat and excited. The "thank you's" ring on all sides. It is recompense aplenty for the hours and effort expended. In connection with this tour, Herb Sweny hosts us for an overnight at his camp nearby. This is always an enjoyable session and is looked forward to by the fellows. Speaking of recompense, we often receive letters or phone calls which begin "How much would you charge to take part in . . ." We explain that we do not charge and that our appearances are a matter of priority of commitment and how much the summer's schedule will hold.

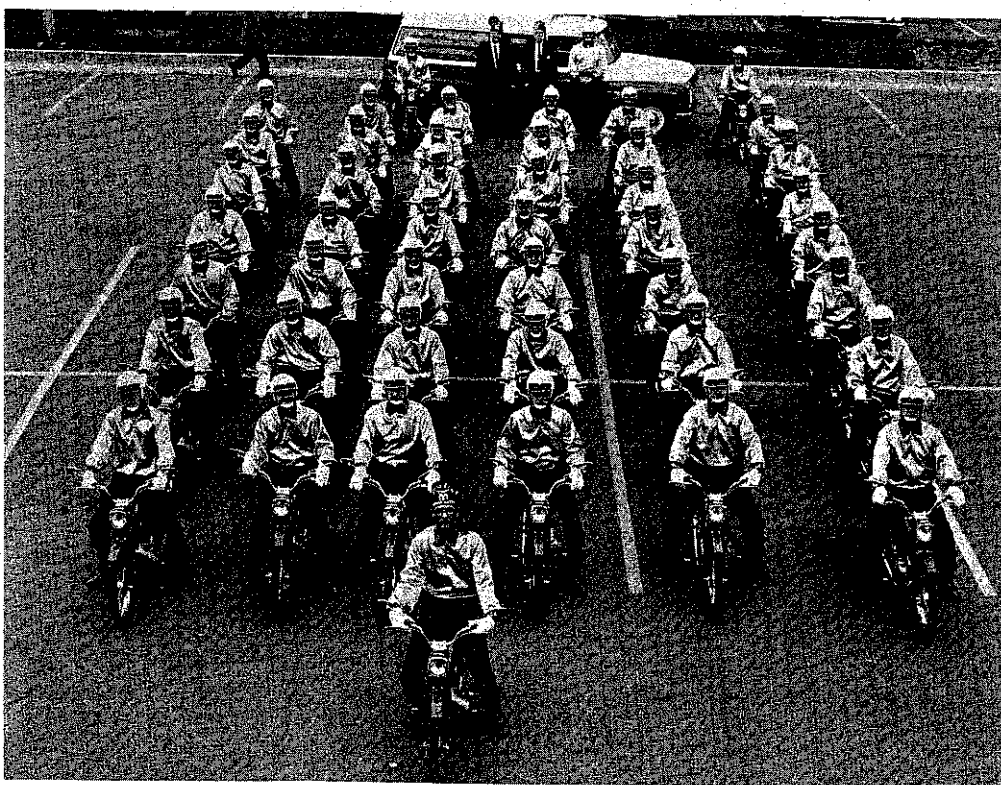
Each year, during the "off season", we are still busy. An annual Hallowe'en dance is held at the Mosque with prizes for the best costumes, decorations and music guaranteed to keep the dancers willing and moving. Team competition in ticket sales for this dance generates a late-winter dinner at which the losers host the winners. Each January, the corps holds an Installation of Officers dinner dance. Then, there are plans to be laid for the ensuing summer and "skull drills" to be conducted in preparation for new maneuvers and formations. Too, we have held an auction to augment the treasury. Aside from our dances, some of our trips also include our ladies and they busy themselves with advance plans for things to do in the various cities. Many of them joined us in New York City for the Imperial Session in 1964 where they had a chance to include the Worlds Fair. Some of them watched us as we rode through the Fair Grounds and into Shea's Stadium as part of the huge parade which

passed before the reviewing stand where Imperial Potentate O. Carlyle Brock and Emily were closing out their busy year of meetings and travel throughout North America. In 1965, we went to Washington, D. C. for Imperial Sessions. There, we took first place in national motor corps competition, receiving two trophies. While we were there, a member of Zem Zem, Commander J. B. Andrews who was in charge of Tactics, entertained the group at Annapolis with a tour, a trip in the bay aboard a YP and a dinner at the officers club. Aside from Jack's membership, the Corps had an "in" since his wife, Rose Marie, is a sister of the two Larsens. In 1966, we were unable to "make" the Imperial Sessions which were in San Francisco. At that time only, perhaps we wished that our equipment was something smaller than a motorcycle. These proved to be too much of an undertaking to transport from east to west. We settled, instead, for appearance at the Middle Atlantic meetings in Philadelphia that year. Zem Zem's Bud Toohey is President of the Middle Atlantic Conference. While in Philadelphia, P. J. Larsen was elected First Convention Chairman of M.A.A.S.M.C. Our time in Philadelphia was saddened by the first break in our ranks by the sudden death of W. C. "Doc" Meminger, one of our Charter Members.

All of these trips entail the use of considerable equipment to transport our bikes and other paraphernalia. Originally, Chet Durst was able to supply this for the Corps. However, as we grew and the number of our excursions increased, members began augmenting this department. Today, many of the men have trailers which haul from one to four bikes or have car carriers and these numbers are increasing. Rolly Durst has added to our parade gear by equipping and furnishing a decorated truck to serve as our first aid mobile station.

Our membership list is long but considering the hours, effort and money expended, we feel proud to name each one.

Officers for 1967: *Past President*, J. E. Abernathy; *President*, Carl R. Thomas; *Vice President*, W. N. McKibben; *Secretary*, P. J. Larsen; *Treasurer*, F. L. Agens; *Captain*, Leo P. Weir; *Sergeant-at-Arms*, Ronald W. Pearson; *Trustees*, F. B. Soudan, J. R. Merry, G. C. Durst.

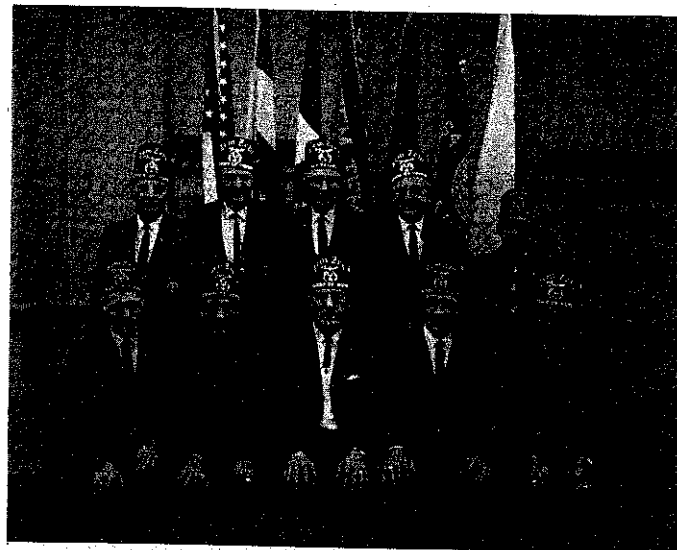




ZEM ZEM LEGION OF HONOR



Richard A. Gonzalez, *Captain*; Dr. Donald D. Shepard, *Commander*



Executive Committee—*Front row, left to right: DeValera, Gorenflo, Shepard, Gonzalez, Berry. Back row, left to right: Detuerk, Gleichsner, Schluraff, Weiskopf, Henneous.*

The Legion of Honor was started in 1953 with a nucleus of 17 men. These men, namely: Alloway, Baldwin, Blair, Chacona, Fairgraves, Hart, Hartline, Hall, Loder, Merriman, Momeyer, Kuhl, Olds, Simpson, Stevens, Surre and Vanderwende, became the Charter Members and under the official recognition of Potentate Harry E. Mueller started this new unit on March 20, 1953. Under the guidance of Col. David B. Simpson and Dick Vanderwende the first Commander this number soon increased to 50, the number required for a charter. Past Commander Howard E. Grainger of the National Association Legions of Honor presented the charter at a Ceremonial on June 10, 1953. Members of Ismailia Temple Legion of Honor came to Erie and installed our first officers and our Legion of Honor became an actuality.

During the balance of that first year the Legion devoted itself largely to recruiting new members from old service men. It organized an honor guard and a marching unit with ram-rod backs and tucked in tummies which made its first appearance during the Imperial Potentate's Ceremonial held in Erie on February 9, 1954. Col. Donald Hay was the first Captain of the Marching Unit consisting of 23 men for this initial appearance. From this humble start has come the Legion of today, with a membership of over 130 active members.

The Legion is the only unit in the Temple that is restricted. In order to become a member of the Legion a Shriner must have served and have been honorably discharged from the Armed Forces of the United States or one of its Allies. All of this information is recorded on the application of a Shriner prior to his acceptance as a member of the Legion of Honor.

Much hard work has brought strength and char-

acter to our Unit. Many problems have been faced and resolved during these fourteen years. Many Nobles have contributed much time and effort to this Unit's success. We, in the Legion, owe much gratitude for the support and cooperation of the Potentates of Zem Zem Temple. We believe we have the finest Unit in the Temple and if this is true it is only because of the effort of our many friends in Zem Zem Temple.

During the past fourteen years we have had some wonderful leadership and we would be remiss if their names were not mentioned. The past Commanders of the Legion of Honor are:

- Col. David B. Simpson — *Honorary Commander*
- 1953 — Richard H. Vanderwende
- 1954 — Jack Holliday
- 1955 — Robert C. McCormick
- 1956 — Samuel H. Braxton, Jr.
- 1957 — Julian A. Holzhausen
- 1958 — Harry B. Darling (Deceased)
- 1959 — Earl E. Schleicher (Deceased)
- 1960 — Harry E. Baumann
- 1961 — Robert S. Schluraff and Merle J. DeValera
- 1962 — Chester W. Zerbe
- 1963 — Howard Grant
- 1964 — Norman A. Parker (Deceased)
- 1965 — Emmet E. McWhertor
- 1966 — Harold E. Henneous (Deceased)

The present officers are: Dr. Donald D. Shepard, *Commander*; Fred. Gorenflo, *Sr. Vice Commander*; John Lowry, *Jr. Vice Commander*; John Berry, *Finance Officer*; Harvey Chestner, *Adjutant*; Richard Gonzalez, *Captain*; Merle DeValera, *1st Lieutenant*; Howard Grant, *2nd Lieutenant*.

Credit for this History should be given to Col. David B. Simpson and Robert C. McCormick.



ZEM ZEM GOLF

About thirty-five years ago a group of Shriners at Lake Shore Golf Club had a private locker room for their use. It was located just off the grill room of the club and in addition to lockers and benches, placed in the center of the room was an unusual table. This was no ordinary table. Charlie Haller, P.P., brought it with him at the time he left the Kahkwa Club to join the Shriners who golfed at Lake Shore. Actually it was a grand piano that Charlie had cut down to table height. It was around this "table" that the idea of a Zem Zem Golf League was born.

We have no records but relying on memory and hearsay the following "gophers" were included in the early group: Charlie Haller, P.P., Jack Kalsch, Dr. Chas. Fiero, Harry "Puss" Miller, Howard Jones, Jack Wilson, Geo. Kuntz, Dr. R. Anderson, Ed Magill, "Cap" Byberg, Walter Kellam, Henry Schacht, P.P., Riley McIntyre, Al Upton, Ray Britton, Earl Godfrey, Earl Walbridge, Chas. Pixler, Bill Sessinghaus, H. Trask, Dick Puffer, Joe Timer, Alex Sterling, Geo. Joss and Fred Reed. Two of the early players from the jurisdiction were Harry Beil (from Greenville) and Bill Lutz P.P. (from Warren).

Some of those who were President of the league at one time or another and up to the present time were: Al Upton, Walter Kellam, Geo. Peterson, Jack Kalsch, Chas. Pixler, Geo. Blair, Clint Mitchell, Gene Parlette, Bill Washabaugh, Harry Beil (President Emeritus), Paul Gleeten, Dave Neil, Dr. Carl Karsh, P.P., C. "Bud" Toohey, P.P. and Bill Lutz, P.P. I had been under the impression that Jack Kalsch had served as secretary from the inception of the league until his demise in August of 1958 but I am informed that he served one year as President. In any event he was the guiding hand and it was he who made the league what it is today.

I first played in the league while a candidate for the Shrine, Russ Tobin who was my sponsor invited me to play at a match that was held at the Corry Country Club. I shall never forget that day. My only regret was that I had waited so long to become eligible to join such a fine group. In addition to a fine dinner that was served at the club, two incidents stand out in my memory while golfing that day. Between the sixth green and the seventh tee stands a small tree (it still stands there) with just enough shade to protect an iced cooler containing refreshing ingredients. Incidentally that custom prevails to this day at our matches at the Corry Country Club. Then on a bench at the eighth tee sat two gentlemen to whom I was introduced. Ned Beard, then Treasurer of Zem Zem and George Reichert, then Recorder. While neither played golf at that time they did enjoy visiting with the foursomes as they arrived at the tee. They took snap shots of various foursomes with some of the pictures appearing in the Zem Zem News. In addition they were prepared to render first aid in case of snake bite or other emergency requiring such aid. For years they missed but few matches.

In all probability there are several Nobles who could add much to this meager account of Zem Zem Golf. Why not report to the present officers any facts or pictures that might be added to the early history so

ZEM ZEM BOWLING

BY GEORGE LODER

In 1935 after their drill, fifteen of the Arab Patrol would go to the Blue Bird alleys operated by Harold Berry for a bowling session.

In 1938, Past Potentate "Red" Davis created the league with ten teams. These first team members included our own George Joss, Archie MacDougall, and Harry Weber. During the last thirty years four teams have been added with the Motor Corps being the latest.

The first year of this league saw George Joss roll a 177 average and a high series of 605. On the winning team was Archie MacDougall.

The league has several trophies, the first being the "Red" Davis Trophy which is a perpetual for the winning team. The David B. Simpson trophy a perpetual for the increase in team average. The 100% attendance trophy which is a perpetual. The Gilbreath Trophy which is given by Howard Gilbreath each year to the bowler with the most improved average.

Zem Zem Bowling League is a league in which bowling for fun is the theme. The prize money is nothing to worry about. If one asks a member of the opposing team what he is doing wrong they will watch and advise what can be done to improve his bowling, and so far no one has told me I should give up and go back to shooting.

The League has Kitty Dinners at the Shrine Club during the season. A dinner dance is held at the end of the season with the wives receiving a memento of the occasion. This year, as in many past years, we will dance to the music of Carolyn Thompson's "Symphonettes." Then in June we finish the season with a picnic where usually an election is held to decide the officers for the ensuing year.

Normally there is room for extra or substitute bowlers. Often there is a place for a regular bowler and these are taken from the substitute bowlers. Usually in the beginning months we need substitutes to take the places of those who are vacationing in Florida.

The officers of the League for 1966-1967 are: Charles R. Lyons, *President*; Layton Swift, *Vice President* and George R. Loder, *Secretary and Treasurer*. Anyone interested in the league can call me, George Loder at 456-6848 for any further information.

that in the future we could have a better and more accurate account of the league.

The officers of Zem Zem Golf for 1967 are: Ralph Bailey, *President*; Paul Yagge, *Vice President*; Sam Holzhausen, *Treasurer*; Karl Kovacs, *Secretary* and Chaunce Isaksen, *Publicity*.

The schedule of golf matches for 1967 hasn't been set up as of this date but it will be better than ever. Watch for it!

CHAUNCE ISAKSEN



ZEM ZEM ORIENTAL BAND

Written for 75th Anniversary Edition

BY HOWARD R. STEVES

"Back in October, 1932, Wally Wallower was visited in his office by a small group of three Shriners and asked to promote some kind of an activity for young men, who had a lot of pep and wanted to get some real good fellowship out of their Shrine membership.

Their appeal touched the heart strings of Wally, so the quest began as to what it should be. After a month of investigating it was suggested that an Oriental Band might be the thing.

Contacts were made with the Ludwig Music House and information was assembled. Wallower gathered around him about thirty prospective Shriner members: the plan of financing was each member to pay \$25.00 admittance fee and \$24.00 a year dues. After many meetings Wallower finally got 27 men who said they would be willing to pay the \$25.00. On the strength of this meeting with no money in the treasury, \$900.00 worth of drums, gongs, cymbals, and horns were ordered.

Now here was the tragedy—the day we were to pay the money was Roosevelt's Inauguration Day in 1933—you know, his first order was to shut the banks. He did, and it was our night to pay the \$25.00. The meeting that night was a 'crying on the shoulder party'. Only 12 men had the \$25.00. The rest of the men thought they had better not go along. Despite all the odds, the 12 went ahead. The instruments came in; nobody knew how to play anything. Chet Felton undertook the job of teaching us and we caught on slowly. But our enthusiasm was running high and more Nobles joined our group.

April 1, 1933 we got our instruments. June 10th at the Shrine Ceremonial at the Lake Shore Golf Club, we made our first appearance and we sure were scared but we made a hit and we became so enthused that we attended the Imperial Sessions in July of 1933 at Atlantic City. Again we were so good that we were one of the three units that had our picture in the New York Times." (Taken from a history written by Wally Wallower for program printed for our 18th anniversary).

Since the time the Oriental Band started we have taken part in about 25 Imperial Sessions, traveling as far as Miami, Florida to attend.

We have been noted since the late 1940's for having a large band carrying between 75 and 100 shieks on our rolls.

Many parties, ceremonials and parades have gone by the wayside in the past 35 years. The 50th Anniversary Party of the Oriental Band in 1950 provided programs in which was found the above history. The most memorable occasion was, undoubtedly the pageant presented in New York City in 1964 when Oriental Bandsman O. Carlyle Brock was elevated to the office of Imperial Potentate, and Zem Zem Oriental Band was proclaimed the "Greatest Oriental Band in the World" at the Imperial Session Day Parade.

The Oriental Band Jamboree held in Charleston, West Virginia in 1965 found Zem Zem second best of sixteen bands present. Lloyd Muth won the trophy for being the best Drum Major.

Our 34th Anniversary Party honoring Director Emeritus Donald A. Akin was held on April 15th of 1966. We attracted Oriental Bandsmen from 5 states



Willis Bax, Secretary; Chester Carr, President

and Canada, including A.S.O.B. officers Phil Glick and Pete Cortley, and M.A.S.O.B. officers Warren Takington, Paul Leach, Arthur Calvert, and Robert Schmiedel.

Again in 1966 we were honored by having Oriental Bandsman C. P. "Bud" Toohey elevated to the office of President of the Mid-Atlantic Shrine Association in Philadelphia. The Oriental Band was pleased to have participated in a pageant honoring the new president.

The Charter Members of Zem Zem Oriental Band were:

CHARTER MEMBERS

Richard Brewer	C. V. House
Grant Cook	Chester Felton
Luke Crawford	William A. Stark
Glenn Culbertson	William T. Stark
Earl Donor	Grover Klie
M. J. Fisher	C. V. McQuiston
William Jarvie	William Willert
Harold McKean	Nat Drake
Ross Webb	Dr. J. W. Switzer
Walter Karhu	Alpine McLane
Col. David B. Simpson	

Of equal importance to the furthering of the success of the Oriental Band are the Past Presidents and Secretaries.

PAST PRESIDENTS

1932-1933	— R. G. Wallower
1934-1937	— Earl J. Donor
1935	— John H. Shedd
1936	— Harold McKean
1938	— Verne Kallenbach
1939	— Chalmer O. Day, P.P.
1940	— Fred Smith
1941	— C. V. McQuiston
1942	— William Jarvie
1943-1944	— Charles Steiner
1945	— Fred Shaddock
1946	— Wilfred Dean
1947	— Emil R. Diesel

- 1948 — James A. McKnight, P.P.
- 1949 — Daniel Bennett
- 1950-1951 — Donald A. Akin
- 1952 — E. E. "Red" Palmer
- 1953 — M. S. "Bud" Reed
- 1954 — John Geertson
- 1955 — Stanley Ford
- 1956 — Carl Thomas, P.P.
- 1957 — Gus Bertelson
- 1958 — L. B. "Jack" Utterback
- 1959 — Lyle Cook
- 1960 — Edward Klett
- 1961 — William Gully
- 1962 — Max Depp
- 1963 — Charles Depp
- 1964 — Edward Stephenson
- 1965 — James Slates
- 1966 — Howard Steves

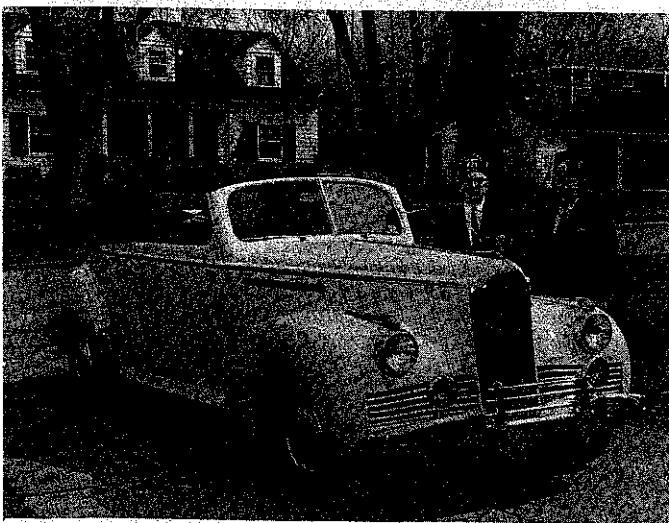
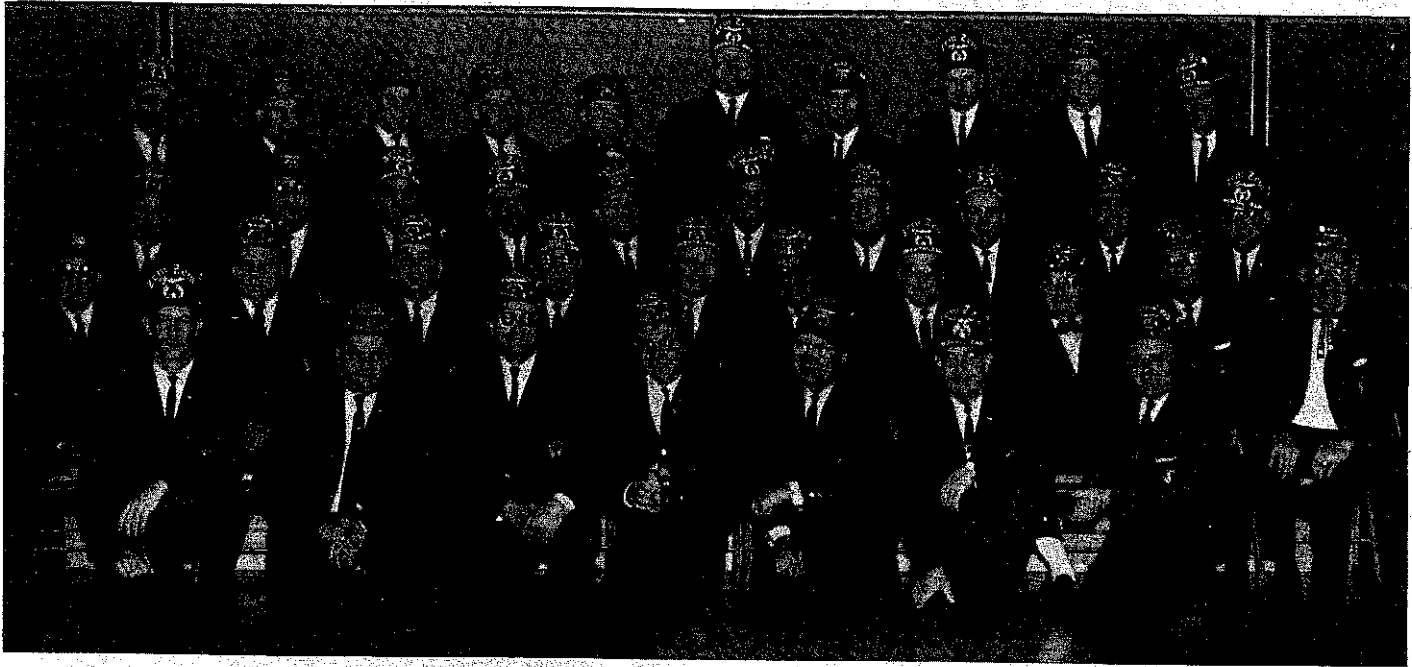
PAST SECRETARIES

- 1932-1933 — A. W. Stark
- 1934-1949 — R. G. Wallower
- 1950-1954 — Karl VanTassel
- 1955-1959 — Harry Haus
- 1959-1960 — Charles Lyons
- 1961-1966 — Roy T. Holland
- 1966-1967 — Willis Bax

R. G. Wallower served as President of the Association of Shrine Oriental Bands for the term of 1941-42.

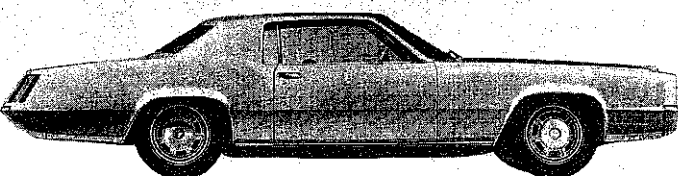
The Oriental Band also has two living Directors Emeritus, B. Fred Larsen now living in Tucson, Ariz. and Donald A. Akin of Erie.

These Nobles named above have built a rich heritage for the Zem Zem Oriental Band which will grow stronger as it ages. In this year of 1967 we praise "Allah" for the rich background he has given us with prospects for the future even brighter.



The 1942 Packard owned by Ken Steiner, being admired by him and Illustrious Sir Walter Streeter, and the 1967 Cadillac shown on the right depict the changes that have occurred in automotive design since Zem Zem celebrated its 50th Anniversary.

Noble Steiner is an aide to the Potentate and a charter member of the Motor Corps. In his collection of antique cars he also has a 1930 Model A Ford.



Boston Burns Unit Gets Boost

BOSTON—Past Imperial Potentate Robert Gardiner Wilson, Jr., Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Shriners Burns Institute in Boston, was recently presented with a check for \$10,000.00 by Illustrious Potentate Edward L. Freeman, Jr., on behalf of the Nobles of Palestine Temple, Cranston, Rhode Island.

The presentation was made in short ceremonies at the National Shawmut Bank of Boston, where pictures and a model of the proposed building to be erected for the Boston Burns Unit are currently on display. The pictures and model will be displayed at all offices of the Bank, covering the metropolitan Boston area.

The check presented supplements an earlier contribution from Palestine Temple of \$7500 made in 1965.



PAST POTENTATE, JAMES A. McKNIGHT
General Chairman, Zem Zem Circus

The Shrine Circus originated in Zem Zem Temple in March 1950. After four months of hard work, the Circus was booked to open at Gannon Auditorium and play for three days. On the opening day of the Circus, Erie was hit with a snow and ice storm, however, despite the weather, the Show was extremely successful.

The Divan of Zem Zem Temple at that time consisted of Potentate Chalmer Day, Chief Rabban O. Carlyle Brock, Assistant Rabban J. V. Frampton, High Priest and Prophet Harry E. Mueller and Oriental Guide James A. McKnight, Treasurer Ned Beard, Recorder George Reichert, P.P.

The proceeds of the Circus is for the benefit of the Uniformed Units of Zem Zem Temple. At the conclusion of the first Circus the profits were such that it was decided to continue this form of entertainment and this coming June we will be in our 18th Annual Shrine Circus.

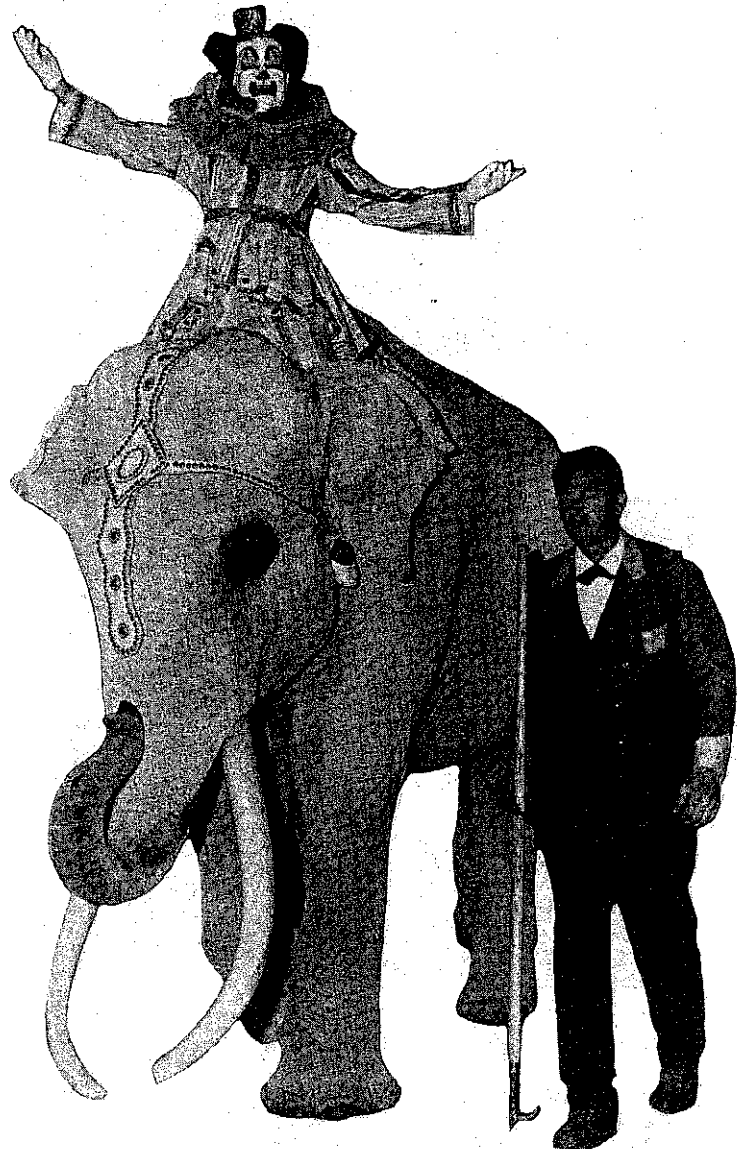
Through the cooperation of the Nobility and the citizens and merchants of the nine surrounding Counties, our Shrine Circus has been a success, furnishing top flight entertainment to thousands of children, both young and old.

Several years ago with the expansion of Gannon College and the building of the Cafeteria, it was necessary that we find a new location or discontinue the Show. It was felt that the entertainment it provided and the top flight acts brought in by the Circus, it should be continued. A survey was made as to where the Show could be held and it was finally decided to carry on with an Outside Show using the Academy Stadium.

The amount raised has been in excess of \$250,000 for the benefit of Zem Zem Temple Units.



ZEM ZEM SHRINE CIRCUS





ZEM ZEM TEMPLE BRASS BAND

BY SIDNEY F. BIGGER

Only in the hearts and memories of its members is the real history of Zem Zem Temple Band written.

Records show that discussion on organization of a band first was held at a meeting on Jan. 20, 1912. But it was not until Feb. 2, 1914, that a first rehearsal was held. Who remembers that famous day and year? Guy Halsey. Charlie (All Out) Reilly. Clyde Langdon. But only Reilly still is an active bandsman.

That initial rehearsal, held in the Rathskeller, which now is the billiard room, was not well received by Dr. Pollitt, a member of the house committee. He suggested that future rehearsals be held in the barn.

Box stalls, a wash rack and a carriage area were refurbished to make room for the embryo band. The determination of those pioneer bandsmen is attested to by the fact that they rehearsed while wearing their overcoats, caps and galoshes because the building was so cold. That type of dedication among the Temple Band's members down through the years have kept it a live and vital part of the Temple family.

Guy Halsey was a moving force behind that early band. He bulldozed the musicians, cajoled the house committee and coaxed the Temple officials until he got the maximum of cooperation from all.

By 1916, the new band was full of enough self-confidence to take on the temple ambassadorship. It represented Zem Zem at the Imperial Council session at Buffalo.

Three years passed before the band again went out of the jurisdiction to represent the temple. It's 1919 appearance at the Imperial Council session was at Indianapolis.

Other Imperial Council sessions at which Zem Zem Temple Band played were:

Washington, D. C., 1923; Philadelphia, 1926; Toronto, 1930; Cleveland, 1931; Atlantic City, 1933; Detroit, 1937; Chicago, 1942; Atlantic City in 1947 and 1948; New York, 1951 and 1953; Atlantic City, 1954; Miami, 1961; Toronto, 1962; Chicago, 1963; New York, 1964 and Washington, D. C., 1965.

Memories grow hazy with the passing years. Dates and specific incidents run together and become vague. But the musical fellowship upon which they feed and grow lives on.

It was at the Imperial Council session in Washington in 1923 that Zem Zem Temple Band led President Harding down Pennsylvania Avenue in a gigantic parade. Some say Zem Zem Band had 100 pieces in the line of march. Other memories place the figure at 150. But it was an arrangement of "Abide With Me" that earned the plaudits of Chief Justice Hughes among thousands of others. It sounded like a gigantic pipe organ moving down the street. One was a little old woman who knew her days were numbered. She heard wisps of the hymn as the band marched by and expressed a desire to hear the entire number. It is a star in the crown of Zem Zem Temple that the band, more than a hundred strong, took time from their frivolous and gay convention activities to gather



Seated, left to right: Bob Bennett, Ken Smith, Arthur A. Fuhrman. Standing, left to right: Fritz Barthome, Harold Durst, Vinnie Mays, Ed Breeze, Courtney Wilcox.

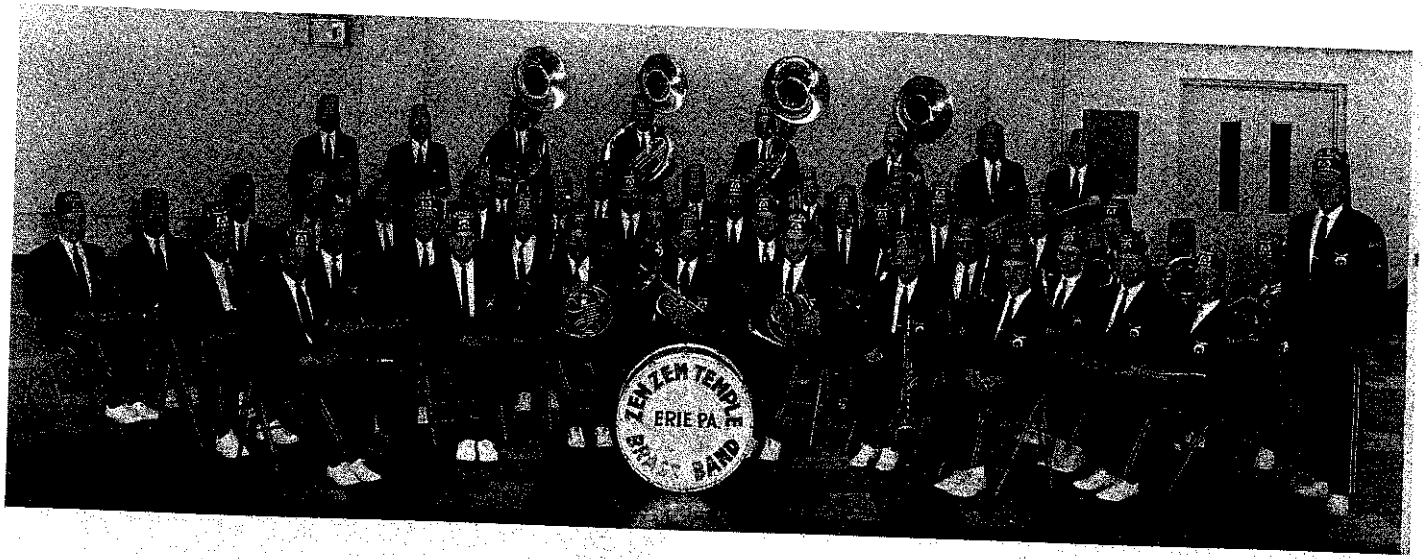
around the little old lady's home and play for her their "Abide With Me."

The 1937 trip to Detroit was made by steamer from Erie. Ralph Delancey was the potentate then. When the band's playing stint at the convention had been completed, the ship trip was continued on to the Soo then back down to the lower lakes and home.

Mickey and Helen Jackson were married in January of 1947. That year the band went to Atlantic City and Mickey and Helen enjoyed the honeymoon suite at the hotel. In those days very few women went along on the Imperial Council trips and Helen was sort of a pioneer. It didn't take her long to enter into the spirit of things. As the band waded around in sand ankle deep at a children's hospital, Helen was upstairs parading around with the kids.

It also was at Atlantic City that Charlie Reilly got in the women's restroom by mistake. That was one time Reilly didn't holler "All Out." He just sat mum and let the rightful visitors come and go without even knowing he was there. And that was the trip Dale Williams made his debut as an impersonator of Mahatma Gandhi to the delight of several of the musical nighthawks.

It's not an Imperial Council memory but a trip to the State Hospital in Warren, where the band entertained, has produced a byword that has been handed down. Seems the band played its portion of the program. But, heaven forbid, the Divan was late! Once more around the park," someone shouted. So the band marched and played around the park. Still no Divan. "Once more around the park," some loud mouth pleaded. And of course, always willing to try to please, Zem Zem Temple Band rose to the occasion and played once more around the park.



Then there was the 1962 trip to Toronto. At the border, while Customs officials were failing to inspect German Band supplies, Paul Cleveland went to the restroom. The hurry-up inspection was a bit moreso than Paul had counted on. When he came out, the bus had gone on without him. He managed to hitch a ride with the Hartford, Conn. Temple aggregation to within a few miles of Toronto and took a trolley the rest of the way.

George Miller found out that the Shrine Club is closely locked on Sunday mornings, when the band went to Miami. George also counted on the band getting a late start away from Erie. When he came out of the little boys' room he discovered he was locked in the place. It took some hammering on a window to attract attention to his plight.

O yes, have a memory, vintage 1958. The band didn't go to the Imperial Council session in Chicago that year, but Al Finster, Russ Duncom, Bob Bennett, Harold Durst and Doc Dusckas went along as drummers for the Patrol.

And so many times and so many places George Melhorn has entertained with his immortal "Sweet Sue."

Eddie Breeze felt slighted when the German Band was not welcomed with open arms at the Deauville in Miami. He threatened to go back and irrigate the potted palms. And that was the year Doug Siiterson established some sort of a record for cooling his feet on the motel window.

Memories. Memories. The German Band has added many. As has the Potentate's Band. Among the most notable of the Pote's Band was its entertainment of Imperial Sir O. Carlyle Brock's party during the 1965 Imperial Council Session at Washington.

Charles G. Woolsey was the first director of the band when it was organized back in that dim distant past. He was followed by John Knowles, Peter LeSueur, Jan Williams, William Owens, Charles Campbell, Arthur Quay and Courtney Wilcox.

Severely Burned Child Flown To Shrine Burns Center

A seven-year old Erie girl, severely burned in her home on Sunday, February 26th was flown to the Shrine Burns Center in Cincinnati on Tuesday, February 28th in an effort to save her life.

The child, Kimberly Ann Pollard of 735 Tacoma Road suffered first, second, and third degree burns over 39 per cent of her body after her clothing brushed against a hot water tank in her home and caught fire.

The child's burns covered her arms and upper front portion of her body. She was rushed to Hamot Hospital by the Erie Fire Department rescue squad after the accident.

Kimberly Ann's trip to Cincinnati was made possible through the efforts of Imperial Sir O. Carlyle Brock.

Dr. Thomas Fox and a nurse, Chris Wilson, both from the Burn Center met the child and her mother, Mrs. Betty Pollard at Port Erie Airport and accompanied them to Cincinnati.

The burn center's chief surgeon, Dr. Bruce McMillan, will personally supervise Kimberly Ann's care and treatment at the center.

The officers and members of Zem Zem Temple are very grateful to the Erie Ambulance Service for transporting the child from Hamot Hospital to the Airport and also to the McMullen Travel Service for donating the air travel for Mrs. Pollard to return to Erie, Pa.

THE CABIRI

The CABIRI is an International Past Potentate Association.

The modern Cabiri was conceived on the Island of Hawaii. Each year we assemble in brotherly fashion to commune in subtle but significant fraternization. Many travel from far distant lands to be present at the Shrine Sessions.

Erie Chapter of Cabiri Number 95 was founded August 16, 1956. The first President was Past Potentate Chalmer Day. Followed by Past Potentates Clarence W. First, James A. McKnight, Lytle L. Salsbury, Duane Keep, James Tate, Carl A. Karsh and Emmet McWhertor.

Present Officers are: Past Potentate C. P. Toohey, *President*; Past Potentate Robert Schluraff, *Vice President*; Past Potentate Donald Schimmel, *Outer Guard*; Past Potentate Walter Fenner, *Secretary-Treasurer*.

The purpose of Cabiri is to promote good fellowship among Past Potentates and to stimulate an active interest in all Shrine activities and the Crippled Children's Hospitals.

Each year the immediate Past Potentate is eligible to become a member of this International Association and in the past, it has kept him in touch with the fellow Shriners with whom he has been associated in the Temples of North America.



ZEM ZEM SAND HEATERS



The Sand Heaters Unit was organized in 1922. Up until that time the Patrol functioned in the Second Section by putting Candidates across the Hot Sands.

The new unit called Sand Heaters was probably brought about when the Shrine Directors Association was formed in 1919 and many of the Temples organized new units to put the Candidates across the Hot Sands.

In 1950 the Sand Heaters took over the duties that had previously been performed by the Candidates Committee, which includes taking care of the Candidates on Ceremonial Day.

The Shrine Director's Association has done much to improve the stunts which are used in today's Ceremonials.

The first Director was Elmer C. (Doc) Green in 1922.

The second Director was Past Potentate Walter L. Blossom in 1923.

The third Director was Past Potentate Earl B. Glover from 1924 to 1936.

Note: Past Potentate Earl Glover was President of Shrine Director's Association in the year 1936.

- Norman A. Parker — 1936 - 1939
- Harry A. Weber — 1940 - 1953
- William Andrae — 1954 - 1955
- Carter Ellis — 1956 - 1957 - 1958
- Preston Miller — 1959 - 1960
- Harry A. Weber — 1961
- Preston Miller — 1962
- Harry A. Weber — 1963 - 1964 - 1965 - 1966
- Mark Stanley — 1967



DON'T CLOSE THE DOORS !!!

It has been brought to our attention that several incidents have occurred whereby the parents of an otherwise qualified and worthy child—in need of treatment—were discouraged because of a Shriner's statement that "the waiting list is too long, you probably can't get your child into the hospital."

We hasten to assure you that this notion is entirely without basis in fact—beds are available, and every effort should be made to seek out those children who would benefit from the care and treatment to be found in one of our Temples of Baby Smiles.

Our great philanthropy exists to help the children—please make every effort to pass this information along to the Nobility within your Temple. Make sure that each Noble is aware of the proper procedure for admission application. Please tell the Nobles of your Temple that they should NEVER discourage or cause a child to be turned away from our doors. Tell them to be sure of the FACTS before acting in haste.

SURGEON'S LAUD SHRINE

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS—Recently received at the Office of the Imperial Recorder was this commendation from John Paul North, M.D., F.A.C.S., Director of the American College of Surgeons:

"The American College of Surgeons, through its Board of Regents, commends the Imperial Council of the Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine of North America for their farsighted philanthropy in the establishment of Burns Institutes in America."

"Many problems associated with burns remain unsolved. The support of research as well as the care of burned children is worthy of highest praise. We applaud your participation in this benevolent endeavor."

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There are 20 Shriners Hospitals for Crippled Children—17 Orthopedic and three Burns Institutes. Total bed capacity in the orthopedic hospitals is 1,058. Each Burns Institute has 30 beds.



THE CRAWFORD COUNTY SHRINE CLUB



Seated, left to right: Maurice Dickson, President; David Sleppy, 1st Vice President. Standing, left to right: Gordon Leberman, Zem Zem Hospital Board; John Tracey, Treasurer; Victor Kamerer, Secretary. James Merry, 2nd Vice President, missing.

It was in the mid-twenties that the Nobles of Crawford County began meeting annually to enjoy the fellowship of the group, but mainly to raise through a collection money for the Zem Zem Hospital. At that time the meetings were led by a chairman. Among the first leaders were Judge O. Clair Kent, J. H. Nunn and many others, including such old timers as:

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| Al DeArment | Ed Dilley | Charlie Wilcox |
| Paul Thomas | William Lavier | George Myers |
| Art Byham | Dr. Hayword | Glen Wilson |
| Clar. Mercatorus | Dr. Jackson | Tom Foley |
| Paul Hill | Dr. Walker | Max Logan |
| Roy Clauss | Dr. Daniels | Jack Gurnsey |
| J. H. Nunn | Joseph Dickey | Earl McGill |
| Don Delancy | John Allison | Ray Gillette |
| Dr. Clausen | | Bert Hovis |

In the memory of some of our old timers, it is believed that Alphine W. McLane was the first President elected by the Crawford County Shrine Club in 1935. Noble J. H. Nunn was elected Director from Crawford County on the Zem Zem Hospital Board and served for many years. At his death, Noble John Gizzie served for several years until his untimely death at which time William F. Williams was elected and served until he resigned in 1965. Gordon B. Leberman was then elected and is our present Director.

John Gizzie served as President from 1938 through 1941. J. George Heckman was President in 1942, John H. Frey in 1943, and Clarence W. First in 1944. In 1944 Crawford County Shrine Club held its first big Stag with Nobles present from Mercer, Venango, Warren and Erie Counties, numbering about four hundred Nobles. With only thirteen dollars in the Treasury prior to this party, it took Max Maloney of Titusville, our Treasurer and Larry H. Nunn, our Secretary some doings to balance the budget. President Clarence First had appointed Noble Clarence Mercatorus as Entertainment Chairman. Mercatoris proceeded to contact entertainment to the tune of

about four hundred dollars. This really woke up the Nobility. With the help of all the Crawford County Nobles, enough tickets were sold to offset the cost of this party. This was actually the start of a series of successful Stag parties that have been held annually to the present time.

S. Alfred Gardner served as President in 1945, David J. Williams in 1946, and William J. Toboz in 1947. Later Bill Toboz was responsible for the Crawford County Shrine Club to sponsor the Tamburitzans, a musical group from Duquesne University. This program was successful for many years and produced many dollars for our Hospital. The Kilt's took over in sponsoring this talented group and it is to this day an annual event in Erie.

George E. Barner served as President in 1948 and Harry Matthews in 1949, being the only President to serve from Titusville. It was in 1949 that Clarence W. First was elected Potentate of Zem Zem Temple. The Crawford County Shrine Club donated \$1,000 to the hospital in the name of Clarence First. He was the first Noble from Crawford County to ever serve as Potentate. Noble Charles J. Miller was Co-Chairman with Noble Charles Truran of the Meadville Ceremonial. It was one of the most successful ceremonials ever held by Zem Zem with hundreds of visitors from Connecticut, New York, and Ohio. Syria turned out with many of their Units and the class was one of the largest in the history of the temple.

Charles J. Miller was President in 1950, Gordon B. Leberman in 1951, and Clarence P. "Bud" Toohey served in 1952. Noble Toohey went on to serve as Potentate of Zem Zem in 1960 and President of the Pennsylvania Shrine Association in the same year. The Crawford County Shrine Club gave to the Shrine Hospital, in the name of Clarence Toohey, the sum of \$1,000. He is presently the President of the Mid-Atlantic States Shrine Association. It was during this era that Crawford County began sponsoring the annual Ladies parties which have always been and still are

one of the most successful projects of the club. Due primarily to these parties, the enthusiasm of the women played no small part in making Crawford County one of the most active Shrine Clubs in Shrinedom. Also in 1953 our Shrine Luncheon Club was formed and has met every week since. We are presently meeting at the Cottage every Friday noon.

Claude P. Corey served the office of President in 1953, William H. Heffner in 1954, and William J. Tarr in 1955. Noble Tarr along with Kenton W. Bertram played an important part in the success of the Luncheon Club.

John W. Tracy was President in 1956 and is presently the Treasurer. He was also instrumental in forming the five dollar club, created for giving a Christmas party for the guests of Zem Zem Hospital. Howard H. Sallinger and John Oakes served in 1957. John Oakes was elected Oriental Guide of Zem Zem Temple in 1966, and was elevated to the office of High Priest and Prophet that same year when due to the untimely death of our Chief Rabban, a special election was held. At this election another Crawford County Noble, A. W. Levenhagen was elected Oriental Guide.



Left to right: Clarence First, Potentate 1949; Clarence Toohey, Potentate 1960.



Reece Clark, Age 90; Roy Clauss, 50 Year Member

Allen R. Moon served as President in 1958, Howard A. Glessman in 1959 and Kenton W. Bertram in 1960. Other Nobles to serve as President were Gleason W. Starn in 1961, Paul E. Hepler 1962, Robert R. Mullen 1963, John D. Smith 1964, J. Perry Eccles 1965 and Walter S. Williams 1966.

The secretary is the work-horse of any organization. Nobles serving in this capacity were: John Gizzie, Clarence First, Larry Nunn, Al Gardner, Bill Toboz, Clarence Toohey, Carl First, and Victor Kamerer who

is still serving after many years.

The present officers are: Noble Maurice L. Dickson, *President*; David D. Sleppy, *First Vice President*; James R. Merry, *Second Vice President*; John W. Tracy, *Treasurer* and Victor T. Kamerer, *Secretary*. The Crawford County Shrine Club now has approximately 400 paid members. The oldest member is Reese Clark who joined the Zema Zema Temple in July 1947. He is 91 years old. Roy Claus is a 50 year member, having joined the Zema Zema Temple October 7, 1915.



The committee who wrote up news from Crawford County Shrine Club for 75th Anniversary. Seated, left to right: Harold Hovis, John Tracy, Gordon Leberman, Charles Hoffman, Gleason Starn, Roy Clauss, Reece Clark, John Frey. Standing, left to right: Clarence Toohey, David Sleppy, Clarence First, Victor Kamerer, John Oakes, Robert Mullen, Maurice Dickson and John Smith.



MERCER COUNTY SHRINE CLUB



Latimer, Banks, Peterson, Stokely

At the annual meeting of Mercer County Shrine Club of Zem Zem Temple held in Loblaw Auditorium at George Jr. Republic, Grove City, the following officers were elected for 1967:

President, WILLIAM C. BANKS, Farrell

Vice President, LEVERNE PETERSON, Greenville

Treasurer, RAYMOND STOKELY, Mercer

Secretary, ROBERT L. LATIMER, Sharon

Central States Session Labeled Big Success

HOT SPRINGS, ARKANSAS—The Central States Shrine Association held its 30th Annual Business Session in Hot Springs, Arkansas, February 9-11. Hosts for the three day affair at the new Velda Rose Hotel were the Nobles of Sahara Temple, headed by Illustrious Potentate Ed Pace.

J. Harry Leggett, Past Potentate of Scimitar Temple and 1966 President of the Association, called the meeting to order. Installation of the CSAA's new slate of officers was conducted by Imperial Outer Guard Woodrow W. Bennett, who was the first to congratulate Illustrious Sir C. Russell Mattson on his election as President of the Central States Association. Other officers for the coming year include: John W. Lewis, Arab Temple, First Vice President; Ralph Heaton, Abu Bekr Temple, Second Vice President; Kester L. Cox, Abu Ben Adhem Temple, Third Vice President; Quinn Glover, Scimitar Temple, Secretary-Treasurer; John W. Hill, Jr., Bedouin Temple, Fourth Vice President; John I. Ladd, Al Kaly Temple, Fifth Vice President; and Kenneth C. Johnson, Sahara Temple, Sixth Vice President.

One of the Session's highlights was a panel on Temple Operations, which included such distinguished panelists as Imperial Recorder George M. Saunders and Past Imperial Potentate Walter C. Guy.

New Hampshire Legislature Thanks Shrine

CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE—Representative Charles H. Gay, Past Potentate of Bektash Temple, Concord, New Hampshire, of Rockingham County, District 5, offered the following resolution which was adopted by the New Hampshire House of Representatives on January 31, 1967:

"WHEREAS, The Shriners Hospital at Springfield, Massachusetts, the Shriners Hospital at Montreal, Canada, and the Burns Institute at Boston, Massachusetts, have made outstanding contributions to the youth of our state in their endeavors in orthopedic treatment, and

WHEREAS, these hospitals offer facilities to all children under 15 years of age without regard for race, color or creed and without remuneration in any form, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that we, the Members of the New Hampshire House of Representatives in General Court convened, do hereby extend our thanks for the benefits conferred upon the children of New Hampshire and our hope for the future expansion of these wonderful facilities, especially the Burns Institutes, and be it further

RESOLVED, a copy of these resolutions be transmitted to the proper authorities."



WARREN COUNTY SHRINE CLUB

The Warren County Shrine Club was organized in 1938, under Zem Zem Temple Jurisdiction, with the late Lorne B. Mulloy, Illustrious Potentate.

Noble W. E. Lutz, who later became Illustrious Potentate of Zem Zem Temple was the first president of the club; Forest W. Waite, Vice President, the late Ben H. Mathis, Secretary, and W. E. Yeager, Treasurer. The above Nobles, along with the late Harold A. Ross comprised the Executive Board.

There were 22 Shriners present for the organizational meeting; afterward the membership list grew considerably—today our membership is 283.

In May 1938 the club sponsored the appearance of Robbins Brothers Circus; the following year Clyde Beatty with his animal circus showed to a capacity crowd. Later on a professional football game was sponsored; but between the weather and the crowd the "take" was very meager.

About this time the club decided on a project for the benefit of Zem Zem Hospital for Crippled Children, and it was decided to furnish the automotive transportation for getting patients from Zem Zem Hospital to Hamot Hospital; to the oculist, the dentist, etc. During the intervening years we have presented to the hospital 5 cars or ambulances.

In 1946 Zem Zem Temple held its first Warren County Ceremonial, with Noble Lutz as Illustrious Potentate.

In 1958 we again had a Ceremonial in Warren and we are anticipating having still another on August 26th of this year, and we hope to have the biggest and best ever.

In the 1958 Ceremonial, the Imperial Potentate George Stringfellow was here—W. E. Richards was the Illustrious Potentate of Zem Zem; Wayne R. Painter was President of the club.

We have a regular scheduled meeting of the Friday Noon Luncheon Club, on the 3rd Friday of every month at the Penn Laurel Motel to which all Shriners are welcome. We have several other events during the year, of which one of the most popular is the Annual Oyster Party, held in March.

The officers for 1967 are:

George Rice, *President*

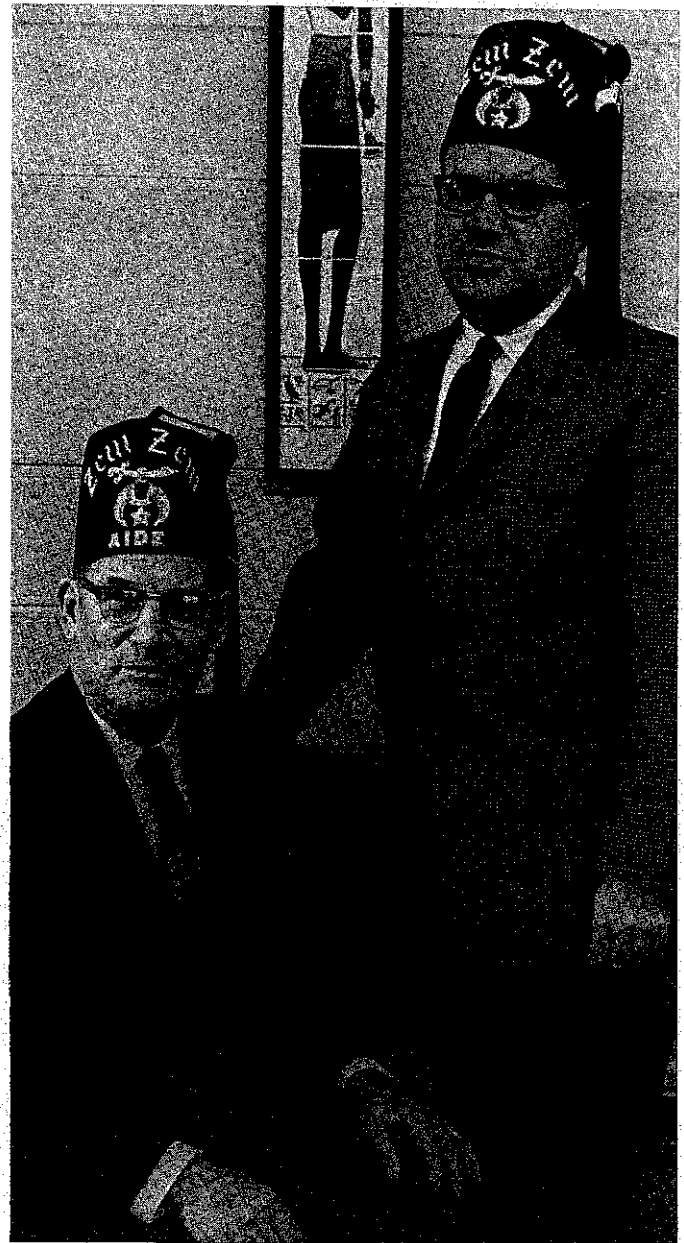
Mark Ervin, *Vice President*

A. R. Peterson, *Secretary-Treasurer*

W. Howard Austin, *Assistant Secretary*

We, of the Warren County Shrine Club are very happy to have been a part of the first 75 years of Zem Zem's history, and we wish the next 75 years to be bigger and better for our temple.

A. R. P.



A. R. Peterson, *Secretary-Treasurer*; George Rice, *President*



CLARION COUNTY SHRINE CLUB



DICK WARMBROD
President, Clarion County Shrine Club



BILL FETZER, JR.
Secretary, Clarion County Shrine Club

The exact date of the origin of the Clarion County Shrine Club is not known, however, meetings were being held during the early 1940's. In 1959 a group of interested Nobles held a meeting to reorganize the club. The active club we have today is the result of this meeting. The monthly meeting attendance approaches the forty mark with a paid membership in excess of one hundred twenty-five. The active interest of the members was evident when in 1965 Potentate Donald Schimmel saw fit to hold the Summer Ceremonial at Clarion. This proved to be a most successful event and the Clarion County Shriner's appreciated the opportunity to serve Potentate Schimmel and Zem Zem Temple.

Activities during the early history of Clarion County has resulted in our members acquiring the nickname of "The Horse Thieves." All members have maroon western style bow ties with "Clarion County" imprinted in white.

Recently the club purchased a very colorful custom made flag. The design was from an original charcoal sketch made at a ceremonial. It depicts a horse being forcibly removed from its barn by a red fezzed Noble, during the moonlight.

Our club participates actively in the Ceremonial parade each summer as well as the Annual Autumn Leaf Festival Parade at Clarion. Treats are passed out to the kiddies at each of these events.

Each year the club arranges to send local children to the Shrine Circus at Erie. This past year three bus loads were guests of the local Shriners for the day.

Entertainment for our ladies has been gaining momentum. A very successful spring dinner-dance was held last year at Pinecrest Country Club with music furnished by the Potentate's Band. In the fall a Halloween Dinner-Dance was held at the Holiday Inn at Oil City. It was a masquerade and was so enjoyable that a similiar dance is being planned for the Fall of 1967.

Regular monthly meetings are held the third Wednesday of each month at one of several locations in the area. Recently, planned programs of interest to the

members have been added to the meetings. Each year the June meeting is held in the form of an outdoor cookout at one of the members camps. Since inaugurated in 1963 the menu has remained the same—prime ribs of beef cooked over charcoal with all the trimmings. This year's outing will be on June 14th.

Interest is gaining for the formation of a unit from Clarion County. Comments and suggestions will be appreciated. It is hoped that sufficient interest will result in the creation of a unit during 1967.

Even though the jurisdictional line splits Clarion County between Zem Zem and Syria Temples, the great majority of newly created Nobles choose to walk the sands of Zem Zem for the first time. Several other temples are also represented in our club membership.

The following Nobles are serving as officers during 1967 are: *President*, Dick Warmbrod; *Vice President*, Bob Campbell; *Secretary*, Bill Fetzer, Jr.; *Treasurer*, Neale Brindley.

Board of Directors: Cecil Aul, Kahle Hahn, Jack Hall, Ward Kier, Ed McCutcheon, Al Rankin and Jerry Zueck.





CORRY-UNION CITY SHRINE CLUB



Left to right: Merle H. Sexton, Vice President; George F. Hagger, President; Wallace M. Young, Secretary-Treasurer.

On Friday evening, March 15, 1946, eighteen Corry members of the Zem Zem Shrine of Erie held a dinner meeting at the Hotel Corry.

At this meeting steps were taken to form a local Shrine Club. Officers were elected as follows:

Honorary President, E. DONALD MACKENZIE

President, WILLIAM A. DUNLAP

Secretary and Treasurer, W. BRUCE ELLSWORTH

"It was decided to have another dinner meeting as soon as feasible, at which time we hope to have the Union City Shriners meet with us."

From the minutes of the meeting held September 18, 1946, we note that "25 members were present and that Dallas McClintock of Union City was unanimously elected Vice President of our Corry-Union City Shrine Club."

Our records show that from the very beginning of this organization steps were taken to establish a fund to provide items needed by Zem Zem Hospital. One of the first gifts was a portable iron lung.

Our club has also made contributions to the children's wards at the Corry Memorial Hospital and the Stem Memorial Hospital at Union City.

In 1950 the club sponsored a successful Shrine Picnic at Mead Park. Approximately 600 were in attendance. One of the highlights of the affair was the program rendered by the Shrine Temple Band of Erie.

For years it has been the custom to send fifth grade children in the Corry and Union City areas to the Shrine Circus. Union City continues to do this; however, Corry is now sending the crippled and retarded children.

Our club in 1959 sponsored the Eureka Chapter of DeMolay. Glenn Comstock and a few others worked hard to develop this chapter. However, it seemed impossible to secure enough members to have a successful society. Therefore, after six years' work, it was decided to discontinue this activity for the present time.

In 1963 our club had the honor of having our own Carl Thomas elected Potentate of Zem Zem Temple. The Summer Ceremonial was held in Corry. M. S. (Bud) Reed was general chairman of this event. Ill. Sir Carl stated that he had received many letters complimenting the affair.

A special committee was formed in 1964 for the purpose of taking contributions or selling of bonds to help pay off our Erie Mosque mortgage. The committee was chairmanned by Dr. George Ledger of Union City and Richard Rossbacher of Corry. A substantial amount was raised.

The officers for 1967 are:

President, GEORGE F. HAGGER

Vice President, MERLE H. SEXTON

Secretary and Treasurer, WALLACE M. YOUNG

Plans are being formulated for an active club this year. Let's do it.

*W. M. YOUNG,
Secretary and Treasurer*





McKEAN COUNTY SHRINE CLUB



Front row, seated, left to right: James E. Yeager, Past President; Melvin F. Raver, Vice President and Secretary; Thomas Frederick, President; Richard E. McDevitt, Treasurer; Jack Weaver, Assistant Secretary. Back row, standing, left to right: John Storey, Raymond G. Garvin, Elmar F. Taylor, William G. Siegel, Walter S. Taylor, Donald D. Wilson, Fred Greenough, Elton F. Carlson, William Weaver, W. Scott Sandy.



McKEAN COUNTY SHRINE CLUB AND TEMPLE OFFICERS



COLONEL DRAKE SHRINE CLUB



Left to right: Chauncey Tarr, Vice President; Robert E. Killmer, President; Raymond G. Adams, Past President; Sherman Reed, Secretary-Treasurer.

The Colonel Drake Shrine Club at Titusville, Crawford County, Penna., was organized by thirty enthusiastic Shriners in 1958 and its By-Laws were formally adopted March 12, 1959. Noble John F. Cooney was our first president. One of our outstanding events occurred in August 1959 when we presented almost all of the Zem Zem Shrine Temple units in a gala parade celebrating the one hundredth anniversary of the drilling of the first oil well in August 1859 by Colonel Edwin Drake. Our activities embrace Townville, Hydetown, Centerville, Pleasantville, Tionesta, Endeavor, Tidioute, Spartansburg and Guys Mills. We promote good fellowship and meet regularly on the third Thursday of each month excepting July and August. We have approximately seventy members and enjoy about fifty percent participation. Our chief interest is the Crippled Children's Hospital in Erie. Last Christmas we donated toys and it is our aim to continue this practice.



NORTH EAST SHRINE CLUB

The North East Shrine Club was founded on January 11th, 1948 at the Masonic Lodge in North East. Dr. Carl Karsh was the founder and Louis Pease was the first secretary. Within a short time the club had a membership of one-hundred-twenty (120) paid-up members.

The following is a resume of the activities and programs planned for 1967.

FISH FRY

TAKE SIXTH GRADERS TO SHRINE CIRCUS

DINNER DANCE

It was also suggested that our club try to have noon lunches in North East once a month, also that some sort of program or speaker be arranged for each meeting.

The Shrine Club of North East's motto for 1967 is to have better meetings and more participation by both new and old members.

Newly elected officers of the North East Shrine Club for 1967 are:

OFFICERS

President, JACK McCORD

Vice President, KEN TURK

Treasurer, JOHN KRESS

Secretary, RICHARD SUCCOP

THE ORIGIN OF THE SHRINE

In the rush of everyday living and this modern life, it is perhaps well to pause and consider some of the outstanding facts about our Mystic Shrine and its early history. We wish to give credit to a well written article from Morocco Temple, Jacksonville, Florida and another from Syria Temple, Pittsburgh, for some of our information.

To the novice, for the first time witnessing the display of Oriental splendor at Ceremonials, must come a feeling of awe and wonder. Whence came the conception of such spectacular regalia, such mystic rites and such devout reverence to all that pertains to the dictates of "Allah?"

And he is told, "Tis a portrayal of the characteristics of the Arab, in his love of splendor, his pride in sustained confidence and deathless devotion to the teachings of Mohammed."

One version tells us that the true founder of the order was a Mohammedan, Kalif Alee, in A.D. 644. Another version gives the year as A.D. 656, and that Kalif Alee, the founder, was the son-in-law of the Prophet Mohammed. This version gives the origin at Mekkan, Arabia, and that it was instituted as an inquisition or vigilance committee to dispense justice and execute punishment upon criminals who escape their just deserts through the tardiness or corruption of the courts, and also to promote religious toleration among the cultured men of all nations.

From Arabia, the order, by reason of its practical benefits, rapidly extended into the other countries of the Orient, and is still the favorite of the many secret societies which abound there, gathering about its Shrines a select few of the best educated and cultured classes. Its membership in all countries included Christians and Mohammedans. Frequent revolutions and wars in the East obscured the Order from time to time and caused many lapses in its records, but it was as frequently revived, and often under the direct patronage of the reigning sovereigns.

There are two versions of the American origin of the AAONMS as we know it. One is that the ancient orders persisted down through the ages and that the talented and widely traveled actor, William J. Florence, received the degrees at Cairo, Egypt, and obtained a special dispensation to confer them in America. Another version claims that extensive research fails to establish any evidence of such an ancient order, or the discovery of a single temple of the Order from which we might have derived our origin, and that the AAONMS is distinctly an American institution, engendered in the creative minds of two Masonic brothers—Dr. Walter M. Fleming, an eminent surgeon, specialist, and Arabic scholar, of New York, and William J. Florence, an actor who had achieved distinction, played with the great Edwin Booth, and traveled extensively in the Orient.

In the words of Dr. Fleming, their avowed object was "to form a degree that would act as a relaxation and appeal to the humorous side of human nature, after the continuous serious work of the other Masonic degrees." Dr. Fleming was the author of the first ritual which was written in August, 1870, for the "establishment of the Order in the Western Hemisphere." Florence lent both his knowledge of the Orient and his skill as an actor in the preparation of the ritual.

On June 16, 1871, these men with a group of thirteen Scottish Rite Masons and Knights Templar met in New York City to launch the order, Mecca Temple was founded, September 26, 1872. Four years later a parent body, The Imperial Council, was formed and met in New York City, June 6, 1876, and the next day a charter was granted to the second temple, Damascus, of Rochester, N. Y. Today there are 169 Temples

in North America with a membership of 844,511 men who have reached the higher degrees of Masonry before they were eligible to become Shriners. The phenomenal growth of the Shrine speaks for the wisdom and foresight of the originators who gave so generously of their time and talents during the early and trying stages of development.

THE ORIGIN OF THE FEZ

When the Shrine was founded in North America, back in 1872, one of the outstanding features was the wearing of the Fez, which up to that time was practically unknown outside Zouave regiments. It was adopted by the founders as the proper headgear for the representatives of the Arabic Order.

Today if we wanted to be strictly Arabic and as strictly up to date, we would discard the gaudy red cap in favor of the hardboiled "bowler", also known as derby. The Fez is passing from its native heath as an outward sign of the new order of thought and conditions. In the course of the next ten years there will come a time when the Fez worn in America will far exceed in number all of those in the Orient.

Originally the Fez was the badge of a student in the divinity school at Fez, having its origin in Africa rather than in Asia. The school was, of course, devoted to the study of Islam, and as the students spread through the Moslem countries they carried the Fez with them until it became the symbol of the faith of Mohammed, and it was highly standardized, the tassel being exactly fourteen inches long.

In the military service the Fez had a flattened crown and was stiffened, either with the addition of more material, or the felt was tightly applied to a straw foundation. Those not in the army wore the rounded crown familiar to the Shrine, but military etiquette required a stiffer bonnet for the sake of uniformity.

A few of the elaborate military Fezzes have been brought back from the East by travelers. At one time Hassan Ben Ali gave away an entire case of Fezzes which he had imported for his acrobatic troupes.

It would seem the Fez might be pretty warm headgear for a hot climate, but the high crown afforded a better protection against the hot rays of the sun than the straw hat, and was supposed to ward off sunstroke.

The Shrine virtually brought the Fez to America, and the success of the Order was such that it was largely copied by other organizations, and they all seemed to think that the Fez was an essential part of the idea. Not all of them use the red Fez, and they now may be had in all colors of the rainbow.

There was a time when the white Fez with the emblem worked in red was supposed to be the proper thing for the women relatives of Shriners. The idea dated back to the old days of the burlesque Order of Isis, with its fantastic initiation, and every woman wore the white Fez to show that she belonged. The Imperial Council discouraged these side degrees and the white Fez has gradually disappeared, though you will see one now and then.

Over in the near East the young Turks have risen in revolt against everything, including the Fez, and have adopted the stiff and uncomfortable black derby as the proper headgear, and the Fez factories are closing down because of lack of business and presently the Shriners and their imitators will alone keep alive the badge which once marked the followers of the one true faith.

The Turks and Arabs have discarded their baggy bloomers, etc., and are making themselves properly uncomfortable, but so long as the Shrine shall endure the black tassel will hang from its peak of crimson to testify that the Prophet (his name be blessed), is not without honor save in his own Country.



The Imperial High Priest and Prophet

NORFOLK—Public service—community, governmental, and fraternal—has been the life of Aubrey Guy Graham, the Shrine's Imperial High Priest and Prophet for 1966-1967.

Born in Norfolk, Virginia, January 14, 1905, Imperial Sir Graham attended Norfolk schools and the University of Virginia, where he was a member of Phi Sigma Kappa, Psi Chapter.

His governmental service spans the period from 1927 to the present, that saw him rise from Deputy Clerk of the Corporation Court to Executive Secretary to the City Manager to Acting Postmaster and, finally, to his present post as Postmaster of the City of Norfolk, a position he has held since his appointment by the President of the United States on July 28, 1945. That Imperial Sir Graham is skilled in his field is proven by the fact that the Norfolk Post Office has been rated the best in the Washington District, and the Federal Building, under the Postmaster's responsibility for maintenance, has been cited as the best kept at the least expense of any in the country.

Under the leadership of this Imperial Officer, the Norfolk Post Office has increased revenues, increased the number of branch stations, and more than 1,000 employees are now under his supervision.

Imperial Sir Graham's experience has covered a wide gamut of responsibilities—he has had the administrative experience of his Corporation Court duties, his stint as Executive Secretary to the City Manager, and, of course, his duties as Postmaster. He has had a wealth of experience in public relations and in "getting things done," for it was in this area that the bulk of his work lay in the City Manager's Office, acting in a Public Relations-Liaison capacity between the City and the Armed Forces, as well as filling in for the City Manager in public and private affairs when necessary.

To name only a few of his civic affairs awards and his areas of service, Imperial Sir Graham has been named the Outstanding Young Man of the Year by the Norfolk Junior Chamber of Commerce, has been active in Community Fund work since 1929, served the Red Cross on its Board of Directors, and has been very active in scouting, receiving the "Silver Beaver Award," the highest recognition a Council can bestow.

Masonic and Shrine affiliations include being raised in Ruth Lodge No. 89, A.F. & A.M., on May 25, 1928. He is a member of John Walters Royal Arch Chapter No. 68; Grice Commandery No. 16, K.T.; member of the Norfolk Scottish Rite Bodies; was initiated into Khedive Temple, May 21, 1929; is a member of Norfolk Court No. 75, Royal Order of Jesters; The Cabiri; and is a life member of Samis Grotto.

On January 20, 1938, the Nobles of Khedive Temple elected Aubrey Guy Graham Illustrious Potentate of their Temple—and found that a real "ball of fire" was at the helm. One of the youngest men to ever serve in this capacity, at the age of 33, he set to work on a project of selling the old Mosque and erecting a new one during his term of office. The project was accomplished, with a new \$150,000.00 Mosque for Khedive—debt free.

Imperial Sir Graham, among his other services to Khedive Temple and Shrinedom, served his Temple as Director of Uniformed Units, as Director of Public Relations for many years, and was one of the organizers and a Vice-Chairman of the Oyster Bowl Game. Twenty games have been played in the Oyster Bowl for the Shriners Hospitals for Crippled Children and over one million dollars has been raised for "The World's Greatest Philanthropy." Until two years ago, Imperial Sir Graham served as Director of Public Relations and publicity for the Oyster Bowl, handling all television, radio and newspaper relations and publicity.

In 1952 he received the "DeMolay Legion of Honor" at a public investiture in Washington, D.C. The Legion of Honor ring was personally presented by the late Past Imperial Potentate Frank S. Land, Founder and Secretary General of the Grand Council of the Order. The then President of the United States Noble Harry S. Truman personally presented the Cordon, Medalion and Diploma.

Imperial Sir Graham is one of the senior Emeritus Representatives to the Imperial Council. He was first elected in 1936, and the 92nd Imperial Council Session in San Francisco was his 30th Imperial Council Session.

The Imperial High Priest and Prophet was elected to the Imperial Divan at Toronto, July 4, 1962, and had served on many major Imperial Council Committees before his election to the Imperial Line—such as—the Dispensations and Charters Committee, the Finance and Accounts Committee, the Jurisdictional Lines Committee, the Grievances and Appeals Committee, Shrine Activities Commission, and the Special Committee on Jurisdiction of the Shrine outside the Continent of North America. Imperial Sir Graham has also served as Regional Director of the Wills, Bequests and Gifts Committee for Region #2.

Along the way this busy community and fraternal leader found time to meet, court and marry in 1939 the former Martha Elizabeth Hornaday. They now have two children, Aubrey G., Jr., born in 1941 and, like his father, a Noble of Khedive Temple, and Martha Elizabeth, born in 1946, who will graduate January 22nd from Greensboro College in Greensboro, North Carolina.

VIRGIL "GUS" GRISSOM — 1926-1967

HOUSTON TEXAS—Disaster struck swiftly at Cape Kennedy. Flames leaped through the Apollo space capsule, snuffing out the lives of three U.S. astronauts, including a Noble of whom the Shrine has been most proud—Virgil "Gus" Grissom.

Grissom was created a Noble of the Mystic Shrine in November of 1963 at Bahia Temple in Orlando, Florida. He has since demitted to Arabia Temple, Houston, Texas, where the huge government space center is located. Grissom was raised to the degree of Master Mason in his home town of Mitchell, Indiana. He later took the York Rite degrees in Orlando, Florida, in September of 1963.

Noble Grissom had been with the government's space program since the Mercury program's beginnings. He was the second American to experience space flight. When death struck, he had been preparing to captain the first manned Apollo flight.

"Gus" was born April 3, 1926, and earned a degree in Aeronautical Engineering at Purdue. He flew 100 combat missions during the Korean War. Chosen by the U. S. Chamber of Commerce as one of the nation's outstanding young men in 1961, he was also a Kentucky Colonel and an airport, high school and street in Mitchell, Indiana, were named after him.

Noble Grissom is survived by his wife and two sons.



SHAMROCK BALL

BY WILLIAM MACMURTRIE

The Shamrock Ball held at Rainbow Gardens on Saturday, March 11th, was a great success, judging from the huge crowd present.

The dance was a very orderly event, as by an edict issued by our Illustrious Sir, Walter O'Streeter, all shillelaghs were collected at the door, and then closely watched by a group of elves, better known in Ireland as leprechauns, or little people. According to legend these little people, are always providing a helping hand, to increase the pleasures of others.

The little people, were really on the job at the Shamrock Ball, as everyone present, seemed to be having a wonderful time.

Congratulations are certainly in order to Chuck Lyons, Chester Carr, Chuck Struble and all the members of the Activities Committee, as no stones were left unturned, in order to make this Shamrock Ball, the great success it turned out to be.

Green was very much in evidence, from Shamrocks to dresses worn, and as the evening went on, the laughter and blarney increased, which really provided the St. Patrick's Day spirit, brought out by the following verse.

It's a great day for wearin' a shamrock
To honor that glorious saint!
It's a day when folks who are Irish
Feel sorry for those who ain't!
It's a day for thinkin' of Erin,
Colleens and the Lakes of Killarney,
And toastin' friendships, both old and new,
And speakin' a wee bit o' blarney!
It's a day when a smile's for the wearin',
And the bands will be blazin' away,
And for wishin' friends "the top of the mornin' "
For sure — 'tis the Irishman's Day!

The Divan was well represented at the dance, as our Illustrious Sir, Walter Streeter, Chief Rabban Myron Treter, Assistant Rabban, John Oakes, High Priest and Prophet Alvin Levenhagen, Oriental Guide Richard Vanderwende were all there, accompanied by their lovely colleens.

Dance music was provided by Noble Gene Parlette and his orchestra, and gave their usual stellar performance. At intermission Al Finster and his German Band furnished the entertainment, and were well received, judging from the plaudits of the huge crowd present.

After intermission dancing continued until 1 a. m. and the dance floor was crowded until the end of the last dance. The crowd left reluctantly, which means everyone had an enjoyable evening.

I am quite sure the little folks were out in the parking lot too, as there was no jam up of traffic, and with the large number of cars, no trouble was experienced getting out.

Many of the Nobles, their ladies and guests, closed out the evening, by going to the Shrine Club for breakfast.

Another Shamrock Ball is now history, and to the many friends, whom we see there, may I quote an old Irish blessing.

May the road rise up to meet you,
May the wind be always at your back,
May the sun shine warm upon your face,
And rains fall soft upon your fields,
And until we meet again,
May God hold you in the palm of his hand.

COMPUTER WORKS FOR SHRINE

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS—Imagine receiving printed information about the membership of your Temple at the rate of 15,600 words per minute, gleaned from tapes that can be read at about 30,000 characters per second and processed at the rate of one character every 1.6 micro-second.

It's all possible on the IBM 360 computer, now in operation at International Shrine Headquarters in Chicago.

Recognizing the tremendous need for a way to simplify, organize, and coordinate the many and diverse aspects of the Shrine, over five years ago a program was initiated by Imperial Recorder George M. Saunders to install a machine capable of doing this. Now the project is beginning to bear fruit. Installation of the giant machine was completed in the late Fall. Programs, also years in the making, were put into operation. Pilot Temple's work has now started pouring out of the computer at that amazing rate of 15,600 words per minute.

Some people seem to think that such a computer is for big business only, and wonder how the Shrine will ever utilize it to capacity. Look at it this way. The Shrine is big business—branching out from International Shrine Headquarters are 18 Regional Offices (Shrine Associations), 169 Branch Offices (Shrine Temples), 2000 local outlets (Shrine Clubs), 850,000 employees (Nobles), 22 subsidiaries (Shrine Hospitals), and 4,000,000 prospective customers (Master Masons). There aren't many businesses that can compare!

One of the most important jobs being given the computer is that of keeping track of the Shrine's nearly 850,000 members. It will enable the Shrine to keep in close touch with each and every Noble. It will free the Temple Recorder's Offices from the staggering load of paperwork that often occupies most of their time, letting them do other important work to aid the Fraternity. The 360 will keep track of the Shrine's investments, giving current information about their status. Medical records will be stored in its memory bank as a permanent record about cases, operations, etc. Accounting procedures of the Temples and Hospitals will be streamlined, making continuing data about their financial status readily available.

What about the cost, the skeptic will ask? Won't it be prohibitive? No! On an annual basis, all membership processing for the Shrine's 850,000 members will cost only 12c per member—just one penny per month. Information, billings, analysis reports, mailing labels, etc., for a Temple of 4,000 members will cost only about \$40 per month. That's a small cost for such a capable employee.

How can the computer handle all of that work at once? For the IBM 360 it's easy. It runs in an operating system environment, with a monitor that oversees all jobs while they are being run. If an error occurs, the machine tells the operator, typing out on the console typewriter not only that something is wrong, but telling him what he should do to correct it. This monitor also allows for job stacking. The operator loads the machine with control cards in the morning. Then the machine takes over, almost running itself all day, automatically going from one job to the next without pausing.

The wealth of operations the computer can perform is almost endless. In years ahead it will certainly come to play a larger and larger role in the operations of the Shrine, through automation, simplification, and coordination of the efforts of Nobles everywhere.



The Imperial Oriental Guide

LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA—The Biography of the Shrine's Imperial Oriental Guide for 1966-67, C. P. "Chick" MacGregor, is a history of dedicated service to Masonry, to religion, to youth, his community and the nation.

Born and educated in Canada, Imperial Sir MacGregor became a resident of the golden state of California immediately following his service in the Royal Flying Corps during World War I.

He became District Manager for the Brunswick-Balke-Collender Company in San Francisco, then, in 1929, entered the infant communications industry, pioneering a radio-recording business in the Bay Area. Imperial Sir "Chick" moved his C. P. MacGregor Studios to Los Angeles in 1936, the present location of the thriving radio-recording enterprise still very much actively operated by the Imperial Oriental Guide.

C. P. MacGregor is a Noble and Past Potentate of Al Malaikah Temple, the largest Temple in Shrinedom that provided another young man for the Imperial Line back in 1949—Past Imperial Potentate and Chairman of the Board of Trustees, Shriners Hospitals for Crippled Children, Harold Lloyd. In addition to his year of notable administration as Potentate of Al Malaikah Temple, Imperial Sir MacGregor served his Temple in many capacities, including six years as Entertainment Chairman.

This Imperial Divan member was raised in his Blue Lodge in 1925, is a member of both Scottish and York Rites, and was created a Noble at Al Malaikah in 1937.

C. P. MacGregor's interest in youth is evidenced by his participation in such organizations as the Y.M.C.A. (past member of the Metropolitan Board of Directors), the Boy Scouts of America (member of the National Board of Public Relations), and DeMolay (Honorary Legion of Honor).

His compassion for the people of his community and his nation is reflected in his having served as President of the Crippled Children's Society, as Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the California College of Medicine (affiliated with the University of California), from which he has, incidentally, an Honorary LL.D. degree, and as a Board member of the Glendale Community Hospital. He is past Chairman of the Salvation Army Advisory Board for Southern California.

During World War II, Imperial Sir MacGregor supplied 90% of the radio entertainment heard overseas by the armed forces of the United States, and has the distinction of having produced the first Red Cross Show from Hollywood.

Imperial Sir "Chick" currently has the largest listened-to radio show in the world—with his regularly scheduled show beamed out over more than one thousand stations.

With the busy schedule so necessary for such a businessman-personality as C. P. "Chick" MacGregor, he still finds time to serve as President of the Masonic Press Club of Southern California, Chairman of the Imperial Council Public Relations Committee, and fulfills his duties on the Imperial Divan and the Boards of Directors of the Iowa and Colorado Corporations.

Somewhere along the busy road traveled by the Shrine's Imperial Oriental Guide, he found time to become an avid golfer, his major form of relaxation—and, thanks to the Southern California climate, it can be practiced the year around.

C. P. "Chick" MacGregor's lovely Lady is a former Kansas City, Missourian, the former Mildred Reba Meadows.

Questions and Answers on . . .

Shriners' Hospitals for Crippled Children

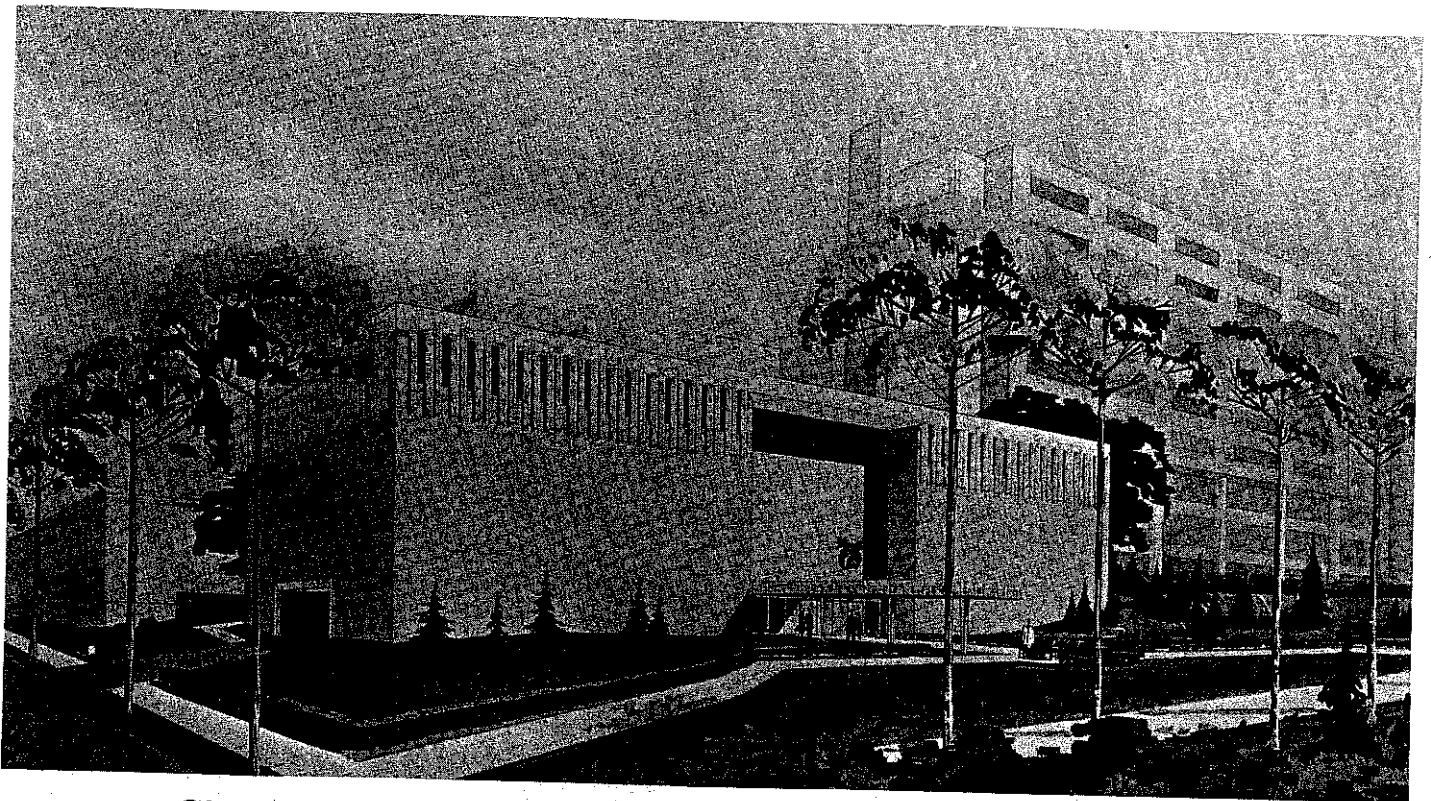
1. *When and where was the first Shriners Hospital opened?*
Shreveport, Louisiana, September 16, 1922.
2. *How many hospitals are there today?*
Twenty, of which seventeen are in the United States, two in Canada, and one in Mexico. Seventeen hospitals provide orthopedic care and three Shriners Burns Institutes provide care for severely burned children.
3. *What was the construction cost of these hospitals?*
They represent a construction investment of over \$40 million.
4. *What is the cost per year to operate them?*
Approximately \$10 million.
5. *How many children are being cured or materially helped annually?*
Over 5,500.
6. *How many children have been hospitalized since the hospitals opened?*
Over 145,000.
7. *How many children are now on the waiting list for admission and re-admission?*
Over 2,200.
8. *What is the average number of days stay in hospital per patient?*
Approximately 68.
9. *What is the current average cost per patient?*
Over \$1,400.00 for orthopedic patients.
10. *How much has been spent to date for hospital operating expenses?*
Over \$113 million.
11. *Who is eligible for admittance?*
Children under 15 years of age—regardless of race or religion—whose parents or guardians are unable to pay for treatments.
12. *How is a child admitted?*
Any Shriner can request admittance for a child by securing an application from the Recorder of his Temple or from a Hospital Unit.
13. *Where does the money come from?*
 1. Shriners' annual assessment of \$5.00.
 2. Income from investments.
 - a. Permanent Contributing Memberships.
 - b. Voluntary Subscriber Memberships.
 - c. Wills and Bequests of Shriners and non-Shriners.
 - d. Gifts and contributions from Shriners and non-Shriners everywhere.
 - e. Contributions from promotional activities by Shrine Temples.
14. This work is 100% charitable since no pay-patients are accepted and Shriners Hospitals are operated by local Boards of Governors who serve without pay. These great Nobles give not only of their time and talents, but oftentimes of their finances as well.

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There are 13 Temples with membership of more than 10,000. They are: Al Malaikah, 28,065; Syria, 26,335; Medinah, 21,307; Aleppo, 16,082; Murat, 16,000; Moslem, 15,811; Aladdin, 13,036; Hella, 12,385; Al Koran, 12,261; Zuhrah, 12,047; Crescent, 11,274; Nile, 11,020; and Moolah, 10,467.

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The State of Pennsylvania has the largest Shrine membership—71,966 members in seven Temples. California is second largest with a membership of 66,277 members in seven Temples. Texas has 12 Shrine Temples—more than any other state or province—and is third in size with 56,923 members.



SHRINE BURNS INSTITUTE IN CINCINNATI, OHIO

PROCLAMATION

It is hereby decreed that Sunday, May 14, 1967, be proclaimed throughout North America as NATIONAL SHRINE HOSPITAL DAY, commemorating the 45th anniversary of the WORLD'S GREATEST PHILANTHROPY, SHRINERS HOSPITALS FOR CRIPPLED CHILDREN, and it is respectfully urged that every Shrine Temple, Shrine Club, and Shriners Hospital participate in a program on this day, recalling to all Shriners and the public-at-large the story of the Shrine and its great charity.

Suggested programs for this great observance will include Open House programs at every Shriners Hospital, moving pictures of the hospital work, meetings at which there may be exhibited actual cases of hospital patients, and the presentation of speakers on the work done in Shriners Hospitals. Detailed programs will be provided as we approach the date.

All Shriners take great pride in the 45 years of work done in our Temples of Mercy, wherein the Wearers of the Red Fez have ministered to over 150,000 crippled children.

It is earnestly requested that newspapers, radio and television stations be urged to bring to the general public on this day the story of the work done in our Shrine Hospitals.

Open the doors of all Shriners Hospitals to all the public through the medium of the TV camera.

Your sincere co-operation is urgently solicited.

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Past Imperial Sir Wilson at Burns Institute

NEW YORK CITY—A Conference on Burns and Flame Retardant Fabrics was held in early December at the New York Academy of Medicine, under the auspices of several governmental and professional organizations. Attending the Conference, and representing the Shrine, was Past Imperial Potentate Robert Gardiner Wilson, Jr., Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Shriners Burns Institute in Boston, and member of the Board of Trustees of the Shriners Hospitals for Crippled Children.

Many interesting statistics, of value to Shriners discussing the Shrine Burns program, came out at the Conference. Other than automobile fatalities, the leading cause of accidental deaths in the U.S. is death due to fire or explosion. It was reported that there are some two million burn injuries annually in the U.S., with over 7000 resulting in death. Clothing fire fatalities account for about 20% of the total. Most of the deaths occur in or about the home, and 50% of burn injuries are suffered by people alone at the time of the accident.

Additional facts brought forth at the meeting indicated that a large number of the burn fatalities are among the very young and the very old. It was also pointed out that treatment is very expensive for the burn victim—in one Michigan trash fire case medical treatment for a burned male survivor cost \$36,000.00.

It has been pretty generally established that to fulfill the obligation of the Shrine in the field of burns and burn injuries, a greater emphasis must be placed on PREVENTION of burns as one of the major roles to be undertaken.

Dr. John Constable of the Boston Burns Unit was also present at the Conference.



Shriners' Burns Institutes of the Shriners' Hospitals for Crippled Children

1. *What are the purposes of the Shriners Burns Institutes?*
To save children's lives and restore their bodies through intensive care to prevent the crippling effects of severe burns.
To undertake research in burns therapy to advance medicine's ability to care for and treat children with burns.
To instruct medical personnel in the care and treatment of burned children.
2. *Why did the Shriners choose "children's burns" as an extension of the Shriners Hospitals for Crippled Children?*
Severe burns in children, unless properly treated, are our country's greatest unmet medical need.
3. *What is unique about a Shriners Burns Institute?*
Special equipment and facilities will enable the staff to provide superior care for severely burned patients. Patients will be under visual observation at all times and electronic monitoring devices attached to a patient under intensive care will transmit heart beat, temperature, blood pressure and respiration to a central station. Special beds will facilitate handling the patients when necessary. Laboratory teams will constantly evaluate the patient's condition. The research program will study ways to improve the treatment of all types of burns.
4. *What special precautions are taken in treating burns?*
Infection is one of the serious hazards in burn cases, therefore unusual features for its control have been planned in the institutes. Visitors are separated from patients under intensive care by a glass partition. A visit to a patient will be by permission of the Director only.
5. *What is a severe burn?*
Second and third degree burns affecting 15% of the body or more. Second degree burns, with good care, will recover without difficulty. Third degree burns damage the skin in depth and must have skin grafts to cover the wound.
6. *Where are the Shriners Burns Institutes located?*
Boston, Massachusetts; Cincinnati, Ohio; and Galveston, Texas.
7. *When was construction started?*
Galveston—Spring of 1964, completed in March of 1966.
Cincinnati—Summer of 1965 to be completed in 1967.
Boston—
8. *What will be the construction costs?*
The Shriners have allocated a maximum of \$10 million for the construction and equipping of the first three units.
9. *How many beds will be provided in each institute?*
Thirty.
10. *What is the annual operating cost per unit?*
About \$1.2 million.
11. *What is an interim operation?*
Shriners have provided funds for the treatment of severely burned children at a hospital adjacent to the site of the Burns Institute. The staff is headed by the Director of the Institute and five or seven beds are supported at the hospital. Complete care and treatment is provided the patient from Shrine Hospital funds.
12. *When were the interim operations established?*
Galveston — November 1, 1963.
Cincinnati — February 1, 1964.
Boston — April 1, 1964.
13. *Who is eligible for admission?*
Children under 15 years of age—regardless of race, color or religion—whose parents or guardians are unable to pay for treatments.
14. *How is a child admitted?*
As long as beds are available, a Shriner can request admission for a child by securing an application form from the Recorder of his Temple. In emergencies, the attending physician should call the Director of the Institute, describe the case and if a bed is available and the Director agrees an emergency exists, he may instruct the attending physician to arrange immediate transportation to the hospital. Then the application form shall be completed and forwarded and eligibility determined.
15. *What is the cost of patient care?*
It has been estimated that the cost to treat a severely burned patient may be more than \$10,000. The cost of an orthopedic case is \$1,400.
16. *Do all patients recover?*
No, approximately 25% of the patients (severely burned over 50% of the body) will not recover under present conditions of care and treatment.
17. *What is the size of the staff?*
It will number about 150, including surgeons, nurses, technicians, orderlies, food and maintenance personnel.
18. *How can individual Shriners help?*
The most urgent need is for blood donors. A patient may need as high as 20 pints of whole blood in the intensive care period due to loss through the open wound areas before skin can be grafted. A Shriner and his friends can donate blood for use in a Shriners Burns Institute through any hospital that is a member of the American Association of Blood Banks accreditation program. This program allows the transfer of blood credits from a member hospital to one of the Shriners Burns Institutes.

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ZEM ZEM TEMPLE - 1992

The Masonic complex received another boost this year with the announcement that additional facilities totaling 25,000 sq. ft. will be added to existing structures. The unit now houses all Masonic Blue Lodges, Consistory, Shrine and plans will be announced soon to add to the 25 stores that also occupy space in the complex. Additional acreage purchase will be included to allow for construction of the proposed 18 hole golf course, swimming pool and tennis courts. It is expected that area Masons and their families, which number approximately 40,000 people will be able to enjoy this huge facility. The concourse will feature stores of every variety and the ballroom which seats 2500 will be available for all area functions. Escalator service will be enlarged to service all 3 floors on both the east and west side of the building.

Plans are being completed for the 1992 Imperial Council Session, Eastern Division and from all indications, this will be one of the largest Zem Zem turnouts in recent years. All units are expected to participate in the two parades, and also to compete against similar units of other participating temples for the Imperial trophies. One of the more exciting or glamorous performances should be our own Aero-Jet Unit who will do their complicated aerial act from high atop the stadium, buzzing in drill formation and finally to a ground drill, back to their V-formation in tandem over the field. Make sure your jet-packs are in good shape fellows. The Million Dollar Band expects to have 100 men at the session and will feature their 3 dimensional reverberation sound system so the area will be alive with this great sound. The Oriental Band has already made arrangements for the housing of their camel troupe, so they'll have time for their usual shenanigan's. The Patrol captain tells us that their unit is ready and eager to perform and to remind each Patrolman to have his electronic drill simulator balanced and tuned to that their unit can have proper radio control with command headquarters. One other unit has asked us to remind members of equipment needs, and that is for the radar-cycle unit. The captain has asked each

member to have their beam-unit tuned and channeled, as it is difficult to coordinate the 100 units they expect to have in the parade. Do any of you old timers remember when you had to steer manually?

One more note on the Imperial Session and that is from our Recorder. Transportation is at your option. Remember, if you plan to go by the Laser Beam Tunnel, you must go to Cleveland where you can intercept the cross-continent tube and enter your vehicle at that point.

For those who are traveling by the SST, you again must go to Cleveland and board your DC757 at the super-sonic clearing port. Departure time will be as soon as the craft is loaded near to the 800 person capacity. On your return, dial the computer in the hotel lobby which will give you voice and picture communication with the flight coordinator.

Please mark September 18-19-20 for our Great Lakes Ceremonial. We will depart from International Waterways Pier #9 by the Great Lakes Hydro-plane and travel time should be approximately 47 minutes. More plans later by tape on your home receiver.

Final figures have been submitted by your circus committee and it was our most successful one. The amphitheatre was filled to the 12,000 capacity mark for each show. Our congratulations to the committee. All Shriners are asked to get their \$50.00 books back to the temple. Remember the individual tickets were \$5.00 each so if you have single tickets left, pay for them too—we want to push our late returns past the \$40,000 profit mark. Your books will be data processed and credited or debited on your yearly statement.

And now as we close this 1992 year projection, we would like any of you who plan to be around in that year to look for the writers and tell us how far out we really were. Our address is Satellite Moon, Crater 67. We intended to write more of the year but it is difficult to manipulate this typewriter with this tight jacket and besides we heard the van approaching. We also would like to sign this Joe Weighout and Will Weigh-gone but it was really two Chuck's—Chuck Guth and Chuck Struble.



SHAMROCK BALL

Records indicate the first Shamrock Ball was held at Rainbow Gardens on St. Patrick's Day, Thursday, March 17, 1955. J. F. "Bud" Becker as chairman selected Gene Parlette's orchestra for dancing, admission charge being \$1.75 per person. Because of the success of this first "Shamrock Ball" it has become an annual event.

The Units Activities Committee is represented by two members from each unit of the temple. This committee is in charge of the Shamrock Ball and shares in the profits, if any, according to the number of tickets it sells.

As the rental of Rainbow Gardens and other expenses increased it became necessary in 1961 to increase the admission charge to \$2.50 per person, this price being the same this year.

Mr. Becker having served as chairman of this dance thru 1959 requested a new chairman be named and Charles R. Lyons was appointed, and has served in that capacity thru 1967.

In 1961 the intermission performance of the Kiltie Pipe Band, and the Legion of Honor was presented for the first time for variation in the program. Then in 1966 the world's greatest Oriental Band entertained. For 1967 the German Band has offered to perform.

Records and pictures are available for more detailed information if desired. Each year the Shamrock Ball has been an outstanding event and offers an excellent opportunity to relax and enjoy meeting old friends and making new ones.

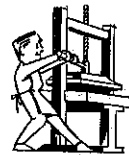
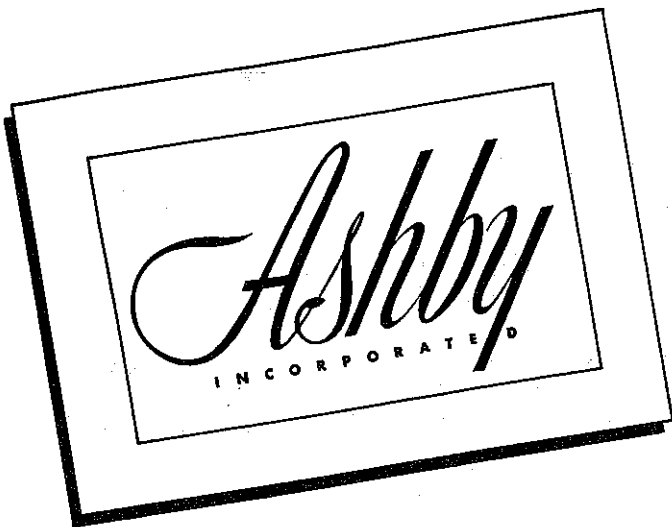
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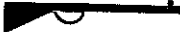
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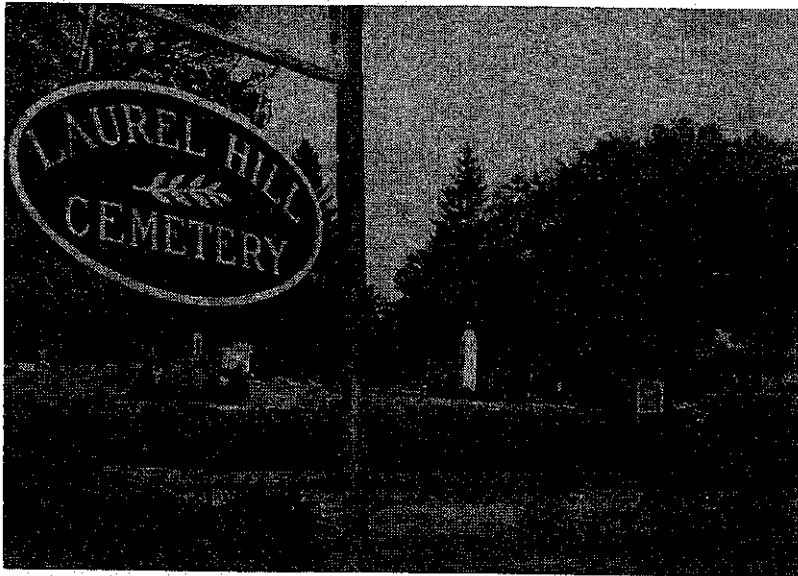


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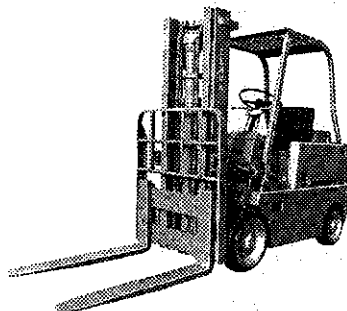
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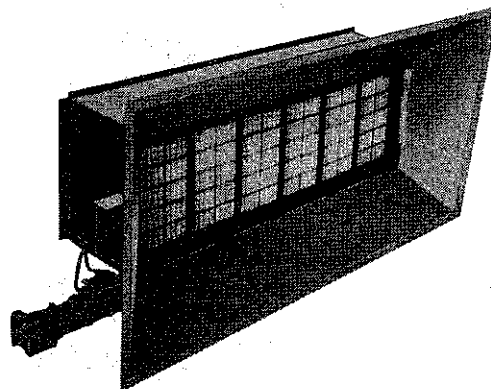
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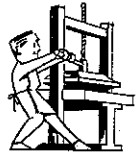
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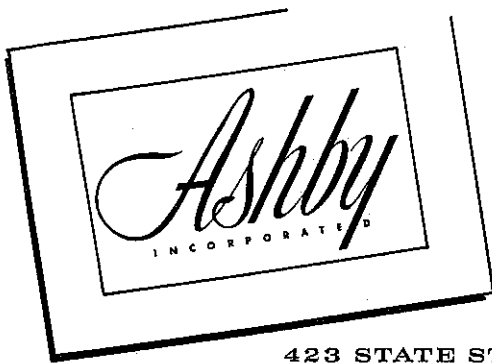
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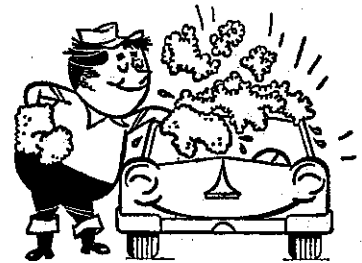
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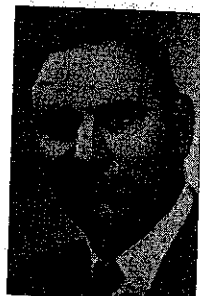
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