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THE OFFICIAL PUBLICATION OF TEBALA TEMPLE A.A.O.N.M.S.

Joe Zimmerman, Potentate

February 2009

Rock River Riders Contribute to Transportation Fund



2008 Potentate Tom Brawner and 2008 Chief Rabban Joe Zimmerman (at the time) receive a check for \$1,542.00 from The Rock River Riders Motorcycle Club of Polo, IL. They hope to work together with Tebala in 2009 and the years to come to help with the fundraising for Tebala. 2009 Potentate Joe Zimmerman is putting the Rock River Riders Hill Climb event on the list of events to attend to show support for Tebala. The Hill Climb dates will be printed in the next *TebalaGram*.

Schedule of Upcoming Events:

Valentine Dinner Dance	2/6	Temple Meeting	2/18
Clubs & Units Seminar	2/7	DON Girls Nite Out	2/27
<i>TebalaGram</i> deadline	2/14	Mini-Bikes Chili Cookoff & Winter Golf	3/1
Daughters of the Nile Ceremonial	2/15	Mini-Clinic	3/7
Nobility Dinner	2/16	St. Patrick's Day Party	3/13

The deadline for submissions to the *TebalaGram* will be on the 14th of every month. The next **deadline** for the **March issue** is **February 14**. For ease and speed in handling, please send your submissions as attachments to your emails. Both photos and word documents are far quicker to correct and format for publishing with software this way. If you need help with your submission, please request it from Tebala office. We solicit your input, and are eager to assist you. The *TebalaGram* email address is: tebalagram@comcast.net.



Note from the Pote... Nobles and Ladies, I would like to thank you all for the opportunity to serve as Potentate for 2009. I know when I was elected to Oriental Guide most of the nobles said, "Who is this guy?" I'm sure most of you know I'm a hard worker and will continue to work hard for our Temple and for the Kids. My Lady

Penny and I have had many new experiences along the way and have met many new friends and we are both having a good time on the Divan. The officers feel that we will have a successful year for Tebala and the Shrine Hospitals. I think I have a good team of people to help me with this year and I think that the events that we have scheduled will be a success. I would also like to thank all of the people

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who have helped me get to this point, you have been SUPER. The open Installation of officers was a great time and the food was delicious and Marty Sheedy was an inspiration to us all and even though I have heard him speak before he touched my heart. I look forward to the year ahead and the challenges we face. We know how important Membership is and are working on some ideas that I got from going to the Imperial Membership program last October; I think the ideas will help increase Membership this year and years to come. I also think that it will strengthen our current Membership. I would like to thank Jr. P.P. Tom Brawner, Art Hass and P.P. Jim Leason for the time they gave on the Divan. We do have some upcoming events and the Potentate's trip to look forward to, so R.S.V.P and let's have some FUN, I look forward to seeing you all.

Yours in the faith,
Joe Zimmerman

Chief Rabban Chatter

Greetings and Happy New Year to everyone. 2009 holds great possibilities for Tebala Shrine. The newly installed Divan is ready to take on the responsibilities of leading Tebala Shrine and helping the children that we serve in our Shriners Hospitals for Children. Our newly renovated building is beautiful again, and with this updated look, a determined effort to increase rental events and revenue is underway. Everyone should try to attend one of the Temple functions this year to enjoy the "facelift". Illustrious Sir Joe Zimmerman has many fun and exciting activities planned for the upcoming year and we'll all have many opportunities to enjoy being part of the Tebala family.

As usual, I am looking forward to enjoying all of your fellowship at the Shrine Club and Unit meetings, Temple functions, Circus, Temple of Terror, and all of the other wonderful events that occur during the year.

Yours in the Faith,

Martin McDaniel
Chief Rabban

Recorder's Notes

It's a great day to be a Shriner!

Let me welcome one and all to what I hope you find to be the first of many informative articles regarding the "happenings" of your Recorder's Office at Tebala. In order to keep the Nobility informed of the business of the Temple, I will be including a brief monthly report of what is occurring. This is especially important to members who are unable to attend the meetings. Our Temple belongs to all members and each of us should be aware of what is going on.

The first order of business is to thank all who supported me in the recent election. A tip of the Fez to you all. I look forward to working with all of the Nobility to make the Recorder's Office the best it can be. Thanks are also in order to Jim Leason, P.P. who has served our Temple as its Recorder for the past 2 years. Jim made the decision not to seek re-election as he wished to pursue more time with his family and other personal interests. Please take a moment to thank Jim next time you see him!

Though I am still employed and working full time, I will do my best to be accessible to the Nobility. I plan on being available most Tuesday evenings from 6:30 PM – 9:00 PM in the Temple Office and on Saturday mornings and at other times by appointment. Stop in - let's have a chat about the World's Greatest Philanthropy. As always the Recorder's Office staff will be available Monday - Friday from 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM. I will be contacting the Office staff each day and they will relay messages or special requests to me. Please feel free to contact your Recorder's Office with any questions you may have regarding your Fraternity and we will respond as promptly as possible. I would ask that we all treat the Staff at Tebala with courtesy and respect. They work hard for each of us and do not deserve to be treated in any other manner than what we would expect to be treated ourselves. If you have a problem with any Staff member, I would ask that you contact me so that appropriate action may be taken. If we all work together, we will achieve the desired results.

Items of interest to the Nobility for the past month:
Temple Meeting: December 17, 2008 - Opened in form, Pledge of Allegiance given

Reading of the Minutes of November 19, 2008 Meeting – dispensed with
Reading of the monthly Treasurers Report – dispensed with
Reading of the monthly bills – dispensed with, as they had been approved by the Finance Committee

Membership:

Beginning of Month: 1,492

Created: 7 *Restorations:* 1 *Affiliated:* 0 *Demitted:* 2 *Suspended:* 1 *Expired:* 8

Associate Members Total: 17

End of Month Regular Membership: 1,489

Total Membership: 1,506

Creations: Michael Barnes – Waukegan, Carlos Duran – Waukegan, Victor Duran – Waukegan, Robert Gene Lang – Mundelein, Donald L. Morris – Rock Falls, Peter Suffield – Dekalb, and Tony Ziegler – Waukegan

Restored: Larry A Margis

In Memoriam: Stanley R. Bjorkman, Floyd B. Flowers, Richard C. Larkin, P.P., David M. Reed, Rhys H. Roberts, David W. Salisbury, Billy V. Stout, John F. Vehmeir.

Moment of Silence observed for departed Nobles

Committee Reports:

Hospital Committee – Ron Obara, P.P. -

Ron reported that the Chicago Hospital Staff Party was to be held on Thursday, Dec. 18; also that the Solar Panel Project for heating the swimming pool was still \$5000 short due to roof modifications required. Any and all contributions accepted to finish up this project and a big thanks to all who have donated thus far.

Temple of Terror (Haunted House) – Mark Torrance –

Mark again thanked all who participated in the 2008 event and helped make it successful. He is already working on 2009 and talking with the Cherry Valley Safety Officer to bring the majority of the Haunted House back inside of the building.

Circus – Loy Rice –

Loy reported that everything is going well for the 2009 Circus to be held at Sportscore II north of Riverside Boulevard on June 5, 6, & 7, 2009. Hamid Cir-

cus will again be the producer. Loy requested that all members participate this year by both purchasing tickets and working at the site.

Old Business: none

New Business: Election of Officers for 2009
Potentate Brawner appointed the following Past Potentates as tellers for the election: Karl Szymanski, P.P.; Chuck Pierce, P.P.; Leon Larson, P.P.; Ron Brazeal

Potentate – Joe Zimmerman (elected by acclamation – only one candidate nominated)

Chief Rabban – D. Martin McDaniel (elected by acclamation – only one candidate nominated)

Assistant Rabban – Bill Robertson (elected by acclamation – only one candidate nominated)

High Priest & Prophet – Dave Babcock (elected by acclamation – only one candidate nominated)

Oriental Guide – John Milliren (elected by acclamation – only one candidate nominated)

Treasurer – Matthew Thomann (elected by acclamation – only one candidate nominated)

Recorder – Craig Sand, P.P. (elected by majority written ballot - two candidates nominated – Craig Sand, P.P. & Mark Torrance)

Representatives to Imperial Session – motion made & seconded to send the Potentate, Chief Rabban, Assistant Rabban, and High Priest & Prophet (and their Ladies); also that the Temple pay for the Oriental Guide & his Lady to attend.

Representative to the Finance Committee – Pete Holm, Fred Ellenberger (elected by majority written ballot - three candidates nominated – Pete Holm, Fred Ellenberger & Bob Armstrong)

No further business appearing – Potentate closed Temple @ 8:50 PM

Up-coming Events / Reminders:

**2009 Dues are now payable
– if you haven't done so –
take care of it today!**

Your help is needed!!

A brief review of the membership files in the Recorder's office shows that there is still much outdated information regarding addresses and member contact information (including Email addresses). Within the next few months I hope to send out a brief member survey to everyone. I encourage each of you to take the time to check all of the information shown, update anything that is incorrect and return it to the Shrine Office. Your prompt assistance is requested and appreciated!

See you next month, and always remember – Together We Can Do It!

Fraternally,
Craig R. Sand, P.P.,
Recorder

Chief Aide's Message

Well the New Year is here and I would like to thank the Nobility and the Illustrious Sir Joe Zimmerman for the opportunity to serve as the 2009 Chief Aid for Tebala.

Our first event was the Installation of the 2009 Divan and it was a huge success thanks to all of the Divan Aides: Mark Torrance, Barry Kasmar, Tom Hosmann and Tom Whitaker for their help through out the evening. Our Ambassadors Dick Hilstad, Joe Klink, Pete Holm, Bruce Sumpter and Mark Torrance deserve a very special thank you for greeting all of our guest's and nobles and assisting the ladies out of their cars at the front entrance. What a great job they did making everyone feel welcome to the installation. Our money takers, Pat Kasmar and Judy

Bell dressed for the occasion made paying a little easier! Last but not least, to my wife Sally and Lady Penny for the special trinkets for the martini glasses and the wrapped candy bars. They were awesome.

Our next big event is the Valentine's dinner dance on Friday February 6th. Our entertainment for the evening will be Clarence and Anna Rice from Savanna Illinois. They are the couple that you read about in the last *TebalaGram*. All three of their children have gone thru the Shrine Hospital. They have a DJ business and have offered to be our entertainment for the evening. I hope to see all of you at the dance!

Yours in faith
Dave Giamalva Chief Aide

Installation 2009

2009 Potentate Joe Zimmerman and guest speaker Marty Sheedy take a photo opportunity (right). WHAT AN AMAZING YOUNG MAN!



2009 Installation cash winners (below)



(Above) 2009 Divan having some fun at installation; the Potentate just wanted **to know what it's like to turn the table.**



The Band "Newport Project" kept the dancers on the dance floor the whole time they played at the Installation; guest speaker Marty Sheedy outdid them all.



Valentine Dinner

Friday February 6th 2009



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Clubs & Units Meeting

Saturday, February 7th

8AM Donuts-Sweet Rolls-Juice & Coffee

8:30AM SHARP!! Meeting will Commence

All Directors-Presidents-Officers and Units/Clubs Representatives are asked to attend this very important meeting. A review of all events coming up in 2009 will be conducted, with questions and answers from the Divan on the events to follow the individual presentations.

A review of the "State of Tebala" with the Units and Clubs will be conducted by the officers of Tebala. Information to bring back to your members will be handed out.

This meeting is too important for any club or unit to miss. If the officers aren't available, please appoint a representative from your club or unit to attend.

NOBILITY DINNER

Monday February 16th, 2009

At Tebala Shrine Center

Cocktails 6 P.M.

Dinner 7 P.M.

*Illustrious Sir **Joe Zimmerman** invites all Nobles to attend.*

Buffet Dinner prepared by the Hoffman House.

Reservations are a MUST, by Friday February 13, 2009

Call the Tebala Office at 1-815-332-2010

In Charge Chief Aide Dave Giamalva

MONTHLY TEMPLE MEETING

Wednesday February 18th, 2009
7:30 P.M.

At Tebala Shrine Center

Attitude Adjustment 5:30 P.M.
Dinner 6:30 P.M.

***Illustrious Sir Joe Zimmerman
invites all Nobles to attend.***

Buffet Dinner prepared by the S, H, B, G & Co.

***Reservations are requested
by Monday, February 16, 2009***

Call the Tebala Office at 1-815-332-2010

Hosted by: Klowns

In Charge: Aide Mark Torrance



On behalf of Tebala Shrine Temple, Assistant Rabban Bill Robertson donates a book to the Ida Public Library in Belvidere, IL, with acceptance by Margery Hinrichs. The book, *Granny Uncovers Miracles at Shriners Hospitals for Children*, is dedicated to spreading the word about the importance of research development for the benefit of children treated by Shriners Hospitals. It was inspired by Past Imperial First Lady, Helen Coe Lemieux. She passed away in January, 2008 and was the Lady of the Past Imperial Potentate, Bernard Lemieux.

DO YOU MISS YOUR JACKET??

We have a Womens XL Black Leather Jacket, it is waistlength with a **Jones Wear Sport Label** inside. Did you accidently take the wrong jacket? If so please give Paula or Denise a call (815-332-2010) at the Temple!

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.New opportunity for personal
growth at Tebala (EOE):

The *TebalaGram* is looking for talented people who have skills in journalism, photography, advertising, sales, and are interested in forming a new club at Tebala dedicated to producing a quality publication for our fraternity. If you are skilled in one or more of these areas, have a desire to learn by doing, or have a creative talent for fresh, new ideas for the newsletter, contact the Editor at tebala-gram@comcast.net, or contact the Recorder at the Tebala office by calling 1-815-332-2010 for further information.

Rockford DeMolay Chapter

This is an invitation for all you Masons/Nobles, to bring your sons, grandsons, and/or their friends, to become an active part of our Chapter. The age requirements are: Boys, ages 12 to 20 for DeMolay, and Girls, ages 12 to 20 for "The Sweethearts Corp." We meet on the first and third Wednesdays of each month at 7:00. We meet at Ellis & Star-in-the-East Masonic Lodge, located at 4524 Charles Street in Rockford.

DeMolay is based upon the life of Jacques DeMolay, who gave up his life rather than betray a trust. He refused to betray his comrades in 1314 and was burned at the stake by King Philip of France.

Also, this is an invitation for Adult Advisors to assist in our program which includes: program planning, chaperoning events, ritual assistance, providing event transportation, and any financial assistance you may wish to provide.

These young adults may just well be the future members for Masonry and its associated organizations. We could use some more interaction with adults. Try it, you'll like it — I did, and I do.

Ron Pauly
Advisory Council Chairman

Rockford High Twelve Officers for 2009



Left to right — John Wacker, Treasurer; Lee Johnson, First Vice President; James Allen, President; George Hogberg, Sergeant at Arms; Dr. Joe Simeone, Secretary. Arne Larsen, Second Vice President, was not pictured

2008 Chief Aide wants to say, "Thanks..."

Now that the year has come to an end, I want to thank everyone for their help this year. To Tom Brawner for asking me to be his Aide. It has been an experience I won't forget. To my Aides for all your help this year. To Hoffman house for all the great meals and service they provided this year. To S,H,L,B&G for the meals at the Temple meetings. To Mark Torrance and Doug Gull-Clemmons and their crew for all the work they put into the Haunted House. To LeRoy Sholl for tending bar at Temple meetings. To Bruce Sumpter for helping out in the Oasis at Temple meetings, and for his help in the Hospitality Room at Imperial Session in St. Louis. To Dave and Laura Babcock for setting up and taking care of the Hospitality Room at Great Lakes in September at Cincinnati.

Last, but certainly not least, Denise and Paula, our ladies in the Temple office. They were always there when I had a question or needed their help with something. I really do appreciate it.

As you can see, the list is long; if I've missed anyone, I apologize. Once again, thanks for all the help.

Norm Oehler
Chief Aide 2008

Work for the future... Sign up a new Noble!

Motor Patrol

Well, 2008 is now in History. We in the Motor Patrol had a pretty full year. We started the year with the Spring Ceremonial in April, and then came Hospital Days in June, followed by sixteen parades through-



out the summer months with the final one in Fox Lake on the 29th of November. Then in December we had our annual Christmas Party that was attended by most of the Divan. Illustrious Sir Tom Brawner officiated and swore in the official officers of the Motor Patrol.

We attended the Fall Ceremonial of course where we had 5 of the 6 candidates. Four were signed by our unit President Leonard Seigfried. In picture above we have the proud father on the right, Alejandro Duran, with his two sons, from the left, Victor and Carlos. Also in picture below we have from the left, Mike Barnes, Bob Lange, and Tony Zeigler, with Kirk Preston looking on from the back. Four of the five have joined the Motor Patrol which will be a great help in the coming years.

The New Year has already started good with towns already asking for our partici-



ation in their parades. However, before that, we still have a Spring Ceremonial, and the prep work to be ready for the parades.

*Respectfully
Submitted by:*

Mike Hoeth
Motor Patrol
Director

Blue Haze Choppers Christmas Party



Officers FOR 2009 ARE SWORN IN.

Pictured from left to right, Illustrious Sir Tom Brawner, swearing in the officers, Joe Blanchard President, Jevon Dennis Vice President, Dave Giamalva Treasurer and Todd Kovaleski secretary. Looks on all the officers faces gives a good indication what 09 for the Blue Haze choppers will be like. Also, Tom Whitaker will be the 2009 parade coordinator and Joe Zimmerman was appointed the member at large.



The Blue Haze Choppers had their first Christmas Party on Friday December 5th at the SM & SF club in Rockford. "Dave's" catering supplied the food. The service from the kitchen staff was outstanding. The food and selection were right on the money and the price couldn't be beat. Everyone enjoyed the food.

The 2009 officers were installed by Illustrious Sir Tom Brawner assisted by Chief Rabban Joe Zimmerman. The 2009 officers are Joe Blanchard President, Jevon Dennis Vice President, Dave Giamalva Treasurer and Todd Kovaleski secretary. The parade coordinator for 2009 is Tom Whitaker and the member at large is Joe Zimmerman.

All the ladies were given a gift by some guy wearing a candy cane on his head and a big thank you for their support of the club and its activities. The Chinese raffle had its share of surprises and a lot of great gifts.

The Blue Haze Choppers look forward to 2009 as we expand our club and parades. We have two bikes available for anyone to ride. Tom Whitaker is aggressively lining up the 2009 parade season.

We are excepting new members now, no matter what club or unit you belong to or if you do not belong to any. We welcome all Shriners. Our club is set up as a social club and our Ladies attend our meetings.

Our next meeting is on March 6, 2009 at the Machine Shed. Call me anytime at my office 1-815-713-2354 and leave me your name and address. I will send you a complete membership package welcoming you to our club.

From ALL the Blue Haze Choppers members and their families, MERRY CHRISTMAS and HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL!



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You are cordially invited to
Attend Alabet's Ceremony of Initiation

On
Sunday, February 15, 2009

At
2:00 P.M.

In the
Tebala Shrine Center
7910 Newburg Road

Rockford, Illinois
Buffet to Follow

Your check for \$18.00 per person
is your reservation

Reservations to

Princess Jean Holm, Princess Banker
Reservations due by February 11, 2009



***Queen Jane
Whitaker shares
"Words of
Wisdom."***

***The TOP TEN Ways to Build
a POSITIVE ATTITUDE!***

- 1. Stop Worrying – START ENJOYING!**
- 2. THINK HAPPY THOUGHTS!**
- 3. LIVE A HEALTHY LIFESTYLE!**
- 4. PICTURE YOURSELF A WINNER!**
- 5. GIVE YOURSELF A PAT ON THE BACK!**
- 6. CHOOSE POSITIVE THINKING FRIENDS!**
- 7. See Problems AS CHALLENGES!**
- 8. Say I CAN more than I can't!**
- 9. EXPECT GOOD THINGS TO HAPPEN!**
- 10. FIND THE GOOD IN ANY SITUATION!**

*"Life is not measured by the number of breaths we take, but
by the number of moments that take our breath away."*

- Unknown

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN SHRINERS HOSPITALS
AND ADMINISTRATION FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES!
BY QUEEN JANE A. WHITAKER**

As I complete my year as Queen, I am proud to announce that plans are in the works to develop an "MOU" which means a Memorandum of Understanding between two or more organizations partnering to provide services to one another. In this case, the partners are the Shriners Hospitals for Children and the National Head Start/Early Head Start Program (Administration for Children and Families). I have been trying to coordinate this effort for several years and now at the conclusion of my year, I was able to organize a meeting between Kally Schneider, Director of Public and Community Relations, Chicago Shriners Hospital and the Regional Office for the Administration for Children and Families. The "MOU" will include an agreement between the two organizations so that the Head Start/Early Head Start Program will refer children to the Shriners Hospitals across the country. At some point, there should be an "official signing" of the "MOU" document. Head Start/Early Head Start is a federally funded comprehensive child development program that has served over 25 million children and their families since 1965. There are 2,639 grantees/agencies that run 18,145 Head Start and Early Head Start centers and 49,038 classrooms. There are over 1,071,697 children and pregnant women enrolled in Head Start and Early Head Start during the 2007 program year. Head Start has been described as "the most important social and educational investment in children, families and communities that the United States has ever undertaken." Head Start – the nation's premier early childhood and health program is a comprehensive school readiness program that helps to reduce the achievement gap in the classroom. In addition, the programs are mandated to identify and serve 10% of their funded enrollment with children who have a special need. The Chicago Head Start Regional Office has been processing the "MOU" and is required to have Washington DC's approval. Kally Schneider has contacted the Imperial Public Relations contact person. I am continuing to follow-up on the final paperwork and will continue to keep everyone informed. This is very exciting for me since these two organizations are such a big part of my life.

Place YOUR advertisement in the *Tebala Gram* TODAY!



Winter Blues
Come Enjoy
Alabet & Tebala
Girls Nite Out!

February 27, 2009
Friday Night

6:00-7:00 Social
7:00 PM Dinner
Tebala Shrine Center

Prizes

Fun

Dancing

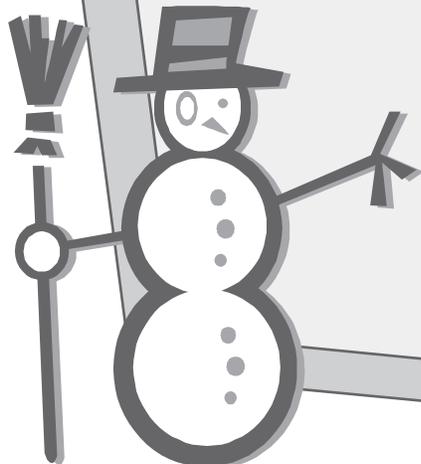
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Music by Larry Higgs

\$ 12.00 per Lady

RSVP: 815-332-2010 Denise
Party for Ladies Only

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THE CHAPLAIN'S CALL

LET GO AND LET GOD....

February 15, 1921, New York City. The operating room of the Kane Summit Hospital. A doctor is performing an appendectomy.

In many ways the events leading to the surgery are uneventful. The patient has complained of severe abdominal pain. The diagnosis is clear; an inflamed appendix. Dr. Evan O'Neill Kane is performing the surgery. In his distinguished 37-year medical career, he has performed nearly 4,000 appendectomies, so this surgery will be uneventful in all ways except two.

The first novelty of this operation? The use of local anesthesia in major surgery. Dr. Kane is a crusader against the hazards of general anesthesia. He contends that a local application is far safer. Many of his colleagues agree with him in principle, but in order for them to agree in practice, they will have to see the theory applied. Dr. Kane searches for a volunteer a patient who is willing to undergo surgery while under local anesthesia. A volunteer is not easily found. Many are squeamish at the thought of being awake during their own surgery. Others are fearful that the anesthesia might wear off too soon. Eventually, however, Dr. Kane finds a candidate. On Tuesday morning, February 15, the historic operation occurs. The patient is prepped and wheeled into the operating room. As he has done thousands of times, Dr. Kane dissects the superficial tissues and locates the appendix. He skillfully excises it and concludes the surgery. During the procedure, the patient complains of only minor discomfort... Dr. Kane has proven his theory...

But I said there were two facts that made the surgery unique. I've told you the first: the use of local anesthesia. The second is the patient. The courageous candidate for surgery by Dr. Kane was Dr. Kane! To prove his point, Dr. Kane operated on himself! A wise move. The doctor became a patient in order to convince the patients to trust the doctor.

The story of the doctor who became his own patient is mild compared to the story of the God who became human. But Jesus did. So that you and I would believe that the Healer knows our hurts, he voluntarily became one of us. He placed himself in our position. He suffered our pains and felt our fears.

Rejection? He felt it. Temptation? He knew it. Loneliness? He experienced it. Death? He tasted it. And stress? He could write a best-selling book about it.

Why did he do it? One reason. So that when you hurt you will go to him---your Father and you Physician—and let him heal.

Your Servant in Christ Pastor Ken

THE CIRCUS IS COMING June 5-7, 2009

That's right, the planning for the 58th. TEBALA SHRINE CIRCUS is in the works. The first committee meeting was held on January 15th, 2009, the coldest night of the year to date. Our dedication to this event should only be surpassed, I hope, by yours. By that I mean that we need both your manpower and financial support. When the vouchers for your circus tickets arrive, please, without hesitation, write a check and put it in the mail. The survival of Tebala Shrine depends on its membership.

Things that have changed in the past couple of years since we moved indoors:

We have an area that is referred to as the "Ring Masters Club"; what this is, is an enclosed area on the second floor of the area that has tables that seat six people next to the glass over looking the circus with the sound system hooked in, so they are the best seats in the house. Included are a pizza and 2 pitchers of pop. All this for \$125.00. Several of our members have purchased the tables the past couple of years, and their families have told them that they no longer want to sit anywhere else.

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LOVES PARK SHRINE CLUB NEWS...(and random thoughts)

Happy Valentine's Day to one and all...better get your order in for chocolate soon, especially the DARK chocolate. It is good and healthy for you.

I have a correction to the column in the last issue. Noble Dick Croft ALREADY has his BGA card. He needs to practice to KEEP IT!

The Club is dark so not much going on. The trickle of 2009 dues being sent to the P.O. Box has stopped. The address is at the end of the column for your convenience. JUST DO IT!

Something for Everyone TIME:

Brain Teaser Time: What comes next in the following sequence: Eight, five, four, nine, one, seven. Read on to find out.

Miscellaneous:

You know what's really humiliating? When I decided that, as a good parent I would help my kids with their homework, and their grades went down.

If you think fishermen are the biggest liars in the world, ask a jogger how far he runs each morning.

Recent T-Shirt Sightings:

Support Search & Rescue
GET LOST

Being Vague is as annoying as that other thing.

Four Steps to Becoming
More Decisive

1. Eeny
2. Meeny
3. Miney
4. Moe

I Pulled a Fantasy Hamstring
Running My Fantasy Year.

Always run spell check. It's impotent.

No need to yell. I still won't listen.

Lost Four Balls,
Found Three,
I'm One Under.

Ever stop to think...and then never start again?

Welcome Mats:

"Y e a h , W e H a v e A
PORSCHÉ

you're SHTANDING on it."

Those who come bearing Goodwill, please get behind those who come bearing Gifts.

Ponder a Bit More:

Mother knows best: until daughter becomes a teenager.

There is a time to let things happen and a time to make things happen.

Success is getting what you want. Happiness is liking what you get.

What we see depends mainly on what we look for.

Antiques aren't always as old as they are cracked up to be.

Who Said That?

It takes less time to do things right than to explain why you did it wrong.

Henry Wadsworth Longfellow
A life spent making mistakes is not only more honorable but more useful than a life spent doing nothing.

George Bernard Shaw
In Matters of style, swim with the current, in matters of principle, stand like a rock.

Thomas Jefferson
"Denial ain't just a river in Egypt.

Mark Twain
"There are two ways of spreading the light: to be the candle or the mirror that reflects it."

Edith Wharton
Be nice to people on your way up because you meet them on your way down.

Jimmy Durante
There's an important difference between giving up and letting go.

Jessica Hatchigan
Be sure you put your feet in the right place, then stand firm.

Abraham Lincoln

Brain Teaser Answer:

The next word should be SIX. The list is the first seven numbers in alphabetical order.

Actual Newspaper Headlines!

Something Went Wrong in Jet Crash, Expert Says [No, really?]

Police Begin Campaign to Run Down Jaywalkers [Now that's taking things a bit far!]

Panda Mating Fails; Veterinarian Takes Over [What a guy!]

Miners refuse to work after Death

[No-good-for-nothing' lazy so-and-so!]

Juvenile Court to Try Shooting Defendant [See if that works any better than a fair trial!]

Kids & Grandkids Time:

Q. Why did the King go to the dentist? A. To get his tooth crowned!

Q. What did the fisherman say as he was leaving the lake? A. "Catch you later!"

Q. What do you get when you cross a river and a lake? A. WET!

Q. Where did the hamburgers go to dance? A. The meatball!

It's almost time to duck out but first a reminder---Please forward

your ideas, comments, questions, complaints, atta boys, suggestions or whatever to President

Jim Campbell at 1-815-637-4373; Vice President PP Leon Larsen at 1-815-633-7437 (home) or 1-815-

-494-1554 (mobile); Secretary PP Tom Runge at 1-815-389-8622 (home) or 1-815-222-6566

(mobile) or Treasurer Jim Hall at 1-815-633-1784. The mailing address remains Loves Park Shrine Club, P.O. Box 2411,

Loves Park, IL 61132-0411.

Thanks for reading the whole thing...Now it's time to duck out!

Jim Hall, Scribe

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Mini-Clinic

Tebala Shrine Center
Saturday, March 7, 2009
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Call the office at (815) 332-2010

The Clinic is open to all children regardless of their religion, race or creed, up to their 18th birthday.

The clinic is FREE, and if accepted as a patient of the Shriners' Hospital, there is no cost for any treatment or hospitalization. Help with the paperwork is available from the clinic.



Here's your chance to help a child!

Please note: Parents or legal guardian must be present. Must have copy of the inoculation (vaccination) records. If parents are divorced, a copy of the divorce degree is needed. In case of adoption or guardianship, necessary documentation is needed at this time in order to process the application. No cosmetic surgery is performed. Acute cases are accepted after patients are stabilized; plastic surgery follows burns and cleft palate repairs.

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CHIP UPDATE

The Illinois CHIP Program is off to a great start in **2009** with 36 planned so far this year. Locally we have 6 events in, one in Hamilton, one in Byron, one in LaHarpe, one in Carthage, one in Colchester and one in Mahomet. We need the help of our Masonic Brotherhood to take part in this great program which provides, DNA, fingerprints, a total profile on the child with a CD furnished to the parents showing photo of child plus an interview with the child live.

We need the help of Masonic Lodge Brothers in sponsoring the CHIP events. The cost to the lodge is nominal but the exposure to Masonry is worthwhile. We have used elementary schools, firehouses, Churches, Community Meeting Halls and Police Stations as places to hold the events. We even had one at Rockford #102 in Loves Park.

To get the event started call Noble Jerome S. Richman **32** at (815) 633-2246 or his cell phone **(815) 222-0405**. It's a great program that needs your cooperation.

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Dean White 1-815-232-1194

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