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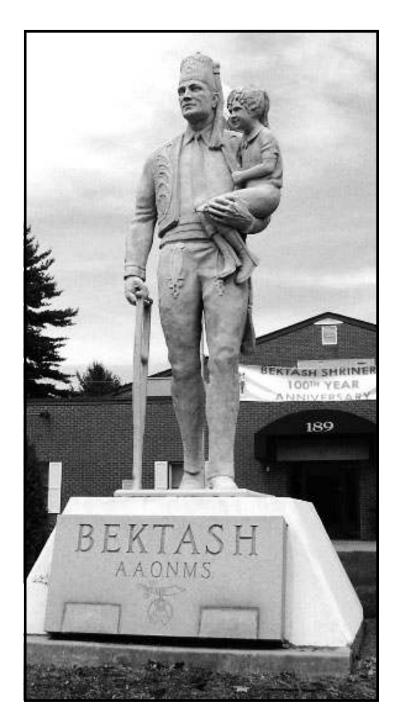
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2 Drum Corps	3 Clowns Oriental Band	4	5	6	7 Portsmouth SC P&L
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16 2008 NSA Mtg. First Section	17 Oriental Band	18 LOH Mtg.	19 Bingo Patrol C	20 Spring Ceremonial	21 Spring Ceremonial
22 Spring Ceremonial	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30 Drum Corps					



NOBILITY CALENDAR MAY 2007



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20	21 2008 NSA Mtg.	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

POTENTATE CALENDAR APRIL 2007

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 RI Visitation	2	3	4	5	6	7 Portsmouth SC P&L
8	9	10 Football Mtg.	11	12	13 Sphinx Visitation	14 Sphinx Visitation
15 Sphinx Visitation	16 Finance Mtg. 2008 NSA Mtg.	17	18	19	20 Spring Ceremonial	21 Spring Ceremonial
22 Spring Ceremonial	23	24	25	26	27	28 NH Consistory
29	30					



POTENTATE CALENDAR MAY 2007



		1	2	3 PR Seminar Tampa	4 PR Seminar Tampa	5 PR Seminar Tampa
6	7	8 Football Mtg.	9	10	11 Melha Visitation Springfield Hosp. Mtg.	12 Melha Visitation
13 Melha Visitation	14	15	16	17	18 Tunis Visitation Grand Lodge Annual	19 Tunis Visitation Grand Lodge Annual
20 Tunis Visitation Grand Lodge Annual	21 Finance Mtg. 2008 NSA Mtg.	22	23	24	25	26
27	28 Memorial Day	29	30	31		

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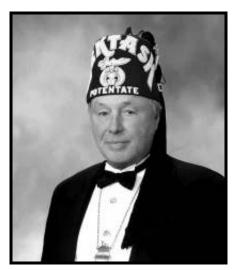
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POTENTATE '2007'
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DOOLEY

"Bektash is coming home" to Concord. Our spring ceremonial will be held at the Holiday Inn in Concord. Friday evening we have been invited to tour the Concord Air National Guard facilities and we may get to see a Black Hawk Helicopter.

The first and second sections of our ceremonial will be held at Bektash and for the first time in many years we will proudly parade down Concord's Main Street. Nobles, parades, pageantry and fun are the foundation of our Shrine. "Having fun and helping kids" is what made our great fraternity into the "Worlds Greatest Philanthropy".

Please show your support for Bektash and the Shirne by putting your feet on the street and your fez on your head Saturday, April, 21st. The City of Concord is giving us a great opportunity to showcase our fraternity, let us not disappoint them.

Work on our planned Sunday Flea Market is ongoing. We are working through the painfully slow process of acquiring the permits to begin.

For several years the idea of a Nobility Lounge has been discussed and several ideas have been proposed. The latest plan is to combine the Potentate's Office, Bingo back office and current nobility room into one. This will provide a large enough room for any club or unit to have meetings and events. We would have access to plumbing, thus allowing for refreshments, etc. Come to your stated meetings and give us your input and support.

Yours in the Faith, Richard "Ted" Dooley Potentate 2007



Are these the Bektash Blues Brothers? Actually these are the one and only Bektash High Rollers.

See next page for story and more photos.

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BEKTASH HIGH ROLLERS DANCE AND RAFFLE

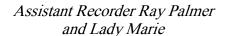
March 3, 2007 — Pelham NH. The Bektash High Rollers Dinner Dance and Raffle is a great success. Again this year this fundraiser has raised \$5000 for Bektash.



Ill Richard "Ted" Dooley welcoming High Rollers to an evening of fun and dance.



1st Ceremonial Master Richard Perry and Lady Linda





BEKTASH 2007

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

M	Valentine Dance	February 10	Shrine Center
M	Bektash Bingo Awards	March 10	Shrine Center
M	NSA Mid Winter Mtg.	March 15-18	Newfoundland
	Membership Night	March 24	Shrine Center
	Spring Ceremonial	April 20-22	Concord
	Imperial Session	June 30-July 5	Anaheim, CA
	Bektash Picnic	July 21	Shrine Center
	Maple Sugar Bowl	August 3-5	Hanover
	Special Ladies Tea	August 19	Shrine Center
	NSA Field Days	September 12-16	Newfoundland
	Bektash Car Show	September 29	Shrine Center
	Fall Ceremonial	October 26-28	North Conway
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After each drawing the winning ticket goes back in. That's right!
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3-\$500 Winners. One each on July 4th, Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Drawings take place in the Shrine Office every Thursday at 6PM for the weekly winners and on the first work day following the other drawing days.

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Evolyn Jurdan, Pau Geand High Pricessor of the Ladies Oriental Shrine of North America, guthers tabs to benefit the Cincinnati Shriners Hospital.



Wait a second. Aren't you forgotting something? Before you toos that soda can in the wastebasket or recycling bin, you might want to pop off the tah. It's just a little scrap of metal, you say? What difference can it make? For parients at several Shriners Hospitals for Children, it makes a big one.

The Shriners Hospitals in Boston, Chicago, Cincinnati, Houston, Minneapolis, Philadelphia, Sacramento, Salt Lake City, Springfield and Tampa all benefit from aluminum-tub recycling projects. In most cases, hospital volunteers, Shriners Temples or Shriners-related organizations coordinate the programs.

Since 1990, Kaaba Shriners in Davenport, Iowa, has coordinated the collection and secycling of more than 268,000 pounds – that's 134 tons – of scrap aluminum, amounting to nearly \$128,000 in donations to the Chicago Shriners Hospital. In 2005 alone, Helma Court #64 of Ladies Oriental Shrine raised \$22,000 for the Springfield Shriners Hospital through its can tab project.

Collection methods, recycling and donations vary according to each project; but it all starts with individuals and organizations – from schools to churches to businesses – gathering can tabs. Some coordinating groups ask that collectors mail or drop off tabs at a designated site, while others offer to pick them up.

Rajah Shriners Nuble Dick Bortz, who began a rah project to benefit the Philadelphia hospital in 2003 and has raised more than \$9,000, personally gathen rabs from participating groups. He stores the rabs by the harrefs-full in his basement before dropping them off for recycling.

Recycling plants buy setap aluminum at a per-pound rate. It takes more than 1,000 tabs to equal a pound, but it adds up quickly over time. Money earned from recycled tabs is donated to the hospitals of used to buy medical and non-medical items for patients.

Bonz Court #8 of Ladies Oriental Shrine eaises at least \$2,000 every month through its can tab project. These funds are used to purchase a variety of items for the Cincinnati hospital, and its pacients, including burn prevention brochures, Spanish magazines, 1059, clothes, and DVD players for patients' rooms.

And, as the Tampa Shriners Hospital suggress on its tabprogram flyer, individuals and groups can take their own collection of tabs to the recycling plant and make a monetary donation directly to the bospital. Egypt Shriner Red Russell and bis Lady Dorin, a member of the Ladies Oriental Shrine, have been collecting tabs for several years and so far have raised more than \$7,000 for patients at the Tampa hospital.

If you would like direction on how to start a can tab project to benefit your nearest Striners Hospital, please contact Cherie Girard at Striners International Headquarters at (813) 281-0300.

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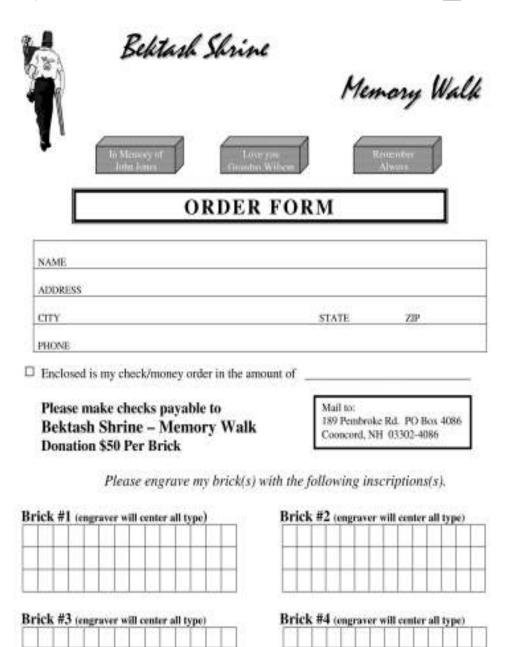
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^{&#}x27;In memory...of those who have touched our lives'



RECORDER'S CORNER

At the March 19th Stated Meeting I had the honor of being elected to the office of Recorder by the Nobles present.

I will attempt to carry out the duties and responsibilities of this office to the best of my ability.

My thanks to Ill. Willard Lemaire, P.P. for his help in getting me started and best wishes in the future. Thank you.

Many things are going on at your Shrine Center. An enjoyable Bingo Awards Night has already taken place, with Noble Ray Palmer receiving Bingo Worker of the Year award.

By the time this reaches you the Membership Night will have taken place. The response has been good, and the possibility of a number of candidates for the Spring Ceremonial is encouraging.

The Spring Ceremonial will be held in Concord on April 20-22 at the Holiday Inn. We have been invited to tour the Air National Guard facility on Friday April 20 from 4-5 PM.

The Ceremonial, under the direction of Ill. Ted Dooley, Potentate, will begin at 9 AM. We are looking forward to a large turn-out. For the first time since the early 1990s there will be a short parade on Main Street starting at 2PM. If you cannot march, put on your Fez and cheer from the sidelines.

Hospitality and a good time will follow. Thanks to Chief Rabban Brad Durfee and Lady Lori for their hard work in putting this all together.

Ill. Ted has many great things planned this year and hopes you will participate in all you are able to. Remember, this is your Shrine Center, so come and enjoy it

Many thanks to all who have helped in the office during the past month, including Carl and Joanne Brown, Lee and Ellie.

> Yours in The Faith, Wes Lord Recorder

Bektash Valentines Dance February 10 at Bektash Shrine Center



Left to Right: Anna and Dave Hackler, Harriet and Fred Norris, Rindy and Don Hackler.

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COME AND ENJOY A FUN FILLED WEEKEND APRIL 20TH-22ND. ON FRIDAY THERE WILL BE A TOUR OF THE AIR NATIONAL GUARD. SATURDAY THERE WILL BE A PARADE IN DOWN TOWN CONCORD. ALL MEMBERS OF THE LEGION OF HONOR ARE URGED TO ATTEND.

IN CASE SOME DIDN'T KNOW... HONORARY COMMANDER ROBERT PERRY JUST TURNED 86 THE LATER PART OF FEBRUARY. HE ATTENDS MEETINGS REGULARLY, PARADES AND WORKS BINGO EVERY THURSDAY NIGHT. NOW WE ALL HAVE AN EXCUSE AT DIFFERENT TIMES WHY WE CAN'T DO THINGS. BUT DON'T TELL BOB THAT IT'S TOO COLD OUT OR TO HOT OR TOO LATE OR ANYTHING ELSE. YOU MAY NOT LIKE THE REPLY THAT YOU GET BACK. DEDICATED TO THE UNIT AND A MAN THAT SURE DOESN'T LIKE CHANGE. BUT HE DOES KNOW THAT HE IS A MEMBER OF THE LEGION OF HONOR AND HE IS VERY PROUD THAT HE WAS A FOUNDING FATHER OF THE UNIT. BOB PERRY, WE WISH YOU A VERY HAPPY BIRTHDAY.

Last month we had a great turnout for the meeting. The third Wednesday night of the month 6:00 Social and 6:30 Meeting. April meeting will be on the 18^{Th} .. Don't miss it!!

"JUST THINKING"

WOULDN'T BE NICE TO HAVE THE GOOD TIMES LAST FOREVER. WELL THEY DON'T!

WE HAVE GOOD DAYS AND WE HAVE SOME NOT SO GOOD DAYS. HOW DO WE HANDLE THE NOT SO GOOD DAYS. PROBABLY NOT TOO GOOD. MAYBE WE COULD LOOK AT SOME OF THE NOT SO GOOD DAYS AS NOT SO BAD DAYS. THAT WOULD GIVE US MORE BETTER DAYS. I GUESS IT'S JUST HOW WE LOOK AT THINGS. AS SURE AS THERE ARE GOOD AND BAD DAYS, IT'S NOT THE DAYS THAT YOU HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT.

IT'S THE THINGS THAT GO BUMP IN THE NIGHT!!!

OURS IN THE SPIRIT OF BENEVOLENCE, ED DANEAULT ADJUTANT

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22-Feb-2007 Greg Marci, Jr.

01-Mar-2007 Gordon Bakie

08-Mar-2007 Richard Lachance

15-Mar-2007 J. Pierre Lamy

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BEKTASH PROVOST GUARD



Bektash Provost Guard holds its annual meeting.

On Sunday February 25, 2007 Bektash Provost Guard held its annual meeting at the Red Apple in Concord. After a brief business meeting Ill. Ted Dooley duly installed the officers for 2007. It was nice to see a large turn out of the Divan for our meeting. Thank you.

2007 Officers:

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Like always, if your address or e-mail has changed please contact me.

Yours in the Faith
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(Left to Right) M/Sgt Henk deBoer, 2nd Lt/Secretary Dan Hackler, 1st Lt/ Executive Officer Bert Metcalf, Capt Whitey Leonard, Ill. Potentate Ted Dooley and Sgt./Treasure Dennis Webster.

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CHESHIRE SHRINE CLUB CHATTER

BRRRRR As I sit to write this message it is COLD and it has been cold for many days. The Weatherman says that it will warm up soon and it can't happen any too soon for me. I guess that I have been getting too many e-mails from friends in the south describing the weather and where I "should be". However I am still a New Hampshire boy, so here I stay.

The Cheshire Shrine Club has been relatively quiet this winter as we haven't met in February or March. Our next meeting of the Board of Directors will be on April 17th at Cedarcrest here in Keene. At that time we will finalize many of the upcoming functions.

Our reservations have been made at Papagallos for the Potentate and Ladies Night on October 7th; the menu and other arrangements will be discussed at the April meeting. We have already voted to join with the Bektash Oriental Band again this year and we look forward to working together.

We have already committed to joining the other Masonic Organizations in the Keene area with the annual outing, to be held at Surry Mountain Recreation Area in late July or early August.

I have been asked to speak at the Jerusalem Lodge #104 stated meeting to be held on April 2nd here in Keene. The subject will be the relationship between Masonry and Shrinedom. I am thrilled at this opportunity and honor. I have promised to keep it short and I can only pray that I do it justice.

The Spring Ceremonial is right around the corner, April 20th to 22nd lets see how many members of our club can attend. Talk up membership and get the applications in ASAP. We should have some new members from the Keene area. If you need information call me at 603-357-0640.

See you in Blue Lodge, Dave Hackler





Ill. Richard F. "Ted" Dooley a join them in welcoming B

Friday - April 20, 2007

4:00 – 5:00 Air Nat'l Guard tour

6:00 – ? Hospitality

Saturday - April 21, 2007

8:00 – 12:00 Registration

8:00 – 9:00 Candidates report to Recorder

(Bektash Shrine Temple)

9:00 – 10:30 First Section (Open)

10:30 - 11:00 Second Section

11:00 – 1:00 Ladies Luncheon

1:30 – 2:00 Parade Form Up

2:00 – 3:00 Parade on Main Street

3:00 – 5:00 Hospitality 5:30 – 6:30 Cash Bar

6:30 - 11:00 "California Dreaming" Beach

Party Dinner & Dancing

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11:00 - ? Hospitality

Sunday - April 22, 2007

8:00 - 9:30 - Breakfast Buffet

Deadline is.

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BEKTASH AIDES UNIT



AIDES NEEDED FOR SPRING REUNION

Hello to all members of the Aides Unit. Happy Spring to all of you.

Our chief aide, Bill Arvidson, has spoken with Illustrious Ted Dooley and his lady Barbara. They will be requiring our assistance during the Spring Ceremonial. Please contact Bill Arvidson at 603-898-5214 or Bill Hebert at 603-487-5403 or billheb@aol.com if you are able to help.

The Aides Unit picnic will be held on Saturday, August 11th at Bill & Bunny Arvidson's in Salem. More information will follow as the date gets closer.

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The Spring Ceremonial on April 21st. will be a great weekend with a parade and the ceremonial for new candidates, all held in the city of Concord. It will be good for the Nobles of Bektash Shrine to show the city of Concord that we proud to be headquartered here and to help put Concord on the map. I am sure that if we help support the City that they will help us also. Let's try to get the officials and people to come and visit our Temple on Pembroke Road.

Brad and Lori Durfee are working hard to see that we have a great weekend so lets show them that we care and help them all that we can. "Besides Brad has promised that the sun will shine all weekend" Right Brad??

Also do not forget that this is a tune up for the NESA that will be held here in 2008.

The Oriental Band will be ready for the Ceremonial and the parade on the 21st. Nobles do not forget that we have room for more members on the trailer so if you have trouble marching, join us and ride.

This is for all O-Band members near and far. I need to update the membership list. If you want a copy send me all of your information, ie. Mailing addresses (summer and winter), Tel. numbers, E-Mail address (so I could send info by e-mail). Postage is expensive and the rates are expected to rise. It is nice to hear from all of our members whether active or not. It is important to know how you and your family are doing. So please send this to me by e-mail or other ASAP. Thanks.

On behalf of the O-Band and myself we want to thank Ill Willard R. Lemaire, P.P. for all of his help and for doing an excellent job as Recorder for Bektash. We wish him the best in the future.

Also we want to thank Dan Salo for doing such a great job as editor of the Bektash news. It never has been any better. Also thanks to Lee for doing a super job in the office. Both Dan & Lee go out of their way to help all of us.

Myself & the Oriental Band appreciate it very much.

So much for now. Hope to see you soon.

Yours in The Faith, Walt Young.



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Bingo Chairman Robert St. Jacques and Lady Mary

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Noble Ray Palmer with Lady Marie, with Bektash Bingo Appreciation Award



Left to Right: Gaye and Al Reynolds, Sandy and Norm Rhodes, Marion and Chuck Chaet, Dan Salo, Lee Calkins, George and Nancy Rodgers

More Bingo Appreciation Dinner Photos



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IMPERIAL POTENTATE MESSAGE MARCH 2007

As I traveled around the country last month to Boston, Nebraska, Portland and Spokane – I was fortunate to be able to avoid the snow storms and airport delays that have been so prevalent during these last few weeks of winter.

On my travels, I attended several Shrine association and Grand Lodge meetings and other events where I was encouraged by the strong bonds of cooperation and commitment evident between Shriners and Masons. Everyone seems focused on the future of our great organizations.

I started the month in Kearney, Neb., where I attended the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska meeting with Imperial Sir Jack Jones. The Lodge will celebrate its 150th anniversary later this year. Congratulations to Most Worshipful Scott Krieger, Immediate Past Grand Master, for such great success. I would also like to thank him for all the courtesies he extended to us. I was pleased to see Tangier Shriners in Omaha, Neb., honored as Most Outstanding Organization by the Nebraska DeMolay and John Wonder, Potentate of Tangier, honored as the Most Outstanding Mason of the Year. The harmony between all Masonic organizations in Nebraska is an inspiration and an example for us all.

From there, I was pleased to be able to attend a gala celebration with Elaine at my home temple of Al Malaikah in Los Angeles . I want to thank Potentate Rick Weiser and Lady Janet, as well as all the divan members, for a wonderful evening. Elaine and I had a most enjoyable time.

Then it was time to head south to the South Central Shrine Association meeting in Hot Springs , Ark. I want to thank association president Dwayne Waring, Noble Ray Ordinachev, who was my Aide, and Lady Dee for their courtesy and thoughtfulness during my visit.

It was my great pleasure to attend the 100th anniversary celebration of Omar Shriners in Mount Pleasant, S.C., along with Imperial Sirs George Mitchell, Al Madsen and Paul Massad. It was quite a celebration! We particularly enjoyed the presentation on the 100 years of history of Omar Shriners from 1907 to 2007. Omar Shriners have a fascinating history and much to be proud of. There were booths with memorabilia from each of the Past Potentates that were especially interesting, and we also enjoyed a country-style lunch provided by the Shrine Club. Congratulations to Potentate Jack Thompson, his Lady Sandra and the Divan members for a tremendous, enjoyable event. I also want to thank Al Hanson, who was my Aide, and Lady Peggy, for all their courtesies and attention. In addition, I want to express our appreciation for Omar Shriners' generous contribution to Elaine's program, "Reaching Out for Medical Miracles."

Next, I traveled to Oklahoma City for the Recorders Seminar. Our recorders have one of the most important positions in our temples. The work our recorders do is so important and significant – they are responsible for communications at all levels – among the divan, the nobility and the public. We rely on them to keep our temples running smoothly every day. I thank each one of them for all their hard work and congratulate them on a successful seminar.

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And then I traveled back to California to attend an Imperial reception and participate in a mini-ceremonial at Al Bahr Shriners in San Diego . Ten candidates from Mexico, including Francisco Zentella, Sovereign Grand Commander of Scottish Rite in Mexico, Grand Master Armando Alvarez and three Past Grand Masters, were created Shriners. Several Scottish Rite Masons were also present. The close relationship between Al Bahr and the Shriners and Masons in Mexico is wonderful to see, and something we all should emulate in our communities. Congratulations to Potentate Ben Billena, his Lady Florita and the Divan for a successful event and very enjoyable evening. I especially appreciated the beautiful cake with my logo for this Imperial Year!

I then spent several days in Portland, Ore., attending the Grand Masters Conference, along with Imperial Sirs Jack Jones, George Mitchell, Mike Severe and Terry McGuire. It was our honor to attend the opening session and also host the Frank S. Land Memorial Breakfast, which is sponsored by Shriners of North America. Frank Land founded DeMolay International in 1919 and was Imperial Potentate in 1954-55. He epitomizes the relationship, and the spirit of cooperation and brotherhood, between Masonry and Shriners. Approximately 350 Grand Lodge officers from North America, South America and Europe were present at the breakfast. Imperial Sir Jack Jones did an outstanding job as master of ceremonies and James Conner II, International Master Councilor of DeMolay, was an excellent keynote speaker. I was honored to be named an honorary national congress member of DeMolay, and to receive a plaque and watch. I was glad for the opportunity to talk with many of the Masonic leaders, and am very pleased with the spirit of

cooperation between our temples and the lodges throughout North America .

While in Portland, I visited the Shriners Hospital and learned more about the plans for renovation and remodeling. As always, visiting the hospital was a reminder of the real reason for all my travels, and all the work each of us take on each day.

And finally, I traveled to Spokane, Wash., for the Pacific Northwest Shrine Association meeting, hosted by El Katif Shriners. The meeting was attended by nearly 150 members from five states and parts of western Canada. Those attending along with myself included Imperial Sirs Doug Maxwell, George Mitchell, John Cinotto and Imperial Chaplain Paul Massad, M.D. It truly was an informative, interesting and successful meeting. Congratulations to Illustrious Sir Ben Kruse, Potentate of El Katif, as well as Dick Demoney, president, and Chuck Wyman, secretary-treasurer of the PNSA.

While in Spokane, I was able to visit the Shriners Hospital and spend time with patients. I met with a family from Mexico and offered encouragement, and was particularly touched by a parent who told me "Shriners Hospitals for Children saved my daughter's life." It's a moment I will never forget. My thanks to Hospital Administrator Gene Raynaud for coordinating my visit.

And, it's the reason each one of us needs to re-commit ourselves to membership efforts every day, remembering we are: Steering our Fraternities Toward New Horizons.

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Deceased: 03/18/2007 Born: 05/13/1953 Created: 06/09/1979

To the promised land our friends have gone,
To the land of perfect rest;
Their work is done—and the setting sun
Has sealed their life's request.
They have left this earthly strand,
For the house beyond the sea,
Though the past is gone, they will still live on
To us all—Sweet in our Memory.



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