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Dear Nobles.

Thank you for the confidence and support you have shown in electing me to the prestigious position of Potentate for 2015. It is indeed an honor and privilege to serve you, the Nobility, in this position. I pledge to do my best to represent you, our fraternity and our hospitals in a positive manner.

Thanks to Illustrious Sir Carl Barnes and his Lady Joyce on and outstanding year. The Fall Ceremonial was a resounding success due to his leadership. Hopefully we will be able to build on his progress and increase our membership numbers in 2015.

Membership is a priority for our continued success as the world's greatest fraternity and philanthropy. Our theme for the year is "Putting Our Best Foot Forward". Let's be a positive example of what a Shrine Mason is about. Although fun is an important part of what we are about, let us never lose track of why we became Shriners; to help those less fortunate than we. Be positive and be proactive and we can grow our numbers so that we may be able to help more children who need our services.

All during 2014, I witnessed our Nobility working together to achieve our goals. It showed me that together we can accomplish great things! Let's keep it up!

I would like to welcome Randy Williams and Lady Beth to our Divan. Myself and the rest of the Divan are looking forward to working with you to make 2015 an outstanding year at Al Menah. Look forward to receiving our calendar of events and read the Shriner each month to stay abreast of the many activities and opportunities we have scheduled for the upcoming year.

Remember to Put Your Best Foot Forward and be an example!!

Yours In The Faith, Mike Van Sant Potentate

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*James T. Haves

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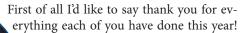
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From the desk of...

CHIEF RABBAN



To our Potentate, Carl Barns, a special thanks for believing in your Divan team, and letting us make changes and try new ideas which helped us to increase our membership. Our Membership Team Thanks for all the hard work. What a great year to go Gold in membership for the first time in 20 years! It was an honor to welcome and meet over 150 new Nobles and their Ladies.

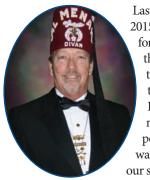
Also I'd like to thanks to Lady Tracy, Lady Kim and Lady Joyce for putting the Ladies program together you did a great job, and with that in the rearview mirror it's time to start a new year. We still need your support to find new Nobles, ask a friend, go to your Blue Lodge and be involved.

I'd like to give 100% of my support to the new Potentate Mike VanSant and welcome our new Oriental Guide, Noble Randy Williams and Lady Beth to the line. I will assure you we will work hard to represent you all this year. And again thanks for your support.

I hope everyone had a blessed Holiday Season and a Happy New Year.

Chief Rabban Jeff Head

ASSISTANT RABBAN



Last year sure went by fast. I can't believe its 2015 already. Thank you Nobles and Ladies for all your support the past two years and thanks for the confidence you placed in me to be your 2015 Asst. Rabban. Congratulations to our newly elected Oriental Guide Randy Williams and all the 2015 Divan members for being elected to your new position. Ill. Sir Mike VanSant we look forward to your leadership this year and pledge our support to you and Al Menah Shrine.

December, as usual, was a very busy month and a lot of fun too. All the parades and Christmas Parties were outstanding.

Thanks to the Ladies and Nobles that made these events happen.

We had another Ceremonial on New Year's Eve and have several more new Nobles at Al Menah. This year we will be counting on every Noble and their Lady to help us in our efforts to Recruit, Restore and Retain our membership. For the first time in decades we had a positive gain in membership last year and we expect to have the same if not better results this year and beyond. I would like to thank our Membership Committee and our 2014 Membership Chairman Mike Reeves for his leadership and guidance. Remember it takes everyone working together to achieve our goals. All it takes is Plus One from last year, but that means we have to recruit 150 plus candidates and restore 50 plus suspended Nobles. We know how to do it. Be active in your Blue Lodge and tell "The Shrine Story" to as many brothers as you can. It is really very simple just "ASK A MASTER MASON TO BE A SHRINER".

To all the New Nobles; it is a privilege to have each of you as new Al Menah Shrine-Masons. We are glad you chose Al Menah and we look forward to you being a vital part of our fraternity. We need each of you to recruit one new noble for our 2015 ceremonial. If you do we can continue to be the Greatest Temple in North America. If I can ever be of assistance to you please let me know. Be active, participate and encourage other to do the same.

In closing, I would like to congratulate Ill Sir Carl Barnes and Lady Joyce for a great 2014. Thank you for allowing the Divan and Nobility to work together as a TEAM. Working together we DID make a difference. Thank you Sir.

Asst. Rabban Frank Hester

HIGH PRIEST AND PROPHET

The year 2014 has come to an end, but what a great year it was at Al Menah. First of all, I would like to thank the nobility for allowing me to serve as Oriental Guide, and I am looking forward to serving as your High Priest and Prophet!

Congrats goes out to Randy Williams on winning the election for Oriental Guide. I personally look forward to working with Randy and Beth the next four years, and I would like to thank Kris

Fisher for running and everything he does for Al Menah Temple! In closing, thank you Carl Barnes and your Lady Joyce for a great year. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

> High Priest and Prophet Horace Perkins III

ORIENTAL GUIDE

Let me start by congratulating our new Potentate Mike Van Sant and the Elected Divan. Our Potentate has a great year planned for us. Please show your support by coming to our meetings and events. I can promise your attendance will make for fun memories!

In closing, I want to thank the Nobles who have put their trust and confidence in me to be elected as Oriental Guide and will do my best for you and the Shrine. To all the parading units, the good

Shrine. To all the parading units, the good news is the white coat is officially retired.

Oriental Guide Randy Williams



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JANUARY 2015

Al Menah 2015 Calendar (subject to change)

- 01 New Year's Day
- **04** Public Installation
- 17 Ambassador's Mtg.
- 19 M.L. King Day
- 24 Hillbillies
- 31 Driver's safety Mtg.

JANUARY								
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- 25 Divan Day Lexington

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- 30 Paper Sale Caravan

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- 16 Ed Goodwin
 Memorial Ladies
 Golf Tournament
 19 Fall Ceremonial
- 26 Al Menah Car Show / Masonic Day

- 1 3 Paper Sale Caravan
- 03 Good Friday
- 04 Easter Egg Hunt
- **05** Easter Sunday
- 11 Ceremonial
- 30 Paper Sale

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- 8-11 Shrine Circus
- 12 Columbus Day
- 31 Halloween / Fall Party

- 1 3 Paper Sale 7 – 10 Fun Fest Pigeon Forge
- 10 Mother's Day
- 18 Men's Golf Tourney
- 24 30 Potentate Trip25 Memorial Day

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- 5 Drivers Dinner7 Ladies Extravaganza
- 11 Veterans Day
- 26 Thanksgiving Day

- **6** Fishing Tournament
- 13 Ladies Luncheon
- 20 All Units Auction
- 21 Father's Day
- 27 Casino Party

JUNE							
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- 4 Open House / Tree Lighting
- 13 Patient's Christmas
 Party
- 25 Christmas Day
- 31 New Year's Eve Party

CENTER NEWS

CLOWNS

Well we had an awesome year. A great time was had by everyone who attend the annual clown Christmas party, where we celebrated the accomplishments of the unit for 2014 and ushered in the 2015 officers.

Our leadership for 2015 are as follows Captain Troy "Paintbucket" Huneycutt, Lieutenant Geoff "Sticks" King, newly elected Secretary Vernon "Jingles" Blackburn, and on going Treasurer Gene "Stutter" King.

We would like to congratulate the 2015 Divan that have advanced to their new position and newly elected Oriental Guide Randy Williams.

A big Thanks again to Scott and Kim Jones for an awesome 2014 year, we had a lot of fun and made some great memories.

As the New Year starts, don't forget the sick and those unable to attend functions. Give them a call or send a card. We have a lot of events planned for the upcoming 2015 year, so let's have some fun and help our kids.

CLOWN' UP Geoff 'Sticks' King Lieutenant

DIRECTOR'S STAFF

I hope y'all had a good Christmas & New Year.

For the year 2015, the Director's Staff stated meeting will be on the fourth (4th) Tuesday of each month. I ask for your help in spreading the word concerning the change of meeting time to our membership. Drinks at 5, Dinner at 6, and the meeting at 7pm.

Al Menah added about 200 new member this fall – we need to recruit these fellows into our unit. If you know someone who came in this fall – ask them to attend our meeting on January 27th, we need them

and the children need them.

On the health front, Joe Stroud is out of rehabilitation, he attended the Christmas party and looked pretty good considering its Joe. Please keep Don Young in your prayers as he deals with his health issues as I understand it, he just had a surgery before Christmas.

Please remember our Veterans, our Doctors, and our children. You and the grace of God made it possible for some of these kids to have one more Christmas. Don't lose sight of just how important your work is for these children. Thank you all for your support and see you in January.

Lt. Don Drayton

PROVOST GUARD

I hope everyone has had a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year, so far, and on behalf of the Capt. Ken Kingdon, Thank You for all the wonderful support that we had this past year. We are thankful for everyone who attended the parades and parties, especially the Christmas party. Now we turn our attention to this coming year for more great activities.

Our newly elected officers for 2015 are: Captain - Ken Loftis, Lieutenant - Barry Cassetty, Treasurer - Chris Vigil, and Secretary - Josh Waynick.

> Thanks Brandon Howell

GREETERS

A NOTE FROM OUR 2015 CAPTAIN

We would once again want to thank Don Estes for all his hard work as Captain in 2014. We owe a big thank you to him for the windows on out float, they sure will come in handy during those Cold and rainy Parades and let's not forget the great Christmas party he arranged.

We look forward to seeing all of you at our many Shrine functions and the two Ceremonials Scheduled for 2015 as well as the Greeters events. (Remember many hands make for light work)

Captain Richard Kranpitz

A NOTE FROM OUR 2014 CAPTAIN

Congratulations to the new officers for 2015: Captain - Richard Kranpitz, First Lieutenant - Chad Gardiner, Second Lieutenant - Jerry Tucker, Secretary/Treasurer - Tom York, Chaplain - Jim York.

Remember plaque sales run year round. Don't forget that you can donate your unused Airline Miles to the Shrine Children's Hospital. The "Kids" in our hospitals need our help more now than ever before.

Our belated Condolences to Brother Pat Murphy (Captain 1999) and his Lady Bobby on the loss of their Mother during 2014. Our prayers and best wishes go out to Joe Bell, PP and Tom York, hope they continue to recover quickly to full health.

Keep in our prays all those that are hurting and sick.

We wish all a Healthy and Happy New Year.

Lou Becker

SHRINE CLUB NEWS

Hendersonville Shrine Club

Once again we are looking forward to a new year under the leadership of new Potentate Mike Van Sant. He can hardly wait to put some of his good ideas to work for 2015.

A Big Thanks goes out to our Past Potentate, Carl E. Barnes and the entire Divan for the great job they did last year. I would like to congratulate Mike Reeves on an excellent job as Membership Chairman for 2014, a class of 150 new Shriners in our December class.

Our Shrine Club is looking for new members as well. If you were one of the 150 new Shriners or just a Shriner in the Goodlettsville / Hendersonville area and not in a Shrine Club, we would love for you to join us at our next meeting. We meet on the 4th Monday night of each month at 6:00pm at the Black-Eye-Pea at 164 East Main St in Hendersonville. Our meeting starts at 7:00pm. Call a friend and bring him to our next meeting.

Nobles, remember to thank God each day for our many blessings, our freedom, our family and our kids we work for through our Shriners Hospitals for Children and each member of Al Menah Temple who is in need of our prayer at this time.

Boyd Parnell President



Upper Cumberland Shrine Club & Hillbilly Clan #151 Outhouse #3

The Upper Cumberland Shrine Club and Hillbilly Clan #151 Outhouse #3 was awarded First Place for Civic Groups Category in the Overton County/Livingston Christmas Parade held December 13, 2014. The members had a great time during the parade and the crowds along the parade enjoyed the Hillbilly float.

We would like to extend an invitation to any Shrine Noble to join our Upper Cumberland Shrine Club and our Hillbilly Outhouse family. We have a good time anytime we are together. For more information call David Burchfield at (931)823-2033.

Thank you and Seasons Greetings David Burchfiel Raban of the Clan Outhouse #3

Congratulations! 2015 Divan of Al Menah Shriners

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Valentine Dinner & Dance

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5:30 - Doors Open

6:30 - Steak Dinner

7:30 - Music By

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Tickets available from Divan Members or the office.

Tickets must be purchased by February 4th.

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Order of the Sword of Bunker Hill

The Sword of Bunker Hill Order will be conferred at the Al Menah Temple on Friday evening, January 16, 2015. Our dinner will begin at 6:00 pm and the conferral at 7:00 pm. All nobles are invited to attend and if not members , they are eligible to become members that evening. Only masons in good standing are eligible for membership in this order. The cost is \$25.00 for life-time membership with no annual dues.

Among the many distinguished guests at this conferral will be Noble Mike Vansant and Past Grand Master of Free and Accepted Masons of Tennessee, Brother KI Wright who will display our colors prior to the initiation.

The Order teaches us to perpetuate the principles of American Liberty and remind us of the sacrifices of our masonic forefathers in forming our great republic. There is plenty of fun for each of the new members at this conferral.

So we can plan our dinner count, we ask that you indicate to us your plans to attend this fun evening event. Please do so by emailing one of the following:

Please email our Secretary, Jim Diamond @: james.diamond007@comcast.net
Present Commander, Brother Larry Kent Smith @ lksandmjs@tds.net

or... our Commander, emeritus, Brother Tommy Clark @ 3knocks@charter.net

Our best wishes to everyone for a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Faternally, Larry Kent Smith Honorable Grand Commander in Chief

An Invitation to Our Ladies

I would like to thank all of the Ladies that helped out with our Fall Ceremonial and for your support of the Divan in 2014 and in the upcoming year. You all are AMAZING and we couldn't do it without any of you.

We are looking forward and hope you are also to our next Ladies meeting on January 20th at 5:30 in the Vision Building. If you can't make it at this time, please get there when you can.

Please be mindful of the ladies that cannot drive at night and offer them a ride. The Motor Corp and Divan Ladies will be hosting our dinner with a program of fun and fellowship to follow. ALL Ladies are invited! The stronger we Ladies are, the more we can do for our Shriners Hospitals for Children and Al Menah Shrine Center.

Sincerely, Tracy Crain Lady of Noble Frank Hester

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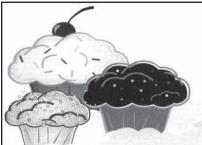
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Nobles Visited By The Black Camel

Carl David Ritchie 3/10/1946 – 9/2/2014 Malden, MO **Paul Samuel Cohn, Jr** 7/31/1923 – 11/23/2014 Nashville, TN

Doak Ronney Phillips 3/29/1955 – 10/8/2014 Hilham, TN **Felix Eugene Durham** 8/22/1921 – 11/24/2014 Nashville, TN

Bethel Campbell Smoot, Jr. 8/19/1936 – 11/18/2014 Tullahoma, TN **Billy Key Mullican** 9/10/1940 – 11/27/2014 Antioch, TN

William Steven Downa 4/1/1949 – 11/21/2014 Kingsport, TN

John Lutton Forte 8/14/1937 – 12/1/2014 Mt. Juliet, TN

Fred R. Kissling, Jr 12/10/1930 – 11/22/2014 Lexington, KY

Troy Alan Brown 9/30/1964 – 12/15/2014 Winchester, TN

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Each month, one outstanding noble will be chosen as the Shriner of the Month. To make it easier on our nomination board, we will be

taking nominations quarterly. This round, your nominations will be considered for the months of February, March and April 2015. To recognize these individuals and their extraordinary contributions, each monthly winner's personal profile will be highlighted on Shriners Village, the Shriners International website and more. In addition, the winner will receive a signed plaque from the Imperial Potentate and a commemorative pin.

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