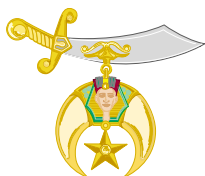


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## FROM THE POTENTATE

The past four issues of the *Camel Tales*, I have listed the reasons others want to join our organization and why people choose not to join. Our Divan and other leaders of El Zagal have prioritized this list for our organization.

The thread that binds all Shriners together is our Hospital System. We are known nationwide as the Greatest Philanthropy on Earth because of our work with Children's Hospitals. The Red Fez and Children's Hospitals are synonymous with helping children become healthy citizens.

I am indeed pleased to announce that our Imperial leaders and our Minneapolis Board of Governors have hired a Pediatric Orthopedic Surgeon for our hospital. Dr. Ken Guidera will begin his practice on November 1, 2005.

This has been a trying situation for so many. Several years ago, the medical staff at the Imperial Office decided to change the direction of medical care for our Shrine Hospital

system. It was their thought of closing several hospitals throughout the country and becoming a research center.

The first hospital designated to close was ours in Minneapolis. We fought a hard fight and have been strongly supported by Shriners everywhere to change that decision and keep our hospital and others open. Of course, we know that we have to change our focus of care just as other health providers must do, but to close hospitals is not the right choice.

Our Imperial Officers have made a complete "turn around" and are in total support of keeping us up and running. Thanks need to be shared by many, especially Past Potentates Dean Bard, Lowell Thompson and Steve Garten and the Midwest Shrine Association.

It is our job to make sure that our hospital has children it can serve. If we believe that our care is the best, then it is up to us to identify children with special orthopedic needs for our Minneapolis Hospital.

The Shrine Hospital system plus the other four reasons suggested in previous issues; our strong tradition, the fun at the circus that we provide for children, the sharing of our friendships and just being good

friends does make membership all worthwhile. It's time for all of us to share the good news with others and encourage them to join us!

The negatives of "too expensive"; too many activities that have "spirits" at the forefront; a substitute for church; takes too much time away from our families are misconceptions or issues that we can change. If fact, we are doing things that will change these issues by reviewing our ritual during initiation, involving families and children, more "mixed stags" and less emphasis on the need for alcoholic beverages at our functions. Help us in these endeavors to make the changes necessary to carry on the work of our organization.

Please note the change in dates for our Fall Ceremonial to Nov. 5 and 6 in Bismarck. It will be a fun experience with speakers from our Lewis and Clark Signature Event, our own Mandan Indians, outstanding music during dinner with the Strolling Strings, awards and to introduce you to the "kids we have helped."

Please invite prospective candidates to come along. If you wish, bring a guest to the evening banquet. It will be well worth your time!

If you stop in at the Shrine Center, you may notice a nice antique pump organ setting just off the lobby.

This came about through an old family friend of Neil Johnson of the Escort Motor Patrol. His friend, Judy Harris, had the Pump Organ that came out of the old Shrine Temple in down town Fargo. She was storing this and wanted to donate it to

the Shrine. Yours truly and Jeff Volk took a road trip to Maud Lake and brought back the organ. Yes it works but need some minor wood work and cleaning. Any volunteers?

Judy donated this to El Zagal in memory of her father B. (Benjamin) Walter Dunkelberger and her father in law Emerson R. (Robert) Harris. Judy says she still

remembers going to the old Shrine Center at Christmas time and standing around the old pump organ and singing Christmas Carols. We want to thank Judy for keeping this organ in such great shape and seeing that it came back home. Illustrious Sir Harvey has already played it and told me that this is exactly what he learned on many years ago.

## ORGAN DONATED

## MSA REPORT

With a lot of planning & work by many Ladies & Nobles of El Zagal, MSA 2004 is now history and by all reports an enjoyable affair. All of El Zagal can be very proud of their accomplishment.

As Director General I am so appreciative of the co-operation of all. We plan this for about three years, but nervous period comes the day it starts, when all the key plans fall into place. And they did! I thank the committees that have worked for three years in meeting and planning for this affair. We are very fortunate to have such capable and willing people who volunteered to serve. I list them in this article so you can see again because I think they should be recognized: Pres. MSA 2004; Monte Routledge PP, Director General; Jake Ochsner PP, Ass't Dir. Gen.; Drew Likness, Treas. Dave Rott PP, Committee Chairmen; Publicity & Public Relations; Ken Maxson & Bryan Shinn, Completions; Steve Hanson, Facilities & Entertainment; Eric Nelson, Administration & Registration; Bob Wedberg & Ass't; Rick Oberg, Transportation; Dick Snyder, Housing; Terry Lunde, Parades; Dave Larson PP & Bob Fredrickson, Counterparts Dinner; Lowell Mueller, Secretary; Lynn Monge, and our Chief of Staff who did a great

job; Greg Deal, Ladies Luncheons; Linda Routledge, and Market Place; Judy Maxson with the Hospital Auxiliary.

The committees did a great job on the planning & executing; but without the help of the Ladies & Nobles of El Zagal in those last few days we would not have had the fine showing.

I would like to comment on a couple things regarding the Ladies function. Linda started something new by moving the VIP Ladies Luncheon to Thursday instead of the normal Saturday and it seemed to be well received. Judy Maxson and the Auxiliary Ladies provided Hostesses at the Market Place to assist the vendors & even handle booths while they went for lunch. She also provided the vendors with a survival kit of candy bar, Band-Aid, fruit, etc. They were so pleased as nothing like this had ever happened to them. So, El Zagal hospital-ity came forth again.

How about that Thursday night at El Zagal? What a crazy & frantic function that turned out to be. We had no way of knowing how many people would show up, so we planned on 600. Well, I think about 1400 showed up. We cleaned out the grocery stores bratwurst supply and found some frozen wieners

at El Zagal to finally serve everyone. The Directors Staff started the cooking & serving, but before all was said & done, many other unit members ended up helping. A great joint effort! The staff of El Zagal did a fantastic job of handling the thirsty guests. They were stretched to capacity & beyond and still maintained a very friendly attitude. Great appreciation to Lorrie and her crew for a job very well done.

The parades were also exciting and very well attended. I know our Chief of Staff, Greg Deal, was very concerned about routes, construction restraints, etc., but he put it all together and they went very well.

And last but not least; how about the great job our leader, Illustrious Sir Harvey Schilling did as Emcee of the Super Shinerana. This was such a very wonderful show & Potentate Harvey kept the audience well entertained between acts and directed the Plainsmen in a wonderfully patriotic finale. Thank you. By the way, you might be able to use most of those same jokes in 2016.

Thank you all again and let's start planning for MSA 2016.

Most Sincerely,  
Devine Ochsner PP  
Director General MSA 2004

## OFFICIAL CALL

The regular stated meeting of El Zagal Temple will be held on

**Saturday, Nov. 6, 2004 at 9:30 am  
at the Ramkota - Bismarck, ND**

The purpose of this meeting is as follows:  
To conduct any business properly brought before the chair.

Attest Dave E. Larson, Recorder

Yours in the faith, Harvey Schilling

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## RITUALISTIC *divan*

Seems the "Holy War" is over. At least Special Forces Operatives are in covert status negotiating a peace initiative.— WHEW!! Thought Shrinedom's Thespian Theology was precariously perched; the pomp and pageantry plundered.— Yet God, by whatever name, intervened. The Parade To Glory marches onward.

I personally believe the RDs need to add belly dancers to the "play". Thus enhancing the ritual and increasing attendance.— Margie wants"Chip N Dales"(remember this is a family newsletter)— I told her that would distract new candidates. We are IN COMMITTEE at this time.

Ya know, this ol' world is a changin'; affectin' all we do. I keep hearin' the tune by the Bellamy Brothers,"He's an Old Hippie"...."he ain't tryin' to change nobody, he's just tryin' real hard to adjust" — gotta keep seekin' the memories of the Ol' Red Fes: need more Bill Andersons, Darrin Galdes, Al Dybings, Joe Jacobs, Gordy Ericksons, Bruce Neresons, Gary Andersons and Nick Scherbenskes. Love the Gary Stewart anecdotes; Bruce Keifer jokes and stories — hope they out live me.—Had fun

playing Arabian Room balloon volleyball with the Escorts; need another year of Pote Steve Garten and Clown wars and Pote Harvey at the Roast.— Had enough of the "It's all about me"

Came to the Shrine to enjoys its "Oasis of fun, laughter, and fraternal fellowship" as the ritual alludes to. With people from all units. Seems to end up being more complicated than that. — ain't dat sumptin' !!!

Hope the Mandan Indians keep marchin' and dancin' for many years to come. That younger, motivated new braves will keep the heritage alive. — That unit does a great job.

Ya know, I may be a half bubble off level but I'll wager I ain't the only guy who kicks his underwear from the floor on the way to the shower and catches them with his glove hand.— O.K., O.K. maybe I am the only one who attempts field goals over the chandelier.— Margie don't say much about it; just shakes her head and walks away.

Perhaps I'll be talkin' with ya, further down the road. This is my last article for the Camel Tales. Until then, walk easy upon this earthly realm. Happy Trails

RICH Ellsworth

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## News From the Recorder

So here we go with the activities for the rest of the year. There are many functions planned. Please pay attention to your Camel Tales, the calendar and mailings to keep up with what is happening across El Zagal Land.

If you are set up for it, a lot of information is posted on our website. That site is www.elzagal.org. Use it and if you want anything posted just let the webmaster know. All

units should have their function dates on the web calendar and it is easy to get it there.

We have 4 of the Twin Homes sold and have the deposits. These four units sold for over 1 million dollars. Two more will be ready in about a month and we are getting the basements done for the last 4 before freeze up. The project is going quite well.

You have all received a mailing on the date change for the fall

ceremonial. It will be held at the Ramkota Inn in Bismarck on November 5th and 6th. There is more on this in this issue. We will also have a Stated Meeting in Bismarck on the 6th.

If you have any questions, please let me know at pote97@nbinternet.com or call me at the Shrine during the afternoon at (701-235-7521). Think MEMBERSHIP.

Dave

## El Zagal Big Band

El Zagal's #1 musical unit has had a very demanding spring and summer performance schedule. The circus band, again led by Josh Argall, played all 6 circus shows to very appreciative audiences. 2004 Illustrious Sir, Harvey Schilling, took the baton and directed the circus band for several numbers.

Little German Band director Gene Borud has once more kept the 12 piece group really fine tuned. Since June we have played the following; Riverview Place Assisted Living Home; Walcott, N.Dak. 4th of July Parade; 10th Annual Fargo Police Picnic; Dilworth, MN, LoCo Days Parade; El Zagal

Clubhouse for MSA Mixer following Thursday Nite Parade; Bonanzaville Pioneer Days parade in West Fargo and then most recently for 40th Annual Provost Guard Bierstube at El Zagal. Group will also play in October for Oktoberfest celebration at Hankinson and Concordia College Homecoming parade in Moorhead.

Imperials 18 piece swing dance band, under the direction of Myron Dybing, has played 3 times this summer. Imperial Potentate Burt Oien dinner and dance at El Zagal; RD Dave and Peggy Skov wedding dance held at El Zagal and once more back to the "dry campus" at NDSU

to light up the Northern Lights Dance Club. The Imperials practice monthly whether we have a gig or not and what better way to keep the "chops" in shape! The Imperials will play at least 2 more times before the end of the year. More info on these jobs later.

Last but not least, congratulations are in order for 2004 MSA President Monte Routledge and 2004 MSA Director General Jake Oschner for the great job they did. El Zagal did an outstanding job hosting the 2004 MSA thanks to the efforts of Jake and Monte.

Chuck Munro  
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## PLAINSMEN

God dag, brdnemin og venner. Sommer er forgangen og mart kommer host. (Good day, my brothers and friends. Summer is gone and autumn comes soon. It has been a busy year with our leader Harvey Shilling in the role of Potentate. My, but he does a pat job, doesn't he? The Plainsmen followed him to Fargo for the Imperial Potentate's visit, and the evening festivities made a wonderful time for all. Next came the Medora Ceremonial, followed by the Imperial Ceremonial in Denver, then to Fargo for the Midwest Ceremonial. We also had a grand picnic supper at the beautiful home of our President Robbie Robinson and his lovely lady, Linda. Then, came another performance for a Centennial Celebration in Long Lake, SD. The Plainsmen also performed for the Missouri Slope Care Center, the - Waterford, and the local RSVP awards dinner, and the Edgewood Vista. We were well received by everyone, and it makes us feel good when the crowd is so responsive to our efforts. We have had some hospital calls, however. Joanne Pearson had knee replacement surgery followed by her husband, Nils with the same procedure after she showed him how it war done. All is great with both of them, and Nils and

his lady, Joanne, will soon be king. Del Huston war in the hospital twice, first, to determine his problem, and then, to place a stint to open clogged arteries. Del is doing well now. Old Harv, had his right shoulder replaced in May and will have the left one replaced in September. Can't help but wonder how far they can go in putting new parts into old bodies. If our automobiles required this much costly repair, we would trade them off for new ones first. This might give my wife some ideas. Men nye ting ikke make gammel mennesker ung. (New parts make not old people young.) We have some sad news to report as well. Norm Stuhmiller, a very loyal member, passed away in August after a stroke and other complications. Norm was one of our first tenors, and often served as Assistant Director. He was very active in civic programs and the recipient of many awards for his volunteer work. He will soon be honored with the Andrist Award for Community service, the most prestigious award that AARP can bestow. He helped many people and will be missed. - Tak for cist. Ingen mer og snakker nar. (Thanks for the last time. Nothing more to say for now.)

gamle harv  
 Harvey Melstad

## PROVOST GUARD

The sun slit through the blinds of the motel room with the sharpness of a stiletto, piercing the eyelids of the slumbering Shriner within. Aroused, raspy words escaped the dry and parched lips, "the horror, the horror".

He had told them that is was impossible to exist for three days on nothing but pickles and olives. Yet he had. In hospitality room after hospitality room he searched, finding nothing but devastated crock-pots of meatballs and little weenies, except for the vegetable trays, which mysteriously remained unharmed. It was then he began to fear the worst.

In the depths of his dehydrated mind he could see the conversation. The Potentate has assembled his Divan, much like Don Corleone assembled his capos, and asked, "How do I rid myself of this troublesome Shriner?" The Divan as one responded, "In the Shriner way! At the MSA; we will party him to death!"

Yes, I'm exaggerating, but Lord knows it felt like that now and then. In a larger sense it was a wonderful time of renewing old friendships and creating new

ones. The parades were great and the amount of people that turned out was unbelievable. Greg Deal, our Chief of Staff deserves kudos as does Bill Hovell, Dave Larson, Bryan Shinn, Bob Fredrickson and the rest of the MSA planning committee.

We had a MPA meeting at the MSA, and all went well with Lloyd Galde providing humor at Gary Anderson's expense.

As of this writing our Bierstubbe is just completed. Thanks to all involved, but hats off to Darrin Galde and Merle Gulleckson for all their efforts. And thanks to all who came for your support!

As for your humble correspondent, I'm checking out a rumor that the Masonic Stair Lecture has been altered to a twelve-step program.

Scotty Uhrich  
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**Saturday, November 6**

**9 a.m.** Fez Fitting for new candidates

**9:30 a.m.** Stated Meeting

**10:30 a.m.** Break

**11 a.m.** We begin our ceremonial with the initiation of new candidates. This is an open session for all Nobles and their Ladies. Please make every effort to attend this presentation given by the Ritualistic Divan, Oriental Band and Chanters.

**12:30 p.m.** Joint Luncheon

Mr. Todd Hanson will give us a presentation of the work of Lewis and Clark. Todd is a presenter with the Circle of Culture - a Lewis and Clark event.

**2:15 p.m.** Fez Presentation and Lecture. It is important that all Nobles and Ladies and the new candidate sponsors be present.

**3 p.m.** Grand Entry by all Units. After the Grand Entry, we will conduct a Memorial Service.

**5:30 p.m.** Social Hour

**6:00 p.m.** Dinner

Prior to Dinner, the Mandan Indians will do a presentation. Dinner Music will be provided by the famed Strolling Strings. A short film and presentations will be given by recipients who have received services from our Shrine Hospital. Guests are welcome!!!!

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Dave E. Larson  
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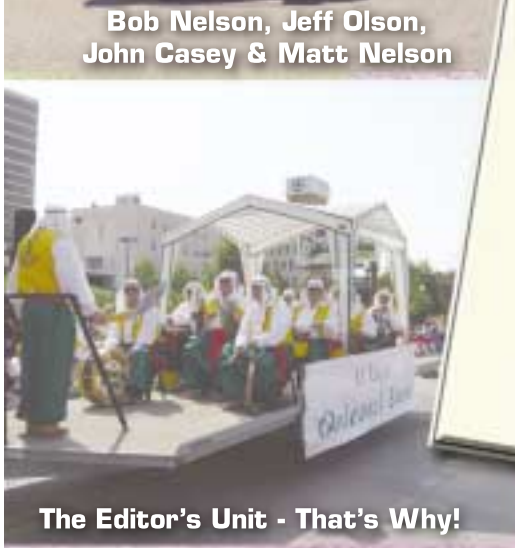


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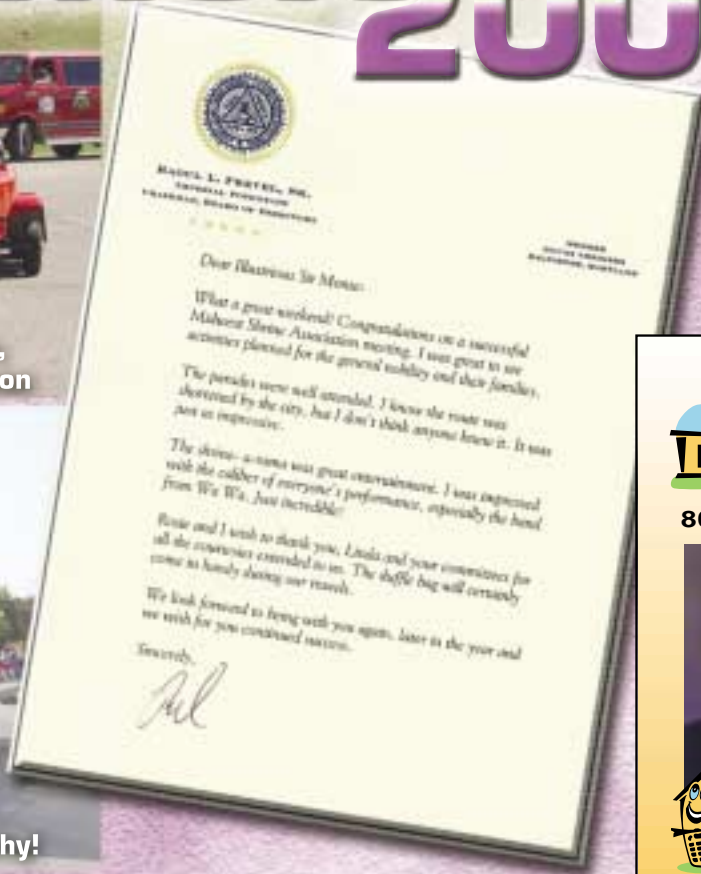
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## NEWS FROM THE HOSPITAL

By Dean F. Bard, PP - Board of Governors, Twin Cities Shrine Hospital

I am happy to report that an important milestone has been reached for the Twin Cities Shrine Hospital. We have been able to hire a full-time Chief of Staff. His name is Ken Guidera, and he is a board-certified pediatric orthopedic surgeon. Ken has a wealth of experience in pediatric care, and what is more important, he has been employed for nearly 30 years at the Shrine hospital in Tampa, and for the last 9 years as Assistant Chief of Staff at that facility. Ken has let us know that he is anxious to begin the rebuilding process at our hospital, because he wants to make it the flagship of the Shrine hospital system.

And it will be a rebuilding process. We need to immediately find two more staff physicians, one of whom will be Assistant Chief of Staff. During the last two years, our hospital has not been able to keep current with the medical needs of kids in our service area. Children have been transferred to other hospitals because we were physically unable to care for them. As an example, in 2001 we admitted 836 new patients. In 2002, that figure dropped to

767 new cases, mostly because it was announced in November that year that the hospital was slated for closure on December 31, 2003. During 2003, we struggled with the loss of our Chief of Staff, and admissions dropped for that year way down to 385. After efforts to close the hospital failed, admissions started to come back, and by the end of July, 2004, we had 298 new patients for the year. Based on these numbers, it looks like we will end the year with about 700 new patients, nearly twice as many as we accepted for 2003. So, our figures are improving, even though we were short of medical staff.

But we need to be striving for greater increases for the future, if we truly want our hospital to be a vibrant, busy facility. El Zagal needs to carry its share of the obligation to find new patients. To that end, we have scheduled a screening clinic for Fargo for June 3, 2005, and we expect to hold several applications clinics in different cities this year. It takes a lot of work to put these programs on, so please be available to help when they are held.

## Nobles and Ladies of El Zagal.

If you happen to call our office and hear a new voice please welcome Lisa Johnson, our new full time book keeper. I hope that you all understand that the Board of Trustees and Divan of El Zagal continue to make every effort to improve the operation of your Shrine Center. Having a part time book keeper, and then an outside book keeping service just did not work. In July your

board made the decision that we definitely needed a full time book keeper. We were very fortunate to have a Noble send us an applicant. The hiring process was accomplished and Lisa has been on board for about 3 weeks. Lisa is doing a great job and will make things a lot smoother in the office. Please call or stop in and say hello to her.

## DIRECTORS STAFF

MSA has come and gone, wow! What a ride. Captain Mark Schmidt put together a super competition routine. A real crowd pleaser. Though we rode a near perfect competition, we will continue to improve on it in 2005. Thanks to Bruce Ridgeway for his efforts as no.1 lead rider this year. Our third annual motorcycle "ride for the children" was a great success. The weather cooperated and everyone had a safe and enjoyable ride. It was another good showing of the Directors Staff. Great to see so many pitch in and do their part. Thanks to Bill Tubes for his help. Congratulations to the grand prize winner who received a fishing trip for two

with our own pro angler Steve Garten. Thanks to Sandy for following in her convertible and keeping track of any fall out. October 17, 11-1 is the annual turkey dinner at the shrine center. This is one you don't want to miss. Turley and all the trimmings. See any staff member for tickets, \$8.00 in advance. \$9.00 at the door, under 12yrs \$4.00. Steve Garten is trying to convince Lady Emily to market her potato salad for \$3.95 a quart. With proceeds going to the new bike fund! More to come on this later. As always we are very receptive to new members. Anyone interested, come join us. We have fun! The seasons getting short, so ride all you can. B.K. The Walker

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## VIKINGS

Hello from Vikingland. Several enjoyed the MSA. The parades were great and the women reported a terrific ladies luncheon. They were still laughing the next day after hearing Janet Martin speak. She is awesome!!

Our August monthly meeting was enjoyed by all who attended. We had the annual garbage can supper at the John and Rosina Manikowski home. We always look forward to the great food. Thanks John and Rosina and everyone that furnished from their garden. Great time!

As I write this, the Vikings are preparing to entertain the Yelduz/El Zagal trail ride in Forman. We will be serving a garbage can meal at this event. We are excited and honored that Imperial Potentate Raoul Frelvel and Lady Rosie will be here. Hope we saw many of you here too!!

It's a busy time for us as HAGAR DAYS is coming up soon. If you like fish, be sure to join us for our annual dinner in Cogswell, Saturday October 9th. HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!!!

THE VIKINGS

## TWIN HOME UPDATE

I hope that many of you took time to look at our twin home project during the MSA. We couldn't be more pleased how everything is coming together. As of September 7<sup>th</sup>, we have 8 of 10 units in various stages of construction. All (4) of the golf course units are sold. By November 1<sup>st</sup>, the model home will be complete which will help in marketing of the unsold units. The remaining units will be either capped or framed/enclosed before winter so we will not have to wait until next spring to dig the last foundation and can

finish the units out as they are sold. There really haven't been any significant problems (so far). Clay Dietrich is a pleasure to work with and our bank has been very accommodating. If you have any questions, concerns, or comments, please give me a call or drop a note/email. If you know of someone who may be interested, give us the name and Clay Dietrich can get in contact with them. So far, that's how all the units have been sold.

Drew Likness

### First Lady Rosie announces new 'Shriners Give Brighter Tomorrows' fundraising program



The women the Imperial for being here to for Lady things, aren't of books and movies, they are of the more than 100 girls in ages to meet while visiting the hospital.

"I haven't been lucky enough to stay at many hospitals or meet as many children as Raoul has, but for more than I have met, I have seen their smiling faces, and I am proud of the difference Shriners have made to the lives of these wonderful children," said First Lady Rosie.

The aim of Shriners Hospitals that focuses has the most is that of physical therapy and rehabilitation because in these rooms — filled with state-of-the-art and exercise equipment — children get the chance to impact their own lives and lives.

While therapy is sometimes challenging and painful, it is in these rooms that a little girl can walk an amazing mile, or a little boy can walk himself to go home. It is here that children realize that they can have a bright future and that they can be like other kids. They just have to do it a little bit differently.

"The main theme accomplished being in children throughout our days and services are the importance for our fundraising project this year

Shriners Give Brighter Tomorrows," and the proceeds will directly benefit the physical therapy and rehabilitation centers of Shriners Hospitals for Children.

"According to First Lady Rosie, the idea to benefit the Shriners Hospitals' therapy came from the service of her husband, Imperial Potentate, David L. Frelvel Sr., on the Buildings and Equipment Committee," said Rosie. "He has met all of the 22 Shriners Hospitals, and has seen the progress and transformations of these buildings into state-of-the-art medical facilities."

Shriners Give Brighter Tomorrows," and the proceeds will directly benefit the physical therapy and rehabilitation centers of our hospitals.

"I'm touched by their attitude and by the effort these kids give everyday, and I'm very excited to get involved with this program, so we can all help put even more smiles on these faces," said First Lady Rosie.

As Imperial for Raoul and First Lady Rosie make visitors throughout the Imperial Year, they ask that in lieu of personal gifts, Nobles and Ladies purchase a "Shriners Give Brighter Tomorrows" certificate. A specially designed pin on tie will be given for each certificate purchased.

"It is our wish that as Nobles and Ladies wear their pin on tie, they will think about the brighter tomorrows they have helped to give children at our hospitals," explained First Lady Rosie.

Certificates can be presented to the Friends of their travel, or may be sent with donations to Shriners International Headquarters, Office of Development, 1501 Box 21136, Tampa, FL 33611. Canadian donations and certificates should be sent to the Canadian Shriners Hospital at 1829 Cedar Ave., Montreal, Quebec, Canada H3G 1A6. All donations made to Shriners Hospitals are tax deductible.

An initial supply of "Shriners Give Brighter Tomorrows" certificates has been sent to the Ladies of all Shriners Potentates and Shriners Associates Presidencies. Additional certificates and envelopes can be obtained from the Office of Development at Shriners International Headquarters by calling 1-800-241-4439.

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