

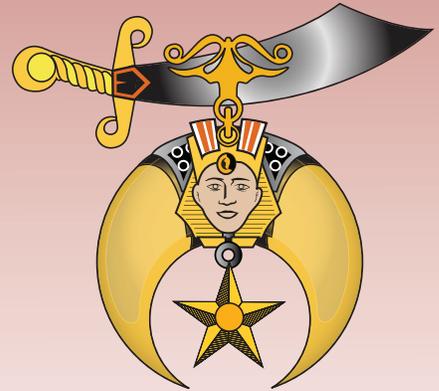
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WINNER OF SIX DROMEDARY AWARDS

Meet Our New Potentate

Francis Lee Kaufman was born in Dover-Foxcroft, Maine on February 2, 1942. His family moved to Dexter, Maine in 1951, where he resided until 2010 when the family moved to Corinna. He attended Dexter schools and graduated from Husson College with a degree in Business Administration.

His business career started in 1964 when he joined his father in the automobile business as a Ford dealer. He was joined in the business with his brother and later established a new adventure in the recreational world with Kawasaki-Yamaha Division of their corporate business name, Dexter Motor Sales. They sold both businesses in 1996, and he continued to sell automobiles under the name of Kaufman Motor Company. He also was in partnership in a guiding business in Dennistown, Maine, known as Miller Guide Service. This business later became Dennistown Guide Service, which was under his management. They hunted all big and small game, but bear hunting was his favorite part of the business.

In 1964 he married Peggy M. Ireland and they have two girls, LeAnn and Christine. They also have four grandchildren, Ethan, Emmalee, Jared, Gretchen, and McKynzie, who is the son of our daughter's companion Andrew, "Andy" King. Lee and Peggy have spent 48 years of marriage together and as working partners in all their endeavors.

His civic accomplishments are as follows: Dexter Jaycee's President, Dexter Kiwanis Club, Dexter Club, Past President of Plummer Hospital, Town of Dexter Charter Board, SAD 46 Board Member, Dexter Utility Board member, Dexter town finance board member, past

corporate member of Skowhegan Savings Bank, past director of the New England Ford Dealer Association, and many other local municipal boards.

His Masonic affiliations include: raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason in Penobscot Lodge #39 AF & AM in 1978, worked all the chairs and became Master in 1988, past High Priest of St. John's RAM #25, York Rite Bodies, 32nd Degree Scottish Rites, became a member of Anah Shrine in Belfast in 1980, past president and past treasurer of Tri-County Shrine Club, member of all Shrine Clubs, past director of Royal Order of Jesters Bangor Court 150, member of the Order of the Q, past Divan director for six potentates before being appointed Outer Guard in 2005 by Illustrious Past Potentate Frederick Lunt.

He has been a lifelong lover of the outdoors, which is reflected in the fact that he has always made time to fish and hunt, along with playing a little golf. He has a fishing partner, Robert Coffin, who has been his friend for some 30 years. They have fished the far reaches of northern Canada and some of Alaska, but some of the best fishing is in the state of Maine. He belongs to the Eastern Maine Seniors Golf Association and tries to play on a weekly basis. He has two classic autos, which maybe he will have time to use in the coming year after serving as Potentate.

His family is a big part of his life, so if he is not available, you may find him with them playing golf, riding a four-wheeler, a snowmobile, at a basketball game, or just hanging out and having a good time.



**Noble Doug Dulac
Appointed Outer Guard**

Newly elected Potentate F. Lee Kaufman has selected Noble Doug Dulac for his appointment as Outer Guard for 2013. Noble Doug was born in Bangor on June 8, 1956 and spent his growing years in Sangerville. He is the son of Dorothy Dulac and the late Edmund Dulac.

Doug graduated from Piscataquis Community High School of Guilford in 1974. He worked for 10 years at Hardwood Products in Guilford and in July 1985 joined Prudential Insurance where he was employed for 17 years, most of the that time as a sales manager. In 2002, he opened an independent financial services office that he and his Lady Robyn still operate.

He served in the Army Reserves from 1975 until 1987. On July 25, 1992 he married his best friend, Robyn. She also served 10 years in the 195th Army National Guard Band. She is an accomplished musician who plays in several groups and performs often at Shrine functions.

Robyn and Doug have three children,

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Second Section Meeting

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Second Section Potes Party

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Hancock County Shrine Club
Provost Guard Meeting

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Washington County S C-Ladies Night
Helen's Campers Get-together in FL
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Funsters Meeting

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Ash Wednesday

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Valentines Day
Chanters Meeting
Waldo County S C

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Wheeler's SuperSupper

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Daughters of the Nile Stated

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Divan Meeting

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Mini-Bikes Meeting
Tri-County S C

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Bangor-Brewer Shrine Club

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Washington's Birthday

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Chanters Meeting

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COMING EVENTS FOR...

MARCH 2013

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Club & Unit Seminars

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Washington County Shrine Club - Speaker

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Waldo Shrine Club St. Patties Day Party at the Shrine Center

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Waldo County Shrine Club
Chanters Meeting

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Clown Casino Night

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Daughters of the Nile Stated & Annual Meeting

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Tri-County S C
Mini-Bikes Meeting

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Bangor-Brewer Shrine Club

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Passover begins

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Acadamecians Meeting

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Chanters Meeting

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Good Friday

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Many items for the calendar are provided a year in advance. If your Club or Unit changes a date for an activity please advise the Editor by the 5th of the month prior to publication.

Editor

Potentate's Message

Greetings Nobles and Ladies:

What a great weekend was had by all. Fifteen newly-created Nobles and a new Potentate for 2013, what more could you ask for?

The weekend started off with a large turnout for the social on Friday night hosted by the Tri-County Shrine Club. Saturday started with a little snow, but that did not deter the large crowd that attended the business meeting. I was elected to the position of Potentate; Thomas Clukey, Chief Rabban; Jessie Thomas, Asst. Chief Rabban; Robert Turner, High Priest and Prophet; Steve Trimm, Oriental Guide; Julian White, Treasurer, and Ill. Past Potentate, Larry Hersom as Recorder. We all will miss Past Recorder Sonny has agreed to stay on in an advisory role for a few months.

The many reports were given, and with regret that our Noble membership still on a decline. One of my goals for 2013 is to stop this trend and bring back lost Nobles and turn this membership trend into a positive number.

I would like to thank everyone who had a role to play in making this Ceremonial a huge success that all Nobles and friends enjoyed.

The Arch Production was a very moving experience for everyone in attendance, as was the Black Camel ceremony. The newly-created Nobles were Fezzed by their wives, friends, or sponsors. Now came the



F. Lee Kaufman
Potentate

time to announce the appointments, which will be published in another part of the Anahgram.

I was proud to appoint Douglas Dulac as our new Outer Guard and then the Divan was installed.

I then called on Carmel Bowers to present Illust. Anthony Bowers with his Past Potentate Fez and ring. Illus. Tony then presented Carmel with a necklace.

I then asked Illust. Past Potentate Frederick Lunt to escort Lady Peggy to present me with my Potentates Fez.

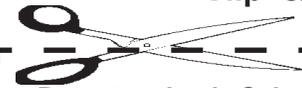
I then proceeded to inform the newly-created Nobles that they would be known as the W. Tom Sawyer Class of 2013. Grand Master of Masons in Maine, A.

James Ross, gave a presentation on the value of the partnership of Shrine Masons and Masons of Maine.

The evening social and formal banquet was a huge success with over 260 Nobles and friends in attendance. I was able to introduce my family to Anah and show you how proud we are of them. It was great to introduce the many grand bodies in attendance. The banquet meal was enjoyed by all, and the DJ did a great job providing entertainment throughout the evening.

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Potentate Lee's Schedule for Anah Shriners for 2013 (Subject to adjustment)

- February 2**
- 2nd. Section Potentates' Party
- February 19**
- Divan Meeting
- March 2**
- Unit Seminar
- March 14-16**
- NSA Mid-winter Mtg., Cornwall, Ont.
- March 19**
- Anah Association & Divan Meetings
- April 9**
- Divan Meeting
- April 14-21**
- Music Cities Trip
- April 24**
- Meet the Circus acts (Tentative)
- April 26-27-28**
- Circus, Bangor
- April 26,27,28
- Circus, Presque Isle
- May 2, 3, 4**
- Screening Clinics
- May 18**
- Island Party
- May 21**
- Anah Association & Divan Meetings (Stated)
- June 1**
- Luxor Ceremonial
- June 15**
- Kora Ceremonial
- June 18**
- Divan Meeting
- June 21-22**
- Anah Ceremonial in Newport
- July 1-4**
- Imperial Session in Indiana
- August 10**
- Field Day – Dexter
- August 20**
- Divan Meeting, (Stated)
- September 14**
- Field Day in Ellsworth (Muster)
- September 17**
- Anah Association, & Divan Meetings
- September 19-21**
- NSA Field Days in Cornwall, Ont.
- October 11-12**
- Anah-Kora-Bektash Visitation
- October 16**
- Divan Meeting
- October 26**
- Potentate's Reception
- November 19**
- Anah Association & Divan Meetings (Stated)
- November 21-23**
- Festival of Trees
- November 29-30**
- Festival of Trees
- December 17**
- Divan Meeting
- 2014**
- January 11**
- Kora Ceremonial
- January 18**
- Anah Annual Meeting & Ceremonial

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Lady Peggy has a wish for 2013. She wants to empower each Noble and Lady to help a child. Her symbol for accomplishing this is a flower. Each time you observe a flower, remember your first Lady's wish, and "Help a Child."

My pin represents the State of Maine and features many scenes of our great state. In the future issues, I will relate my reference to the pin. My cup features my commitment to our fraternity, "Guiding Kids to Better Health."

In closing, the first message to the Nobles and friends, let harmony exist in Anahland and among all Shrine Masons.

Always remember, "Guiding Kids to Better Health."

Yours in the faith,

Lee



Francis "Lee" Kaufman
 Potentate

PLEASE NOTE

Photos from the Ceremonial week-end did not arrive in time to be published in this Anahgram and will be in the March issue.

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Kassy and her husband Amir of Skowhegan, Bobbi and her fiancé Robert of Englewood, Florida and Jessi who lives in Auburn. They have three Grandchildren, Jonah, Aayan and Zaydaan.

Noble Doug's Masonic travels started when he was raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason in Howard Lodge No.

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69 AF & AM in Winterport on May 27, 2004. He served as Master of his lodge in 2009. He is a 32° member of the Scottish Rite Bodies. He is a member of the Second Section and was director of the Second Section in 2011 and 2012. He currently serves as president of the

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Tri-County Shrine Club where he is a life member. He is also a life member of the Bangor-Brewer Shrine Club and the Aroostook County Shrine Club and is an associate member of Sahib Shrine of Sarasota, FL. He is a member of Royal Order of Jesters Court No. 150. Noble Doug and Lady Robyn reside in Carmel.



P.P. Larry Hersom

Elected Recorder January 19, 2013

Ill. Past Potentate Larry L. Hersom of Brewer was elected Recorder at our annual meeting Jan. 19, 2013 replacing Ill. Harold "Sonny" Crocker after 28 years of dedicated service to Anah. Larry is a graduate of Presque Isle High School, and the New England Institute in Boston, where he was the recipient of the Founder's Award, the highest honor bestowed on a graduate. He was also honored by being made a member of Sigma Mu Sig-

ma Honor Society.

Following graduation he worked as a licensed funeral director for eight years in Presque Isle. In 1968 Larry married Libby S. Lunt, the daughter of Past Potentate Fred Lunt, Sr. and Lady Phyllis. In 1974 he joined Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Maine as a Sales Representative and became Northern District Manager in 1980. During this time he was the recipient of the Distinguished Salesperson Award for Maine. In January 1983, Larry and Libby moved to Brewer to become the Northern Regional Sales Manager for Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Maine. He attended Leigh and Purdue Universities, while working for Blue Cross, and received his

Certified Health Consultant designation. In 1996, after 22 years with Blue Cross,

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Who is it ???



The person in the January "Who is it" column was not recognized as Noble Ralph Hill. If you know this month's person, or think you do, call Recorder P. P. Larry Hersom at 942.2254 or e-mail the Editor at MAPA46@AOL.COM. The first one to identify the person wins a free Booster listing for one year. The supply of pictures is low so if you have someone you would like to feature send it to the Editor by e-mail or drop it at the Recorder's office. This feature can only continue with your help!!

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Larry joined Brookings-Smith, as a funeral director, retiring in 2012.

Larry's community affiliations include: Past President and Director of the Presque Isle Rotary Club, Past Chairman of the Presque Isle Rotary Radio and TV Auction, Past Chairman of the Northern Maine Funeral Directors Association, Past Chairman and Life Member of the Live Wire Club, Past Director of the Presque Isle Chamber of Commerce, Past Chairman of the MSAD #1 Dollars for Scholars, Past Director and Member of the Presque Isle Curling Club, Past Chairman of the Presque Isle Presque Isle Parks and Recreation Board, General Chairman of the 1982 United Way of Aroostook County. While in the Bangor area he has been a member of the Bangor Rotary Club, Past Director and Treasurer of the Pine Tree Burn Foundation, member and Past Director of the Bangor Area Breakfast Rotary Club and its first Paul Harris Fellow.

Masonically Illustrious Larry is a 45 year member and Past Master of Trinity Lodge # 130 of Presque Isle and the Scottish and York Rite Bodies. Ill. Brother Larry was created a Sovereign Grand Inspector General, 33 degree, Honorary Member of the Supreme Council of the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite on August 29, 2006 in Chicago, Ill. Larry joined Anah Shriners in January 1970. He is a charter member of the Oriental Band, was appointed an Ambassador by Potentate James Halkett in 1975 and made Potentate's Aide by Potentate Gilman Friend in 1976. He was appointed Outer Guard of Anah Shriners by his father-in-law Potentate Frederick B.

Lunt, Sr. in 1977 and served as Potentate in 1986. After serving 3 years as a Imperial Representative, in 1987, Larry was elected by the members of Anah Shriners as a Representative at Large to the Imperial Council and after serving a total of 15 years, he received his Emeritus status in 1999. He has been a Representative to the Imperial Session for 29 years and has served on a number of Imperial Committees including Imperial Aide, Imperial Marshall Aide, Imperial Potentates Aide, member of the Imperial Jurisdictional Lines Committee and Regional Director for Donor Relations for 18 years, of which he is now an Emeritus member. Larry also served eleven years on the Boards for Shriners Hospitals for Children, Springfield and Boston and was elected as Chairman of the Boston Board in 1997. He was fortunate to be the Chairman when the new Boston hospital was dedicated in 1999. Larry is a life member of many of Anah's Shrine Clubs and is a Past Director and member of Court 150 Royal Order of Jesters.

ATTENTION Club & Unit Officers

The "Nutshell" directory of Anah Clubs and Units is in the process of being prepared for delivery to the membership in March. Your lists of members and titles are needed promptly as well as the Unit and Club Financial Reports that are required by Imperial and are required by February 15th. Please get this information to Recorder Larry ASAP. Thanks in advance.

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SUNSHINE CLUB

Bonnie Turner Reporting

SUNSHINE CLUB FOR CHILDREN ANNUAL MEETING

February 14, 2013

Bonnie Turner Reporting

The Sunshine Club for Children met at the Shrine Center at 6:30 p.m. Social time featured many delicious sandwiches and desserts. Coffee and tea was served in beautiful vintage tea cups and saucers.

President Peggy called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. There was no program this evening because it was our Annual Meeting. All of the officers read their quarterly and annual reports and they were accepted as read.

The club received several donations this year and thank you notes showing our appreciation were sent to these people. Jackie Smith made us a gorgeous quilt for our raffle this year. The quilt will be drawn at our Holiday Marketplace in November 2013. If you would like to sell or purchase tickets, just see a member of the club.

Letters will be sent out to the new Nobles from the January 2013 Ceremonial to invite them to join Sunshine Club.

Tammie Call, our Transportation Chairperson reported that we had a total of 88 cases for 2012.

Holiday Marketplace Co-chairperson, Sue Black, gave us a detailed report on the Marketplace for 2012. She was happy to report that this evening members volunteered and all of the Committees are filled for 2013.

A donation will be given to the Shrine Center for the use of the building for our meetings and Holiday Marketplace.

Jane Ritchie, Queen of the Daughters of the Nile, was our special guest for the evening.

Our slate of officers for 2013 is: Ellen Kenney, President; Lorena Fenlason, Vice President; Bonnie Turner, Recording Secretary; Jackie Smith, Financial Secretary; Norine Holt, Corresponding Secretary; Betty Trimm, Treasurer; and Jane Cushing, Parliamentarian. Serving on the Board of Directors will be Debbie Dunham, 2014; Ethel Whitcomb, 2015; and Jean Dutch 2016. Peggy Kaufman and Norine Holt will serve on the Membership Committee.

DATES TO REMEMBER: Next Meeting, April 8, 2013, October 15, 2013, Holiday Marketplace, November 2013.

THIS REPORT IS FROM SUE BLACK, HOLIDAY MARKETPLACE:

In the beginning of this report a HUGE THANKYOU must be given to all of you for helping make Marketplace 2012 so

successful. To those of you who accepted to "Chair" a specific part of the event – your willingness to step up in January showed we can all work together and succeed. No one person did more or less than anyone else and it showed in all the bottom lines . . .

QUILT: From someone who could care less about quilts, having grown up with them on all our beds. ...I'm trying to "fix" the drawing so I will win!!! Our 2012 Quilt is without a doubt the most beautiful piece of workmanship and coloring. Jackie has spent so very much time and given so much love & attention to this quilt (it even has its own pool noodle and a protective cover!) that I fear Jackie may have to go home with the winner! To be sure it is going to a good home ...seriously though, a HUGE thank you, Jackie!

PUBLICITY: Another exceptional area of the show was the publicity. I don't think

there was a stone left unturned by Helen – she thought of everything! And with Charlene's generous help and artistic cleverness posters were made and disbursed. Posters, banners and signs were made – and many of these were produced so they can be reused year after year with a small changing of a 'number'/date! Thanks for keeping our bottom line DOWN!

KITCHEN: What can be said about "the kitchen"?! The crew adds more than you realize to the show itself! Not only do these wonderful folks make the committee (ME) feel human and needed, but they enhance the entire day. Their food is much sought after, their handling of EVERYTHING is unique – the vendors couldn't say enough WONDERFUL things about them. Besides all the work that we all see, everyone who donates items to be served/used, receives a personal handwritten THANK YOU – puts me to shame

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...What an outstanding crew! We applaud you!

CAFÉ: Yet again our ladies added a much needed festive café area. The warmth & charming seating area makes munching down all the yummy soups and pies a cheerful experience. The husbands love knowing they can sit, relax & "chill out" while momma is out shopping. . .

DOOR/ADMISSION: We exchanged tickets for \$\$ this year as a way to have a fairly accurate account of potential customers. This was one of the most often asked questions when prospective vendors called for applications. "How many people do we attract". AND, over and above the "paying customers" we need to add into account the 45 vendors and over half of them had someone with them; the Sunshine volunteers/workers; and the kitchen personnel . . . which gives us the ballpark figure of around 1000 people supporting our vendors!!! And in defense of the ticket argument, as was brought up by Past Potentate Larry Hersom, we are issuing the tickets in case someone wants to leave and return. This will eliminate the embarrassment of asking them to pay AGAIN!

VENDERS: Along with the numerous applications from returning vendors, we received 3-4 calls and emails daily requesting applications! – Secretary Phil really earned his keep in October. We doubled our number and quadrupled the quality of vendors. And during the show day, Karen and I had numerous customers ask for 2013 application info. We also attended a coastal fall show and we have a number of potential vendors.

RAFFLE TICKETS: Although we did very well this year at the raffle table, I believe we need, as a membership, to do

something to enhance this area. Debbie works very hard to push the items, but we cannot leave it totally up to the vendors to support this table. The new appearance of the tables really packed a punch for the show. Thanks, Deb

MUSIC: Our wonderful in-house musician Robyn not only entertained us all but she added to the enjoyment of the day by bringing in a multitude of musicians to grace our show . . . WOW

RELIEF PERSON: This year we enlisted ONE person to take on the issue of ensuring our vendors of a consistent person assuring them of a "break" . . . this was one

of the very highly commented upon areas . . . all VERY positive! Thanks, Dotty . . . have added more necessary duties to this job since we know Dotty can handle them. . . PLEASE Dotty???

DECORATIONS: Our tree went up and we did have some wreaths and of course with the addition of the vendor in the corner of the big room we looked fairly festive, but here is another area of concern. . . it's been suggested that we ask members for any of their little used decorations or ones they no longer want and let us make use of them . . .

Respectfully submitted by Sue Black.

NEWS From SHRINERS BOSTON BURNS HOSPITAL

*Provided By
Boston
Hospital Board Member
Bob Turner*

Shriners Hospital for Children-Boston is located at 51 Blossom Street Boston Ma. It is a 30 bed pediatric hospital with a research center and teaching center. Twelve beds are for acute care and seventeen beds are used for inpatient and outpatient reconstruction treatment.

The Hospital is located next to and affiliated with both Massachusetts General Hospital and Harvard Medical School. All of our Doctors also work for Massachusetts General Hospital. The hospital does not provide emergency care but serve as a referral pediatric specialty hospital. There is an agreement with Massachusetts General Hospital to provide services that are not provided in our hospital

The hospital treats and specializes in acute burn treatment, reconstructive surgery, cleft lip and palate. Also plastic laser surgery for healed burns, post trauma scars, vascular birthmarks and skin disorder, modern scar treatment and orthopedics.

New patients are treated either as inpatient or outpatient until their 18th birthday. Established patients are cared for up to their 21st birthday. All this care at the hospital is provided regardless of the family's ability to pay. The hospital is the only one in New England that is verified as a pediatric burn center by the American College of Surgeons/American Burn Association.

Doctor Sheridan the Chief of the Pediatric Acute Burn Service at the Shriners Hospital for Children-Boston has published the first burns textbook "Burns: A Practical Approach to Immediate Treatment and Long Term Care. The Doctor is donating all proceeds from the sales of the book to Shriners Hospital for Children.

In the Research Department they have discovered that patients with burns behaved like they had diabetes. Blood sugar levels were very high and the burns caused insulin problems. Researchers concluded that after a burn injury the liver makes too



much glucose, which consumes muscle protein and they should reduce the amount glucose the liver makes at the acute stage of a burn injury.

This year the hospital received their Medicare number and recently it received the Massachusetts Medicaid number. Now that the hospital has its home state Medicaid number it can request Medicaid numbers from all the other states for which we receive patients.

Shriners Hospital for Children has signed managed care contracts with the largest health care insurers and this will open a network for referrals from other hospitals and doctors. The Hospital also hired a Director of Professional Relations to travel and talk with hospitals, emergency rooms, pediatric doctors and their office. These visits will increase the awareness of Shriners Hospital for Children-Boston and increase our patient volume.

We are seeing a big increase in our outpatient volume and an improvement in the number of inpatients every day. All our care is family style and the dedicated staff really helps those kids to continue to be smiling kids.

The hospital is moving in the right direction. This year we have seen several new people hired and others promoted to new positions. These changes have helped to improve the pediatric medical care at the hospital. All these changes have helped the management of the hospital address the expenses and continue to right size the hospital for the number of patients we treat. In the end all this work will reduce our draw on the endowment.

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HAPPY 2013 NEW YEAR TO ALL!

This will be our last report. It is with great regret and sadness that we have to dissolve the Drum and Bugle Unit. This is due to the aging of our members and the lack of interest from the younger Shriners to join the unit. We have all held on as long as we could as we loved it so much and had many beautiful memories together. We lost many devoted members that were a vital part of our existence. To name a few; Ralph Fraser, our leader for many years, Glen Rand worked hard as our P.R.man and made all the arrangements wherever we traveled. Earl Noyes, my golf cart driver, Bill Taylor, Rudy

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- Philip Brady, Jr.

Domingo, Stewart Hatch, Gerry Hayes, our only Glock player at the end.

Our Captains throughout the years have been Ralph Fraser, Carlton King, Zeke Leighton, Paul Grondon, Gerry Hayes and Dennis McCurdy. Some of these were two and three terms, we tip our Fez to them. Zeke Leighton also held the Drum and Bugle very dear. He devoted many hours in building things that were needed and repairing that which broke as well as being our lead drummer. Every member had a talent that at one time or another was needed in a smooth run team. Our wives have all been in great support of us and enjoyed all of our social functions as well as each other. They are sad about the ending as we are. Hopefully, we will be able to still get together at

Shrine functions, etc.

We have enjoyed the brotherhood, friendship and support of all the units, but we will be there to support them as we always have been. Some of us have joined other units, Herb Hopkins and Carlton King are with the band. Dennis McCurdy and Sue are with The Kampers. As far as I know, the rest of us have retired. There are many members I have not named, but they have been equally important in the success of The Drum and Bugle Corp.

We now bid all farewell, wishing success to all units.

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Noble Warren Orcutt, Sr., Reporter
Happy New Year fellow Shriners and their ladies.

I hope that you had a wonderful holiday season with family and friends. I am taking over this duty from Robert Look and I have big shoes to fill! It doesn't seem possible that it is 2013 already. This past year has just flown by and I wish everyone a wonderful 2013.

The December meeting was held at Helen's Restaurant with a good turnout. Attendees included Capt. Of the Mini-Cars and WCSC President Todd Alley and Lady Sandy; Past Potentates Ed Pellon and Lady Esther and Ed Sprague and Lady Gayle; Second Ceremonial Master Brad Prout; Director Donald Wright and Lady Carolyn; Assistant Chief Director David Weaver and Lady Lenny; 2nd Lt for the Mini-Cars Brian Strout and son Sullivan; Imperial Photographer Richard Kilton and Lady Caron; and from the Greeters, Chief Greeter Warren Orcutt and Lady Velma; Assistant Chief Greeter Robert Look and Lady Sandy; and Greeter Michael Bailey and Lady Nancy; as well as Kip and Karen Scovill and Frank Theriault. It was the Annual Meeting and Election of Officers for 2013, as well as a Ladies Night. WCSC voted to donate money to the Bangor Scottish Rite Learning Center, Springfield Hospital and Boston Burns Center. The 2013 Calendars were handed out to sell and I hope that members have really pushed their sales. The Slate of Officers nominated and voted in for 2013 include: PRESIDENT, BJ Cherry; VICE PRESIDENT, John McClure; SECRETARY, Richard Kilton; TREASURER, Ryan Richardson; REPORTER, Warren Orcutt Sr.

Birthday greetings for February go out to Past Potentates Al Gibson and Guy Chapman, Luxor Past Potentate Alward Mehan, Howard Bagley, Renee McGuire, Bert Maxim, Sheila Mitchell, Stanley Mitchell, Jesse Thomas, Tom Fernald, Pauline Wood, Keith Lentovich and Dawn Gooch. Those celebrating anniversaries are Howard and Beverly Bagley, Brent and Renee McGuire, Todd and Sandy Alley, and Warren and Velma Orcutt. Best wishes to all.

The January Ceremonial was held on January 18 and 19th. We welcome new Potentate Lee Kauffman and wish him and Lady Peggy a wonderful year at the helm of Anah. The Potentate's Party will be held on Saturday, February 2nd and most likely will be over by the time you read this.

The January meeting of the WCSC was

on January 3rd and it was held at the Bluebird Ranch Restaurant. The February 7th meeting will be a Ladies Night and will be held at Helen's Restaurant. Mike looks forward to this meeting as he gets to kiss all the Ladies present when he presents then with a rose—right, Mike??

It certainly will seem odd not to have Sonny Crocker on the other end of the phone when you call the Shrine Center. He has been a familiar voice for as long as I can remember. You will be missed, Sonny. Best wishes to his successor.

We have several months during the year where the deadline for articles for the Anahgram are before our club meeting is held. This is unfortunate as there could be something that should be included in the WCSC article and by the time another month rolls around this information is outdated. I will do my best, however, and try to get an article ready for each issue, some longer than others I'm sure.

Since Robert and Mike are now enjoying "CAT and where it's at", remember to keep yourselves safe. There have been four fatalities already due to unsafe ice. As a reminder to all snowmobilers, respect landowner rights and stay on the marked trails. Dress appropriately for the weather. And for all you snowbirds that are already in warmer climates, enjoy your winter. Spring is just around the corner and you will soon be returning to Maine.

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SECOND SECTION



Noble Fred Patterson, Reporter

The January Ceremonial is over and the Second Section congratulates the entire appointed Divan for 2013. Congratulations to the new incoming Potentate and all of the other appointed Nobles throughout Anah Shrine. The Potentates' Party is scheduled for Saturday, February 2nd at the Shrine Center. Again, the deadline for the Anahgram makes it difficult to report on early happenings of the month the article is written for. More on the January Ceremonial and Potentates' Party will be reported in the March Anahgram.

New officers for the unit were voted on at our December meeting. Noble Bob Mott, in charge of our Nominating Committee, nominated Noble Adam Beals to be Director, Fred Patterson as Secretary and Jerry Hayes as Treasurer. All nominations were voted in by the unit. Congratulations to all.

New Director Beals appointed Nobles Albert Higgins as 1st Assistant Director, Tom Breitweg as 2nd Assistant Director, and Harland Williamson as Quartermaster. Congratulations to all for the new appointments.

The Second Section would like to congratulate our outgoing Director Doug Dulac for his direction and dedication throughout his two-year term at the helm. We also offer our congratulations on Noble Doug being appointed Outer Guard by newly elected, Potentate F. Lee Kauffman. The unit is in great shape and we all look forward to the upcoming year. I would personally like to thank the unit for the honor of being named the recipient of the Bob Mott award for 2012. I am truly humbled by this honor and appreciate this as I truly look up to Noble Bob Mott and am proud to have my name on the plaque bearing his name.

The Second Section is scheduled to cater the Wheelers' Super Supper on February 16th at the Shrine Center. Noble Bob Marin will be in charge of the meal and will be contacting Nobles and getting volunteers and Ladies to help with the event.

At our January meeting we heard a presentation from Noble Harold and Lady Beverly Polley, PQ, who discussed with the unit the Daughters of the Nile special project, "Love for the Children Tour". They put together a very nice slide show outlining their 9 1/2 month RV trip to visit Shrine Temples and Shrine Hospitals while driving the new Supreme Queen to these destinations on a fundraising tour of the U.S. They are doing this presentation with all units and clubs of Anah Shrine to drum up donations to fund the trip. After they finished their presentation, the unit

voted to donate \$1,000.00 to this project and we hope that all units and clubs can help out as well.

Also discussed at our meeting were donations to Anah Temple. A donation of \$1,000.00 will be donated to the Temple at the January Ceremonial. We also discussed donations to the two Shriner's Hospitals in Massachusetts. We will be donating \$1,000.00 to each of the hospitals for a special project to assist the children. This is what we are all about, the children. It was very heartwarming to know that the hard work the unit did throughout 2012 in catering, parking and other events, allowed us to make these donations to the kids. This is why we are all here.

The 2013 Cash Calendar sales by the unit went very well. Every calendar sold netted \$5.00 to the unit. I am anxiously waiting to see what the unit made on this as I think we did fairly well. Other fundraising is still going on as we still have the Shrine tumbler with the Shrine logo and the other side has the "Silent Messenger" pictured on it. We have two different sizes available. We have 14 oz glasses in a set of four for \$25.00, and a 12oz glass in a

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set of four for \$20.00. They are very nice glasses which are undated so can be used forever. We also have Shrine throw blankets available for sale. Any questions on these items should be directed to our new Quartermaster, Noble Harland Williamson at 458-8084.

As we get busier with different functions of catering and parking, etc, we are accumulating more and more items required to be stored away to successfully perform these events. We have been given a new closet upstairs in the Shrine Center to allow us to spread out and not have to remove everything from the small closet we have now when we need something. This is a great thing as we move ahead with our events. Thank you to all who made this possible for us.

Noble Marty Taylor expressed a desire to become an honorary member of the Second Section. He has been a very active member of the unit for the required 10 years as our by-laws state. This was brought up at our January meeting and voted on by the unit and a vote of affirmative by the unit was cast. Noble Taylor is still going to be available to help out but felt that, with his busy personal schedule that he needed to go from active to honorary status. Thank you, Marty, for all that you have done for the Second Section and we hope you will still be around to help us

out from time to time.

Lady Beverly Watson, Honorary member Ron Watson's wife's, mother, Marguerite Sherburne, passed away on December 25th in Dexter. Please keep Lady Beverly and Noble Ron in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

I still am in need of email addresses for members for corresponding monthly with the Nobles by email instead of the post-cards we have used for a number of years. If anyone has an email address please send it to me at anahsecondsection@yahoo.com so we can set your monthly notifications and other information to you that way.

February birthday wishes go out to Ladies Susan Joy, Annette Marin, Tammy Redmond, Lynn Scripture and Elizabeth Sherman and Nobles Ronald Overlock, Charles Sisson, and Mark Taplin.

February anniversary wishes go out to Krayton & Carol Allen, Ted & Lois Barber, Greg & Bernice Currier, Dennis & Debbie Hill, and Joe & Novilla Rollins.

Congratulations to Noble Dennis Hill for winning the 50/50 at our January meeting. Dennis graciously donated his \$65.00 winnings to the Daughters of the Nile special project. Thank you Dennis for that.

Meeting schedule for upcoming months are February 1, March 1, April 5, May 3 and June 7. That brings us up to summer where we will not meet again until September. We have done pretty well with collecting dues, however, there are those who have not paid their dues, see me at the next meeting to get that taken care of. Remember, if you can't make it to the meeting, contact an officer or any member to be excused.

Until next time, be safe and think spring!!

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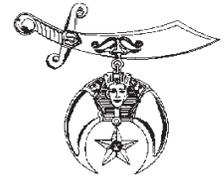


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ACADEMICIANS



Noble Ron Biliancia, Reporter

Hello Fellow Academicians,

Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family and friends of Larry Johnson who recently passed away. Larry was a long-time member of the Ritualists. We will be making our customary donation to the Springfield Hospital in his memory.

The next unit meeting will be the last Wed. of March at 6pm, location TBA.

The annual business meeting of December 12th at Angler's Restaurant was very good. It was great to have both our outgoing Potentate Tony Bowers and our new Potentate and Divan Rep Lee Kaufman both in attendance. Potentate Tony had some good jokes for us.

The current slate of officers was re-upped. So, as a reminder, that slate is as follows: Director, Steve Mosley; President, Donnie Copeland; Vice President, John Swallow; Secretary/Treasurer, Yours Truly; Master of Technicians, Ron Cook; Master of Make-Up, Donnie Copeland; Master of Properties, Bud Young; Master of Ritual, Yours Truly. We also voted to make significant annual donations to the Sunshine Club, the Springfield Hospital, and to Anah Shriners to help out with operating expenses. Thanks very much to Jerry Harvey who donated back his 50/50 raffle winnings to the unit, and he also won a few nice Christmas gift door prizes, so Jerry had a good night you might say. (He says it is payback for buying raffle tickets for over 40 years with very few winners)

□ Thanks also to Heather Swallow who has agreed to head up a new effort for us to participate in the Festival of Trees during the 2013 Christmas season. Of course we will all pitch in and help out with donations of decorations, gifts, etc. that can go with the tree. Anah Shriners had a good first year with this fundraiser in 2012, and it has great potential to grow exponentially in the coming years. Our tree's theme for the 2013 season will be "Outdoor Sports and Recreation" (i.e. fishing, hunting, camping, etc.). Stay tuned for much more on this as we get closer later in the year.

It's that time of year again. 2013 dues are due. Checks for ten dollars are to be made out to Anah Academicians and sent

to Anah Academicians C/O Ron Biliancia 59 Allison Park, Brewer, ME 04412. The more people who respond to this save us money in paper, envelopes, and postage for sending bill notices. It does add up.

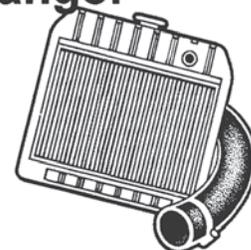
The more we can save means that much more we can donate to things like the hospital and the Sunshine Club. So we appreciate your help with this. I also want

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Ankh Temple Daughters Of The Nile Promote Shriners Hospitals and Celebrate 100th Anniversary of Nile Service With Hospital Tour

By Teresa Potvin Princess Royalk, Ankh Temple No. 160

Something really exciting is in the making for next year, the 100th year of Daughters of the Nile and you are all involved! After Supreme Princess Royal, Margaret Ann Risk of Rithmah No. 93 is installed as Supreme Queen at the Supreme Session in Grapevine, Texas next June, she will be leaving there and traveling to 97 subordinate temples and 16 Shriner's Hospitals for Children® in a motor coach, privately owned and operated by Past Queen Bev and Noble Harold Polley. (The remainder of her visits will be done in the traditional mode of travel, by plane and car). This motor coach will be enveloped by a complete wrap which will promote the Daughters of the Nile Foundation, the Shriner's Hospitals for Children®, Shriner's International and the Daughters of the Nile! Past Imperial Potentate Gene Bracewell has organized a fund raising campaign which will cover the 10 month lease agreement between the Daughters of the Nile Foundation and the owners. The motor coach has been custom ordered to accommodate the owners' needs and those of the Supreme Queen. One of the many installed features is an exterior media center which will be used to promote the Daughters of the Nile Foundation and the Shriner's Hospitals for Children®. The motor coach will be exhibited inside the Gaylord Texan Convention Center during Supreme Session after which will travel to Indianapolis and be displayed during Imperial Session.

The major goal of this traveling "billboard" is to raise awareness and funding for the Daughters of the Nile Foundation and the Shriner's Hospitals for Children®. The Foundation and Imperial Shrine will be collaborating to handle all the advance publicity of the tour.

Many of you are already aware that our Temple will be the first visitation of the Supreme Queen after Supreme and Imperial Sessions. The motor coach and the wrap are both being provided by local Bangor businesses so what better place to hold a kickoff celebration than right here in Bangor? This is where all of you come in!

The Divan of Anah Shriners is very excited about this project and we have their full support! The kickoff celebration will take place on the morning of July 8, 2013 at Webb's RV in Bangor and will be a joint collaboration between Ankh Temple and Anah Shriners. How exciting is that?! As the details of the celebration are worked out, you will be updated as well as requests will go out asking for your assistance.

Currently, Bev and Harold are presenting this project to many of the Shrine Clubs and Units to raise funds for the daily operating expenses of the tour; fuel, propane, highway tolls, servicing, exterior detailing, etc. which will total an estimated \$30,000. Per the Supreme Temple bylaws, a subordinate temple is not allowed to donate any of its funds to a project of this type, however as members, you may donate privately and directly. Gas cards are a great way to donate. Cash and check donations will be converted to gas cards as needed. Checks may be made out to Bev Polley, PQ and sent to PO Box 274, Holden, Me 04429. Indicate "Love for the Children Tour" on the memo line. If you have any questions regarding this project and/or the kickoff celebration, please direct them to Bev at 207-299-0527 or bapoll53@myfairpoint.net. At the end of the tour, any remaining funds will go directly to the Daughters of the Nile Foundation.

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to make my annual statement per the by-laws that any member may examine the unit's financial records at any time.

As of this writing we have not yet had the Winter Ceremonial, so more on that next time.

Have a great February everyone. And, as always, don't hesitate to contact me at 989-2617 or rbilancia@roadrunner.com with any news, comments, concerns, gossip, jokes, outright lies, or just plain old complete and utter nonsense that you would like to generously share with our Nobles, Ladies, and Anah Shrinedom in general.



**"FROM THE
RECORDER'S
DESK"**
Larry L. Hersom
Recorder, P.P.

I wish to thank all the Nobility for your vote of confidence in electing me as your new Recorder. I know I will have big shoes to fill (SIZE 14!), but this is an exciting new venture for me. We will all miss Sonny's smiling face and wiggly ears, but he will remain on for a short time to help with the transition.

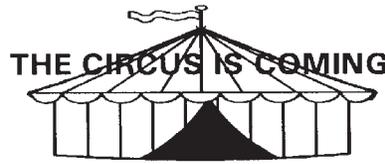
By now most of you have had a chance to meet Jill Canarr, Anah's Administrative Assistant. Together we will be manning the Shrine Center office. Please feel free to stop by at any time to get acquainted. I welcome your comments, suggestions, and yes - even your complaints! We will be implementing a few changes to make things run more efficiently. A slight change in the office hours will be: Monday thru Friday, 8 am to 12, and 1pm to 4 pm. The office will be closed from 12 pm to 1 pm each day, as well as closed on all official holidays.

We extend our sincerest congratulations to Anah's new Potentate Lee Kaufman. Potentate Lee and Lady Peggy have great plans for the coming year, so I hope all you Nobles and Ladies will take advantage of the many fun activities scheduled, and please work diligently to recruit new members who can share in all the fun and philanthropy. Anah is a friendly and close-knit family, so let's all work hard, play hard, and enjoy the year together.

Membership will be our key emphasis this year. We are in the process of updating our membership information, so if any of you have a change of address, e-mail address, know of a member who has moved and hasn't notified our office, or a member we have lost or deceased, please notify us to help with this process. Also a reminder that 2013 dues are due and payable in the amount of \$55 and can be paid by check, cash, or credit card.

Please welcome and congratulate our newest member of Anah's Divan, Doug Dulac and his Lady Robin. We wish them well

on their 10-year Shrine journey, and Doug . . . 2023 will be here before you know it!! Nobles, feel free to drop by anytime. This is YOUR Shrine Center.



**Noble Dennis Hill
Assistant Circus Director**

The Circus will be here before we know it. The Circus Staff has been working hard to get everything in line for this year's shows. The dates for this year are April 26th, 27th and 28th in Bangor and May 2nd, 3rd and 4th in Presque Isle. It takes many hands to make this work well. We invite you all to show up and help, whether it is one show or all the shows, it will be much appreciated. We need help on Wednesday and Thursday setting up before and Sunday breaking down after.

This year will be the last year for the Circus being held at the Bangor Auditorium. It is also the 50th Anniversary of the Anah Shrine Circus. Let's all get out and talk this up and make this the best Circus Anah has ever had. Your Circus Appointments for 2013 are:

Director, Charlie Grindle; Assistant Director, Denny Hill, Bangor; Chairman, Dale Reynolds; Assistant Chairman, Rich Goodness, Assistant Chairman, Steve Mosley; Circus Committee Gordon Smith; Circus Assistant, Krayton Allen, Presque Isle; Chairman, George Watson; Assistant Chairman, Jim Dwyer; Assistant Chairman, Robert (Boomer) Palmer Jr.; Circus Committee, Tom Clukey and SCRAFA President 2015, Ralph Robshaw.

Congratulations to Potentate Lee Kaufman on being elected to lead us for 2013. Congrats to our new Outer Guard, Doug Dulac.

Thank you to PP Tony Bowers and Lady Carmel for all their hard work and dedication to Anah and the Circus.

Think Circus!

ANAH SHRINERS, Bangor ME

Friday, January 18 heralded the start of the Winter General Meeting of Anah Shriners that began with an evening of fellowship

sponsored by the Tri-County Shrine Club in honor of Chief Rabban and Lady Peggy on the eve of Lee's election and installation.

Saturday began with an early start at 7:30 a.m. with the Divan, Directors, Aides and Membership committees and candidates reporting. The Temple opened at 8:30 under the leadership of Potentate Anthony "Tony" Bowers wielding the gavel. The sitting members of the Divan were re-elected or re-appointed except for Potentate Tony who was replaced by Chief Rabban F. Lee Kaufman, who was elected to the position of Potentate. Recorder Harold W. "Sonny" Crocker who did not run for re-election, after nearly 30 years of service in the Recorder's position, was replaced by Past Potentate Larry Hersom. While the election of officers was being held the Membership Committee held an orientation session for the new candidates and their ladies. A brief recess was held and the Temple was re-opened for introductions, presentation of the Shrine Degree exemplified by the Acadamecian's Ritual Team and awards by unit heads from Potentate Tony and to Anah via Potentate Tony. The Anah Shrine Clubs and Units made an outstanding showing with donations to the hospitals, the Sunshine Club and various Anah accounts. Anah is known as a leading contributor to the Springfield Hospital and the Boston Hospital among New England Shrine Centers

After a lunch break the Temple was re-opened for a semi-public rendering of the Arch Production by the Second Section followed by the recitation of "Old Red Fez" and A MASON and the Fezzing of the 15 candidates. The Black Camel Ceremony honored the 60 Nobles who passed away in 2012. The Divan for 2013 was installed by P.P. Norris Nickerson. Following installation of the Divan, Lady Peggy presented, her husband, Noble Lee, with his Potentate's Fez and upon receiving the gavel explained his budget and introduced his brother, Ralph. He then called for an hour of relaxation to be followed by dinner after which Anah welcomed officers, Nobles and Ladies of our sister Temple, Kora, with a delegation headed by Potentate Everett Kaherl and Lady Connie. Following a much enjoyed dinner of sirloin tips and scallops catered by Jeff's Catering was served; dancing to a D.J. took place until 11:00p.m.

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**NORTHERN
PENOBSCOT
SHRINE CLUB**
Noble Bert Weed, Reporter



Northern Penobscot Shrine Club –
The Northern Penobscot Shrine Club met Wednesday, January 2nd at the East Millinocket Snow Rovers Club. Nineteen members were present for this event. Meeting was called to order at 1900 hrs. by President Carl Segee and led the group in the flag salute. Raleigh Hanscom led the group in the spirit of prayer. The group then enjoyed a turkey dinner. After dinner the group reconvened for the business portion of the meeting.

We all experienced deep sorrow to learn of the passing of Aide Emeritus Donald “DEE-DEE” Lyons. He was a long standing member of this organization and as active in the Shrine he will be sadly missed but never forgotten. A card will go out to Lady Pauline.

Scott Haile of Lakeview was introduced as a guest.

Dignitaries present: Tony Bowers, Potentate; Paul Thornton, Aide; Derward Shedd, Asst. Chief Greeter Emeritus; Raleigh Hanscom and Jerry Anthony, Circus Co-Chair.

The Treasurer’s report was read and accepted.

Old Business: The Circus Kick Off and Directors Meeting originally scheduled for December 12, 2012 has been rescheduled for Wednesday, January 9, 2013 at 1800 hrs. in the Timberhouse Restaurant in Lincoln. All board members and circus sales personnel are strongly urged to attend.

New Business: Paul Thornton talked about using Anah Shriners 2013 Cash Calender as a fundraiser for our organization as well as helping the Shrine. Program; Potentate Tony Bowers spoke of his year in review and all the events that he enjoyed throughout the year.

Next month’s meeting will be held at Grass Roots Catering on Main St. in East Millinocket on February 6, 2013 . . . hope to see everyone there.

**TRI-COUNTY
SHRINE CLUB**
Noble David Mosley, Reporter



Tri-County Shrine Club held their Annual Meeting and Election of Officers on December 19, at the Dexter Club. Eighteen Nobles attended this event.

After the Libation Hour, ably manned by Scott Folsom, the meeting was called to order by President Doug Dulac. Invocation was given by Secretary David Mosley. Flag salute was led by President Dulac. We then enjoyed a feast fit for Shri-

ners, roast pork and all the fixings. This fine meal was served by the Directors of Tri-County Shrine Club.

Introductions were as follows, Past Boss Clown, Lorne “GIZMO” Noiles, Past Director of the Second Section, Doug Dulac, Aide Emeritus Ron Green. A lot of Pasts this night. Ambassador Roger Chesley, guest Bud Whitney, representing the Directors Staff was Dan Costain and Doug Dulac. Head of the 4X4s, Scott Folsom was also present.

Representing the Divan was Chief Rabban Lee Kaufman. The Secretary and Treasurer gave monthly reports, which were approved as read. Nominating Committee proposed that the Officers stay the same for 2013. On the Directors Staff, Noble Lloyd Day asked to be

removed from the roster. We voted to accept Noble Day’s resignation. Thanks for all the help in the past Lloyd.

The Secretary read his annual report and it was voted to accept by the members present. Circus Awards were passed out by Noble Marty Taylor. We voted to make our usual donations to the Hospitals, Sunshine Club and Anah Temple. 50-50 was won by Norm Patterson, who donated a portion back to the club. Way to go, Norm.

Chief Rabban Kaufman spoke on various events coming up in Anah Land. He hoped to see everyone at the January Ceremonial. Anah Shrine will be electing a new Recorder at this meeting. The Kid, Sonny Crocker, will be riding off into the sunset. From Tri-County Shrine Club, thanks for a job well done.

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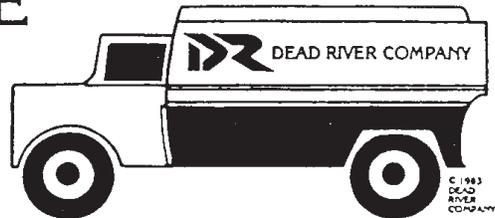
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HIGHLANDERS

**Noble
Mike Murphy
Reporter**

Greetings Nobles and Ladies!

A belated Merry Christmas to you. Another month and another year are upon us. I'm pleased to report that the Highlanders had their Annual Meeting in December. A good time was had by all. We were pleased to host many Emeritus Highlanders and their wives. Our bond extends for decades. The results of our annual election provided little change in the ranks. One new addition to the officer ranks, is Kraig King, who is our new Quarter Master. Paul Hazzard will remain as pipe Major and Tom Sawyer as drum Major. Mike Grant and Lance Trundy will remain as pipe and drum Sergeants, while Ernie and Tony Smith will be pipe and drum Corporals.

Our Schedule is starting to fill in. Some of our events are regular bookings; therefore we have to refuse some communities and organizations requests for our services. We are expecting a good turnout for the Winter Ceremonial on January 19th. We have been requested to perform a 3rd degree at Rising Virtue in Bangor on January 14th. Correct me if I'm wrong, but the Highlanders are the oldest certified Masonic degree team in the state, and under the leadership of degree team Captain, Richard Bowden, our work is often used as a benchmark in Masonic circles.

I chose to write this report instead of completing Nollesemic Lodge's 2011 History. The last time I submitted a Masonic history the Grand Historian described it as an interesting approach. I'm in hopes of having more time to complete 2011s and 12s, but it doesn't look like that will happen anytime soon.

I finished going over the second round of editor's comments and suggestions for my book. The Editor said that "...the book gives interesting overviews of the rise and fall of two great American companies and why they failed, competently illustrating the themes of the book." He went on to say that "The tone is angry and at times apocalyptic."

Frankly, I don't know how anyone could not be angry with the current state of affairs in America. As I'm writing this the Fiscal Cliff negotiations and votes are underway. My question is why we have a

"Cliff". I think it is a distraction from the complete lack of leadership in America. I'm not picking on one office or one political party; I'm saying there is a complete lack of leadership in America. Where are the leaders? We have been over three years since the congress passed a budget. It isn't a party issue, it is an American issue.

Would we have a Fiscal Cliff if energy prices were more affordable? America has the world's largest coal reserves. We have 1.2 trillion barrels of oil in oil shale, which translates into 200 years of oil at current usage. In addition to that, we have almost another 100 years in other known oil reserves. If we factor in methane hydrates, we have almost immeasurable amounts of natural gas. Despite this, we are paying economy crushing prices, because of a lack of leadership and vision.

We have the choice to vote based upon one 30 second snippet of one political slogan verses another. The exploitation of a couple emotional issues drives the campaigns, thus causing a fracturing of

society. America is almost at a point of being Balkanized or broken into several autonomous governmental regions. The Northeast, the south, the Midwest etc. are examples that could develop based upon strong political fracturing.

A potential solution is a reemergence of American nationalism. Buy made in America. Nothing speaks stronger to a merchant as when you go into a store to purchase a product and then walk out because they don't offer a "made in America" solution to your needs. I politely walked out of a half dozen shoe stores, because they didn't have a pair of boots that were made in America. All Americans need to be proactive in preserving their economic future. If we don't care, we cannot expect the Chinese or anyone else to care. If we unite with a new sense of Americana, then our economic future is limitless.

So to everyone I wish a blessed New Year, our future can be bright if we so choose. If anyone would like piping or drumming lessons please contact me at pipingleprechaun@hotmail.com.



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ANAH FLAG UNIT

Noble Andrew St. Amant, Reporter

On January 19th nine of us marched during the January Ceremonial for the 15 new Nobles that joined Anah Shrine. Welcome new Nobles.

We would like to welcome George Beety to the Flag Unit. We are looking forward to have some FLAG wagging fun this season during the parades.

The cake and candles this month are for the following Nobles: Joe Briggs, Don Moulton, and Tom MacDonald; the Ladies: Chari Briggs and Ellen DeWitt . . . birthday wishes to ALL of YOU.

Happy Anniversary to Noble Arthur and Lady Violet Grant- Wishing you many more.

My apologies to Gerald Carey, last month I stated he led us for two years, He corrected me, his leadership was for three years, as our captain. I must have missed a year like some of the steps as he was leading. Again thank you for your leadership.

We are hoping that Floyd Hardison is recovering speedily from his knee surgery. We missed you at the Ceremonial.

If I have missed anyone please let me know. I can be contacted at mestore@aol.com.

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Noble Wally Fenlason, Reporter

Ladies & Nobles,

We hope this finds everyone healthy and happy on this beautiful winter day! Everything is really quiet for our unit this time of year. I have not heard of any illness within the unit, so that is great!!

We wish to welcome F. Lee Kaufman as our "new" Potentate, and Lady Peggy as the "First Lady" of Anah! Be assured, this unit is here to support you in every way possible!!

Those of the unit "Blowing out Candles" this month are: Ladies, Jean Fernald, Ann Jordan, & Doris Seymour. Nobles, Bill

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Only one couple took the "big plunge" this month: Ron & Ann Jordan. We hope you all enjoyed your "special day" and wish you many, many more!!

Nobles, be sure to attend your "Blue Lodge" as often as possible . . . we all know that is where "new Shriners are born"!!

Well, I guess that's the "scoop" for another month . . . remember to live each day as if it were your last!!

HEY, MOTHER . . . I HOPE "YOUR TOP" IS UP, BECAUSE . . . YOU NEED TO PLOW THE DRIVEWAY!! Crusin' Wally

MINI-CARS

Noble Joe McDonald Reporter



Congratulations to all our new Nobles who joined Anah in the 2013 Tom Sawyer Class, also to our new Potentate Lee Kaufman and his Lady Peggy.

Weather on the coast changed the plans of some who planned on attending, but the unit members and ladies that attended had a BLAST! The crowd watching the work and Black Camel Ceremony seemed much larger than usual. It was good to catch up with people whom we haven't seen since the last Ceremonial. The evening's meal was well attended and very good. After a bit of dancing and socializing we all called it a night.

I couldn't attend January's Mini-Car meeting, but Capt. Todd reported only five made it out. Yikes, hopefully schedules get lined up better and we get a good crowd. I will be mailing schedule of meeting dates

and locations, so keep an eye out. If you aren't receiving your Calling Post please let me know so we can correct it.

Well that's all for now, if I missed anything let me know at Joejonesport@aol.com

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**Noble
John
"Flip-Flop"
Kidder,
Reporter**



It's good to be back writing an Anahgram article. Management of some family medical issues took priority over an article in January. I am thankful to the Supreme Architect of the Universe that things seem to be back on track and fortunate that my parents are still part of my life. Now to unit news . . .

At our November 16 unit meeting, Stan (Papi) Baker and his wonderful wife, Alison, joined our Bangor clown family from the County Klow'n Unit due to the relocation of Stan's job to Bangor. We are pleased and proud to welcome them!

Our Festival of Trees Committee of Squiggles, Ty-Dy, Scooter, Piggy, TC Trashcan, Babycakes, and Spiffy really hit it out of the park with our clown-themed Christmas tree decorated with clown stickers, cards, and red noses (plus X-box 360 and games underneath). On November 17 Div-It, Spiffy, and TC clowned at the event and Santa looked like Babycakes' twin. On November 24 Piggy and TC clowned at the event and Santa looked like Spiffy's twin. Ty-Dy was the lucky winner, but sadly he hasn't invited us over to play video games yet.

Home Depot Children's Workshop was pleased to welcome Div-It, Fou, and Jappo on December 1. Jiggs braved the cold that day and night in three parades -- the Downtown Ellsworth Christmas Parade, Machias, and the Lubec Parade of Lights.

Div-It was the solo clown at the Annual Christmas Party for the Children of Anah on December 8 and Santa looked a lot like Spiffy. Later that evening at our Annual Meeting and Christmas party, the unit honored Bill (TC Trashcan) Taylor for over 30 years of dedicated service to the unit with a special plaque and clown jacket. Bill received a well deserved standing ovation from the unit and was proud to have Lady Tina and daughter Heather at his side. Santa and Mrs. Claus looked a lot like Babycakes and Mrs. Sweet-P. Unit leadership for 2013 includes elected officers Boss Clown Piggy, Captain Spiffy, Secretary Sluggah, Treasurer Clipper, Directors TC, Bo-Bo and Flip-Flop, and appointed Lieutenants Patches, Pooch, and Petals.

One hundred and sixty started the New Year with the bang of hammers at Home Depot Children's Workshop on January 5 with Div-It, Fou, and Sweet-P on hand to entertain them.

Many clowns continued our award-winning tradition at the annual Northeast Clown Institute in Plymouth, MA on the weekend of January 19 - - - Congratulations Sweet-P first place winner in the single balloon competition, new Craftsman clowns Gizmo and Sweet-P, and new Master Clown Chopstix! I am also delighted to report that Spiffy, TC, Div-It, Coota, Flip-Flop, Bo-Bo, and Chuckles did not freeze at the Chinese restaurant across the street from the Shrine Center when we went there for lunch during the January Ceremonial this year - - - thanks for the pot of tea, Bo-Bo! Thank you, Tony and Carmel for a wonderful 2012—hope that Toe-Tag will clown again with us during the 2013 Circus! Congratulations to Spiffy for being the best Personal Aide that a Pote could choose! Best wishes to 2013 Potentate Illustrious Sir F. Lee and Lady Peggy Kaufman for a successful year. Sincere congratulations to Outer Guard Noble Doug Dulac and Lady Robyn—ten years will fly by! I was very happy when Robyn told me she will continue to give Div-It and me a ride back to the start of a parade route like she did in Carmel awhile ago.

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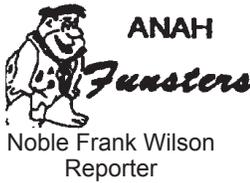
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Noble Frank Wilson
Reporter

Greetings Nobles and Ladies:

I hope everyone is in good health and the winter is treating you all well. It is the middle of winter and that means the slow season for the Funsters.

We had our Annual Meeting at Geaghan's in December and will have had our January meeting by the time you're reading this.

At the Annual Meeting the drinks were flowing, the food was good, and the company was great. The Funsters were lucky enough to finish the night with some inspirational words from Roger Grindle, Jesse Thomas, Lee Kaufman, and Potentate Tony Bowers. Thank you all for coming and being part of our big meeting.

At the beginning of the meeting we sadly received three more letters requesting Emeritus Status. Although we regretfully accepted all three, I think they all did it only to make room for more active members. Colby (Dale) Palmer, Bob (Elmo) Hasey, and Dean Washburn are all now "retired" Funsters but we all hope that won't discourage them from coming around and keeping us company. Thanks for your years of service to the unit guys, and remember what Roger once said, "once a Funster, always, a Funster."

The Funsters would like to send out birthday wishes this month to Diane Clark, Bob Hasey, Dave (Big Bird) Hasey, Shawn Cookson, Jesse (Pink Panther) Thomas, Jackie Harris, Sterling Bunker, Olivia Spencer, Sam Lindsey, Mandie Allen, and Destiny Lancaster.

In closing, our next monthly meeting will be Monday, February 11th at the Shrine Center in Bangor at 7:00 with a 6:00 social.



Noble Ryan Otis, Reporter

Congratulations to our newly-elected Potentate Lee Kaufman and all of the other newly-elected and appointed Nobles. Best of luck in 2013.

We have some newly-elected Nobles in Waldo County as well: President, Josh Treat; VP, Brent Macleod; Clerk/Secretary, Charlie Plourde, and Treasurer, Dave Bowen. Come on down and meet the new board as well. Remember we meet on the second Thursday at the Waldo County Shrine Club.

We have another date for your planner books, February 14th. It's the first Annual

Valentines Spoil your Ladies Night presented by the Waldo County Shrine Club. Entree Choices #1 Hand Cut Beef Tenderloin with a balsamic reduction and caramelized onions, Entree Choice #2 Citrus Marinated Salmon. Sides include Twice Baked potatoes, Honey and mint Glazed Carrots, Caesar salad, Appetizers include : Bacon wrapped scallops, crab meat filled Phyllocups, Spinach and Garlic Crostini, and Asian beef with Scallions on a pita. Dessert includes various cheesecakes and lots of surprises. There will also be a wide variety of wines available this evening as well. All throughout the evening there will be live dinner music playing as well and we will have some very special ladies themed raffles throughout the evening. We look forward to seeing all the lovely Ladies this evening there are a limited number of tickets available for this so get your tickets early \$30 a piece/\$60 a couple.

Don't forget to get your tickets for our St. Patties Day party on March 9th at the Shrine Center.

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SHRINE CLUB
 Noble William Geel, Reporter

The January meeting was held on the 8th at Pat's Pizza in Ellsworth. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 by President Tyler Dunning (I think I finally got that right, Tyler). There were 21 members present. Old and new business was discussed. The annual gun raffle is well under way. If you don't have your tickets yet, time is running out. Remember, they make great Valentine's Day gifts. You can buy your sweetheart roses and she can buy you a gun raffle ticket. Also the club discussed a fuel raffle that will be held in the next couple of months with the winner being drawn at the April meeting. Bruce Clark from Ellsworth won the nightly raffle. Hope he tells his wife of his newly found windfall. Yours Truly really appreciated him buying supper for the evening. There was a discussion about automated phone calls to notify members of meetings. If you are interested in getting on this list, please contact Secretary Joe Marshall at 667-2544 or contact him by e-mail at joe@mjmarshallarts.com.

Gordon Robbins is doing well at home. Also Noble Mike Clark has been in and out of the hospital. Heard he is doing fine. Also heard that Alex Phillips is doing okay and is back on his feet after surgery. Carroll Chandler, Captain of the Lobster Boat Unit, is doing fine after hip surgery. Ray Ellis is recovering nicely as well. Talked to John Fernald the other day and he said the geese have finally left for Florida. He also said he thought they might have hitched a ride with Noble Bill Fernald on the way. Also heard that Noble Wilbert Terry has some extra wording on his pump truck. Really looks great I heard. I had a chance to attend the Lobster Boat Unit Christmas party. It was an honor to have Potentate Tony Bowers as a guest at our table. A good meal was had by all. Lucky Past Potentate Ed Pellon won two raffles. They had a nice money tree that was donated to the hospitals. We were sorry that Noble Ray Ellis and Lady Glenna were not able to attend but hopefully we will see them next year. By the way, they are always looking for new recruits to help man the lobster boats. I hope all the snowbirds are having a good winter in the sunny south. Dear Nobles, please remember our attendance is getting down, and we hope to see

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more out at the next meeting. I realize a lot of you go south, but there are still a lot of us left behind and remember, we are not afraid of snow shovels. Whoops, I think one just bit me. Went by Noble Wayne's estate on Molasses Pond and I think he may be able to move in by spring if the snow melts.

Birthdays this time are David Neal, Sandra Neal, Jesse Thomas, Dean Hoke, Tony McKim, Ed Coolidge, Holly Savage, Pat Coolidge, Ethel Kennedy, Rose Lee Carlisle, Barry Hamilton, Nancy Robbins, and Elizabeth Trimm. Honeymooners are Jeff and Alice Dow, Noyes and Grace Albee, and Dan and Ellen Duff.

That's enough for now. Gotta get Cookie and head for camp. Maybe I'll check on Noble Forrest on the way to see if he wants to go ice fishing. I think I'll also tell him I have a boat in reserve just in case.



Noble Doug Brockway, Reprter

We were honored to play at the January 19th Ceremonial this year and as usual, we sounded like a real band! It's always wonderful to have our members, both inactive and active, join us to play some great music. Thanks to all of our friends from Kora who join and support us at our Ceremonial performances. Thanks goes out to the friends of the Shrine Band that lend sound to our performances, it would be difficult without our friends.

We are still looking to add some new musicians to our group; brass, wind, piano, guitar, bass, or piano. Lessons and instruments provided! A more diverse group

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will give us more playing opportunities which leads to us raising more money for the hospitals. With smaller donations this past year, it is still hard to meet expenses and make a donation to the hospitals but we'll do as we best can.

We remember a friend of the Shrine Band, Ray Little, who recently passed away. His tuba skills were unmatched and he was always willing to lend a hand to the area bands that needed him. Our thoughts are with his family and to the bands that he played in; it's tough to find a good tuba player these days. That's a heavy instrument to be lugging around!

Remember to find that experienced player or an adventuresome Mason to be a Noble and take part with us, they are out there. Watch us grow and play traditional march music and new music with a modern mode.

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KAMPERS KORNER

Noble Lyman Blyther, Reporter

Well, as I write this, the holidays are behind us and we're looking forward to another New Year. We had our Christmas Party and, thanks to Wally Fenlason, I have the following information to share with you.

Our Annual Holiday Gathering was held at the Shrine Center in Bangor. We shared a fine meal prepared by the Anah Clowns. Fifty-one people were in attendance, including our Potentate, Tony Bowers.

Grace was given by Lorena Fenlason and after the meal our Treasurer, Don Wiswell, read the minutes from the September Annual Meeting. It was voted to go to the Narrows Too Campground in Trenton for our Spring Meeting May 17-19. We need a minimum of 10 units and the price is \$26.75 per night with a deposit of \$25 per unit. Kampers need to make their own reservations by calling Laura at 207-288-8106 as soon as possible. The campground is offering a special to their former campers during the same time period so it is first call, first reserved. So, the sooner you call, the better the chance we will all be together.

Anah's June Ceremonial will be in Newport on June 21 and 22 and Anah has reserved the entire campground in Palmyra. Kampers wanting to attend need to make their own reservations through the Shrine Center.

A plaque was presented to Ken Whitney for his years of service as Wagon Master. . . thank you Ken for everything you have done for us!

Four beautiful door prizes, donated by Ora Farnsworth, were drawn and given to the lucky ticket holders. . . thank you Ora.

Our Potentate updated everyone on Anah's first Festival of Trees. Anah raised a very satisfactory amount, and it will only grow in the coming years. Kora is said to have exceeded \$200,000 this year.

Don requested a volunteer to assume the office of Secretary, but there was no response (but I notice Wally signed this Christmas Party update as Secretary. . . Thank you, Wally!!!!)

I also got a phone call from Wilbert Terry. He had a great time at the party and was pretty excited that his wife, Jo, won the 50/50 raffle and he had some gas money for his trip to Florida.

Will be getting further information on the Blueberry Festival in Machias in August and Phil will be checking with Abbott regarding our Fall Camping and Business Meeting.

Snowbirds are looking forward to a cou-

ple of get-togethers in Florida in February. A Seafood Chowder lunch on February 7th at our place (we sold our Melbourne home and bought a place in Ocala so the location has changed but the menu has not) - Call Cindy at 321-693-5110 with any questions. We also plan to get together for lunch on February 14th at Golden Coral in Zephyrhills - Call Connie Lawrence at 352-523-1989 by February 10th if you plan to attend or with any questions.

February birthdays are Carole Green, Deborah Luce, Betty Shedd and Duffy Woods. February anniversaries are Jim & Gloria Bennett, Greg & Bernice Carrier, Charles & Selma Larson, Dale Nelson & Carol Miller and Dana & Winsome Smith.

That's all the news I have. Call me at 321-693-5717 with any news you want to share.

BANGOR-BREWER SHRINE CLUB



Noble Daryl Briggs, Reporter

Bangor Brewer Shrine Club had its meeting on January 17, 2013. There were 26

nobles, Divan members and guests present. The meeting was presided over by Treasurer "Yogi" Seymour as the President was unable to attend. The pledge was led by "Yogi" Seymour. The invocation was given by Past Potentate Larry Hersom. The meal was ham with pineapple glaze, peas, mashed potatoes, and ice cream and cookies for dessert. The kitchen crew was led by Denny Smith. Thanks again to everyone who helped with the meal. Past Potentates were represented by Harold Crocker (1983), Larry Hersom (1986) and Chuck Kennedy (2010). The Divan was represented by Captain of the Guard Don Gordon and Recorder Sonny Crocker. No Secretary's report as it is in the Anahgram. No Treasurer's report. No old or new business. Lady Beverley Polley made a presentation on the Daughters of the Nile and their program "Working Together for the Children". The 50/50 raffle of \$40 was won by Noble "Yogi" Seymour. Thanks to Assistant Secretary Fred Brown for his help that night with dinner ticket sales and other duties. The BBSC February meeting is on the 21st and it will be a spaghetti dinner for \$5. Plan to attend and bring a friend.



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LAURENCE W. JOHNSON

No. 7082 Noble Laurence W. Johnson of Newport and more recently of Naples, ME was born November 3, 1923, in Eldorado, NE and died December 16, 2012, at Cedars Nursing Care Facility after an illness of several Months.

He graduated from Harvard High School in Harvard, NB in 1941 and attended Doane College in Crete, NB before joining the service. He was a World War II Veteran serving in the Army Air Corps as a Lieutenant in Karachi, India in 1943 and 1944 and it was while he was stationed in India that he met his future wife, Doris "Dottie" Salley. Larry and Dottie were married in Madison, July 10, 1946. Larry and Dottie were longtime residents of Newport, where Larry worked for State Farm Insurance, H.P. Hood and Son, Ray's Electric, and the Newport Post Office. Larry retired as postmaster of Newport Post Office in 1984.

He loved to play golf and spent many mornings at both Palmyra and Pittsfield golf courses. He was also an accomplished knitter. He was a member of Barrows-Skidgel Post 105 American Legion; He made his home in Naples, ME for the last 10 years.

His Masonic affiliations included membership in Meridian Splendor Lodge No. 49 AF & AM of Newport and the Scottish and York Rite Bodies. He was a member of the Tri-County Shrine Club and the Acadamecians Degree team. His enrollment in Anah Shriners was recorded as June 7, 1974.

NORMAN THOMAS NODDIN

No. 7934 Noble Norman T. Noddin of Baring was born August 20, 1935 in Milltown, NB and passed away Wednesday, November 14, 2012, at his home with his loving family by his side.

He joined the U.S. Air Force, serving as an airplane mechanic during the Korean War. After the war, He worked as a police officer for the City of Calais and as a millwright for Georgia-Pacific for 10 years. He eventually became a partner in REN Construction where he worked until his retirement in 1997. He enjoyed the outdoors and harvested his own trees to build his home in Baring, as well as his camp on Cathance Lake. Norman loved hunting, fishing, gardening, reading, Sudoku puzzles, playing solitaire on his computer, helping at Bingo in Baileyville for the Masonic lodge, but above all he loved spending time with his family at his camp.

His Masonic affiliations included membership in and a past master of St. Croix Lodge No. 46 AF & AM, Calais. His enrollment in Anah Shriners was recorded as June 17, 1978.

RODERICK MADISON GRAY

No. 6654 Noble Roderick Madison Gray of Sedgwick was born April 27, 1931 and died unexpectedly October 1, 2012, at his residence.

He graduated from Brooksville High School. He worked for St. Regis, Champion and International Paper, Bucksport, for many years.

His Masonic affiliations included membership in Governor Brooks Lodge of Brooksville, Ira Berry Lodge No. 187 of Blue Hill, and Scottish Rite Bodies. His enrollment in Anah Shriners was recorded as June 3, 1972.

LEWIS E. SEEKINS

No. 8348 Noble Lewis E. Seekins of Searsport was born April 5, 1936, and died suddenly Wednesday, December 12, 2012, at a Lincoln hospital.

He enjoyed all the family times that he was able to attend and create cherished memories. He owned and operated L. E. Seekins Construction Co. for many years. He served in the Army National Guard. He was a licensed plumbing inspector for the town of Searsport for 25 years; he also

served on the appeals board and was a past member of the planning board for the town of Searsport, along with holding a state of Maine real estate license.

His Masonic affiliations included membership in and Past Master of Belfast Masonic Lodge, No 24 AF & AM and the Scottish and York Rites. He served in the Medic Corps of Anah Shriners. His enrollment in Anah Shriners was recorded as June 14, 1980.

WILLIAM L. MacDONALD

No. 5195 William L. MacDonald of Bangor was born October 19, 1920 in Gouldsboro and died January 7, 2013 at a local health care center.

After his schooling at Coburn Classical Institute and Maine School of Commerce, he enlisted in the U.S. Air Corps in 1942 where he was a member of the 376th Bombardment Group, the Liberandos. For

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27 months he served his nation in Egypt, Libya, Italy, North Africa and Tunisia. He was awarded the Bronze Star for meritorious service. After completing his service commitment, he returned to Maine and worked for Paul Smith & Co. In 1952, William joined the office staff at J.J. Boulter & Son, where he was employed until 1983. After the purchase of J.J. Boulter & Son by Bangor Welding, he continued his employment until retirement in 1986. For several years after retirement, he worked part time in accounting and bookkeeping. He was a former trustee of the Bangor Water District.

He was a member of First Baptist Church, Bangor, and was active in the Soup Kitchen Ministry at Columbia Street. He was a member of Bangor Jaycees, as well as a longtime member of the Bangor Lions Club.

His Masonic affiliations included membership in Ralph J. Pollard Lodge No. 217 AF & AM of Orrington, and the Scottish and York Rite Bodies. His enrollment in Anah Shriners was recorded as January 9, 1959.

RICHARD E. CASTNER

No. 8228 Noble Richard E. Castner of Brewer was born April 14, 1931, in Bangor died December 26, 2012, at a Bangor health care facility. Richard graduated from Bangor High School, class of 1949 and from the Maine Maritime Academy in 1952.

During his high school days, he always looked forward to fishing trips with his father on Moosehead Lake. He often spoke of his various after school jobs which included ushering at the local theaters, working for a dry cleaning company, warehouse work and selling classified ads at the Bangor Daily News. Upon graduation from Maine Maritime Academy, he was employed as a deck officer on merchant ships carrying military and general cargo to Europe and the Far East. This activity was curtailed as a result of orders to active duty in the U.S. Navy. He served as second division officer and gunnery officer on the USS Newman K. Perry DDR 883. Upon release from active duty, he remained active in several reserve units for 24 years. His civilian employment was with New England Telephone Co., now Verizon, as a network design engineer for 32 years. His home office was located in Bangor, but he often traveled the state and into New Hampshire to fulfill his employment in many assigned capacities. He was a member of Military Officers Association of America, both national and local chapters.

His Masonic affiliations included 50-years of membership in Rising Virtue Lodge No. 10 AF & AM of Bangor. His enroll-

ment in Anah Shriners was recorded as June 14, 1980. He held a life membership at Bangor-Brewer Shrine Club and marched with the Provost Guard Unit.

LINDLEY H. UNDERHILL

No. 9793 Noble Lindley H. "Mickey" Underhill of Etna was born January 31, 1932, in Etna and died peacefully December 27, 2012, at his home, with his family surrounding him, after a long illness.

He was educated in Etna schools and was an Army Veteran of the Korean War. After his Army service he joined the Navy Reserves in Bangor and was attached to the Seabees serving for several years. He was employed as a heavy equipment operator working construction for Lane Construction Co. for several years. He was a member of International Union of Operating Engineers, Local No. 4. He was selectman for the town of Etna for 17 years. He also served as sexton for the Etna cemeteries for many years.

He was a member of Carmel Post American Legion and a charter member of Seabastcook Valley Snowmobile Club.

His Masonic affiliations included 25 years of membership in Benevolent Masonic Lodge No. 87 AF & AM of Carmel. He was a member of Tri-County Shrine Club. His enrollment in Anah Shriners was recorded as June 11, 1988.

MERVYN H. JOHNSTON

NO. 3943 Noble "Merv" Johnston of Brewer and Milo was born February 8, 1922, in Toronto and passed away December 27, 2012, at a Bangor hospital after a brief illness.

He was employed by Canadian Pacific Railroad in Brownville Junction and re-

tired from Bangor and Aroostook Railroad in Bangor after 32 years as the auditor of revenue. His passion for the railroad never waned - even after being retired for more than 30 years. He was a U.S. Army Veteran; he served in World War II and he graduated from Husson College in 1950. He was a member of First United Methodist Church of Bangor. He enjoyed spending winters in Florida. He was a dedicated Red Sox fan.

His Masonic affiliations included membership in the Pleasant River Masonic Lodge No. 163 of Brownville, and other Masonic Bodies. His enrollment in Anah Shriners was recorded as August 12, 1949.

EDWIN N. CLIFT

No. 6267 Noble Edwin N. Clift of Ellsworth was born November 1, 1939, in Fredericksburg, VA and passed away November 18, 2012, at his home on Branch Lake.

In 1959 he began serving in the U.S. Air Force and was stationed at several Air Force bases including several in Texas, Hawaii and Delaware. Prior to being honorably discharged in 1962. He received several awards including, the Good Conduct Medal, Air Force Outstanding Unit Award and Base Airman of the Month while stationed at Eniwetok, Mich.

After his military service, he further pursued his education at Strayer College, Washington, D.C., the University of Maine, Orono, and Williams College

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School of Banking, Williamstown, MA. He began his 44-year career in the banking industry in 1964 with Merrill Trust Co., in which he held various positions, including senior vice president and senior administrative officer. In 1988 he joined Key Bank as a senior vice president and later was an executive vice president with Machias Savings Bank. In 1992 he became the founding president and CEO of Merrill Merchants Bank, later Merrill Bank and People's United. He firmly believed and was often quoted as saying, "banking is about people." He played a major role in recruiting investors and senior management for Merrill Merchants Bank when it became the largest ever de novo bank start-up in Maine history. He oversaw great growth from \$74 million in assets in 1992 to \$408 million in assets in 2005. He retired from Merrill Bank in January 2009. Colleagues fondly remember him for his hard work and dedication; he would often share the light-hearted phrase, "Let's get back to the salt mines." His legacy in the greater Bangor community is marked not only by his contributions to the banking industry, but his extensive community involvement. He was the director and past president of Bangor Area Target Development Corp.; president of Penobscot Foundation for Development Services; served on the board of advisors for the University of Maine Center on Aging; co-chair of the Capital Campaign for the Bangor Museum and History Center; provided 22 years of leadership with St. Joseph Healthcare - most of this time as chair of the St. Joseph Healthcare Board of Trustees; state chair of the Employer Support for the Guard and Reserve; served as an Army Reserve Ambassador; past president of Bangor Morning Rotary; chairman of the board of directors for Seven Islands Land Co.; a member of the Maine Judicial Compensation Commission; past chair and director of Maine Bankers Association; Past Maine State Chair of the Community Bankers' Council with the American Bankers Association; past director of the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston; past president of the Independent Bankers Association of Maine and served on the advisory board of the Bureau of Financial Institutions. He also provided leadership to the Multiple Handicap Center of Penobscot Valley, Forest Society of Maine and Maine Tree Foundation. He received many awards and honors spanning his career. He was recognized as Volunteer Banker of the Year from the Maine Bankers Association in 1996; he received a Spirit of Volunteerism Award by Employer Support for the Guard and Reserve for his "thousands of hours of support, leadership and commitment to service" in 2004; he was recognized as a Paul Harris Fellow by Bangor Rotary; in

2005 he received the Veterans Small Business Champion Award from the Small Business Association; in 2006 he received the Bangor Region Chamber of Commerce Norbert X. Dowd Highest Achievement Award; and he was recognized in 2008 with a 2 Those Who Care Award for Community Service. In October 2012, he was recognized by St. Joseph Healthcare with the dedication and naming of a building in his honor to recognize his many years of community service. He will be remembered as a loving and devoted husband, father and grandfather, a consummate southern gentleman, a man of great integrity, a courageous and humble leader, mentor to many, ever faithful in his generosity of time and talent, and for taking care of others - quietly assisting and handling their affairs when needed.

His enrollment in Anah Shriners was recorded as January 9, 1970.

HENRY W. IVEY

No. 4663 Noble Henry W. Ivey of Houlton was born May 10, 1924 he passed away Sunday, January 6, 2013, after a lengthy illness.

He proudly served as a sergeant in the U.S. Army from 1943 to 1946. His tour of duty took him to the European African Middle Eastern Theater Campaign on-board the U.S. Army Hospital Ship, Charles A. Stafford. After his honorable discharge from the Army, he came back to Houlton and established Ivey's Radio Cabs. His cabs set his business apart as they were the first two-way radio vehicle system north of Bangor. The Ivey's owned and operated the successful taxi business for 17 years before it was sold. Entering the hospitality business in 1958, he and his wife, Marcinne, established Ivey's Motel, Bangor Road, Houlton. Through several expansions, the motel grew to 45 rooms, a full service restaurant, a lounge and weekly live entertainment. In 1985 they launched a second motel, Ivey's Motor Lodge, a full service hotel, at Interstate

95 in Houlton, across from the Tourist Information Center. As a local successful business family, they were proud to serve Houlton and the surrounding area for 55 years. He was a proud member of the American Legion and he was also a member of Houlton Lodge of Elks No. 835. was born May 10, 1924

His Masonic affiliations included membership in Monument Lodge No. 96 AF & AM and the York Rite Bodies. His enrollment in Anah Shriners was recorded as June 19, 1954.

DONALD R. LYONS

No. 6008 Noble Donald R. "Dee Dee" Lyons of Lincoln was born May 28, 1930 and, died peacefully Jan. 1, 2013, at Maine Veterans Home, Bangor, after a struggle with Alzheimer's disease

He was a 1949 graduate of Mattanawcook Academy. He served two tours in the U.S. Navy. He was involved in his community in many ways and touched many lives, serving as a scout master for the local Boy Scouts, and as a member of the JayCee's, and Lincoln Chapter No. 112, Order of the Eastern Star. He also helped start Lincoln Maine Federal Credit Union, and was a life member of the American Legion. He worked as an electrical instrument technician at LP&P, Great Northern and SAPPI, retiring in 1995. After his retirement, he spent all of his time at his camp in Lee.

His Masonic affiliations included membership in Horeb Lodge No. 93 AF & AM and was very active in the Northern Penobscot Shrine Club. His enrollment in Anah Shriners was recorded as January 1, 1968.





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KEYSTONE

KOPS

**Noble
Fred Beylerian
Reporter**



It appears that this report has to catch up with the calendar. Being a month behind is not the way to get things done. So, let's see if I can get caught up this month.

We have had our first snow of the winter season, Thanksgiving has come and gone and now Christmas has come and gone. The Annual Meeting went very well and everyone enjoyed themselves. The Keystone Kops Annual Christmas Party was a great success again and a great time was had by all. Now it's time for a New Year.

Schedule of going/coming events: Anah Shiners Annual Meeting and Ceremonial is January 18 & 19, 2013, Keystone Kops Annual Golf Tournament is May 19, 2013, at Hermon Meadow.

Birthday wishes for the month of December (because of my calendar problem) are for Kop Clarence Neal and Ladies Ann Byers and Carol Lackey. There are no wedding anniversaries during the month of December.

Now for the month of January. Happy birthday wishes go out to Kops Eric Robinson, Mike Whitman and Ladies Nina Dalton, Candy Beylerian and Sally Buck.

Happy wedding anniversary wishes to Steve and Betty Trimm. Congratulations to all and may you have many more.

And now an update on Dr. Dick Lavesseur's medical condition. Doc had his second surgery and as of this writing is doing well and should be leaving the hospital soon.

To the lighter side. Last month's trivia question was who coined the phrase "America's Team"? Answer is Tex Schramm in 1976. With New Year's celebrations coming up this month's two-part trivia question is: First, the Russian word Vodka translates to? And secondly for a typical Russian dinner, what beverage (other than vodka) is served?

Time has come to close the "Blotter" for this month. It's a good thing to remember, "IT'S ALL ABOUT THE KIDS".

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL and may the coming year 2013 be your best ever.



**Noble
Harold Adams
Reporter**

Hello everyone, I hope the New Year is treating everyone well.

Last month's meeting was a small one. For those of you that were not there I want to pass on some unfortunate and sad news,

Noble Richard Castner passed away the end of 2012. He was very active in our Unit and he will be missed. We want to send our condolences and thoughts and prayers to Dick's family.

Thank you to the members that were at the January Ceremonial. We want to welcome the new Potentate as well as his family, and send our congratulations to him. We also, want to congratulate and welcome the new Nobles and their Ladies to Anah Temple. Anyone interested in our Unit may stop by the Shrine Center any first Tuesday of the month and check us out.

The 50/50 winner was Noble Ralph Traf-ton, sorry Ralph.

I have a belated birthday wish for Noble Harry Pratt Sr., somehow I missed getting it in the January Anahgram, sorry Harry.

We have some birthday wishes for February, they are for Lady Frances Pennypacker, Lady Nadine Smith, and Noble Ray Campbell.

Our next meeting at the Shrine Center is Tuesday, February 5 at 7 o'clock, we hope to see all of you there.

Wishing everyone a Happy Valentine's Day.

Until next time stay warm and safe.



**PHOTO UNIT
Noble
Bob Hodgkins
Reporter**

Hi and Happy New Year to all of you Photo Unit members:

On December 8, 2012 we had our Annual Meeting with Dennis Bryant, Merland Clark, Lloyd Day, Chet Davis, Bob Hodgkins and Chief Rabban F. Lee Kaufman.

The 2013 officers for the unit are: Bob Hodgkins, Director; Dennis Bryant, Assistant Director; and Merland (old timer) Clark, Sec/Treas. I will still do the reporting unless someone wants to jump into the pool.

Upcoming: February 2, the Potentates' Party.

Circus Dates: Bangor, April 26,27,28; Presque Isle, May 2,3,4; June 21,22 Ceremonial; Dexter Summer Fest Aug 10th and a special field day in Ellsworth in conjunction with the Maine State Federation of Firefighters Annual Convention. Boy what a huge parade that will be. The little boy in me will be excited. WOW clowns and fire trucks.

So gang I am looking forward to working with all of you this year. I am also relying on all of you kind Nobles to assist the unit in shooting things in your areas.

I thank you in advance. I hope to see you out and about.

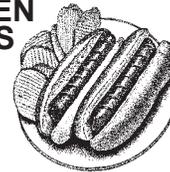
Back to hugging the heater.

That's all from a cold, cold downtown Hartland.

Later, the Flash Bulb

KANTEEN CORPS

**Catering Lunches
for Shrine Events**



Noble Jethro Pease, Reporter

Well 2012 has come and gone. Seems like it lasted a year.

2013 brings the KANTEEN Unit some new opportunities. Our goals are to encourage all of our members to be active or if not to reassess their belonging to this unit. Secondly, we will continue to try each year to increase our donations to the Hospitals, Sunshine Club and a few other worthy causes. Third, we will strive to increase membership by 2-3 active. Nobles, fourth, we hope to find one or two more venues to raise money with our Hot Dog Wagon.

Over the last few years we have rebuilt ourselves, increasing our donations to our charities while also gradually saving for unit activities in the future. At this time we have met almost all the goals we have set over the past five years. This year we will increase our contributions to the hospitals by 20% and that is on top of last year's increase of over 50%. The dollar amount isn't large compared to the bigger clubs and units but we are improving annually.

Officers for 2013 remain the same as last year. Jethro Pease, President; Allen Hayward, Vice-President; George Martin, Secretary and Douglas Rackliff as Treasurer.

A birthday recently past, Obed Hart on January 27th.

March will see Noble Fire Chief James Ames putting another notch on his ageing tree.

Happy birthday to both of you.

Be happy, warm and safe.

DIRECTORS STAFF

**Noble
Dave Weaver
Reporter**

Here we go again, starting a new year with our new boss Potentate Lee Kaufman. I have seen some of Lee's agenda for the year 2013 and it looks like it will be both busy and fun. I believe the Potentate made some wise choices in his new and re-appointments. I'm especially pleased with Doug Dulac as his appointment to Outer Guard. I kind of sniffed out Doug's joining the Divan a couple of years ago but like all "futures", he wholeheartedly denied it. I couldn't even get Robyn to confirm it. Anyway, congratulations Doug.

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I know you will be a fine addition to the Divan. I also want to congratulate the three new appointments to the Directors Staff; Nobles Darwin "Buddy" Morrison, Fred Dewitt and Dave Bowen. Welcome aboard men. I hope you enjoy the Directors as much as I do.

The Directors did a fine job getting the 15 candidates registered and fitted for their first Fez. We reacquired the task of making coffee and getting doughnuts for the early morning workers and candidates. This task fell to Dan Constain and he did an excellent job serving and preparing it. A big thank you, Dan. I want to thank Tom Frost and his group for the fine job they did fitting the Fezzes. I also want to thank Ryan Otis and Alden Bunker for handling the registrations. We had plenty of help with our escort duties, which is always good. More escorts not only means less trips up and down the floor it also gives more Directors exposure to more of the attending people on the sidelines. The Directors Staff looks pretty sharp when all dressed up in our black tuxedos, if I do say so myself.

In closing, for those of you who don't know, I hate to inform you that Director Donnie Wright is in a Bangor hospital having suffered two back-to-back heart attacks. These occurred just one week prior to the Ceremonial. Donnie and his lovely wife Carolyn don't miss very many Shrine functions. Let's hope and pray for a quick recovery for him.

That's it for this month. Be good to one another, attend your Blue Lodge and stay off thin ice

SCHOODIC

SHRINE CLUB
Noble David G. Beckett, Reporter

Greetings from Schoodic Shrine Club. Our regular meeting for December was scheduled for December 19th at Karen's Restaurant in Calais, had to be canceled because of a storm and power outages that day. It was rescheduled for Saturday, December 29th. I was not able to attend so Noble Dennis Bryant, club secretary, wrote up the minutes and sent me a copy.

Because of the rescheduling, only eight attended the December meeting. However, those eight enjoyed the annual Christmas party and Yankee Swap. Much of the conversation during the social hour centered on the snow that had fallen and the report of more snow to come. Those present enjoyed a delicious roast beef dinner with all the trimmings, followed by carrot cake and homemade coconut cream pie.

Dennis informed everyone there that club president, Bud Kneeland, was under the

weather and could not make the meeting. Have speedy recovery Bud. Noble Alton Ward is in the nursing home in Machias. If you get a chance, stop in and visit him. While you are there, ask him about the 50-year medal he was presented recently by members of his Lodge. Dennis also informed those in attendance that the Shrine calendars are going fast. If you want any, see Dennis as soon as possible.

We will be setting our meeting calendar for the rest of 2013. Last year we did not have a February meeting, but we did meet the 3rd Wednesday of March at the New Friendly Restaurant in Perry. Watch this column for meeting dates. I'll let you know as soon as I can.

'Til next time!



Noble Ted Russell, Reporter

As anticipated our Anah Wheeler Christmas party was well worth attending. The membership turnout was exemplary and the vittles were superb. Our Ladies packed the hospitality room with the best of their holiday hors d'oeuvres and libations. Unfortunately for us, Lady Jenn drank all hers before we could try it. Three punch bowls full.

Noble Sonny Beal provided the music which enabled, for the most part, a very poor imitation of dancing. Of course I'm not talking about Sugar Bear.

Our stated Wheeler meeting ended with a revised slate of officers. All I know for sure, due to my absence is that Rick Robshaw is still Captain, David Applebee is still secretary and I am still reporter (because I wasn't there)

Anah Shriners Annual Ceremonial will be upon us on the 18th and 19th of January. We Wheelers wish all new candidates well and all newly-elected officers a banner year.

Ladies and Nobles, please mark your social calendars with a big "X" on the 16th of February. That's the date of the Annual Anah Wheeler Cabin Fever Super Supper. ("X")Day for short. See your local Wheeler or the Shrine office for tickets.

Here's a big birthday kiss to Nobles Dean Hoke, Garry and Barry Curtis and Lewis Church.

May our endeavors be blessed.
 Teddy Ta Ta Reporting

Anah Aides
Noble Gordon Smith, Chief Aide

Hello Nobles and Ladies:

It is an honor and pleasure to be re-appointed as your Chief for a great group

of Aides and their Ladies.

Welcome to all the new Nobles and their Ladies that came in on the 19th of January To honor the class of Noble W. Tom Sawyer. It will be good to see all the new Nobles and their Ladies at various functions. Don't be afraid of asking questions about joining a unit today as they can always use help in their many activities.

Congratulations to Illustrious Sir F. Lee Kaufman for being elected to Potentate for Anah for 2013. I'm sure we will have a good time this year as it progresses.

The Ceremony went very well for the Aides as everybody pitched in and did what we do best, "getting people relaxed".

We had three Aides go Emeritus this year. They were Ron Murphy, Ray Paul, and Paul Thornton. They did a Super job, and will be missed. Welcome new Aides that were appointed, Ted Bowers, Tim Emery, and Ed Huntley.

We have kind of a quiet time for a couple of months, but don't forget the Circus is coming in April.

Birthday for January was Duncan Brown. Birthdays for February are Lady Susan Brown and Lady Jackie Smith.

Anniversary wishes are for Noble Blair Bubar and his Lady Judy. Congratulations to all.



Noble Ken Hanscom Jr. Reporter

Well would you just look at this, February already, where has the winter gone. In the Lincoln area, snow sleds have been going, but we could use some more snow. No doubt winters are a lot milder now than they were 25 years ago.

Got some great news this week. Warren Curtis, our past captain, found out that his cancer is in remission. Great news, Warren!

Birthday wishes this month go to Gloria Blake, Scott Folsom and Jane Russell. I was thinking about that old saying about the rose and thorn, but we would have to put Scott on both ends.

Anniversaries this month are Don and Darlene Emmons. That young lady does a great job keeping Don straight.

Those of you, who did not go to the Ceremonial, missed a great weekend. Friday night's hospitality was a great evening. Saturday's dinner and dance was very well attended. Even this old reporter tried to shake a leg. A big thank-you to Lee and his lovely Lady Peggy for the great night. I don't think Peggy missed a dance all evening.

The days are getting longer and starting to warm up.

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