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Onions are on the way – about the second week in May. Get your orders in now. These onions are very popular and still are only \$10 for a 10 lb. bag. This is a good fund raiser for us, as well.

The gun raffle tickets are in – still at \$50.00 per ticket with a chance to win 50 guns or one of 50 guns. They are being provided by Gander Mountain this year. We will have a free party on Saturday, September 9, when all of the tickets will be drawn for the winners. You do have a chance to win more than once. Tickets are available from Ryan in the Shrine Office. This is our most profitable fund raiser each year.

Our Summer Ceremonial will be August 11-12. We will have our traditional Shrine Golf Outing on Friday followed by the 19th Hole event at our facility following golf. Non golfers, spouses, etc. are welcome at the 19th hole. There will be good food, good refreshments and good fellowship. Saturday we will have a full Summer Ceremonial ending with a banquet following the ceremonies in the afternoon. A complete schedule of those activities will appear in the next Ahmedian but save the dates now.

The MSA Summer Ceremonial will be held August 17 – 19, in Bloomington, MN. Full information will appear elsewhere in this issue. It is important to note: Hotel Reservations must be made on line as indicated. Ahmed has a block of 10 rooms at the Sheraton with additional rooms available as needed. You MUST make your reservation on line – do not call the Hotel. The cutoff for room reservations is July 17. A full listing of the planned activities is also in this issue. Registration for the event must be made through the Ahmed Shrine Office. We will have one complete registration for all of our Nobles and ladies sent from the Temple to Bloomington, as they have required. Checks for the registration should be made payable to Ahmed and sent in with your Registration.

The Valley of Marquette will hold their Spring Reunion – May 20. The schedule for the day is in this issue along with a dinner reservation form. The Class is named in honor of Charles Clayton Simons, P. P., of Ishpeming. Plan to attend the Reunion and say hello to Chuck.

Some thoughts for today:

“How people treat you is their karma; how you react is yours.” – Wayne Dyer

“Those who look only to the past or present are certain to miss the future.”

John F. Kennedy

“Don’t wait for extraordinary opportunities. Seize common occasions and make them great.” - Orison Swett Marden

“You cannot shake hands with a closed fist.” - Golda Meir

“Good friend are like stars. You don’t always see them but you know they are always there. Keep them close!” - anon

And finally,

“Enjoy life – it has an expiration date !” - anon

Yours in the sunshine of the Shrine.

### **Chief Rabban, Building Manager & Chief Joey By Ryan Engle**

Hello Everyone

I have good news, great news and some interesting news.

Good News:

We have and are getting out the Gun Raffle Tickets. If you need any or more call the office or get ahold of your local contact for the tickets. The local contacts are Corey Cain in Iron Mountain, Travis Freeman in Newberry, Trevor Juntunen in the L’Anse area and Tony G in Marquette. If you don’t have contact with any of these gents, feel free to let me know how many that you want and I will mail them to you.

Great News:

Circus is coming. Get ready for a great show. We have a few things that are different this year. We will not have to collect tickets this year as we had to do in the past. The Circus will be doing all of that for us this year. That being said we still need fezzes in the buildings to show our support for our cause. Remember this is one of Ahmed’s Major Fundraisers this year. Without your support we won’t be able to make this a great year. That also means send in your \$36.00 dollars for your noble tickets. If everyone sends in their \$36.00 dollars Ahmed will bring in \$15,000 towards its fundraising goals this year. I will be out clowning around at all of the circuses this year and I hope to see and shake as many of your hands as I can.

Interesting News:

I have a few interesting things coming out of Marquette and our building. If you have heard the rumor that I took a new job, it is not true. Believe it or

