

From The Recorder

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Congratulations to Ill. Sir Potentate Tom Hogan and the members of the Ahmed Divan on their installation on January 6, 2012. It was a wonderful evening. The Ceremony was conducted by Past Potentate John M. Bergman with able assistance from Past Potentates Chuck Simons and Jimmie Hobaugh. More than 100 people attended the ceremony and social hour and dinner that followed. After dinner we were treated to some wonderful musical entertainment. This year is off to a great start.

Many thanks, too, to our Junior Past Potentate Bob Morrison and his Lady Sheryl for all the fine work they did for Ahmed in 2011. Knowing them, they will continue to be active in their service to Ahmed in 2012 and beyond.

Several of your Divan Officers will attend the Midwest Shrine Association meeting in sunny Grand Forks, ND, February 9-10-11. As a part of the business meeting, it is anticipated that Roger Juntunen, P.P. will be nominated and elected 4th Vice President of the organization. This means that he will be President of the MSA when they hold their winter business meeting and summer ceremonial meetings in Marquette in 2016. It will be a great opportunity for us to show off Ahmed as well as our beautiful Upper Peninsula. We will be looking for a lot of help when that time comes to make sure we put on a great show.

The February Regular Meeting of Ahmed will take place in Manistique on February 17 hosted by the Hiawatha Shrine Club. As always, reservations for dinner are REQUIRED! Those with reservations will eat first and those without will eat what's left. Additional information appears elsewhere.

Raffle tickets on the Ford Truck are still available. There are only 400 to be sold. The cost is \$100 per ticket. They are available through the Office as well as from most Divan members. This is an important fund raiser for Ahmed. We need your help selling tickets and yes, you can buy one,



too. Much has to be done. We still have 320 Shrine patients from the Upper Peninsula. All of these projects either help directly or indirectly in our ability to achieve our mission of helping these kids. It is, however, important that we have FUN as an important ingredient in all of our activities. Wear a smile with your Fez and enjoy being a Shriner! Some thoughts for today:

"There is no power on earth that can neutralize the influence of a high, simple and useful life."

- Booker T. Washington

"Greatness is not where we stand but in what direction we are moving."

- Oliver Wendell Holmes

"Each failure is nothing more than a brick on the wall that forms the foundation of our success. We can't forget that."

- Carlton Young

"The majority of men meet with failure because of their lack of persistence in creating new plans to take the place of those that fail."

- Napoleon Hill

and finally,

"Nurture your mind with great thoughts; to believe in the heroic makes heroes." Benjamin Desraeli

Yours in the sunshine of the Shrine !

From the Chief

Rabban

By Mike Hill

What a great start to the new year! If you missed our January 6 meeting and officer installation, you missed a wonderful evening.

It was really great to see one of the largest crowds we have had in several years to help us kick off 2012. Illustrious Sir Tom, a job well done. Those of you who were there know that installation signaled the start of something "new", but it is also "old".

What I mean is we are making a concerted effort to bring FUN back to the Shrine. Obviously we have a lot of hard work ahead of us if we are to meet our budgetary needs and take care of our patients. But we want to have fun doing it and Friday the 6th was a great start toward that goal.

For you Nobles in Manistique and the

