

surrounding areas, we hope to see you at the February 17 meeting to be held at the Manistique Masonic Center. Moving our meeting around a bit enables more Nobles to be more active and have more fun. If you are interested in us holding a meeting in your area, please let us know and we will see if we can get one scheduled - not just this year but for the next 2 or 3 years at least.

I want to thank each of you who has bought or sold a raffle ticket for our February 14 truck drawing. I understand we have currently sold enough tickets to pay for the truck - now we must sell the rest of them to make our profit! Every dollar (or hundred dollars, in this case) is needed to balance our budget for the year.

And finally, I want to thank you for your continued trust and support in electing me as your Chief Rabban for 2012. I will do everything I can to fulfill your expectations. One thing I would like to do is visit as many of our Shrine Clubs as possible. I would appreciate it if each Club President would let me know when (date and time) and where your Shrine Clubs meetings are this year. The easiest way is to send me an e-mail (mhillcpa@aol.com). If you don't have e-mail access, I am sure you can find some other member of your club that can do it. I look forward to seeing you at future events. And remember - let's have FUN!

1st Ceremonial Master, Hiawatha Shrine Club & LI'L Indy's News

By Kenneth Rautiola

What an awesome crowd at the temple in Marquette on Friday, January 6, 2012, for Ahmed's Installation of Officers and Installation Dinner!!! It was so great to see our Temple alive with the chatter and laughter of numerous Nobles, Ladies, families and friends enjoying an evening of great fellowship! I was told there were over 120 reservations for the dinner. The dinner of ham, meatballs, lasagna, salad, garlic bread and dessert was very good. During dinner we were entertained



with some beautiful keyboard music played by Ahmed Temple's Office Manager, **Kimberly Hawkland**. After dinner there was additional entertainment provided by a string quartet that was also very nice...Both Kimberly and the string quartet did a great job and I am looking forward to both of them returning again for some of our functions at the temple. If you were not present for the Installation and Dinner, then you missed a really good time! Lady Jean Ann and I took a few photos of the event for the Ahmedian so look for them in this issue.

The installation of Ahmed's Divan went well. It was very nice to see ALL the officer's seats filled with the Nobles who were either elected or appointed to a position this year. I wish to say, "Congratulations, Noble Tom Hogan, our new Potentate for 2012!" If the Installation Ceremony and Installation Dinner are indicative of the direction in which Ahmed Temple and its Nobles are heading, I feel this will be an exciting year for all of us that belong to Ahmed Shrine. Potentate Tom will bring some fresh ideas and a great deal of excitement to Ahmed. A wonderful part of the installation was seeing Potentate Tom fizzed by one of our current hospital patients, David Gregorich. Having one of our hospital patients actively involved with our Ahmed Shrine Temple gives so much meaning to what the Shrine and our Nobles represent. Also, noteworthy is the fact that Illustrious Sir Noble Tom's installation was a family affair...his Grandson Tyler was in the kitchen behind the scenes doing dishes from the dinner...Grandson Kyle helped with the Saturday cleanup...Grandson Tony helps around the temple all year long and is Noble Tom's right hand person. Noble Tom refers to Grandson Tony as the co-holder of the Shriner of the Year Award...and finally, I thought little Grandson Liam's quote of the evening was AWESOME. After the installation was completed, Potentate Tom asked the question, "Liam, what time is it?" Liam's instant response was "**It is time to EAT, Papa!!!!**" After a moment of smiles and laughter, we were dismissed and adjourned to the dining room for a very good dinner.

Attention, Nobles, the February Ahmed Regular Meeting will be held in Manistique's Masonic Building at 208 S Cedar Street. Hiawatha Shrine