

monthly meetings to locations throughout the UP. If you have any ideas of where we could meet, please drop one of the officers (I am one - I will be happy to pass along your ideas) a line with your suggestions. The only requirement is that we would get Scottish Rite members to the meeting that would not attend if it were in Marquette. Other ideas to make your membership more valuable include taking one or more degrees to other locations in the UP and several golf outings that are already in the works. Any more suggestions?

The Li'l Truckers are in need of substitute drivers for several parades this summer. It is not hard, and it is actually fun. Best of all, there are no speaking parts! Because there are parades all over the UP, it is not necessary for you to live in the Marquette area to participate. If you would be willing to drive, please contact Ed Anderson or me (our contact information is on page 2.) Then we can discuss which parades, when and where you can help us.

And of course, we have our upcoming Summer Ceremonial. We need candidates. We need golfers. We need lots of volunteers. Most of all, WE NEED YOU! We need you to participate in any way you are able. There are plenty of things that need to be done. But even if you cannot help, at least come to our Ceremonial. A lot of work goes into it and the more people we have present, the more enjoyable it is. Likewise, the more people that help out, the easier it is for everybody.

From the Hospital Chairman
By Ron Hill P.P.

I have not yet had any word as to what actions might have taken place at the Imperial Shrine session in Toronto but the advance notices had nothing of any significance involving the Hospital Corporation.

We held two children screening clinics, one in Kingsford on Friday, May 28, and a second in Escanaba on Saturday, May 29. In Kingsford the Doctor saw 7 children and 6 were accepted as patients. In Escanaba the Doctor saw 16 children and 13 were accepted as patients.

The question was raised to me, why are we seeking new patients when we are having to work so hard to raise the funds to transport these patients to the hospitals.

Let me relate a story from one of the clinics. A young girl in her teens was one of the children that was accepted as a patient. She lives in the Detroit area with her parents. Her condition was not considered life threatening, her parents had no insurance and they did



not have financial means to pay for any surgery so the medical concerns were denied and not addressed in her home area.

Her grandparents live in the Upper Peninsula and they learned about our screening clinics. They felt the Shriners Hospitals might be able to help so they drove to the Detroit area, picked up their granddaughter and brought her back to the UP to one of the clinics. She was examined and yes, we can help her and she is now being treated at our Chicago Hospital. Being from the Detroit area she will also be a Moslem Shrine patient. The heartbreaking part of the story is that she could have had surgery six years ago to correct her problem so for the past six years she has been suffering needlessly because the family did not know about the Shrine Hospitals. This is why we seek out patients - to help children live a more normal, happy, pain-free life. This time around the screening clinics were a new experience in the Upper Peninsula. We had the Nurse and Doctor from the Twin Cities Hospital who gave the definite medical acceptance and Past Potentate John Drennan, a member of the Hospital Board, was there to give the Board acceptance. When the potential patient was accepted, it was official. No need to wait for the final approval.

It was great to see such a turnout of Shriners and their ladies or widows. In Iron Mountain we had 7 Nobles and 4 ladies. In Escanaba we had 9 Nobles and 4 ladies. Thank you to all who participated. It is great to show the potential patients and parents that we do care. So on to the future. We have two more clinics scheduled for this year. The next one will be in Ironwood at the Ironwood Masonic Lodge on Friday, October 1, from 1:00 PM until 5:00 PM (or later if there is a need.) The following day on Saturday, October 2, from 10:00 AM until 4:00 PM (again, or later if necessary) the clinic will be at the Masonic Center in Marquette.

You can start spreading the word about the clinics. Flyers will be coming shortly, as well as the publicity materials for the news media.

From the Marshal
By Lenny Boss

The onions have come and gone. Again Frank and one of our newest Masons and Shriners, his son Curt, did a bang up job getting the onions distributed. Well, I must say, the people in Shrine Clubs really show their true colors when the onions come to town. Talking to the Onion Guru, I was a little disappointed to hear we didn't have as much support for the cause as we thought we would have. In the Sault as in most places we did

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