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On April 23rd, the Pote went home for his official visit. This visitation is special. It's the one where you started your Shrine career; the one where you know everyone in the room and have generally known them since you were very young....and sometimes since you were born!!



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Pote's Notes

Nobles and Ladies,

The 2016 year as your Potentate has been flying by at rapid speed.

The Jackson Hole Cutter Races were well attended February.

Winter PNSA was in Spokane Washington at El Katif Temple. I was fortunate to have Chief Rabban Gordon Mickelson, Assistant Rabban Frank Selby, and Oriental Guide Tim Forbis there with me. The workshops were informative. It was a blessing to see some of our patients that we serve.

It is now May and Lady Monica and I only have three more visitations left. Each visit has been great fun.

While in Casper I had the pleasure of attending the Entered Apprentice degree at Casper Masonic Temple for seven new brothers, potential Shriners.

We have also had the pleasure of family members being present at our meetings in Casper and Evanston.

We have been welcomed and treated to great meals, and fellowship across our great state.

I am witnessing renewed enthusiasm for Shriners in each club. Keep having fun with a purpose.

I would like to encourage all of you to continue recruitment to our wonderful Philanthropy.

EVENTS

Shrine Bowl will be June 11th in Casper, Wyoming. Please support this wonderful event/fundraiser by purchasing your tickets, and attending the game. The annual trip from Casper to the Shrine Hospital in Salt Lake City, Utah, will take place with the football players and cheerleaders during the week of Shrine Bowl. This is a great opportunity for the athletes to see what is at the heart of the Shrine Bowl.

Prior to the Shrine football game there is going to be a 1st annual shrine 5K fun walk/run prior to the parade on Saturday for those of you that are able and willing. You can see more information about this on the web address at: <https://shrinerswyo.com> site under events. Hope to see you all there.

CEREMONIAL

Ceremonial will be held in Rock Springs June 24th, and 25th. PLEASE RSVP in one of the following ways: e-mail tnbennett@wyoming.com, or 307-362-1534, or 307-389-4032. **And please respond by June 6th.** We need a count for attendance and venue booking. Details for registration soon to follow on the <https://shrinerswyo.com> web site, and by club mailing. I would like to see as many club units and Nobles attend this event.

Imperial & Summer PNSA

Finally, Imperial session will be in Tampa Bay, Florida this July 3rd -7th. Summer PNSA will be August 3rd-7th Billings, Montana. Sponsored by Al Bedoo Shriners. We are looking forward to all who can attend these events with us.

BUSINESS

The year thus far has been a productive one. Temple finances are in order thanks to Treasurer Dave Mertz's dedication. Plans are in process for upgrades to the Temple doors in Rawlins.

THANK YOU!

Lady Monica and I would like to thank each club and unit we have visited for their generous donations, as well as the donations from each unit for the Ladies Divan wheelchair refurbishment, and assistive device project.

Presently proceeds have exceeded our projected goal, and continue to grow.

We are very close to \$10,000 thanks to the collaborative donations from everyone.

Lady Monica and I are excited to continue the second leg of this incredible journey with all of you.

Yours in the Faith,

Todd N. Bennett
Korein Potentate

Masonic Calendar

June 2016

- 10 Shrine Bowl Banquet, Casper**
- 11 Shrine Bowl Game, Casper**
- 12 AMD, KYCH, Casper
- 15-18 Job's Daughters Grand Bethel, Casper
- 15-18 DeMolay National Grand Session
- 24-25 Korein Ceremonial, Rock Springs**
- 25 Great Plains Rendezvous

July 2016

- 3-7 Imperial Session Shrine, Tampa, FL**
- 8-9 DeMolay State Conclave
- 8-10 OES Golf and Fun "d" Weekend
- 9 Kennedy Ranch Outdoor Meeting

August 2016

- 3-6 Wyoming Grand Chapter Session, OES, Casper
- 3-7 Summer PNSA, Billings, MT**
- 7-9 142nd Annual Communication, Grand Lodge of Wyoming, Casper**
- 27 OES Kickoff, Evanston
- 30 Tama Temple #73 Supreme Queen visit, Casper

September 2016

- 15-17 Wyoming Grand York Rite Sessions, Sheridan

October 2016

- 1 AMD Annual Meeting, Casper
- 7-8 Cheyenne Valley Scottish Rite Fall Reunion, Cheyenne
- 15 Kalif Shrine Ceremonial, Sheridan

A Message From The Imperial Potentate



Dear Fellow Nobles,

Serving as Imperial Potentate involves a significant amount of traveling to visit our temples and hospitals.

Even though I have been deeply involved with Shriners International and Shriners Hospitals for Children® for 25 years, what I have seen and experienced over the last 10 months of traveling across the U.S., and in Canada, Panama and the Philippines has been nothing less than inspiring, and has dramatically increased my pride in both organizations, and deepened my commitment to strengthen and improve our fraternity and philanthropy.

Visiting our hospitals and outpatient centers, I've seen so many incredible successes, and so many patients who have overcome serious physical challenges and gracefully adapted to changes that could make anyone

just want to give up. The children never stop trying. Even more amazing, the children we serve are always happy, positive and smiling. And that is probably as much a credit to our amazing staff, who are able to not only deal with medical issues, but also able to spend the time and energy needed to provide reassurance, build confidence and instill hope, as it is a credit to our patients' and families' determination and resilience.

The location doesn't matter – from Greenville, S.C., to Canada to Mexico – you see different staff, families and patients – but you also see that same life-changing attitude of hope. Traveling as Imperial Potentate also means being noticed everywhere you go, and meeting many new people.

What most of the people want to tell me is “thank you.” In some way, Shriners International or Shriners Hospitals for Children made a difference in their life, or in the life of a loved one, or even in the life of a colleague or just someone they knew, and they want me to know they are grateful and appreciative. But they aren't really thanking me. They are thanking the office of Imperial Potentate, the organization, and most importantly, every Shriner, staff member and volunteer who works every day to fulfill our mission of improving the lives of children and making the world a better place. It really isn't until you have trav-

eled back and forth across this country repeatedly – and even traveled globally – that you begin to get a true sense of the size of the difference we've made – one life, and one family at a time.

Sometimes as we stress the importance of increasing our membership and patient numbers (which is crucially important) we may lose sight of what we have accomplished, and the difference we continue to make in the lives of so many.

Be inspired by the work we do – and use that inspiration to remain dedicated to continuing these efforts. As July approaches, please also remember the importance of Imperial Session to every Shriner. Imperial Session is an opportunity to gather with your fellow nobles from around the world, be inspired and have some fun. I want to thank Deputy Imperial Potentate Chris Smith and Director General John Massey for their tireless efforts to promote the 142nd Imperial Session of Shriners International. We look forward to seeing you in Tampa, FL., July 3-7.

Thank you for all you do for Shriners International and Shriners Hospitals for Children.

Yours in the Faith,

Jerry G. Gantt
Imperial Potentate

Report From Our Hospital Representative

Greetings Nobles, Ladies and Friends of Shriner's Hospital for Children-Salt Lake City!

Here it is the first of May, 2016 and I am writing my first report to you. It has not been for lack of want; rather, it has taken me a little time to get my arms around this job enough to understand the things I need to understand to make sense! Thank you for your patience. I hope to make time to report at the very least from the in-person meetings every other month. The way the board is structured, we meet every other month on a conference call. In 2016 the January meeting was a call so that set the rotation for the year. While the conference calls are good, we have opportunity to meet in committees with the staff during the in-person meetings, which is a much better forum to gather information.

At this meeting staff was able to share the final results of the 2015 operating cycle. You all can continue to be proud of your Hospital in that they closed the year #3 in the entire system as measured by the 4 main matrices HQ uses: FTE's/AOB (Full Time Equivalent (Employees) to Adjusted Occupied Beds was at 14.1 versus the target of 13.52; Expenses per APD (Adjusted Patient Day) was \$5,759 versus the target of \$5,160; Expenses per Adjusted Discharge were 8% lower than the prior year at \$29,955 and the Cost/Charge Ratio

was 2.3% lower at 56.3%. Needless to say, the packet of information I have is chalk full of statistics and for the most part the hospital is well within range on nearly all the measures set for the 2015 cycle.

For the 1st quarter of 2016 their success continues! While the goals have been tighten up a bit, the trends are good and it seems like 2016 will be another good year. One highlight in the 1st quarter results is the collection of \$2,046,303 in cash revenue from 3rd party pay. That amount is 115% above the target, which has caused HQ to announce they will be reviewing the formulas used and possibly adjusting the target! (Sounds like my boss!)

In addition to the success in what is called the "Revenue Cycle" (another name for 3rd party payments) the development staff is doing a great job of securing donations and contributions for specific projects at the hospital. Local gifts total just over \$362K YTD in 2016 with total cash gifts of \$2,643,710 for the quarter! The hospital maintains a prioritized list of capital projects they are targeting for contributions. They recently completed funding for upgraded equipment for the Gait Lab, which analyses a patient's posture and gait as they proceed through development of their legs and backs. Last year, with the help of a major donor, they installed a new EOS x-ray

unit, the first in the Mountain West. This is relatively new technology that significantly reduces the amount of radiation the patient receives; very helpful for patients that require numerous and repeated pictures. They have targeted upgrades to the other radiology equipment as the next item on the capital expenditure list. The target is \$250,000 of which they have raised just over \$50K. Lady Monica's project is right on target as well in that the Wheel Chair seating folks are experiencing higher volumes and always need additional resources. The wait time for an appointment for seating or positioning is now at 0! This is down for a high of 6 months!

Chief of Staff Dr. Kristen Carroll, M.D. reported that they had hired one new pediatrician and a new Anesthesiologist who will be starting this summer and they are actively searching for a new Surgeon. In the first quarter they have performed 263 operations of which 212 were on an out-patient basis; this compares to 235 and 174 for the same period last year. Dr. Carroll has focused a lot of time on instituting multi-specialty clinics at the hospital engaging both Primary Children's Hospital and the University of Utah Hospital as partners. They will hold a neuromuscular clinic on a monthly basis; 3 skeletal dysplasia clinics per year and a

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A Message From The Public Relations Chairman



Dear Fellow Nobles,

From now until July, more and more of the corporate public relations staff's energy will focus on preparations for Imperial Session, which as everyone should know, will be held in Tampa, Fla., July 3-7.

It is a huge event, requiring months of planning and preparation by many, many people. We thank every one of them for their diligence and dedication. And we hope that this extremely important and special annual event will be experienced by a record number of Shriners and their families.

While the voting representatives have a specific role and responsibility during Imperial Session, this is the annual meeting of your fraternity and philanthropy. It is de-

signed and meant for every Shriner to attend.

During Imperial Session, important decisions are made, and a lot of serious business is conducted. Imperial Session is also a tremendous opportunity to be inspired by the amazing work that is done by our Shriners for both organizations.

And finally, Imperial Session is a lot of fun. There are many events and activities that everyone in the family can enjoy, including the always popular parade, a Walk for LOVE®, the ballyhoo, the competitions and much more.

One of the most popular events is the Public Relations Report, where our new National Patient Ambassadors are introduced. It's something you don't want to miss. And don't forget, Kids Camp is available during much of the Session for your children's enjoyment and entertainment, at no cost to you.

Imperial Session is really meant to be the time we all gather to spend time together as one huge, international family. I don't know about your family but, in mine, family gatherings are very important, and everyone makes their best effort to be there.

We hope everyone

who attends Imperial Session returns home inspired, with a new resolve to be active, and to work to strengthen your Temple, Fraternity and Philanthropy.

We hope to see you – and your family - in Tampa. We promise you will have an outstanding, memorable time. While Imperial Session is critically important to our fraternity, the work of raising funds and raising awareness of Shriners Hospitals for Children® continues.

I want to take a moment and congratulate the staff of our Philadelphia Hospital for their third consecutive win of the Hoops for LOVE competition – they keep the bragging rights and the Fez Cup for yet another year.

And I want to make a brief mention of a new ad featuring several patients from our St. Louis, Greenville and Chicago hospitals, as well as some of your fellow Shriners.

When you see it, you will understand why this particular approach and focus has proven to be quite successful. Thank you for your hard work, and for your support.

Chris L. Smith
Deputy Imperial Potentate
Public Relations Chairman

THE REAL SECRET OF
FREEMASONRY
MAKING GOOD MEN BETTER

Occupational Therapist Ken Kozole, BSME, OTR/L, ATP

Ken Kozole started the Wheelchair, Seating and Mobility Program at Shriners Hospitals for Children — Salt Lake City in June of 1998.

It started in a closet with a staff of one. The Wheelchair Team is now comprised of three practitioners, two technicians, a scheduler and a volunteer who work together to keep up with the demand of the in-house seating services provided right inside the hospital.

Through the years, the seating program has developed relationships with

wheelchair vendors and has a robust storage facility off-site to keep and maintain donated chairs for re-purposing and future use. The program is beloved by patients, their families and staff alike.

Nowhere else can a child with an orthopaedic need receive such comprehensive care from experienced professionals in the industry.

Ken loves helping all the children achieve independent mobility and proper seating and positioning.

Problem solving with the children and families is the best part of his job. He also enjoys solving the technical challenges associated with wheelchair seating and mobility.

Ken appreciates that Shriners Hospitals for Children has always provided the seating department with the tools and technology to enable them to help children be as independent and functional as possible.



Branding and Consistency

Sometimes we throw around words and phrases without really making sure everyone knows what they mean. Branding and the importance of consistency in branding could be two of those terms. To provide some clarity, here are some definitions:

Branding is:

The marketing practice of creating a name, symbol or design that identifies and differentiates a product from other products.

An effective brand strategy gives you a major edge in increasingly competitive markets. (American Marketing Association)

The process involved in creating a unique name and image for a product in the consumers' mind, mainly through advertising campaigns with a consistent theme.

Branding aims to establish a significant and differentiated presence in the market that attracts and retains loyal customers. (business-dictionary.com)

The expression of the essential truth or value of an organization, product, or service.

It is communication of characteristics, values and attributes that clarify what this particular brand is and is not.

(tronviggroup.com)

Consistency in Branding

Consistency is defined as conformity in the application of something, typically that which is necessary for the sake of logic, accuracy or fairness.

Why is it important that we have consistency in our materials? According to Northstarmarketing.com, consistency serves several purposes in branding, including these:

Consistency helps manage perceptions. Consistency conveys outlook and attitude.

Consistency eliminates issues surrounding brand confusion.

Consistency protects investments.

Consistency builds upon previous successes.

All of this is important because, as stated in our own Identity Standards and Guidelines for Shriners Hospitals for Children: A single image or solitary word will do little to influence the course of history.

But when groups of people advocate purposefully for a mission they believe in – all conveying one look and speaking with one voice – the impact can be powerful enough to change the world.

At Shriners Hospitals for Children, our employees, volunteers and supporters are improving the lives of children worldwide (every day).

Remember to refer to the Identity Standards and Guidelines for the most up-to-date information on phrasing, logos, etc.

The more consistent our messages, the more that fact will be assimilated, considered and remembered.

Buy Your
Circus
Tickets



I Am The Guy

I am the guy who asked to join your organization

I am the guy who paid his dues to join.

I am the guy who stood up in front of you and promised to be faithful and loyal to the Fraternity

I am the guy who came to your meetings and no one paid any attention to me

I tried several times to be friends but they all had their own buddies to talk to and sit next to.

I sat down several times alone but no one paid any attention to me.

I hoped very much that someone would have asked me to take part in a fundrais-

ing project, activity, or something.

No one saw my efforts when I volunteered.

I missed a few meetings after joining because I was sick and could not be there.

No one asked me at the next meeting where I had been.

I felt it did not matter very much to others whether I was there or not.

The next meeting I decided to stay home and watch TV.

The following meeting I attended but no one asked me where I was at the last meeting.

You might say I am a good guy, a good family man,

who holds a good job, loves his community and his country.

You know who else I am?

I am the guy who never came back.

It amuses me how the heads of the organization and the members discuss why the organization is losing members.

It amuses me to think that they spend so much time looking for new members.

When I was there all the time.

All they needed to do was make me feel needed, wanted, and welcome.

Author Unknown

Shriners Burn-Awareness Event in Tulsa, OK

The best thing that people can hope for is that they never experience a house fire.

The next best option is that if there is one, you and your children will know what to do.

Such is the purpose behind the Tulsa Akdar Shriners getting together every year to put on a "Be Burn Aware" event for area families to attend in recognition of Burn Awareness Week.

On Saturday, the Shriners, in tandem with Tulsa paramedics and firefighters, put on a fun-filled event with a valuable educational undertone for

children and parents.

Using a two-story trailer that simulates the experience of a house fire, groups of children piled in to get a lesson in safety with a kitchen area, living room and second-floor bedroom complete with stairs, doors and windows.

After the groups got their lesson, they went into action. Shriners started the simulation, prompting fake smoke to pour in, which was similar to the vapor emitted from e-cigarettes and not toxic.

Amid blinding conditions, the smoke detectors went off and the children, parents and instructors crawled down the stairs from the second floor, through the kitchen and living room and outside the back door to safety.

Tulsa Fire Marshal Tom Hufford, a Shriner, said the ultimate lesson is to keep a fire from happening in the first place, but that families should be prepared in the event of unforeseen circumstances.

"We'd rather prevent

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Crab Crack in Rawlins



Guernsey Visitation



Torrington Visitation



My apologies to the Nobles and Ladies of Torrington.

With the exception of the Norfolks in the picture to the immediate left, I failed to note the names of the other folks that evening.....CARL

Casper Visitation



Top left: Club Prez Dillon Reed & Lady Meghan (with new baby son, Rutsin) await the arrival of the Pote.

Top right: Pote and Lady Monica escorted in by Past Pote Bob Conley.

Right center: The Selby family was out in force!!

Bottom left: Noble Rob Knaus presents Lady Monica with a check from the Calliope.

Bottom right: Noble Merle and Lady Kay Kennedy and the Bennetts.



Texas Tech Baseball Fulfills Patient's Dream

LUBBOCK, TX (KCBD) -

The Texas Tech baseball team is just six days away from their opening day, and this morning they added a new player to their team.

Amarillo native, Sage Warner, was welcomed to the Red Raider baseball team with open arms.

"Sage you are officially a Red Raider," says Head Coach Tim Tadlock.

After being diagnosed with scoliosis at the age of two, and going through 18 surgeries at Shriners Hospital, playing the game he loved seemed just out of reach.

"When I was nine or so

I wanted to play baseball. I begged my mom, and now I'm finally apart of a team," says Sage Warner.

Now Sage's dreams are turning into a reality, and his favorite part is hanging out with his new teammates.

"Seeing Sage out here interacting with the coaches and players out here on the field... as well as taking a tour of the stadium, it was a true blessing for him to take part in that," says Chief Aide Jordan King.

As Sage watches with excitement, it is clear that this one day everything is possible.

"Hopefully we can send him away today know-

ing that he is a part of our team, a part of our family, and hopefully he will come back," says Tadlock.

Without the help of the Shriners Hospital down in Houston, Sage's dream would have never happened.

"The Doctors have gotten him to the point in his life where he can participate in some athletic sports. Something that he never imagined that he could do, for him and his family. So coming out here and being active out on the field has been a true blessing for him," says Jordan King.

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News From The Montreal Hospital

Six weeks is not a long time to learn how to use your legs after a surgery that puts you back to square one. But the first inpatient at our new Canada Shriners Hospital building, 4-year-old Milan Biasotto, made remarkable progress in such a short amount of time.

“He could walk with his walker or quad canes before the surgery,” explains his physiotherapist Chi-lan Tran. “But he was crossing his legs (known as scissoring), was on his toes and couldn’t keep his knees straight. Now, five weeks after surgery, he is no longer scissoring, his knees are straight and he puts his heels down while walking,” she continues. “This more normal walking pattern will facilitate walking independently a lot.”

Milan was born with cerebral palsy and underwent a radicellectomy (cutting nerves in the lower back cause spasticity or stiffness in the legs). The surgery opens the door to Milan walking independently one day.

But intense rehabilitation for six weeks is crucial as, once home, Milan will have physiotherapy 2-3 days a week.

“The goal within those first six weeks is to build mus-



cle strength and improve leg functions,” explains Chi-lan.

The spasticity can act as strength in cerebral palsy patients and they often haven’t had the ability to produce muscle mass in the affected areas.

It means Milan had to build muscle quickly after the surgery to be able to stand, crawl, bike and walk aided by his walker or quad canes.

“Milan is more motivated than many other kids,” admits Chi-lan. “When he goes on the treadmill or on a stair exercise, he’s so proud when we tell him he’s training like a professional sports player,” she adds with a smile.

“In the first week, he was crawling,” says Milan’s mom Sonia Groleau. By week 5, Milan was already walking with a walker.

“That’s really enormous progress,” states Chi-lan. “Those first six weeks are recuperation time. He has years ahead to improve his walking and overall functionality more, but he’s gotten so far in six weeks.”

Indeed, Milan was doing so well, he got to go home early – five days ear-

ly.

“We’re of course so glad to be home together as a family,” says Milan’s mother. “But as far as a long-term hospital experience goes, this was exceptional.”

“We wanted to offer Milan a better quality of life,” states Milan’s dad, Jean-François Biasotto. “We’re so pleased that it’s looking very positive.”

John O'Neill, New Boston Hospital Administrator

John O'Neill became Administrator of the Boston Shriners Hospital a couple of months ago, and he has been hard at work trying to raise awareness of the hospital ever since. He's new to Boston – he lived in Texas prior to taking on his new role.

1. Are you a Shriner? Also, what is a Shriner?

I've only been here four months, so I'm still learning about the Shriners and Freemasons myself. Shriners have to be Masons first. It's a fraternity of all men. An impressive list. George Washington, Paul Revere. And John Wayne was a Shriner. To be a Shriner, you gave to be a third-degree Freemason first.

2. Are you a Freemason?

I'm not a Freemason. The guy I replaced – who was here for 10 years – he was a Shriner. But of the 22 Shriners administrators, right now there are only two Shriners. When I interviewed, one of the things they asked was would I be interested in doing it. But it's not a requirement.

It is a fraternity. You meet people, and you do things. And I want to meet more people and get involved in more volunteer activities.

3. Does not being a Shriner make you feel in any way like an outsider?

It's very easy to be the

CEO of this hospital because you want to get people to care about these patients and these families. And the doctors and staff here already do that. They would do anything for these kids and these families.

4. How does Shriners operate differently from other hospitals where you've worked?

I've worked in hospitals for 30-plus years and it really, really is different here at Shriners. One factor is that until four or five years ago, we never billed third party insurance companies. It was fully funded by the Shriner endowment. When the economy went down, the endowment went down. That was the only thing funding it.

So they looked at various options. One option was to close some locations.

There are 22 hospitals. The Shriners felt very strongly that they were committed to the communities they served and they put into bylaws that they cannot close a location. So basically, third-party billing had to be part of it.

5. So in that sense, isn't Shriners operating the same way other hospitals are operating?

Well, no. The majority of funding continues to come from the Shriner endowment. And our philosophy continues to be the way we treat children regardless of a family's

ability to pay.

6. What else is unique about how Shriners operates?

A group of Shriners are drivers for us. They will drive families. About one-third of our families are international. And while they're inpatient, they obviously can't go back to Guatemala. So we connect them with someone in the community for housing, or if they can't pay, we will help pay. And the drivers will get them back and forth. And parking is free here. I don't know that other hospitals in Boston offer that.

7. Shriners in Boston focuses on burns – has that always been the case? Is it true of all Shriners hospitals?

Shriners started out as a polio hospital in the 1920s, and had to evolve. Now, four of the 22 Shriners hospitals are burn centers. We have the best children's hospital in the world in Boston.

And when they see a burn [at Boston Children's Hospital], they know where to send it. So we make sure emergency rooms know about us. We try to spread awareness through education and burn prevention.

8. What types of burns are most frequent?

Some are burns from

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Shriners Burn-Awareness Event in Tulsa, OK (Continued from page 9)

the fire, but so many times you don't have any control over electrical wiring inside the walls or lightning strikes in the attic and all that kind of stuff," he said. "There are things that you can't prevent. Human behavior you can, but acts of nature and other things, you can't."

Operating Shriners Hospitals for Children, the group wants to emphasize the severity and often painstaking treatment involved in burn injuries, especially for kids, said Matthew Llewellyn, who serves as burn education and prevention chairman for the Tulsa Akdar Shriners.

"The bulk of these burns are preventable," he said. "The bulk of the home fires are preventable. The bulk of the deaths are preventable."

Simple things like checking the batteries on a smoke detector, being mind-

ful in the kitchen and not placing household items near hot things can mean life or death, Llewellyn said. "Simply turning the pan handle 180 degrees so that it's pointed at the wall instead of hanging over the counter is the difference between pasta and the child receiving burn surgeries 20 times a year for the next 15 years," he said.

But it wasn't all serious. Clowns greeted the children outside and coloring books were made available — books with a message of safety that the children could take home with them.

Lynn Langston and Stephanie Bills, whose families are members at Apollo's, both said they have gone over fire safety before but wanted their children to get practice from a real experience. "It's always good to have a refresher," Bills said.

Langston went in the

trailer while clutching her 2-year-old daughter, Meryn, as her 7-year-old daughter, Madeleine, walked about. Bills and her three children, Jonah, 7, Gia, 6, and Eva, 4, also took part in the action.

Among the lessons learned were crawling; stop, drop and roll; and not to mess with stuff in the kitchen.

"Smoke tastes really bad and it makes you cough," Madeleine said.

The kids all said they had fun, but little Eva thought it was scary.

Tulsa Akdar Shrine Potentate Sam Silvers said the group has made good use of the trailer since it was donated to it a few months ago.

"If we keep one child from getting hurt, then it's worth the effort that we put into it," he said.

From Tulsa World.com

John O'Neill (Continued from page 16)

fires, those are more common internationally. Scalding is a big one. We've seen a number of campfire burns when a child trips and falls into the fire. And electrical burns.

9. Do burn patients face unique challenges?

Reintegration is an issue, definitely. We have great programs to reintegrate children back in the community.

You can imagine a child

that's scarred or looks different going back to school. So there's a school reentry program and a community reentry program called Team Brave. We have weekly field trips where they get a chance to be paired with a firefighter and go on fun adventures out in the community.

10. What does Shriners do other than burns?

We talk a lot about

burns, and getting referrals from all the other hospitals.

We're known for burns, but we also do some orthopedic work, especially when the burns impact bones.

We've expanded that over the last year, even doing orthopedics not related to burns.

Hilary Sargent
Boston.com

10th EOS System Acquired by the Shriners Hospitals for Children

EOS imaging, the pioneer in 2D/3D orthopedic medical imaging, today announced the sale of the 10th EOS system to the Shriners Hospitals for Children Network in the United States, to be installed in Los Angeles, California.

This is the 11th EOS system installed globally in the Shriners Network. In 2011, the first EOS system was acquired by the Shriners Hospital for Children in Montreal, Canada. Shriners Hospitals in the United States started adopting EOS in 2013, and as of today, 10 Shriners sites across the United States have acquired an EOS.

The 22 Shriners Hospitals for Children prioritize pa-

tient safety and clinical excellence. This commitment compelled them to equip their network with EOS systems through a national agreement, which was signed in early 2015.

The EOS systems are used as standard of care as the Hospitals provide medical and rehabilitative services to children with osteo-articular conditions, assisting treatment for nearly all pediatric orthopaedic conditions except for traumatic injuries.

The hospitals offer a complete range of appropriate medical and rehabilitative services including surgeries; physical, occupational and recreation therapies; and orthotics and prosthetics.

Marie Meynadier, CEO

of EOS imaging, said, "When a hospital network as prestigious as the Shriners Hospitals for Children commits to our technology, it's a big deal. Through this agreement, patients and their families will have a peace of mind knowing that they have access to an imaging system that offers safe, low dose and Micro Dose exams. As many of these children suffer from complex osteo-articular pathologies, they often require frequent imaging exams. We are glad that they won't need to add the fear of radiation exposure to their already complex concerns."

Press release by EOS Imaging, May 9th, 2016

Shriners Hospitals for Children College Classic

The 2016 Shriners Hospitals for Children College Classic took place Feb. 26-28, at Minute Maid Park in Houston, and all nine games were both nationally and regionally televised.

This 16-year Astros tradition is one of the top collegiate baseball tournaments in the nation, and beginning this year, is named the Shriners Hospitals for Children College Classic, with a portion of proceeds from ticket sales benefiting Shriners

Hospitals.

The tournament concluded with TCU being named the winner, with a perfect 3-0 record.

The TCU Horned Frogs were matched by Arkansas, which also went 3-0, but earned the tiebreaker with a plus-25 run differential, as opposed to the Razorbacks plus-16 mark. Texas Tech finished 2-1, UL Lafayette went 1-2 and the University of Houston and Rice each went 0-3.

Throughout the event, Shriners Hospitals for Children patients were honored, invited to participate in field practices, and the University of Houston players also paid a visit to the Galveston Shriners Hospital.

For more information and to view video highlights from the event, please visit

astros.mlb.com/hou/ticketing/college_classic.jsp

Young Guatemalan Burn Victim Hopes for Treatment

He was the next to the last patient on a very long day. The little 8-year-old boy had waited for three hours to see the doctor. But he and his family didn't mind. They needed help desperately.

And, now, here it was right in front of them.

Juan Pu Nolasco struggled down the medical clinic's hallway. His stride was stiff, his legs apart. He wore thick socks and no shoes. When he arrived in the doctor's examining room he gave a small, embarrassed smile. He did not take a seat.

"What can I help you with today?" asked the doctor, retired Northampton pediatrician Catherine Bartlett.

"He pulls his socks and his pants off," she recalled. "And his feet and his buttocks are covered with unhealed burn tissue – red and oozing. It took me a minute to collect myself."

Dr. Bartlett's exam took place shortly after Thanksgiving last year in San Marcos in western Guatemala, where she had traveled as a volunteer for a nonprofit group called ShuarHands, a California-based agency that provides education and medical aid in developing countries.

Stanford-educated and retired for five years, she was prepared for the extreme poverty that greeted her in Guatemala. Tin-roofed huts made out of scrap lumber. Poorly maintained roads. People on the edge of extreme poverty.

Or beyond it.

But Bartlett was not prepared for what she saw when Juan took off his clothes. The son of a broom salesman and a mother who just days ago gave birth to her fourth baby boy, Juan was alone with his cousin in his one-room shelter last June. His mother and father had gone to collect firewood for the open fire that still smoldered back home.

Juan tripped and fell into a large pot of boiling water. For too many agonizing moments, he was sitting in scalding liquid. It soaked his shorts and ran into his boots. By the time he was able to remove his clothes, he had suffered third-degree burns on the tops of his feet and from his waist down over his buttocks.

His treatment at a government hospital was perfunctory and unsuccessful. Doctors sent him home with treatment cream, ruling out skin grafts because, they concluded, anesthesia was too dangerous.

"How any physician could turn a child away for what could only have been financial reasons, knowing the likely outcome would be death or severe disability is beyond my comprehension," Bartlett wrote in a contemporaneous blog entry in November. "I'm not sure where we will find the care this boy urgently needs."

The search for that care led almost immediately

to Shriners Hospitals for Children in Boston. Shriners is nothing less than a godsend for Juan, who on Friday was granted a visa to travel to the United States. He could be at Shriners within a week or so for treatment that could stretch into three or four months.

"His feet hurt," Dr. Bartlett said. "His bottom hurts. It hurts to go to the bathroom. He can't go to school. It's hard to walk. He can't play football. It's hard to sleep. He can't wear shoes. He has this list and, as he was telling me all of this, he was wiping at his eyes."

The doctor was wiping at her eyes, too. She considered pursuing the humanitarian air fare offered by some US carriers. But that meant a delay, so she bought the tickets to Boston for Juan and his dad.

"Do we appreciate what we have?" she wonders. As, for Juan, she is hoping his treatment in Boston yields something so simple, so precious. "I wish him to enjoy being a child, to be able to run and play," she said. "I can't change the world. There is poverty and suffering and I wish I could make it all go away. I can't. But I can do my part."

All of that starts in Boston, where Dr. Rob Sheridan, director of the Shriners burn unit, awaits to plot a path to restore the body of a little boy who simply wants his childhood back.

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monthly Cornelia de Lange (CDL) clinic at SHC Salt Lake. CDL is a genetic disorder characterized by deformities of the head and face as well as the arms and legs, along with mild to severe mental retardation. These clinics give the patients a "one-stop" alternative to multiple Dr. and hospital visits. They have been well received in the market. Dr. Carroll is looking into a couple of other opportunities that will be developed over the next several months. Specifically she mentioned a Chronic Pain clinic for children. This is an issue that has been basically overlooked by the medical community, which puts those kids in need into adult programs. Not a good fit! Through a collaborative effort, she sees a great opportunity for SHC to lead the way in bringing help to these patients. We have an amazing staff of Doctors, Surgeons, Researchers, Administrators and Assistants at our hospi-

tal. They are working short staffed and some with significant health issues of their own. Be proud my fellow Nobles!

I have enough information in this folder that I could go on for a couple more pages! I think rather than go on with the department reports, I will circle back to development (fund raising) and referrals where we can make a difference! We need to keep our antennas up and our eyes peeled for any child in need of our services. We need to have open discussions with our friends, neighbors, family doctors and anyone in the medical community about Shriners. Let them know what we do and how well we do it! We also need to be aware of and tap any opportunity we come across to enlighten any potential donor we may know or encounter. If you know of someone who may be interested in getting additional information on the hospital, either for ser-

vices or for beneficent purposes, just give me a call (I will give you full billing) or call M.J. Miller at the hospital 801-536-3500. MJ is primarily focused on development; however, she can direct your call wherever it needs to go. She has all kinds of tools for us to use in fundraising such as flyers including Giving Guidelines and Hosting a Community Fundraiser that she can provide on a moment's notice! She will also come to us and meet with prospective donors without any "hard sell" pitch. Let's get involved with our Hospital!

Thanks for all your help and support. Please give me a call if you have questions or comments. I am taking a shot in the dark as to what you would like to see in these reports. I won't know if you don't tell me!

Mark Mickelson, PP
Hospital Representative

Will a Lodge Secretary Get To Heaven?

If a Lodge Secretary writes a letter, it is too long
If he sends a post card, it's too short.
If he doesn't send a notice, he's lazy.
If he attends a committee meeting, he's butting in.
If he reminds a member for dues, he's insulting.

If he fails to collect dues, he's slipping
If he asks for advice, he's incompetent.
If he does not, he's bull-headed.
If he writes reports complete, they're too long.
If he condenses them, they're incomplete

If he talks on a subject, he's trying to run things.
If he remains silent, he lost interest
Ashes to ashes, dust to dust.
If others won't do it, the Secretary must.

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New Website Update

The website is beginning to function with great speed and implementation.

You can go online to register and pay for several events and fundraisers.

This is very convenient for everyone in moving projects forward.

If you are not receiving email reminders for events, please contact me at td@vcn.com with your current email address so we can update the system.

If you wish to have something added to the site, such as your own event, meeting etc., contact Jesse Sutphin in Casper at impalawagon62@gmail.com or me in Cheyenne.

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