It has been an exciting year for Nile and we're just half way through 2013. I hope that the second half year proves just as beneficial. Thank you all for your support of Nile and our Shriners Hospitals for Children.

I have had a number of comments regarding Chief Rabban’s article in the June issue of Smile with Nile. All Divan members are united in their love of our Shrine, our Shrine Kids and our Hospitals. We are sincere in our efforts to make the future of Nile a bright one. However we, like you, are individuals. As individuals, we have differences in our vision of the future of Nile. Speaking only from my personal standpoint, I am of the opinion that we need to develop our business units into profit centers that support Nile. To this end, we have increased our green fees and golf cart rental by $1.00 which should generate over $40,000.00 in additional income in 2013. I hope that we can have a similar rate increase on the public for 2014. We have increased our room and picnic area rental rates across the board and we continue to streamline our #19 Bar & Grill menu to enhance profitability. Our Noble Recorder has been actively working to reduce costs for almost everything that needs to be done here at Nile.

For example, we now will be saving over $4,000.00 per year on our 2013 golf cart lease.

Do we need a dues increase here at Nile? Given the rate of inflation that we have experienced over the past few years, I think that it may be time for a small dues increase. However, that is up to you, not the Divan. When it comes to dues and budgets, you Nobles have the final say. Special assessments are also solely within the authority of the Nobles. Personally, I would not vote for a dramatic increase in dues. Similarly, I would vote for a special assessment as long as it were for a very modest amount and a short duration.

Our four Nile business units consist of the Golf Course, the #19 Bar & Grill, room and picnic area rentals and our tenant caterer (O’Callahan’s Catering). As of June 1st the Golf Course is having one of its best years ever, thanks in part to our great weather. Our golf revenue is over $50,000.00 ahead of last year at this time. The #19 Bar & Grill is showing approximately 30% in increased sales over last year. Our room and picnic area rentals are up substantially and O’Callahan’s Catering is generating over $120,000.00 annually in rent payments. All in all, this year has started out very well.

I anticipate this year’s positive cash flow trend will continue. With Nile business operations generating sufficient profits, this will not only benefit the Nile, it will benefit Shriners Hospitals for Children as well.

The City of Mountlake Terrace has awarded a contract for renovation of the creek that runs through Nile property. The creek controls the water outflow from Lake Ballinger and has become overgrown. It is currently unable to fully control the flooding of homes along Lake Ballinger’s shoreline. The creek renovation will begin about July 1st and is expected to be completed by October 1st. The work will include removing all of our culverts on the creek, replacement of all three of our bridges, replacement of the flood control weir (dam) and clean-up of vegetation along the creek. No costs associated with this project will be borne by Nile.

The evening of June 17th Assistant Rabban David Brady, High Priest and Prophet Don Lane and 1
We have a number of exciting activities coming up this summer. On July 3rd we hope you'll make plans to join us for the Nile Golf Classic, a wonderful opportunity to watch your Divan lose golf balls and embarrass themselves. On July 14th the Pote's Cruise document will be held at Nite in the Pote's Lounge at 11:30 am. This will be our last gathering related to the Pote's Cruise and an opportunity to have all your cruise questions answered or to sign up for the cruise. Mark your calendars for July 21st, the annual Nile Family Picnic. All Nobles, ladies, children, relatives and friends are invited to our picnic. This is also an excellent opportunity to recruit prospective Nile Shriners, with the goal of increasing membership. The November ceremonial will be here soon, and membership is every Noble's responsibility.

In addition to these activities, Dave Brady, Assistant Rabban, has listed many other exciting Nile activities in his article this month. Get your calendar handy and check out both of these articles. Come and join us in making memories. Remember: "We are united for a Noble cause."

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THE ASSISTANT RABBAN
by Dave Brady Sr.

I am back from my business trip to Santiago Chile. I had a great time and am glad to be back on the mainland. I am looking forward to the upcoming meetings and activities. Our new Shriner, Brian Sheffert, is doing a great job leading our meetings. We have a lot to look forward to this summer, including the Pote’s Cruise to Alaska.

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Classification:

WANTED: Shriner and Past Master wants to buy guns and fishing gear in any condition. George Wells, 425-775-1539. For your information, I am a collector, not a dealer.

WANTED TO BUY: Uniforms, sashes, etc. I am looking for patches, medals, neckerchiefs, pins, or anything related to the Shriner organization. George Wells, 425-775-1539.

FOR SALE: Shriner selling 2 crypts in original mausoleum at Acacia Memorial Park. Asking $15,000 each. Anyone interested in helping at the Bluegrass on the Green Festival, please contact contact masonic Outreach Services at 206-878-8434/1-800-820-4630 Ext. 101 or mcraves-hollands@mcrwa.org.

3rd Annual Haunted House in October. The Haunted House committee is looking for volunteers to help with this successful event. There is still time to volunteer to help.

ARKANSAS STATEMENT

Imperial representatives of Shriners International voted to make a change to its articles of incorporation regarding membership at the 139th Imperial Session. The prerequisite requiring that members of Shriners International are first members of Freemasonry (Masons) in good standing has been amended to exclude the requirement for the State of Arkansas. This change was brought forth by the two Shrine Temples in Arkansas to follow the Arkansas Grand Lodge edict last November that would no longer allow anyone to remain an Arkansas Mason AND an Arkansa Shriners. Shriners International has always had a Masonic prerequisite and regrets that the actions of the Arkansas Grand Lodge made the passage of this legislation necessary to preserve the existence of the two Shrine Temples in Arkansas.

Shriners International is committed to maintaining open lines of communication with the Grand Lodge of Arkansas to encourage amicable relationships for current and future Masons and Shriners. This change does not affect other Shriners across the country, and the organization remains a fraternity based on fun, fellowship and the Masonic principles of brotherly love, relief and truth. Shriners International’s primary focus continues to be its philanthropic mission to support Shriners Hospitals for Children, a world-renowned health care system with 22 facilities in the United States, Canada and Mexico.

Yours in the Faith,
Alan “A” W. Madsen, Imperial Potentate

If the surviving spouse needs the aid and attendance of another person such as home care, assisted living or nursing home care, an additional $301 a month assistance benefit will be paid. This DIC with aid and attendance benefit is about $400 more a month than a surviving spouse can receive from Death Pension. This additional benefit is not automatic and most individuals receiving DIC do not even know it is available. Approximately 356,800 spouse survivors will receive DIC in 2013 and of those approximately 208,500 are age 65 and older. The majority of these are surviving spouses of veterans from the Vietnam era.

Money is available for burial costs for veterans who were service disabled, receiving Pension or died under VA care. If the death was a result of service-connected disability, $2,000 is available. If the death was non-service related, and the veteran was receiving Pension or Compensation or was entitled to either of these, up to $700 is available for plot allowance and burial and funeral expenses. All veterans also receive free burial in State and Federal VA cemeteries. Under certain conditions, spouses and other family members can receive free burial in State and Federal VA cemeteries. All veterans are eligible for a grave marker (or equivalent monument allowance), a flag for the coffin, a graveside guard and a letter from the President of the United States. Approximately 60,000 veterans will receive the burial allowance in 2013 and 33,000 will receive a burial plot. VA expects about 18,000 service-connected deaths in 2013 and claims are submitted for $700 per marker. About 500,000 flags will be given for burial.

If you would like more information about any of these programs or would like help in applying, please feel free to contact masonic Outreach Services at 206-878-8434/1-800-820-4630 Ext. 101 or mcraves-hollands@mcrwa.org.

2013 POITE’S INSIDERS CRUISE DOCUMENTS PARTY

There’s Still Time to Book!

The document party for the 2013 Pote’s Cruise to Alaska will be held at 11:30 am on Sunday, July 14th in the Pote’s Lounge of the Nile Shrine Center. This will be your opportunity to obtain your boarding documents and have all your questions answered. If you haven’t signed up for the 2013 Pote’s Cruise, this is an excellent opportunity to do so.

Enjoy an unforgettable minimum fun, fellowship, adventure plus a unique destination and excursions with a minimum of expense and travel inconveniences. Join us for a carefree, fun filled week together on the ‘high seas.’ For information call the Nile office at 425-774-9611 or drop by at the Documents Party, Sunday, July 21st at 11:30 am.

VOLUNTEER!

MAKE BLUEGRASS ON THE GREEN A SUCCESS

Anyone interested in helping at the Blue Grass on The Green, August 23rd to 25th, can call 206-365-8304.
by Jud Chapin, Director

Greetings, Nobles, from your new Director. How did I get here? As Director Nick Nichols has moved to Arizona and Assistant Director Travis Dean had to step down, you got me. So, as I travel along trying to fill the shoes of a couple of really good Nobles, please bear with me and together we’ll get this done, thank you.

The parade season is off to a great start. So far we’ve done:

- The “Berry Dairy Days” Parade on June 15th.
- The “Fathoms O’Fun Festival” in Port Orchard on June 29th.
- The “Loggedrodeo” Parade in Sedro-Woolley on July 4th, a Potentates Call Parade.

Information on future parades will be given to the Unit and Club heads as I receive it (usually one week prior to the parades) and they will pass it along to their membership.

by Bob T. Wilson, Captain.

The Calliope Unit was in the Edmonds parade on July 4th and it will participate in the Mountlake Terrace parade on Friday, July 26th.

There are no unit meetings in July or August, but members can and will meet for lunch at The 19th Hole on our normal meeting day.

The unit is still in the process of selling the Moon on our normal meeting day.

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by Glenn Bailey, Wagonmaster

A big Thank You to our TrailBosses Peter and Esther for hosting the Lynden, WA camp out in May and Our June outing to Westport was hosted by Dick and Barbara Sellevold. Although we missed seeing the pirates this year at the Westport waterfront, we still had a great time with seven rigs in attendance. Rainier Lodge sponsored a camp out at the Masonic RV Park in Granite Falls for July 4th weekend which was opened to all Masonic members. The July camp out to Whidbey Island is organized by Eldon and Arlene Strong. If you would like to participate in any of our camp outs, please contact Glenn Bailey, Wagonmaster at 206-365-8803.

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Shurtah

The June meeting was well attended. A pizza supper was presented by Noble Tim Cook with libations served by Nobles Cory Ness and John Guich, the Refreshment Captain.

We were privileged to have three members of the Divan present: Nobles David Brady, Sr., Donald Lane, and Gayle Kenney.

There was a spirited discussion of the Nile parade schedule. The question of mandatory parades so far from Seattle was raised. It was stated that most Nile members live close to Seattle.

Also discussed was the lack of any presentation about the Hospitals at parades. The Units “reper- sent” the Shrine and the Hospitals but don’t provide any information.

A report was given on the “Tin Lizzies” the Shurtah purchased. These “Tin Lizzies” are being painted, and modified with new engines and controls so that anyone could operate these vehicles at future parades.

The Unit’s flatbed trailer for hauling the “Black Mariah” is missing. It appears that this trailer was “borrowed” from the Shrine Center, but never returned. Any information of it’s whereabouts of would be appreciated and should be directed to Noble Jerry Smith.

The Canadian contingency reported that the Gizeh Shurtah Unit was planning an Amateur Ice Hockey Nite in the Fall, and they invited all Nile Shurtah members to attend. They noted that at their Spring cermonial they had 22 Black Camels and only 14 new candidates.

PHS Dan Melton spoke about the upcoming Evergreen Fair and the beef sandwich booth that the Nile Shurtah sponsors. This booth needs the support and participation of as many Shurtah members as possible for the days of August 19th through September 2nd. This is one of our primary money making projects. Members available should contact Noble Dan Melton as soon as possible.

Nobles David Brady and Don Lane spoke about the need of all Nile Shrine members, family, and friends to participate in the “Blue Grass on the Green” on August 23rd, 24th and 25th. It was noted that this one event coupled with the “Haunted House in October” are the two major money making events for the Nile Center.

The “Blue Grass on the Green” is receiving national recognition as a premiere site of blue grass entertainment with nationally recognized bands in attendance. The High Shire Reeve Scott Smith, announced that there would be no July meeting for the Shurtah. The next meeting will be Wednesday, August 7th at 17:00 hours and it will be a hamburger/hot dog barbecue at the Nile Center.

by Arne Ringstad

Hello golfers, Summer in finally here! The course is in great shape and the greens are putting very well (better than I am by a long way).

Ned Daniels ran the April Men’s Club meeting and the club members voted to replace the chairs outside on the patio. George Young ran this project and they look great.

This year’s club championship has just started and I am asking all players to schedule their matches quickly so we can finish before the snow starts to fall.

The club is getting ramped up for our fund raiser the annual Nile Men’s Club golf tournament on July 13th. Please tell all of your golfing friends to attend, as this year’s event should be great fun.

So far this has been a great year for the men’s club with great weather and a lot of players coming out to play. Joe in the pro shop tells me that we are setting records for the number of rounds and that is great news for Nile. Please tell you friends about the gem we have here and have them come out and play.

by Toni Oien

The Women’s Division has enjoyed spring golfing with only a couple of rain outs so far and we are looking forward to golfing the summer months and hoping for lots of sunshine. We have three tournaments coming during the summer. The Potentates cup was held in June for three weeks. July 16th and 23rd will be the Captain’s Cup Tournament and the Club Championship Matches will be August 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th. We hope to see everyone out for the tournaments.

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Congratulations Char! Each week the ladies contribute to the putt jar. It is 25 cents for each 3 putt with a maximum of a dollar a week. The money that is collected in the putt jar is donated to the Dad’s Fund at the end of the year. The ladies division is looking for new members. Any one interested in hearing about the club can contact Captain Mary Jo Toivola at 206-367-3712. We encourage anyone to come and give us a try. We are a great group of ladies and have a lot of fun.

HOLLAND HAPPENINGS
**UNIT AND CLUB NEWS**

**Hatasu Temple No. 1**
by Doris Stanton

The Ladies of the Household enjoyed a wonderful time at Supreme Session in Grapevine Texas “100 Years of the Daughters of the Nile Texas Style”. We had many business sessions and had new legislation to vote on for the better of the order. Evenings were filled with many fun activities, banquets, evening performances by units from across the United States and Canada and catching up with old friends and making of new friends. The Session concluded with the Installation of the New 2013-2014 Supreme officers and Appointments. More information to follow on Hatasu’s announcements from Supreme. There could be some surprises in store.

July 21st Hatasu will be at the Nile Shrine Family picnic promoting the 100th Birthday Celebration of Hatasu and the 100th Anniversary of Daughters of the Nile. Along with information on our history, information for our Hospital Appreciation Luncheon on October 11th and the walk for Awareness on October 12th. Along with other Hatasu Temple information. Stop on by and say “hi” if you are at the picnic.

July 27th is our joint Picnic with Zora Temple #5 at the Affili Temple Center, contact the Chairman Pr. Kathi with question. Make sure you get your reservation in by July 14th so we know you are coming. Bring your family with you, it should be a fun filled day. Hope to see you there.

August 10th is the Barn Dance out at Pr. Darla’s and Noble Bob’s Barn. Come for great food, dancing and lots of fun with family and friends. Call the reservation Chairman Pr. Molly for tickets. Get ready to kick up your heels Hatasu Temple Daughters of the Nile style. Hoo Yaw!

August is also our Cookie Lee fundraiser date to be planned make sure to watch for more details to follow.

September is fast approaching as we prepare to attend the Phantom of the Opera Purse Auction, Celebrate the 100th Birthday of Hatasu and the 100th Anniversary of Daughters of the Nile. A lot of fun activities are planned make sure to watch for more details to follow.

Have a great summer!

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**SUPPORT A GREAT NILE FUNDRAISER**
by Larry Bronner, Executive Aid

Nile Shrine Units and Clubs: Now is an opportunity for you to support Nile. This is about Our Blue Grass on the Green (Blue Grass Festival) which is coming to Nile this summer on August 23, 24 & 25. This is an opportunity for Nile and all of us Nobles to see our Shrine Center stand out. Show the world we are an opportunity for Nile this summer on August 23, 24 & 25. This is an opportunity for Nile and all of us Nobles to see our Shrine Center stand out. Show the world we are capable of supporting our Hospitals.

In terms of support we are looking for Shriners’ to attend the festival and we are looking for clubs and/or units to help us with costs. $1,000 will support a band but anything $100 on up will be well received. You can select a band to support or we will assign one (your choice) and every time the band plays a placard with your unit or club name will be displayed. I have started to think of it as a membership project for the Units or Clubs. It appears to me that having the name of your unit or club in front of a group of 1000 people or more is way ahead of where you were this morning. If you are interested call Nile Shrine Center. Don Lane or Larry Bronner can provide details. I look forward to talking to you.
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**Nobles, “Wear Your Fez”**
Dear Shriners and Shrine Ladies,

The 130th Imperial Session is only days away. We hope you have added this important event to your calendar. When Shriners and their Ladies gather together, there is always fun and fellowship. However, it isn’t all about the fun. Your voting representatives will be meeting daily to conduct the business that is necessary to continue our great fraternity and health care system.

**SEND IN THE CLOWNS**
The largest documented gathering of clowns was in 1991 at Beggar Rod’s, UK, where 850 clowns, including 450 from North America, gathered for their annual clown convention. Nobles and Ladies, let’s work together to exceed the record of 850 clowns as documented in the Guinness World Records. Or, we’ll set a record for clowns in a parade in the United States. With teamwork, we can “Make-it-Happen!”

International Shrine Clown Association members, Noble Ernie “Rollo” Pearlstein and Noble Mark “Buzzy” Burgard have contacted Guinness World Records to secure our Claim ID #34879 and Membership #33054 for the application.

The leadership of ISCA under President George “Patches” Pipes will assist in complying with Guinness’ requirements to document the event. They will be aided by Murat Shrine Clowns and the Public Relations Department, under the leadership of Amy Ritzel. The Shrine Clowns will gather immediately prior to the parade for documentation and registration. They will lead the parade by appearing before the color guard in keeping with Shrine bylaws.

The recent Public Relations Seminar, under the leadership of Deputy Imperial Potentate John Cinotto and his team of Imperial Officers Dale Stauss and Gary Bergenske, provided an informative program to the PR teams from the various hospitals and temples. Corporate Public Relations Director Amy Ritzel and her staff added their valuable expertise to bring the seminar to a new level. Topics included Media and Marketing for a New Era, Dealing with Change, notification of Dromedary awards, Electronic Media and Media training.

The Florida Shrine Association was hosted by Egypt Temple in Tampa, Fla., under the leadership of Past Potentate and FSA President Frank Mongiovi assisted by his Lady Nancy. The Potentate of Egypt Temple, Tom Robinson, and Lady Trish hosted the dinners and lunches at the temple and activity center. One dinner featured young wheelchair athletes playing soccer. Our patients participate in many athletic activities, encouraging one another and building their self-confidence.

Friday evening, the Prisoner’s Ball was organized by the Keystone Kops complete with a jail in the center of the banquet room. During a delicious dinner of “jailhouse stew,” arrest warrants could be purchased for a mere $2. Some of the alleged suspects had difficulty finding anyone to bail them out of jail.

Next we traveled to Sudan Temple in New Bern, N.C., for their spring ceremonial under the leadership of Illustrious Sir Ken Bennett and his Lady Juaniita. The event included a big parade in downtown New Bern. Friday evening clubs and units served BBQ, shrimp, hot dogs, hamburgers and much more. What a fun evening with music and dancing under the stars by the Trent River.

Al Bahr’s Centennial Ceremonial welcomed 44 new Nobles and their Ladies May 11th. Al Bahr’s Director’s Staff performed their first-ever Arch degree. Well done! Illustrious Sir Rudy Nazareno’s goal this year is to remain GOLD in membership for the third year in a row. His goal is to add 100 members, one new member for every year of Al Bahr’s existence. Illustrious Sir Rudy is on a roll.

The previous day, Imperial Sir Al and Potentate Rudy were interviewed by local media. Al Bahr’s clowns and the Tin Lizzies were also featured on the program. Illustrious Sir Rudy Nazareno with Lady Evelyn at his side had all the details fine-tuned for a fantastic weekend. Saturday night’s 100th Anniversary Celebration Banquet was held at the Scottish Rite Center.

We were also given a tour of Al Bahr’s Shrine camp in the Laguna Mountains by our personal Aide PP Don Wierman and his lady Shirley. It is a wonderful retreat for ceremonials, camping and other family events.

Acacia Past Potentate James Dodd and his Lady Donna welcomed Imperial Sir Al and Potentate Rudy and Lady Janet, Jim Cain and Bill Bailey as well as Lady Jan and myself to the South Central Shrine Association meeting.

SCSA was “Rollin on the River” at the Belle Hotel and Casino in Baton Rouge on the Mississippi River. Acacia Shriners, under the leadership of Past Potentate and SCSA Past President Danny Johnson and his TEAM had all the details well organized for a weekend which featured motor corp and clown competitions, as well as lively performances by the Orientals Bands of Jerusalem and Acacia.

The Indy 500 Race visit hosted by Murat Shriners in Indianapolis, under the leadership of Illustrious Sir James “Jim” Priest and Lady Tammy, was a fun filled weekend. Friday’s activities included a heart-warming Memorial Service Luncheon at Murat, a First Section ceremonial welcoming six new Nobles and their Ladies, a sumptuous prime rib dinner followed by comedian Randy Riggle.

We attended the Carburetor Day Practice on Thursday at the speedway, 500 Festival Parade on Saturday, and the big race on Sunday. May 26th. Thank you Ill. Sir Jim and Lady Tammy.

The next day we traveled to visit with Hadi Shriners in Evansville, Ind., on the Ohio River. Illustrious Sir Kenneth S. Cooper and Lady Marilyn shared the temple’s history with us as well as their goals for its future. Hadi has a prominent location on the river and is very active in the community.

We look forward to seeing all of you in the beautiful city of Indianapolis from June 30th through July 4th. Yours in the Faith, Alan “AT” W. Madsen

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The May 2013 board meeting was facilitated using teleconferencing, allowing board members the choice to attend in person or to call in from their home location to participate in the board meeting. The June 2013 board meeting was held on June 24th and included 5 candidates who had been interviewed for 2014 board member positions. Hospital administrator Craig “Patch” Patchin, has been splitting his time between the two facilities (Portland and Spokane) for several months now. Key leadership at Home Office and the Spokane hospital are working to review the roster of applicants with the hope that first round of interviews will take place in Spokane in the new few weeks. Additionally, a Shriners Diets, Director of Patient Care Services, filled in for both Patch and Keith in their board day related roles.

Administrator Update - May

Progress is being made on filling the position of the Spokane hospital’s administrator. Portland hospital administrator, Craig ‘Patch’ Patchin, has been splitting his time between the two facilities (Portland and Spokane) for several months now. Key leadership at Home Office and the Spokane hospital are working to review the roster of applicants with the hope that first round of interviews will take place in Spokane in the new few weeks. Additionally, a Shriners Hospital Joint board decision was handed down that will discontinue in the future the practice of sharing administrators between hospitals.

Home Office in Tampa has approved the request to share the position of Director of Facilities between the Portland and Spokane hospital. This position is held by current Portland Director of Facilities Keith Rogers. The plan going forward will be for Keith to work in Spokane 2 weeks per month over the new few months and then shift back to 1 week per month in Spokane.

Administrator Update - June

Portland hospital administrator, Craig ‘Patch’ Patchin, continues to split his time between the two hospitals (Portland and Spokane). The filling of the open Spokane Administrator position will take place sometime after Imperial Session is completed in early July.

Chairman Duggan commented that the Portland hospital is fortunate to have one of the best administrators in the Shriners hospital system.

Patient Activity

New patient referral activity continues strong! We had 181 new patients reported in April, an increase of 60% over April 2012. New patients reported for January-April 2013 are up 27% over the same time period 2012. The Physician Relations Program continues to be successful in reaching out to the community physicians, reinforcing the marketing message about the hospital’s staff and services and explaining the new patient referral process.

Patient Referral Forms

The new patient referral cards and forms, customized with the Portland Hospital’s information, will be sent out to each of our affiliated temples’ recorders. These forms will help temples with future new patient referrals.

Open House for Healthcare Insurance Providers

The hospital held an Open House, including lunch and tour through patient care areas, for contracted and non-contracted healthcare insurance providers on Thursday, May 16th. The Open House was held to allow payors to see what services the hospital offers their members. Patch reported that the participants seemed pleased with the event and that it helped make headway in future contracting with the providers.

Anchorage Outreach Clinic

The Anchorage Outreach Clinic was held May 18th-19th at the Pediatric Sub-Specialty Clinic at The Children’s Hospital at Providence (Anchorage, Alaska). Approximately 84 returning patients and 21 new patients were seen during the clinic. The Anchorage Outreach Clinic is held twice a year, bringing the hospital staff to Alaska, saving on travel expense for families and the Temple.

Fundraising Guidelines

A discussion about guidelines for charitable and fraternal fundraisers was held during the board meeting. The board has asked member Al Dillan to look into the guidelines and report back to the next board meeting on his findings.

Fracture Clinic

We are investigating the potential of supporting an additional clinic specifically for children with fractures. The clinic would tend to the needs of kids that sustain an injury; have received temporary care in a hospital ER or urgent care clinic; and are being referred for definitive care the next day. The concept of the clinic is in an investigative stage as we begin to consider the possibility of treating children with fractures; some who may require surgery.

Portland Hospital’s 90th Anniversary Year

January 15th, 2014 marks the beginning of the 90th Anniversary of the Shriners Hospitals for Children® - Portland. The idea of celebrating the anniversary throughout the year for our supporting Shriners, patients, donors, staff and community members, was briefly mentioned.

Development Office update

It was announced that the comprehensive Capital Campaign, headed up by Development Director Mark Thoresen, had reached $71 million.

The Joint Commission (TJC)

The Joint Commission (TJC) is anticipated to make its triennial visit this fall to the Portland hospital. The TJC is an independent healthcare oversight organization that accredits more than 20,000 health care institutions in the United States. During the visit, the TJC surveys conduct an extensive independent appraisal of the hospital and the visit is typically on an unannounced basis. The survey evaluates the hospital’s compliance with nationally established healthcare standards for quality and patient safety.

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