Notes From The Pote
by Donald E. Lane

Another successful year for the Haunted House – Wow they were scary! My thanks go out to Noble Jody Bossert and all the staff. Assistant Rabban Larry Bronner and Lady Annie did a great job of getting all of their gang together to work the booth, parking and security. Director’s staff worked hard in their booth as always and put out some good eats.

Lady Denise and I had a great time at Daughters of the Nile - Supreme Queen Official Visit. We enjoyed sitting with, and having lunch with Supreme Queen Cathy Carol Rose. The food was great and the conversation was even better. Congratulations to the new members of Daughters of the Nile. All of the ladies were dressed so eloquently as usual.

Queen Guyanna and the Ladies of the Shrine had their annual auction. We spent a lot of money and got some really great things. If you missed it, you really needed to be there. Queen Guyanna and I got into a bidding war over a night at Jazz Alley. Unfortunately, I had to stop when I finally got her to bid $100. Thank you to all the ladies for all your hard work and dedication to the children.

I want to thank all of the members that attended our Kash for Kids Stated Meeting on November 11th. There were turkeys to be had (not the divan) and they were all given out. There was good fun shared by all, and we really appreciate everyone coming out to buy tickets. All the money goes to the Kids.

The Ugly Christmas Sweater Ball is December 3rd, tickets are $35 and are available in the Nile office. We will have music with a DJ. There will be an ugly Christmas sweater contest, silent auction and just lots of fun. If you don’t have an ugly sweater, just wear what you would like.

December 14th is the next Stated Meeting. We will have elections for the Divan. Remember you are electing those Shriners that will lead our Nile Shrine into the future. You do have a say and your vote does count.

This will be my last issue. Lady Denise and I have enjoyed our year and will always be grateful for all YOU have done for us. We enjoyed our friends and have made new ones that we will enjoy now and in the future. I cannot express my gratitude enough for all the elected and appointed members and everything you did for us this year. Please never forget why you became a Shriner.

I want to thank two of my very close friends, Steve Kiely and Jim Hutchins. These two gentlemen gave up their lives for the last year so that we were able to have the Nile as it exists today and for NO pay. I also want to thank Rhoda Kiely and Marilyn Hutchins for allowing, (I’m sure begrudgingly) them both to do what they did. I will be in your debt for a very long time, ladies.

Remember we are here “for the children”. See you on the golf course.

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Nile Closed Stated Meeting
Elections
December 14, 2016
5:00 Zem Zem | 6:00 Dinner | 7:00 Meeting
A 2016 or 2017 Membership card is required to vote. Contact Nile office to get one if you need one.

Nile Installation
Open to the Ladies
January 7, 2017
5:00 Zem Zem | 6:00 Dinner | 7:00 Installation
Please join us as we install our new 2017 Divan, Appointed Unit and Club Officers
Take pride in family and fraternity by sharing your legacy

For many men, being a Shriner is a family tradition. The Shriners Legacy program is a way to show your pride in being a Shriner and to share with your own family the special brotherhood that comes from membership.

**From your Recorder’s Desk:**

It has been an honor for me to serve as your Recorder for 2016. Treasurer, Steve Kiely, and I have had quite an adventure so far this year, and we have made a number of operational changes that have improved Nile’s financial position. However, we still have much to accomplish to fully stabilize our finances. We also need to consider repairing structural issues with our building.

As a result of input from our Finance Committee, headed by Noble Rick Sproul, and our CPA, Steve Bass, we have contracted Nile’s catering operation to Northwest Signature Events & Catering Company. This has resulted in elimination of a significant monthly loss and generated well over $10,000 per month in room rentals and catering income to Nile. The increased use of the building for events has also generated additional income in liquor sales for our #19 Bar & Grill, which is now showing a positive income of $26,000 year to date versus a $54,000 loss at this time last year.

Our golf course, under the management of Golf Pro, Joe Korn, and Superintendent of Grounds, Pete Echols, has shown a very positive cash flow this year. 2015 was also a very profitable year.

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**IN MEMORIAM**

Our beloved brethren live on in their influence on our lives and their memories in our hearts. They are not forgotten.

- **John H. Hart** (7/13/16)  
  West Seattle #287  
  Seattle WA

- **Dean R. Eyler** (10/1/16)  
  Pierre B. Cornwall #289  
  Bellingham WA

- **Donald C. Smith** (10/6/16)  
  Queen Anne #242  
  Seattle WA

- **Edwin C. Marion** (10/6/2016)  
  Rainier #186  
  Seattle WA

- **Harold F. Johnson** (2/13/16)  
  Clayton #601  
  Clayton, MO

- **Patrick A. Murphy** (5/27/16)  
  Seattle #164  
  Seattle, WA

- **George C. Petrie** (10/2/16)  
  Pacific #50  
  Salem, OR

- **Alvin P. Lehner** (11/5/16)  
  Yancey C. Blalock #265  
  Seattle, WA

- **Peter F. Woeck II** (11/5/16)  
  West Gate #128  
  Bellevue, WA

- **Charles W. King** (11/5/16)  
  Franklin #5  
  Port Gamble, WA

If you know of a fellow noble who has passed away, please notify the Nile office so that we give them the proper recognition.
Unfortunately, 2015 resulted in an unanticipated IRS income tax bill of approximately $45,000, which we paid last month. We are currently working with Nile’s CPA to minimize our golf course tax liability for this year.

Nile’s current cash positions are:
- Golf Course $263,632
- Nile Shrine Center $139,770
- Dad’s Fund $ 33,247

Looking to the future, we have a number of structural issues with our temple facility that will need to be addressed. Those issues include the structural problem of the ballroom dance floor and ground pressure that may be bowing the foundation walls of the vehicle garage & golf cart storage building. We are working to take care of these problems. In addition, the Nile Divan and employees of Nile have worked tirelessly to improve our food service operations and their profitability. The result has been that we anticipate a very positive outcome for Nile’s operations for 2016.

Wednesday, December 14th is the next Nile stated meeting. This meeting will be for Nobles only and includes election of 2017 officers. Since this will require a vote of our membership, only those members with a current dues card will be allowed to vote. If you haven’t paid your dues please get them paid prior to the meeting so you can have a voice in the 2017 election.

All clubs and units are reminded that the Recorder needs a list of all 2017 parades and special events that you wish to take part in so that insurance coverage can be assured.

I hope that you have a wonderful and prosperous 2017.

Jim Hutchins
Recorder

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Upcoming Events & A Request

Brother Nobles and Ladies – I just wanted to share three upcoming events at the Nile Shrine Center for 2017.

1. **The Nile’s Open Installation** of the Divan, Appointed, Unit and Club Officers will be on Saturday, January 7, 2017. The Social Hour will begin at 5:00 pm with hors d’oeuvres, followed by a Buffett Dinner at 6:00 pm and the Installation to follow at 7:00 pm. Tickets may be purchased at the door for $20 per person. Please RSVP no later than Friday, December 30, to the Nile Office at 425-774-9611, ext. 213, so that we may obtain an accurate count of the people planning to attend the event.

2. **The Potentate and First Lady’s Valentine’s Ball** will be on Saturday, February 11, 2017. The Social Hour will begin at 5:00 pm with hors d’oeuvres, followed by a Plated Dinner at 6:00 pm and Dancing commencing at 7:00 pm to the **Music and Vocals of Charlie Brown**. More information to follow in the upcoming weeks.

3. **The 45th Open Annual Visitation with the Knights of Columbus**, will be on Wednesday, March 15, 2017. The Social Hour will begin at 5:00 pm, followed by a Buffett Dinner at 6:00 pm and the Program with Irish Dancers at 7:00 pm. More information to follow in the upcoming weeks.

And now for a request to all of the Units and Clubs. As the year is drawing to a close, officers are being, or have been, elected for the upcoming year. As soon as that transpires, would you please send the list of new officers to Laura VanDeventer in the Nile Office. We are in the process of compiling a Directory for 2017 and would like to send it to the printers as soon as we receive your information.

Thank you for your help.
Gale H. Kenney
Chief Rabban

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**Women’s Division**
**Nile Golf Club**
The Women’s Division, Nile Golf Club, announces new officers for 2017:

- **Captain**: Margot Winter
- **Asst. Captain**: Linda Shaw
- **Secretary**: Elaine Cohn
- **Treasurer**: Suzanne Young

The season will begin with clinics conducted by the Golf Pro in March. Competition will begin on the first Tuesday in April. New members are welcome.

For more information on membership or activities please contact Suzanne Young, 206-919-1167 or Margot Winter, 206-979-6546.

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**The Nile would like to welcome the following Nobles & Candidates that have joined us in 2016:**

**Nobles**
- Ronald E. Angevine
- Brendan Gramer
- John S. Turley
- Robert W. Guild
- Steven T. Littlewolf
- Brent F. Arnold
- Brian K. Wheeler
- Mark E. Bruback
- Joey S. Ignacio
- Brent F. Arnold
- James D. Newman

**Candidates Awaiting Cold Sands**
- Kristopher M. Lane
- Eduardo Pineda Herrera

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Calliope Unit

The Calliope Unit elected Noble Dick Syson to be Captain for 2017, Noble Bob T. Wilson to be 1st Lieutenant, and Noble Bob O’Brien to be Secretary & Treasurer.

The Unit will have a get together December 11th to celebrate Christmas. Membership in the Calliope Unit is down so we still need new members. Please let us know if you are interested. It does not take up a lot of your time especially if you are working.

You can contact our Secretary, Noble Bob O’Brien at: robert3734@comcast.net or by phone at 206-546-1426

By Noble Bob T. Wilson, Captain

West Seattle Shrine Club

The WSSC meets the 3rd Tuesday of the month at:

Angelo’s of Burien
601 SW 153rd ST, 98166
6:00 pm Zem Zem | 7:00 pm Meeting

Fellowship and gabbing throughout the evening. All are invited and all meetings are “Open” - the ladies are always welcome.

We are in need of a 2nd Vice President, for the 2017 term, if you are a member of the WSSC (or want to be) and are interested, please contact me.

WSSC had the privilege of performing as the Honor Guard, with the Kitsap Shrine Club at the “Kash for Kids Night” Turkey Raffle. Thank you to those WSSC members present.

Our December 20th Meeting will be our annual Christmas Meeting and Ugly Sweater Meeting - might even be prizes. So if you would like to join us for dinner and some fun at any of our meetings, please let me know.

Please join us at our January 17th meeting, to welcome and support our new club President, Noble Brian Winchester.

You can contact me at jimgrubbsg100@gmail.com or 253-709-1809

Jim Grubbs
President WSSC

Memorials & Gifts to Noble Donald “Don” Smith

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Briarcliff Garden Club
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Bill & Jackie Smith
Donald & Carrol Vizzare
Judy & Loran Goff
Larry & Shirley Gillespie
Norma Hastings
Phillip Philbrick
Steven & Patricia Smigaj
Wayne & Sherri Duke
Tammy Hansen

Haunted House Donations (9/22 to 11/23)

Below are additional names that we would like to extend a special thank you for purchasing tickets or simply donating to the Haunted House Daddies Fund:

Joseph Bennett
Richard Sardeson
Richard Gerber
Jerry Sanner
James Gavin
John Beitler
Gary Harilela
John Smeby

James Smyth
Gary Ausman
Rolando Ignacio
Richard Kerr
Sepp Kislinger
Arne Thorkildsen
Garold Prouty

Frederick Oliver
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Tavis Dean
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William Barquist
Robert Adams

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- Richard Bach

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Shurtah Unit #1

The Shurtah continues to meet upstairs by the Potentate’s office on the first Wednesday of each month, with Zem Zem starting at 5:00 pm, a light supper at 5:45 pm, and the meeting starting at 6:30 pm with everyone back on the road by 7:30 pm with “peace and harmony” prevailing…

The Shurtah Unit remains available to the Nile Shrine Center for “security service” whenever alcoholic beverages are being served in the main building or in the picnic areas.

The Shurtah Unit is always looking for Shriners who have served in a law enforcement capacity in any locale, including the military police, to become active members in this service organization.

If you have any questions relative to the Shurtah Unit, its membership, or its activities, please contact:
Dr. Skipp Metzger, Scribe, 360-378-0166

If you want to have a good time in Shrinedom, the Oriental Band is the place to be!! We have openings for every Noble regardless of talents or lack thereof. Just stop by on a Monday at 6:00 pm in the Nile basement and start the best days of your life!

By Jim Hart, Director, 425 454 5694

Northwest Shrine Club

The Northwest Shrine Club meets the first Tuesday of each month. If you have questions, please contact:

Gerrit Kuiken, NW Shrine Club Treasurer/Secretary
H 360-354-1677 or C 296-2676, cmsgtgk@comcast.net

If you notice an error or omission from the calendar, please notify the Nile Shrine Center Office:
office@nileshriners.org  |  425-774-9611 ext. 213

Renton Shrine Club

The Renton Shrine Club meets the first Thursday of each month, 6:00 pm at the Plum Delicious Family Restaurant.

Meeting - Elections: Dec. 1st, 6:00 pm
Meeting: Jan. 5th, 6:00 pm

Any questions, contact Andy Wangstad at:
andy@wangstad.com or call 253-347-1945

If you have any questions relative to the Shurtah Unit, its membership, or its activities, please contact:
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Nile #19 Bar & Grill

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December - March

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Saturday - Sunday 7:00am - 5:00pm

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**Nile Mini Bikes**

Our parade season for 2016 is over and it’s time to look ahead to our 2017 season. We just had our unit meeting on November 13th, and it’s great to be able to have meetings again since we started to rebuild our unit. I am excited for our future.

Our Next mini bike meeting will not be until **Sunday, January 8, 2017 at Nile at 2:00 pm**. Any Nobles interested in knowing more about our unit, please come to any of our events including our meetings. Our goal is to build our membership in the mini bike unit. We have several bikes available. The cost for the year is $50 which includes dues and the bike. The more riders we have in the parades, the better we look.

Our riding practices will start in March 2017. We practice on Sunday afternoon at 2:00 pm at Mountlake Terrace High School. Practices are over by 3:30 pm.

Parade season usually starts the 2nd weekend of April in La Conner and goes to the first weekend in October. It’s a great time participating in parades and I hope you will join us.

Take care and have a great holiday season and a great 2017.

Please contact me at: bbunchii@aol.com, cell 206-919-5125, home 425-481-0159

David Brady Sr. (PP), Captain

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**Attention Nile Shrine Ladies**

**Temple Belles** is for **ALL Nile Shrine Ladies** who want to be informed, involved and/or just want to have fun. We will meet on January 18 at 11:30am in the 19th Bar and Grill for lunch and meeting. Hope many of you will be able to attend.

Any questions, call Annie Bronner at 360-658-8304 or picketb18@gmail.com.

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**Director’s Staff**

The Director’s Staff meets every 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month. The 1st Tuesday is designated as our work party days where we tackle various projects associated with the unit & Nile. Our 3rd Tuesdays are our business meeting nights with Zem Zem, dinner and meeting.

Ken Osborne
Secretary/Treasurer Director’s Staff

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Annual Oriental Band Crab Feed at the Nile Shrine Center

February 4, 2017

Zem-Zem
6:00 pm

Dinner
7:00 pm

Tickets & Tables are going fast!
Reserve yours today!
Come have an evening of fun
dancing to a live High School Jazz Band
along with a delicious crab dinner!

Tickets: $35 per person
$280 per table

For tickets call Larry Gillespie 425-903-4847
or email gillwick@comcast.net

Nile Shrine Golf Course

Shriner Rates:
October 16, 2016 - March 15, 2017
- $15 - 9 holes
- $21 - 18 holes

Power Carts:
- $10 per person for 9 holes
- $15 per person for 18 holes

Shriner’s are eligible for
Annual Membership
Valid Jan 1st - Dec 31st, 2017
- 5 day annual $1,250
- 7 day annual $1,550
- Annual Cart $470
(your own cart & storage)