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HOLIDAYS 2017

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Season's Greetings



MAHI SHRINERS

2018 CALENDAR OF MAJOR EVENTS
(TENTATIVE AND SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

JANUARY 2018

- 1 NEW YEAR'S DAY
- 7 INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS - BROWARD SC 1PM
- 11 STATED MEETING - Courtyard by Marriott
- 20 EAST WEST GAME - St. Petersburg
- 20 HOMESTEAD RODEO PARADE

FEBRUARY 2018

- 4 SUPER BOWL PARTY - BROWARD SC 3PM
- 8 STATED MEETING - Courtyard by Marriott
- 23-24 HOSPITAL DAYS - SHC TAMPA

MARCH 2018

- 4 KEY COLONY BEACH DAY PARADE - KCB
- 8 STATED MEETING - Courtyard by Marriott
- 11 ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE - HOLLYWOOD
- 24-25 AASR VALLEY OF MIAMI REUNION

APRIL 2018

- 5 POTENTATE'S BALL - ZOO MIAMI
- 12 STATED MEETING - Courtyard by Marriott

MAY 2018

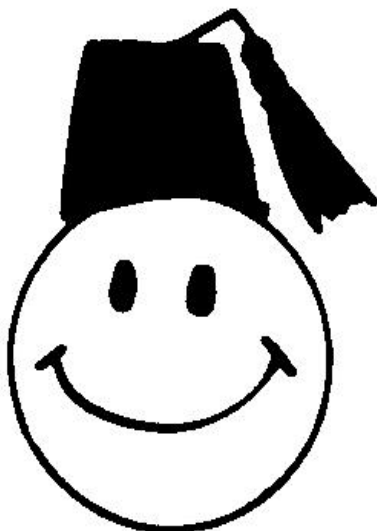
- 10 STATED MEETING - Courtyard by Marriott
- 26-31 GRAND LODGE OF FLORIDA - ORLANDO

JUNE 2018

- 14 CEREMONIAL - Courtyard by Marriott

JULY 2018

- 15-19 IMPERIAL COUNCIL SESSION - DAYTONA BEACH



PARADES

Sat. Jan 20 - Homestead Rodeo - Homestead

Sat. Feb 24 - Orange Blossom - Davie

Sun. Mar 4 - Key Colony Beach Day - KCB

Sun. Mar 11 - St. Patrick's Day - Hollywood



MAHI SPECIAL EVENTS

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

SUNDAY JANUARY 7

Broward SC Hollywood - 1PM

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as we kick off 2018 by setting the new
slate of officers to work.**

EAST - WEST SHRINE GAME

SATURDAY JANUARY 20

Tropicana Field St. Petersburg - 3PM

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SUPER BOWL PARTY

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 4

Broward SC Hollywood - 3PM

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 Sharp Shooters.....Art Fernandez
 Tin Lizzies.....Mark McNamara



Potentate's Message

Illustrious Sir Robert N. Latimer
 Potentate 2017



Nobles,

As my year comes to an end I would like to thank the Divan for all they have done this year. This year is finished but many more things need to be done in the next few years, the biggest being finding a new home. Some that say we don't need a place, to just keep renting a room at the hotel. That is not the answer. We have done it for the past year and, yes, it worked, but it's not like being in our own home. My wish as I leave is that we move forward and find a new place that we can call home.

Recently we held elections. I want to congratulate everyone elected to their new positions and give a BIG THANKS to Steve Rosean for all he has done for Mahi and myself. The new officers will be sworn in on January 7th at the Broward Shrine Club. Come out and show your support for the 2018 Divan.

I am pleased to announce we are back to a Silver status in membership. Thanks to David Miller and Mitchell Thurston for their hard work to get us back to that honor. Going from Gold to nothing last year was a step back so this achievement makes me proud for what these guys have done. Again THANKS. Incoming Potentate Dale has asked me to be his membership chairman for 2018. I have agreed with Gold being my goal for the year. The Divan made an overnight trip to Nassau in December and held a ceremonial for 7 new Nobles, with 10 more to be initiated in the near future.

We just finished the year by holding the Hospital Patients' Christmas Party. Music, games, food, the arrival of Santa Claus were highlights. The kids received gifts and a little something for their brothers and sisters. I would like to thank all the Ladies, Nobles and some of the nobles' kids and grandkids. It was a great day. We even put the club back the way we found it. If I missed anyone, I want to thank you for your help. We all get a kick out of helping our KIDS.

Support Mahi and join in to all the fun we have. Lerryn and I want to thank everyone for everything they did for us this year.

Fraternally,
Rob

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MAHI SHRINE CLUBS



BROWARD SHRINE CLUB
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HOMESTEAD SHRINE CLUB
43 NW 2 STREET - HOMESTEAD
MEETS 4TH TUESDAY



KEY WEST SHRINE CLUB
VFW HALL - KEY WEST
MEETS 1ST SATURDAY



MARATHON SHRINE CLUB
VARIOUS LOCATIONS
MEETS MOST FRIDAYS



MIAMI SHRINE CLUB
MAHI OFFICES - MIAMI, FLORIDA
MEETS 4TH MONDAY

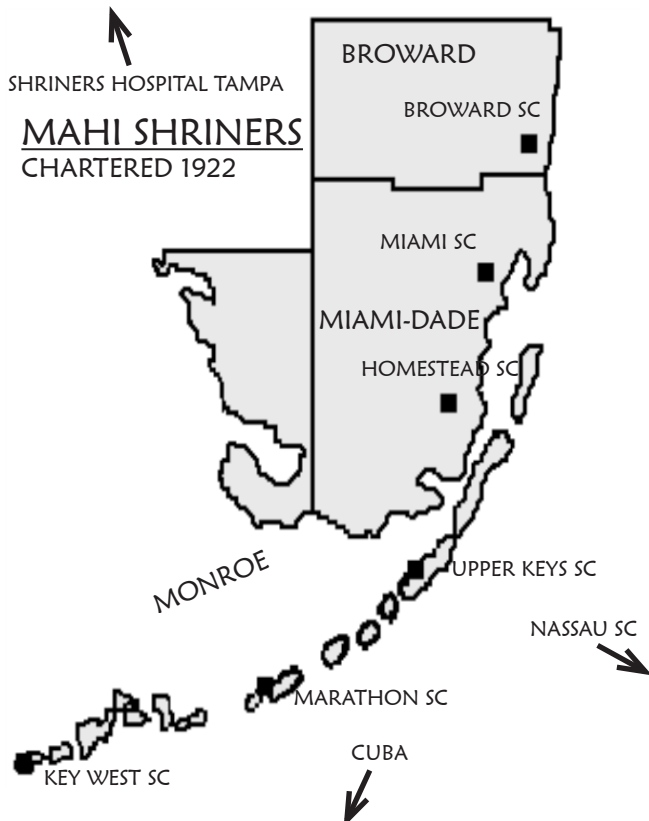


NASSAU SHRINE CLUB
CRICKET CLUB - NASSAU, BAHAMAS
MEETS 3RD FRIDAY



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FLORIDA KEYS LODGE - TAVERNIER
MEETS 2ND TUESDAY

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4TH WEDNESDAY 7:30PM - DUFFY'S TAVERNS, MIAMI

KEYS CLOWNS

CALLED MEETINGS

MAHI CLOWNS

CALLED MEETINGS

MOTOR CORPS

CALLED MEETINGS

ORIENTAL BAND

1ST & 3RD SUNDAYS AT BROWARD SHRINE CLUB

ROYAL PIRATES

MONTHLY - VARIOUS LOCATIONS

SHARP SHOOTERS

2ND WEDNESDAY 7:30PM - RON KOPLOW RESIDENCE

TIN LIZZIES

2ND TUESDAY - HOMESTEAD SHRINE CLUB

MAHI MEMBERSHIP

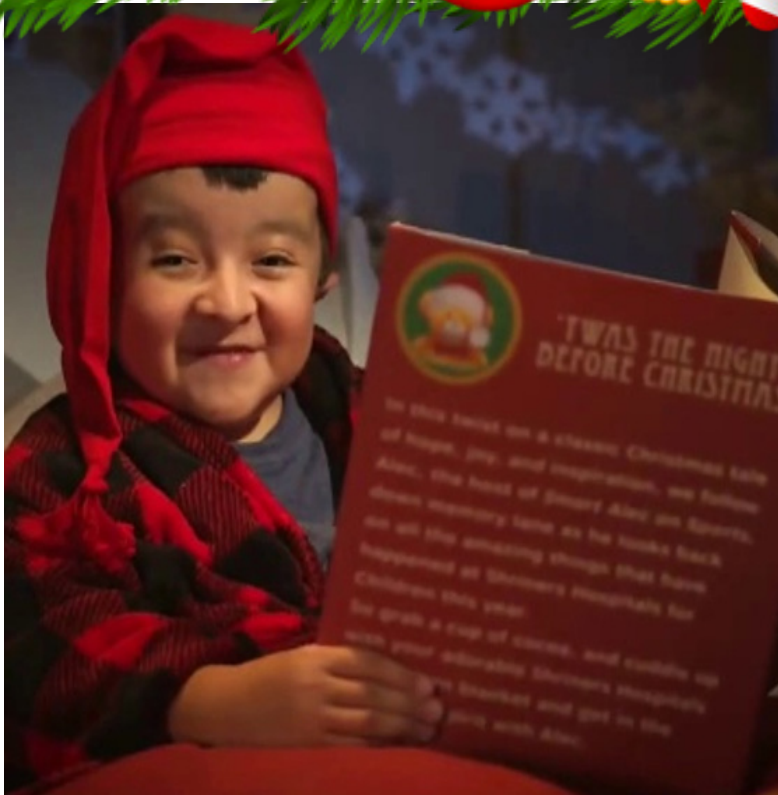
Mahi Membership
as of December 15, 2017

Regular: 1059

Associate: 15

Total: 1074





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EDITOR'S MESSAGE

JOHN W. BORSA JR.

Another year has passed and we look forward to the hope of a new one. Mahi faces many challenges in 2018. Membership. Unity. Participation. Relocation. But there is hope. A new Divan brings new ideas and approaches to issues. Sometimes they are successful, sometimes they are not. It is difficult to remain consistent with an organization like ours.

But there is one thing that has remained consistent, the Mahi Magazine. We look forward to continue providing you with this award winning publication in the coming year and thank you for your support. Thanks!

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Seven New Shriners for the Bahamas

BY JOHN W. BORSA JR.

Seven new Nobles were created on December 3rd in Nassau. In four short years Mahi has grown to 39 Nobles in the Bahamas. That's a little over 3% of the entire membership and its growing. "We had 18 approved petitions going in and seven were able to make it so we look forward to more initiates on the next trip" said Mahi Potentate Illustrious Sir Rob Latimer. A group of Mahi Nobles flew over and conducted the ceremonial at St. Michaels Lodge No. 1634, a Scottish constituted lodge on New Providence island. The event was followed by a dinner and fellowship.

Latimer got the ball rolling in 2013 when he recruited the first two members, Nobles George Wheeler and Basil McIntosh from Royal Victoria Lodge Preceptory No. 45, an English constituted lodge where he is an associate member. Since that time, and through his efforts, Mahi has enjoyed steady growth in the island nation.



Mahi Potentate Illustrious Sir Robert N. Latimer, Recorder John W. Borsa Jr. and High Priest & Prophet David Miller speak to the seven newly created Nobles after the ceremonial at St. Michael's Lodge No. 1634 (S.C.) in Nassau, Bahamas.

Parade Season has been in High Gear

BY JOHN W. BORSA JR.

As the holidays approach, the South Florida Parade Season kicks into high gear. Mahi has participated in the Homestead Veteran's Day, University of Miami Homecoming, Florida International University Homecoming, Junior Orange Bowl, Forest Ridge, Hollywood Candy Cane, and South Miami Parade of the Elves parades.

"Being in parades is perhaps the most important thing we do regarding getting the word out about our philanthropy" said Parade Marshal Noble Dennis Asbury. Perhaps the best part of parading is how fun it is for the Nobles who come out and participate. "Everyone has a blast while accomplishing a goal" added Asbury. Still to come in early 2018 are the Homestead Rodeo and Davie Orange Blossom parades.



Many Nobles came out for the Hollywood Candy Cane Parade at Hollywood Beach on December 2nd including (L-R) Stewart James, Jimmy Snyder and Jimmy Jackson.

Fantasy Fest Trip a Wild and Wacky Time



Noble Mark McNamara, Sandy McNamara, Noble Michael Williams and friend Kyle enjoy lunch at Jimmy Buffet's Margaritaville Cafe on Duval Street in Key West during Fantasy Fest.



BY JOHN W. BORSA JR.

Mahi Potentate Illustrious Sir Rob Latimer had a dream. He wanted to do a bus trip that was really fun. The choices were many but he settled on traveling down the archipelago of the Florida Keys to that city like no other, Key West. The occasion? The Fantasy Fest Celebration of course.

Fantasy Fest was started in 1978 by local tourism officials who hoped to lure visitors during the slow fall season. Not only did it turn into a success, but the annual event now pumps tens of millions of dollars into the Keys economy each October. Hotels, restaurants, bars and shops do some of their best business of the year during the week preceding the festival. Included in the fun are a street parade, costumes, body painting, concerts and almost anything else imaginable.

As for Mahi, the trip started early on October 28th as the bus left the Broward Shrine Club and headed south. Stops were made in Kendall, Homestead and Key Largo to pick up additional riders. Upon arrival in the island city the drop off point was behind Noble Greg Eppy's Paradise Tattoo on Duval Street. Eppy graciously opened his shop to the group as a meeting point, rest stop and restroom, all of this on one of his busiest days of the year. His generosity was most appreciated and all thanked him for going out of his way for his fellow Nobles, their family and friends. The friendly Noble is an 11 year Life Member of Mahi and Past President of the Key West Shrine Club.

The group fanned out to see the sites and enjoy the music and food. From Noon to 6pm everyone walked up and down Duval Street taking in the wild and wacky people on display. Although the parade didn't step off until an hour after the groups departure, the sights and sounds involved were seen in the pre parade-parade. Every costume one could think of was worn and wild ideas were on display. If one's jaw didn't drop open at times, there was something wrong with them.

As the sun set over Mallory Square the bus rolled out into the twilight filled with happy folks who had a great time.

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DATE	LOCATION	ARRIVE	DEPART
Fri. 9/21	— Overnight on Ship in Q.C.	2pm	—
Sat. 9/22	— Sail from Quebec City	—	6pm
Sun. 9/23	— At Sea	—	—
Mon. 9/24	— Sydney, Nova Scotia	8am	5pm
Tues. 9/25	— Halifax, Nova Scotia	8am	5pm
Wed. 9/26	— Saint John, New Brunswick	10am	7pm
Thu. 9/27	— Portland, Maine	8am	5pm
Fri. 9/28	— Arrive Boston	8am	—



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Broward SC gets new Floor

BY JOHN W. BORSA JR.

After years of debate and discussion a new floor has been installed in the lounge at the Broward Shrine Club. A vinyl floor was added during a renovation in 2005 but was showing its age. The new simulated wood is quite an upgrade and looks very good. Check it out the next time you're at the club.

Meetings will stay in Miami

BY JOHN W. BORSA JR.

After a year of successful attendance, Mahi will continue to hold its Stated Meetings and Ceremonials at the Courtyard by Marriott Miami West. This attractive hotel is located at 11580 NW 105th St, Miami, FL 33178 and is easily accessed from the NW 106 Street Exit (Exit 34) on the Florida Turnpike in west Miami-Dade County. Its location along the Turnpike/I-75 corridor provides easy access from both the north and south. Attendance has been good thus year and the central location has alleviated the broken system present since 2014. Meetings will continue to include a fine dinner, cash bar and comfortable atmosphere in an upscale location.

2018 STATED MEETINGS

Thursday January 11	Thursday June 14
Thursday February 8	Thursday September 13
Thursday March 8	Thursday October 11
Thursday April 12	Thursday November 8
Thursday May 10	Thursday December 13



Where It Started

Above is Knickerbocker Cottage at 426 Sixth Avenue in New York City where Shriners International founders surgeon Dr. Walter M. Fleming, actor William J. Florence, paper merchant William S. Patterson, lawyer Charles T. McClenachan, printer George W. Millar and others gathered practically daily in the early 1870's. Ideas for founding of Shrinedom were discussed at length here including Billy Florence's suggestion of an Arabic Theme. The Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine was officially formed on September 26, 1872 with Mecca Temple of New York City becoming the first temple within the organization.

MAHI INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS FOR 2018



Noble Dale A. Spear - Potentate Elect

SUNDAY JANUARY 7, 2018

Broward Shrine Club - 2900 Taylor Street, Hollywood, FL 33020

Installation 1pm - Luncheon to follow

MAHI SUPER BOWL PARTY

Sunday February 4, 2018



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2900 Taylor Street - Hollywood

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ANNOUNCING A NEW MEMBERSHIP REFERRAL PROGRAM



New Program has New Tools, New Focus, New Plans and Ambitious Goals

Shriners International has introduced the I AM R U program, a membership

recruitment program with a new focus, new tools and detailed plans which is meant to bring in 12,000 new creations by the 2018 Imperial Session. The overall success of this program depends on the commitment of individual Shriners to "Share Your Shrine" with friends, and on temples to meet/exceed their best number of creations in the last five years. If every noble and every temple does these things, the fraternity will be very close to achieving that goal of 12,000 new members. The new program will capitalize on the increasing awareness of Shriners International, and on new technology in WebFez that provides improved information regarding the progress and status of new member prospects, so that timely help and encouragement can be offered as they work through the process.

USING TECHNOLOGY FOR MEMBERSHIP RECRUITMENT

The I AM R U program is a new approach to membership development that incorporates a referral program linked to WebFez that allows current nobles to directly refer names of friends, family members and acquaintances they feel would make good Shriners. The prospective member is linked with his referring noble, promoting natural mentorship based on an existing friendship or acquaintance. The new process can be tracked and reported, and each referral triggers automatic communications to the referring noble and the prospect. Once a noble makes a referral, he receives tools and resources to mentor his prospect and hopefully lead him to creation. The program encourages constant collaboration, so that every noble can share their fraternity with the good men around them.

ATTRACTING INTEREST THROUGH WELL-PLANNED SOCIAL EVENTS

An important element of the new program is that it encourages temples to host fellowship parties and rush events to promote interest and attract membership prospects, and provides guidance that helps ensure success. For example, fellowship parties should be in a relaxed environment and have an open table/social concept, with no formalized membership presentation.

These events should be open to prospective members, without pressure for membership recruitment or restoration; and membership literature should be available upon request.

Rush events have an open house, social and educational aspects, and are open to prospective members and their families. A multifaceted presentation providing information on Shriners International, including temple clubs and units, as well as information on Masonry and affiliated organizations is encouraged at these events.



Membership literature should also be provided to all attendees.

Our goal for each Imperial Year is less suspensions, less demits and more affiliations. The leadership of Shriners International has added the ambitious goal of 12,000 new creations from Session to Session. This goal is attainable if temples focus on matching and surpassing their own best number of creations in the last five years.

There are many resources available to help us reach our membership goals. Using the new WebFez referral system is the perfect place to start, and beashrinernow.com is still a great resource. There are also several helpful tools on Shriners Village, including the Membership Toolkit, Roadmap to Membership Success, and Marketing Materials Ordering System. We encourage temples and nobles to work with their Regional Membership Director and the Office of Membership Development, and to send your temple membership team to the annual Membership Seminar for invaluable tips and information.



Shriners Village
A Private Web Community for Shriners



To learn more about the I AM R U program, please watch the video featuring Imperial Potentate Gary Bergenske at <http://bit.ly/BergenskeMembership>.

Rob Latimer, World Renowned Bagpiper

BY JOHN W. BORSA JR.

Illustrious Sir Rob Latimer is not a full time Potentate. The truth be known, he has a second job.

Since he was a child, Latimer has loved the bagpipes. His Scottish heritage, his admiration of the unique sound or the necessity of a kilt may have all come together to create an appeal that has lasted to this day. He started young and learned how to play proficiently. He became very good and people started asking him to play at their events around Detroit. After moving to Florida in 1980 he joined the Ft.

Lauderdale Highlanders and became one of the most recognized players in the area. In fact his business card, and email address, say "World Renowned Bagpiper", a claim that cannot be disputed. He is in high demand all along the Gold Coast.

Even though his masonic activities have taken up a lot of his free time, Latimer continues to play local events on a regular basis. He may pipe in a golf tournament, lodge installation, civic event or even a funeral. The wind instrument is always appreciated and sometimes even moves people to tears.

Seen below is Latimer at a recent Veteran's Event in South Miami where a Blue Star Memorial Highway Marker was placed near Fuchs's Park along South Dixie Highway. Even though he is usually compensated for his performance, the talented piper does not do it for the money but rather for the satisfaction he receives from bringing a little bit of Scotland to whatever event he is playing at. In fact since he became active in South Florida Freemasonry he has lost a lot of income due to his practice of not charging his brethren for his services. Keep piping Rob.



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COMMENTARY



BY JOHN W. BORSA JR.



In this happiest time of year some of the saddest news reaches my desk on a sometimes daily basis. As dues payments arrive with regularity, there are always some surprises within a few of the envelopes. The first thing that is evident is the lack of a check inside. I then see that there is handwriting on the dues notice or a piece of paper. The message usually starts with "Dear Sir" or "To Whom it May Concern". This is followed by the news that the Noble has mounted the black camel and has crossed that sublime desert to that house not made with hands. It may have been recently or even several months back. No matter, its heart wrenching to read the notice of another Noble lost to death. I then have to go into the WebFez system and make the notation referred to as Expired Active Member. Thus far, late in December of 2017, I have been notified of 37 of these cases, the same number received in 2016.

36 Nobles gone. That's almost 3.5% of our membership. Add to that the fact that 33% of our membership is 80 years old or older. Yes, 355 Nobles. Many will live many more years but, sadly, many won't. Sooner than later I will receive that note in the mail. I don't want to receive it, but I will. Its life and there's absolutely nothing we can do to stop it. But is there nothing at all we can do about it? Well, we are losing about 40 Nobles per year. That means we need to add 40 New Nobles per year, or dare I say more than 40? Forget about the Nobles who refuse to pay their dues and get dropped after three years, that's another story. But what's wrong with trying our best to replace our dear departed Nobles? Absolutely nothing and its exactly what we need to be doing. Have you invited someone to become a Shriner this year? If not you should have. Please check out page 12 of this issue. There is a new program named "I AM R U". This allows you to go online and submit a name of someone you know that you think would make a good mason or Shriner. Shriners International will then take the lead and get information to that man. Maybe he will be interested, maybe not. But its a start. It's easy and may be effective. Try it today!

Happy Hanukkah



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70 Years Ago

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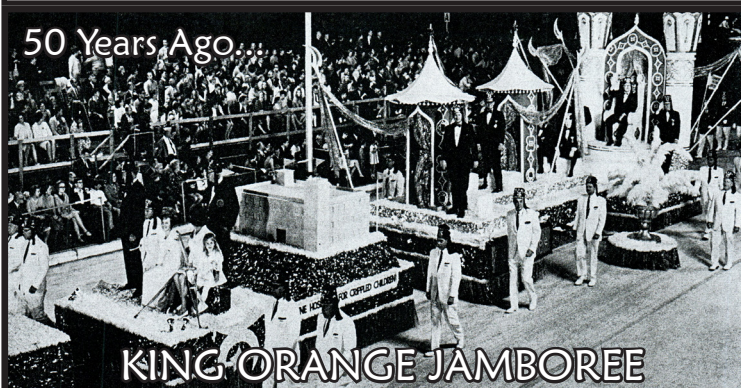
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The first North South Football Game to raise money for Shriners Hospitals was held in December of 1946. It was a moderate success and Mahi leadership decided to do it again in 1947. What they did not realize is that the game would go on to become a major event cherished by thousands of Miamians. Christmas night was a time to unwind and the Orange Bowl was the perfect stadium for football. In the days before the Miami Dolphins and even the glory years of the University of Miami Hurricanes the huge venue hosted the Orange Bowl Classic on New Year's Day and high school football games. The easy access at the east end made it a breeze to get floats and vehicles inside for a pageant. As you can see above, Mahi put on a "Shrine" show prior to kickoff and then a Christmas pageant was held at halftime. The \$3.00 admission price would be about \$33 in 2017, so it wasn't as affordable as one might think. The game would continue until 1973 after 28 years of Christmas night entertainment.



It seems like New Year's Eve used to be a more significant event. In the days before people worried about drunk drivers and extensive television coverage at home, going out for the big night was a big deal. Most who were active in Mahi wanted to be a part of their legendary New Year's Eve Balls. Each December 31st the group would gather downtown to participate in the King Orange Jamboree Parade and then, in their finest garb, proceed over to the Bayfront Auditorium, Everglades Hotel or, after 1963, the Mahi Auditorium for the bash. An named orchestra would play until 1:00 AM and then breakfast would be served. Seen above is December 31, 1957.



Ten years after the New Year's Eve Bash referred to in the previous article, Mahi was still at it on the big night. Seen above on the last day of 1967 is the custom float commissioned by Mahi making its way along Biscayne Boulevard in the King Orange Jamboree Parade. The Mahi Divan and Hospital Committee would ride on the float along with a few of the local Shriners Hospitals for Children patients. The float was followed by the uniformed units of Mahi including all the different parade vehicles, marching bands and dignitaries. The parade was telecast with a local segment from 7:30 PM until 8 PM on WTVJ then the national feed would begin on CBS or NBC. From 1949 until 1974 Mahi was included in the national feed, but then on December 31, 1974, uninvited, the Director's Staff decided to get back in the lineup and pull up alongside the Orange Bowl Queen's float on national TV. This was (surprisingly) frowned upon by the committee and Mahi would remain on the local segment until the parades demise in 2001. The parade is still dearly missed by Miamians today.



Being community minded, Mahi supported the Salvation Army's Red Kettle Program throughout the late 1960's and early 1970's. This involved Nobles going out and ringing the bell at various location encouraging people to donate their loose change into the well known red kettles. The money collected helped feed the poor, especially on Christmas Day. Seen above are some of the December 1977 participants.



Meet Alec, Shriners Hospitals for Children Superstar

You may recognize 15-year-old Alec from the various commercials for Shriners Hospitals for Children® that have aired nationally. Alec, a patient of Shriners Hospitals for Children — Chicago, has become a popular television star, been interviewed on numerous national news and talk shows, and has captured the hearts of many with his adorable smile and charming personality.

The Story Behind the Star

Alec lives in the suburbs of Chicago, and is quite the active teenager. From playing wheelchair softball and basketball, to assistant coaching tee-ball, he loves just about any sport. However, because he has Osteogenesis Imperfecta (OI), also known as brittle bone disease, Alec's approach to his favorite activities is a little different.

OI is a genetic bone disorder characterized by fragile bones that can frequently and easily break, which can make it hard for Alec to participate in sports. The underlying cause of OI is a lack of collagen – or abnormal collagen – in the bones that prevents them from absorbing appropriate minerals and developing correctly. As a patient of the Chicago Shriners Hospital, Alec receives intravenous (IV) infusions of pamidronate, a medication that slows down the process of bone resorption and improves bone mass. He also routinely visits the hospital for physical therapy.

Thanks to the outstanding care and innovative treatment Alec receives at the Chicago Shriners Hospital, his muscles are strengthening and his bones are breaking less often. This provides Alec with more opportunities to indulge in his passion for sports. Alec often participates in up to four hours of sports a day; his mother, Alma, works hard to ensure his homework and physical therapy are done, as well.

They manage to fit it all in. Alec has been coming to the Chicago Shriners Hospital for treatment since 2002. Since then, he has made great progress thanks to his customized treatment with our rehabilitation specialists.

Alec's mom is grateful for the excellent care her son has received. "If there is a number system to rate the hospital from one to 10, I'd give it a 16," she said. "They are always working with him and pushing him to work hard."

Currently, Alec is building more strength and increasing muscle development through aquatic therapy. The hospital's therapists work with Alec in a temperature-controlled hydrotherapy pool using aquatic treadmills and other equipment. Tapping into Alec's love for sports, his therapist has even incorporated water basketball into rehabilitation sessions.

The hospital also helped provide Alec with a customized, adaptive bicycle. While riding the bike is fun, it also helps strengthen his muscles, to help prevent future bone fractures.

According to Alma, these unique treatments, specifically designed for Alec, have allowed him to gain more independence. He continues to work on increasing his mobility.



Shriners Hospitals for Children – Helping Dreams Become Reality

Thanks to the health care system's focus on improving the quality of life of patients and families, Alec has developed a level of confidence that has opened up a world of opportunities. Knowing that Alec hopes to be a sports broadcaster someday, the hospital staff has done what it can to encourage faith in that dream.

During the NFL Draft weeks in 2015 and 2016, patients of the Chicago Shriners Hospital had the chance to experience the excitement of the draft first-hand when players visited during a Prospect Community Visit. As a special surprise, Alec was given the opportunity to conduct interviews with NFL Draft prospects, which were featured on the NFL website.

Alec has also appeared in national commercials for Shriners Hospitals for Children, representing the many patients whose lives have been changed forever by the health care system. Alec is a great voice for Shriners Hospitals for Children, and continues to share his appreciation everywhere he goes.

"Without Shriners Hospitals for Children, I wouldn't be able to dream as big as I do," said Alec. "I know anything is possible because the staff remind me all the time that I can do whatever I set my mind to. I live a full life because of Shriners Hospitals."

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Free To Be Me The Stories of Isabella and Emily



Every year, Shriners Hospitals for Children® selects two National Patient Ambassadors to represent the health care system's patients. The ambassadors spend the year telling their stories of perseverance in the face of adversity and the ways Shriners Hospitals for Children has made a dramatic, life-changing difference in their lives. We would like to introduce our two new ambassadors:

Isabella Rose

From birth, Isabella had difficulty feeding and sleeping. Her parents, Roselyne and Tim, went from doctor to doctor seeking answers, but no one could identify a cause. As she grew, her parents became convinced that something was seriously wrong. Isabella's speech sounded like she was whistling and she had ear infections constantly.

Searching for Answers

For five years, Roselyne and Tim sought answers for their little girl but continued to be unable to obtain even a cause or a diagnosis. Some professionals thought Isabella was cognitively impaired; others thought she was deaf. One day a family friend in the Chicago area heard about the issues Isabella was facing and suggested the family apply for treatment for Isabella at Shriners Hospitals for Children — Chicago. The family did not know at the time that their friend's father was Dick Anderson, a member of Medinah Shriners and, at the time, Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Shriners Hospital in Chicago. Anderson was glad to be of help. He has said that helping Isabella and her family find the help they needed was life-changing, and that he wished all the Shriners understood the impact they can have on the health care system's patients and families.

At their first appointment, an interdisciplinary team of professionals assessed Isabella and, within minutes, provided a diagnosis. Isabella had a submucous cleft palate, a form of cleft palate that is not easily identifiable, as the palate is covered by a thin membrane. "It felt like the whole world came down on us; we finally knew the diagnosis," said Roselyne. Isabella was scheduled for surgery to repair the cleft and subsequently received speech therapy for two years.

Finding Her Own Voice

Isabella, now 14, lives in Florida with her family. She has gone from struggling to be understood to becoming a gifted vocalist, and hopes to perform professionally one day. Isabella volunteers at a local veterinary hospital, pet sits and babysits. She enjoys painting, poetry and outdoor activities. She also actively seeks ways to give back to Shriners Hospitals for Children.

Emily Mellish

Emily's mother, Joy, did not experience significant issues during pregnancy, but moments after Emily was born, that

changed. Emily was rushed by ambulance to a hospital in a larger city only hours after birth, and spent her first two weeks in the NICU, where doctors gave her a complete assessment.

Emily was born with spina bifida, as well as severe scoliosis (missing eight ribs on her left side) a leg-length discrepancy, additional orthopaedic conditions, bladder and kidney problems and other issues.

When she was 6 weeks old, Emily had surgery to close the defect over her spinal cord. The following day, a long list of serious complications began, keeping her in the hospital for 28 days. During this time, the Mellishes learned about Shriners Hospitals for Children from a close friend. "It was comforting to know that even before I needed to worry about a place to take her orthopaedically, that someone had come forward and said there was a place where Emily would be taken care of," said Joy.



Finding the Right Team

Emily was first seen at Shriners Hospitals for Children — Erie when she was approximately 6 months old. There, she has undergone several surgeries. Other surgeries, including a VEPTR (Vertical Expandable Prosthetic Titanium Rib) procedure, which stabilizes the spinal curve and levels growth, were done through a collaboration between Shriners Hospitals for Children and Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh. Emily has also been seen at Shriners Hospitals for Children — Philadelphia, where external fixators were used to straighten Emily's leg at the knee, and increase leg length.

After this, she was able to ride a bicycle for the very first time. Emily always amazes her doctors with her "no limits" attitude.

Giving Back with Beads 4 Needs

Today, Emily is an energetic and sociable 12-year-old. She loves dancing, swimming, painting pottery and public speaking. In 2012, she started Beads 4 Needs, an endeavor dedicated to raising funds for Shriners Hospitals for Children through bracelet and photograph print sales, and has raised more than \$100,000 for Shriners Hospitals for Children.

"Without Shriners Hospitals for Children Emily would not be Emily, she would be forced into a box," said Joy. "With Shriners Hospitals there are no limits to what she can do."

To learn more about Isabella and Emily, please visit shrinershospitalsforchildren.org/Media-resources or youtube.com/user/shrinershospitals.



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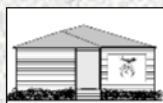
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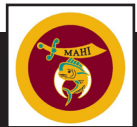
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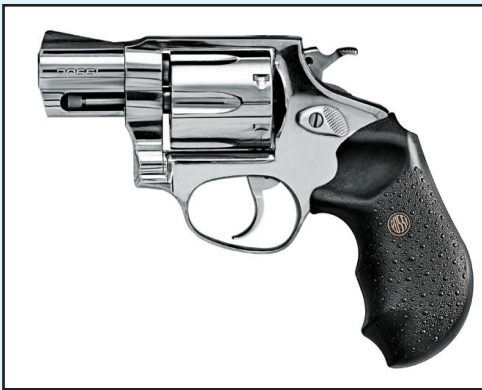


Beauty Abounds at Miss Broward SC Contest



BY JOHN W. BORSA JR.

The First Annual Miss Broward Shrine Club Contest was held on November 18th. The contestants came from far and wide to compete against each other in terms of beauty, talent and personality. It was a tough field of entrants and some of the most beautiful creatures in South Florida showed their stuff. In the end the winner was Noble Peter Brown. *Noble* you ask? Yes, didn't we mention that all the contestants were men? Regardless, the evening turned out to be a really fun and successful event under the direction of Illustrious Sir Joel Ribler, President of the Broward Shrine Club. We assume, however, that his Lady Sandi was the driving force behind the contest.



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Grand Master Hoover to become Deputy in Florida

BY JOHN W. BORSA JR.

Most Worshipful Richard G. Hoover 33°, the Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Florida, has been named by Ronald Seale 33°, Grand Commander of the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry Southern Jurisdiction, as Deputy in Florida starting January 1, 2018.



HOOVER

Hoover fills the void left by the terming out and retirement of Illustrious Brother Dale I. Goehrig 33° who served first as Deputy then Sovereign Grand Inspector General in Florida since 2010. Hoover will serve as the head of all Scottish Rite Masons in the Orient of Florida which has Valleys in Fort Myers, Jacksonville, Key West, Lake Worth, Miami, Ocala, Orlando, Panama City,

Pensacola, Tallahassee and Tampa. The orient is one of the largest in the Scottish Rite and past history dictates that he should become S.G.I.G. and a sitting member of the Supreme Council in the near future.

Hoover is currently serving as Grand Master of Florida through May of 2018 but will hold both titles until that time. He and wife Bobby reside in St. Petersburg where he owns a Pest Control Company. It is notable to mention that he is an honorary member of Mahi Shriners.

Several Lodges May Move to New Locations

BY JOHN W. BORSA JR.

As of mid December reliable reports are circulating that several of the blue lodges in the 27th Masonic District may be moving their meeting locations. Hurricane Lodge No. 401 may move from the Hialeah Opa Locka Masonic Center in Hialeah to the Oleeta West Dade Masonic Center in Miami Springs. Coconut Grove Lodge No. 258 may move from the Coral Gables Masonic Center in Coral Gables to the South Miami Masonic Center in South Miami. Hibiscus Lodge No. 275 and Luz de America Lodge No. 255 may move from the Coral Gables Masonic Center in Coral Gables to the Scottish Rite Masonic Center in Miami.

Changing membership, traffic patterns and economics are all factors in the proposed moves and come at a time when it becoming increasingly difficult to survive as an individual particular lodge. "Some of the Grand Lodge officers of the past several years have urged merging and consolidation, which is very beneficial in many cases, but its a tough sell to the brothers when these lodges have so much history and name recognition that goes along with them" said Illustrious Sir Stephen G. Rosean, Mahi Treasurer, Past Potentate and Past District Deputy Grand Master.

If one of your blue lodges is mentioned here please contact your lodge secretary to verify when and if the move has been approved and is actually taking place. It is assumed that the changes may happen prior to the 2018 installation of officers in each lodge, which would be in short order.

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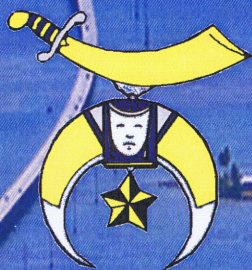
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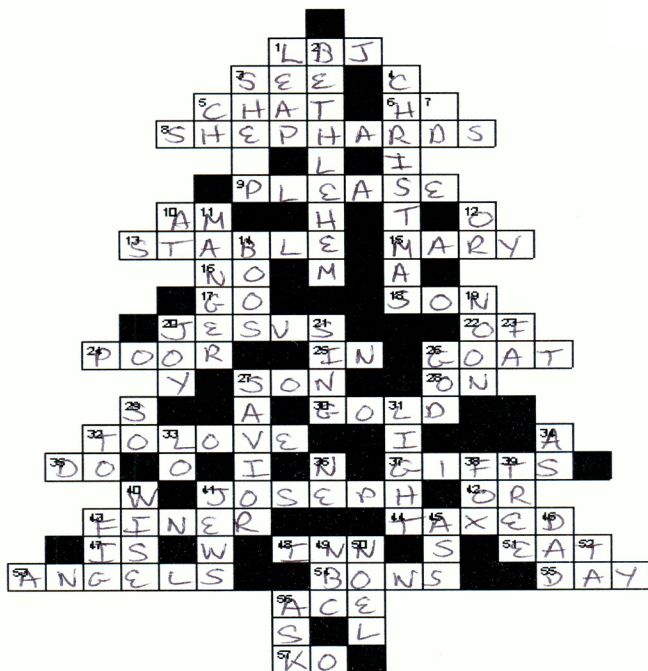
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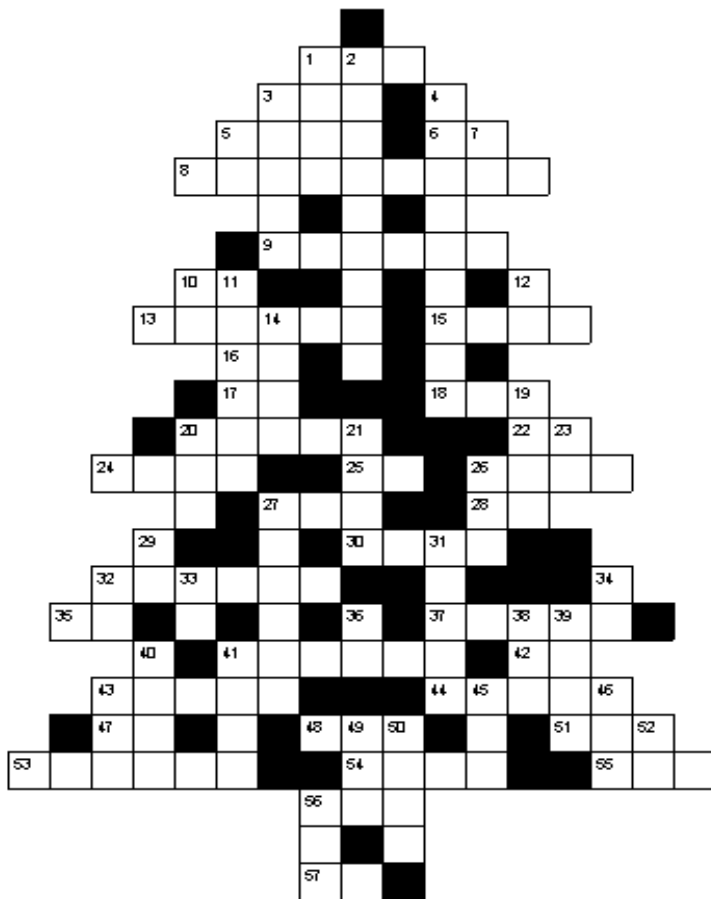
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25. "...and laid Him _____ a manger"
26. Bearded nanny
27. "And she brought her first born _____"
28. "...and _____ earth peace, good will towards men."
30. Wiseman gift
32. "And _____ him with all the heart" (two words)
35. "...what have we to _____ with thee, thou Jesus..."
37. What the wisemen brought
41. Stepfather
42. Either
43. More accurate.
44. "And all went to be _____, every one into his own city."
47. "For unto you _____ born this day
48. No room here
51. Consume
53. Singing Cherubs
54. Present decorations
55. "For unto you is born, this _____ in the city..."

56. Pro
57. Way to win in boxing

Down

1. Jump
2. Birth city
3. Shepherd's flock
4. The Holiday we observe
5. Brand of sugar
7. Mr. McMahon
10. "Hee shall be born of Mary, _____ Jerusalem..."
11. Baby's bed
12. Northwestern state
14. Hisses
19. Mid day
20. Happiness
21. What the angels did
23. "_____ la la la la la la la"
26. Jehovah
27. Redeemer
29. "His name was called Jesus, which was _____ named of the angel"
31. Illumination
32. "and it came _____ pass..."
33. "...and _____, the star which they saw in the east..."
34. "When _____ his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph,"
36. "Master what shall _____ do?"
38. Sly canine
39. Decorated pine
40. "...behold, there came _____ men from the east."
41. Not Gentiles
43. Parable of the _____ tree
45. Mary's transportation
46. Father
49. Broadcast TV network
50. Christmas carol
52. Instructor's helper
56. Inquire

ANSWERS ON PAGE 28

Christmas Lesson

by Julesies

Christmas is a special time
To give, to serve, to love.
It isn't just about yourself.
But others that you think of.

The presents, the trees, the glowing lights are
fun but have no part in what the real
meaning of Christmas is...
That is in your heart.

Even if other people don't.
You should try to do
The things that you would want
Them to do to you!

The holidays are a busy time.
But they are sometimes good
Because they keep you thinking
About others like you should.

So this year, try to not think about yourself.
But think of the things you can do
To help others have a wonderful Christmas.
And you will find that you will be happy too.



KNOW THE NOBLE - WALLACE FINE

One of the most active Shrine Masons in Broward County is none other than Noble Wallace Fine. Wally, as he is known to his brethren, participates in most of the masonic activities in South Florida, including being an active Mahi Shriner.

Fine was born in Hollywood, Florida on March 20, 1943 to Bonner and Eveline Fine. His father was a dairy man and the family moved around a lot. He graduated from South Broward High School in 1961 and immediately went to work for Kwik Chek Markets (Winn Dixie) as a butcher. He was recognized for his abilities and worked his way up to 2nd Assistant Manager. In 1966 he enlisted in the United States Army where he learned structure air frame repair. He spent the bulk of his enlistment in Pleiku, Viet Nam. After being honorably discharged as an E-5 Sergeant, he returned to Miami and went to work for the legendary Eastern Airlines. He worked his way up through the ranks of mechanics earning his FAA Airframe Power Plant License. At the time of Eastern's demise in 1989 he was the Lead Mechanic in Acrylics and Glass. Forced to find work elsewhere, he joined Greenwich Air Services and became their lead Sheet Metal Mechanic through 1991.

Perhaps seeing the trouble ahead for Eastern, Fine decided to pursue a career in real estate and obtained his agents and brokers licenses in 1987. He soon went to work for Century 21 and became a top producer while still working full time at the

airline. By 1995 he chose to start his own firm and founded Fine Homes Realty Incorporated. The office specialized in the Pembroke Pines/South Broward area and continues to be a successful and well thought of firm with Wallace at the helm.

Fine became interested in Freemasonry in the early 1990's petitioning Roe Fulkerson Lodge No. 299 F. & A. M. in 1993. He was initiated, passed and raised all in that year. Becoming immediately active in the lodge, he started his way up the chairs and served as Worshipful Master in 1998. After leaving the east he became Treasurer, a post he holds until this day.

Fine found it rewarding to serve outside the lodge and began branching out into other positions. He was appointed to the Grand Lodge of Florida's Property Committee in 2009 and has served as State Chairman since 2011. During this time he also served on the Zone 9 Child ID Committee. His hard work and dedication were recognized by Most Worshipful J. Dick Martinez, Grand Master of Florida Masons in 2010 who appointed Fine as District Deputy Grand Master of the then 33rd Masonic District. Since that time he has remained very active and was most recently appointed Junior Grand Steward for 2017 by Most Worshipful Richard G. Hoover bringing much honor to his lodge and district.



Fine became a Noble of Mahi and Shriners International in 1995. He was very active in the former Past Master's Unit and participated in most of the degrees and plays that the group put on for the various lodges in Mahi's jurisdiction. He joined the Valley of Miami Scottish Rite in 1995 as well and has been invested with the rank of Knight Commander Court of Honor and most recently as Inspector General Honorary 33° in November of this year.

Fine can be seen at almost any masonic function that is held in South Florida or the state for that matter. His dedication to the fraternity is unparalleled and he is one of the most respected masons around.

Fine has been married to Phyllis for 50 years. They have one daughter and two granddaughters. He enjoys spending time with family, gardening, artwork and reading.



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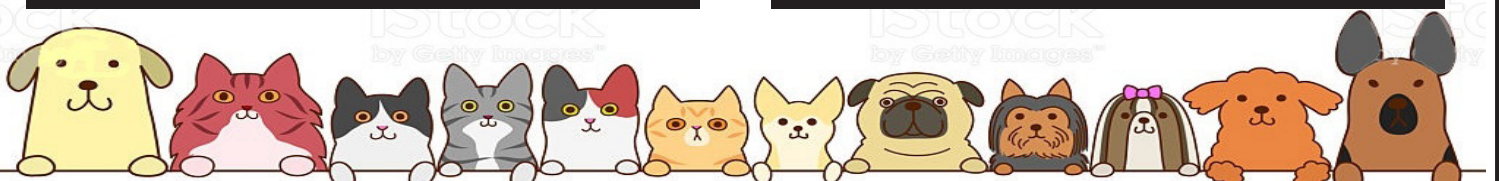
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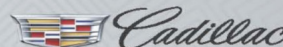
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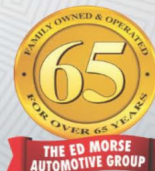
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