

DIRECTORS STAFF

By Larry Lombard

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We had a busy month in March – two Staff meetings and a circus. Both meetings were well attended and productive. It was reported that the circus did well in attendance and was financially on target. Individual sales by Staffers were comparable to years past. Many thanks to those who manned our areas of responsibility, e.g., the Noble's sign in table, box seat monitoring and the unit march ins. A special thanks to those Staff Ladies who assisted with the box seats and brought the delectable food delights for the Potentate's hospitality room. The newly painted and re-lettered fire truck, and the calliope looked really good positioned in front of the Norick Arena at the fairgrounds. As a side note, several kids hotwired the fire truck and attempted to take it for a drive. The Sheriff's Department quickly foiled that little caper, but we did sustain a small amount of damage. Harry has assured us it will be ready for the parade season.

Congratulations to Past Director **Wilbur Lair** who was appointed Director Emeritus by the Illustrious Potentate for his sustained high level of performance and dedication to the Shrine over the last several decades. Noble Lair consistently ranks in the top one percent of circus sales and is readily available for any task that he may be called upon to complete. Wilbur has chosen to take a personal sabbatical from the Director's Staff for the remainder of year and we will honor that decision. Wilbur and Lady **Evelyn** will be sorely missed during this short period.

The Director reported that we had 40 petitions for unit membership. Noble **Scott Cosby** (Lady **J'Layne**) was accepted and welcomed for membership. To you both, we extend a hearty Shrine welcome. **Richard Woods** introduced the new "Order of the Coyote" lapel pin. Members of the Order may purchase the new pin (\$3) from the Jewelry Committee. At the request of **Larry Lombard**, the Unit approved the expenditure of \$180 for a one year subscription to "*Constant Contact*" for professional email service of the "*India Shrine Electronic News*." **Gene Barren** will once again head up the "Jewel Box Theater" fundraising program. The Director has designated, Saturday, November 21 (Thanksgiving) and Saturday, December 19 (Christmas) as dates for these annual dinners. Regular meetings are suspended during these months. A "Tip of the FEZ" to Lady **Barbara** and the March food committee for the tasty food fare served at both meetings in March.

Big events for April are: Annual Easter Egg Hunt at Brisco's, Fishing Club Fish Fry, Bronco's 50/60 Dance and our first called parade -- Guthrie 89er Day. Keep your *India Ink* handy for times, dates and details of all Shrine activities. For those who have subscribed to the *India Shrine Electronic News*, reminders will be sent via email.

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