

# 1 *AYLMER SHRINE CLUB*

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*CAME ALIVE IN '95*

A UNIT OF MOCHA TEMPLE

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## GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Thursday, January 19<sup>th</sup> 2012

Social 6pm

Meal 7pm

### Meal

**Provided by the Vienna Lioness**

**Please attend, this is our installation night. Wives are welcome. Head count is required and you are to contact Noble Jeff Smith at 519-633-5681 or Noble Roy Osmond at 519-842-8227 no later than January 12<sup>th</sup> 2012**

### Presidents Message

Well Nobles, another year has passed and this will bring an end to my year as president of the Aylmer Shrine Club. I really do not know where the time has gone. As I look back on 2011, I can say I enjoyed my position very much. I tried to attend as many functions as I could within Mocha and visit some other Shrine Clubs in the area as well. It is amazing how many compliments about the Aylmer Shrine Club I received when visiting other Shrine Clubs or unit functions. I would smile and thank them for the compliment and tell them that we work hard and play hard and try to have some fun doing it and the response was always "you boys sure do know how to have fun, I remember the hospitality room" and we both would start laughing. Nobles you *ALL should be proud of yourselves and our club for making it one of the most vibrant and active clubs in Ontario.*

I think as a group we should be proud also of our new trailer and for having it paid off with no burden to the club. It was amazing how quick we were able to pay it off. Thanks again to all that donated and also to the Nobles that put the hard work into making this happen.

I will have many fond memories from 2011 and a few of the highlights for me was being able to go to Tampa (Shrine headquarters) with my dad Noble Gil Smith and visit the beautiful building and receive a personal tour of our great facility. It truly is overwhelming the scope of how big Shriners International really is and the money it takes to run it and keep it going for the future!!! I have heard many times from the Divan that it is important to support the hospitals and that really hit home with me when I was down in Tampa.

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We need to always keep the Hospitals in mind when we plan our donations in the future. Another moment that I was very happy to be a part of was the Tour of LHSC and the MSPOTS centre in London. I was very proud to walk the halls of the hospital with my fez on and watch the pride and sense of accomplishment on the faces of other Nobles that attended the “thank you” reception that was put on for the Mocha Shriners. We had a great turnout of Aylmer Shriners that day and it was wonderful to see all “the men in black” walking down the halls with me that day. Thanks to all that made it for the tour, I think it is something we will always remember. I would like to thank all the Nobles of the Aylmer Shrine Club and also my Executive for all your help and support throughout the year, and last but certainly not least is to my family for the support and understanding that is needed when I was away from home to attend different functions and meetings. Thank You, Very Much. Sheri, Lexi and I would like to wish all the Nobles and their families a healthy and happy 2012!!!!

Fraternally yours  
Noble Jeff Smith  
President of the Aylmer Shrine Club