



# Good News Report

A Monthly Report to Shriners Fraternity from the St. Louis Shriners Hospital

**January 2009**

## Ray A. Rohr Named Chairman of the Board

New board members and officers announced

Ray A. Rohr, of O’Fallon, IL and a member of Ainad Shriners has been elected chairman of the Board of Governors for Shriners Hospital - St. Louis. After being first appointed to the board in 2004, he was elected to the executive committee in 2005.

“My selection to serve as our board’s chairman is truly humbling,” says Rohr. “I look forward to working with our Shriners, our physicians and our outstanding hospital staff in their continuing efforts to make miracles happen every day.”

In addition to Rohr, elected to the executive committee were:

- Mark W. Ringenberg, Abou Ben Adhem – vice chairman
- Theodore D. “Ted” Dearing, Moolah – treasurer
- Ronald P. Krueger, Moolah – secretary

New members-at-large appointed for 2009 include:

- Harvey L. Mirly, Ainad
- Alex B. Rabin, Ansar
- Charles M. M. Shepherd, Moolah

A native of Belleville, Rohr was raised a Master Mason

at O’Fallon, IL, Lodge #576 in 1992. He became a Scottish Rite Mason and an Ainad Shriner that same year. He has been an active member of the Ainad Hospital Unit, the Dania Shrine Club and the Ainad Shriners Director’s Staff.

In 2003, Rohr served as president of both the Ainad Hospital Unit and the Dania Shrine Club. That same year, he was appointed to the Ainad Divan and in 2010 will serve as Potentate.

“The reason I became a Mason and a Shriner was my desire to become involved in some small way in supporting our hospital as a member of Ainad Shriners Hospital Unit,” Rohr said. “Until now my greatest honor as a Shriner was being asked to serve as a member of the St. Louis hospital’s board of governors.”

After attending Belleville public grade schools, Rohr graduated from Belleville Township High School in 1965. He attended Belleville Junior College where he achieved National Junior College All-American Honors in



1966 for his outstanding play on the baseball team. As a result of this honor he was offered and accepted a baseball scholarship to St. Louis University.

Rohr graduated from SLU in 1970 with a bachelor’s degree in commerce. He held various customer service, administrative services, finance and marketing management positions for Southwestern Bell in St. Louis from 1970 to 1997. During this period, Rohr attended Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville and earned a master’s degree in business administration in 1992. In 1997 he was transferred to San Antonio where he retired in 2000 as director of consumer marketing.

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**Ray Rohr, from page 1**

Rohr and his wife Teri live in O’Fallon with their 20-year-old twin sons, Alan and Mac. His two daughters, Jennifer McCall and Shannon Devine, along with their families, reside in Mesa, AZ. The Rohrs have six grandchildren.

Rohr’s interest in the Shriners came about as a result of a chance meeting with two Kentucky Shriners at a fast food restaurant. Noticing their Shrine “hats” were similar to one worn by his father-in-law, Everett McGinnis, Ray struck up a conversation with these gentlemen who were transporting

a child and his mother from Memphis to St. Louis for orthopaedic care at the St. Louis Shriners Hospital. After sharing this story and his interest in the Shriners fraternity and Shriners Hospitals with his in-laws over dinner that weekend, they set in motion his Masonic and Shrine career.

## Ainad Shriners Top Patient Recruitment for 2009

Congratulations to Ainad Shriners for topping the list in patient recruitment this year by bringing in 631 patient applications in 2008. Rounding out the top five in patient recruitment last year were:

- 2. Moolah ..... 538
- 3. Abou Ben Adhem ..... 282
- 4. Ansar ..... 145
- 5. Ararat ..... 107

The number of applications received by the hospital was down slightly in 2008. Last year we received 2,355 applications compared to 2,426 in 2007 - a difference of 71 applications, and a 3% decline.

Several temples increased the number of applications they sent to the hospital. Those were:

Temple	2007	2008
Ainad.....	605	631
Al Chymia .....	50	65
Ansar .....	129	145
Arab .....	21	22
Midian.....	5	60
Mirza.....	42	49
Rizpah .....	17	20
Sahara.....	25	26
Scimitar .....	27	33

If your temple would like tips on how to increase patient recruitment in your area, please contact Tammy Robbins in PR at 314.872.7837.

### Patient Applications Report: January - December 2008

Total applications received.....	2,355
<u>Applications by Temple</u>	
Abdallah .....	27
Abou Ben Adhem .....	282
Ainad .....	631
Akdar .....	30
Al Chymia .....	65
Ansar .....	145
Arab .....	22
Ararat .....	107
Bedouin .....	5
Hadi .....	92
India .....	9
Isis .....	21
Kaaba.....	6
Midian .....	60
Mirza.....	49
Moila .....	27
Moolah.....	538
Rizpah .....	20
Sahara .....	26
Scimitar .....	33
Zorah.....	38
Unaffiliated.....	122

