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Leon Larsen, Potentate

January 2007

Newly Elected Tebala Officers

December 20, 2006



From left to right: High Priest & Prophet Joe Zimmerman, Potentate Elect Carl Szymanski, Oriental Guide Elect Martin McDaniel, Recorder Elect James Leason, and Treasurer Elect Art Hass.

Not present: Chief Rabban Elect Tom Brawner (still in the hospital) and Assistant Rabban Elect Joe Klinck.

All elections were held on December 20th, 2006.
Installation of Officers will occur on January 27th, 2007.

The *Tebala Gram* is posted online as it goes to press a week before it is delivered to your mailbox. To view the *Tebala Gram*, point your browser to <http://www.MasterMason.com/Tebala> and follow the link provided.

To submit articles, please e-mail to jblassingham@rockfordforms.com or deliver to the Temple office at 7910 Newburg Road, Rockford, IL 61108.



"For the Kids"

Potentate's Message

Illustrious Sir Leon Larsen

The past year of 2006 has been a great journey of fun and fellowship. Barbara and I have had the opportunity to meet and make friends with many people involved with the different Shrine events. We greatly appreciate the wonderful things the nobles and their ladies did to help us this year.

Thank you to the 2006 Divan and their ladies; Karl and Cindi, Tom and Coleen, Joe and Susie, Joe and Penny, Richard and Jeanette, Roger, Tom and Pam.

A special thanks to Bruce Sumpter who spent many hours at Tebala often being the first person to arrive to unlock the doors and the last person to leave after locking up the Shrine.

During the year 2006 Tebala lost Richard Thompson, P.P. and recorder for 13 years, and Harriet Anderson who ran the office for many years. What dedication the shrine received from both of them.

Thanks to Denise McLendon for taking over the duties of the office with so many new experiences. Thanks to Tom Runge, P.P., who was asked to take over the recorder's job last summer. Tom has spent countless hours going over the records to enter information into QuickBooks. Thanks also to Roger Anderson who did a great job serving as treasurer for 27 years.

Special events in January:

- Temple Memorial Service on January 7, 2007
- Temple Annual Meeting on January 24, 2007
- Open Installation of the 2007 Tebala Divan on January 27, 2007

Barbara and I hope you all had a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Thank you all for the experience of a lifetime to serve you all.

Upcoming Events

January 24	Annual Building Corporation Meeting
January 27	Formal Installation of Officers
February 3	Units & Clubs Seminar
February 15-18	GLSA – Toledo, OH
February 18	Daughters of the Nile Ceremonial
February 19	Membership Dinner
February 25	Tebala Mini-Bikes Chili Cook-Off & Winter Golf

Remember to phone in for reservations!

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Next **Tebala Gram** Deadline:
January 17, 2007

Photos From Tebala Kids & Mini Bikes Christmas Parties

Anybody want a Potentate for Christmas? Past Potentate Tom Runge, Past Potentate Jim Leason, Past Potentate Roger Anderson, Past Potentate Richard Bowers, Potentate Leon Larsen, and Past Potentate Ron Obara all enjoying the Mini-Bikes 2006 Christmas Party.



The children all wait for the arrival of Santa Claus.



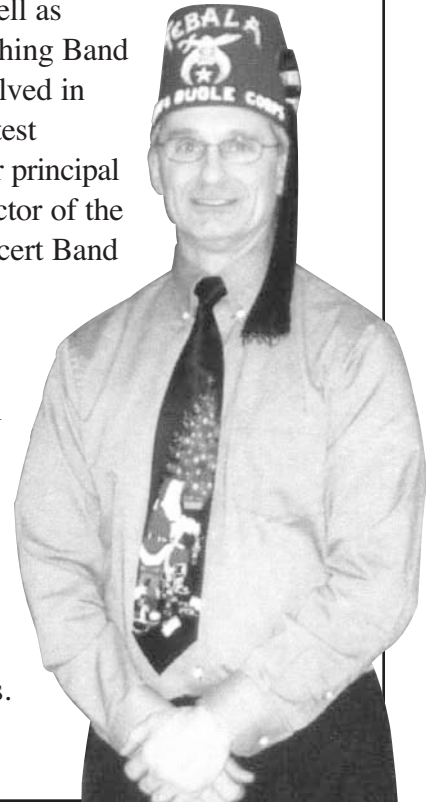
Jenna Koroll talks to Santa Claus.

Meet Your New Oriental Guide

Martin McDaniel grew up in Indianapolis, Indiana, and attended Arsenal Technical High School from which he graduated in 1971. He earned his Bachelor of Science in Music Education degree from the University of Indianapolis in 1975 and then in 1986 received his Master of Secondary Education degree from Northern Illinois University. In addition to those degrees, Mr. McDaniel has done extensive studies at Vandercook School of Music in Chicago, Illinois, completing some 30 hours of work in Jazz Studies, Music Computer Technology, Instrument Repair, and Symposiums with Master Conductors, Performers, and Composers.

Mr. McDaniel has served as the Assistant Commissioner, Judge Coordinator and an adjudicator for the Drum Corps Midwest Judges Guild, and is currently an active adjudicator for the Drum Corps International

Judges Association as well as doing Independent Marching Band Adjudication. He is involved in Solo and Ensemble Contest Judging and is the former principal trumpet and current director of the Kishwaukee Valley Concert Band from Rockford, Illinois, as well as playing in the Rockford Wind Ensemble. Mr. McDaniel remains an active performer on the trumpet and is a past nominee of the "Those Who Excel" and Golden Apple Award from the Rockford Public Schools.



Units & Clubs Yearly Meeting

February 3, 2007

To: Directors, Presidents, Vice Presidents, Secretaries and designated representatives.

The meeting will begin at 8:30 a.m. There will be a breakfast from 7:00 to 8:00 a.m. before the meeting. Reservations are required if you plan on attending the meeting and having breakfast. For breakfast reservations, you must call Denise at (815) 332-2010 before January 31, 2007.

Thank you in advance,

*Joe Blanchard
2007 Chief Aide*

Clubs & Units: Are You Out There?

A letter was sent to all 31 clubs and units in November requesting updated information on the officers and events to be held in 2007, and how they were going to help Tebala in 2007 with special functions.

Out of 31, all but six replied. For those clubs and units that replied, thank you. Here are the ones that didn't reply:

- Arabic Patrol
- Honda Patrol
- Parade Staff
- Ritualistic Divan
- DeKalb Shrine Club
- Rockford Shrine Club

This update request was sent out at my cost and time, with self-addressed and stamped returned envelopes. **Any** club or unit listed is asked to send the informa-

tion now, so the office can update the records, and the information printed in the Tebala will be correct.

Print officers' names, phone numbers, dates of club's/unit's special events and what monthly meeting/event at Tebala your unit/club would like to host.

You may send the information to the Tebala office to my attention or Denise's attention.

Note! 2006 information will be printed in Tebala and the pocket calendar if updated information isn't received prior to the printing deadline.

Thank you for your assistance in updating our records.

Joe Blanchard
2007 Chief Aide

Tebala Shrine Temple Annual Meeting

All Nobles must have a 2007 Dues Card!

You are hereby notified that the Annual Meeting of Tebala Temple will be held at 7910 Newburg Road, Rockford, IL, on Wednesday, January 24, 2007, at 7:30 p.m., at which time the annual reports of officers will be presented. **Your 2007 dues card is necessary for admission.** The Finance Committee will

elect Nobles for a term of two years. Representatives to the Imperial Council will also be elected.

Leon Larsen, Potentate
Thomas L. Runge, P.P., Recorder

Tebala Shrine Building Corporation Annual Meeting

All Nobles must have a 2007 Dues Card!

You are hereby notified that the Annual Meeting of the membership of Tebala Shrine Building Corporation will be held at 7910 Newburg Road, Rockford, IL, on Wednesday, January 24, 2007, at 7:30 p.m., at which time the annual reports of the

Tebala Shrine Building Corporation will be presented.

Leon Larsen, Potentate
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Chaplain's Call

Christmas...A Celebration of Love

There is no story more loved than the story of Christmas.

Perhaps you've heard the story that has circulated on the Internet about a family who went to a restaurant one evening and encountered a very awkward circumstance. It's so beautiful. Let me share it with you:

"We were the only family with children in the restaurant. I sat my infant son, Erik, in a high chair and noticed everyone was quietly eating and talking.

"Suddenly, Erik squealed with glee and said, 'Hi, there.' He pounded his fat baby hands on the high chair tray. His eyes were wide with excitement and his mouth was bared in a toothless grin. He wriggled and giggled with merriment. I looked around and saw the source of his merriment. It was a man with a tattered rag of a coat: dirty, greasy and worn. His pants were baggy with a zipper at half-mast and his toes poked out of would-be shoes. His shirt was dirty and his hair was uncombed and unwashed. His whiskers were too short to be called a beard and his nose was so varicose it looked like a road map.

"We were too far from him to smell, but I was sure he smelled. His hands waved and flapped on loose wrists. 'Hi there, baby; hi there, big boy. I see ya, buster,' the man said to little Erik. My husband and I exchanged looks, 'What do we do?' Erik continued to laugh and answer, 'Hi, hi there.'

"Everyone in the restaurant noticed and looked at us and then at the man. The old geezer was creating a nuisance with my beautiful baby. Our meal came and the man began shouting from across the room, 'Do ya know patty cake? Do you know peek-a-boo? Hey, look, he knows peek-a-boo.' Nobody thought the old man was cute. He was obviously drunk. My husband and I were embarrassed.

"We ate in silence; all except for Erik, who was running through his repertoire for the admiring skid row bum, who in turn, reciprocated with his cute comments. We finally got through the meal and headed for the door. My husband went to pay the check and told me to meet him in the parking lot. The old man sat poised between the door and me. 'Lord, just let me out of here before he speaks to me or Erik,' I prayed. As I drew closer to the man, I turned my

back trying to shield Erik, but Erik leaned over my arm, reaching with both arms in a baby's 'pick-me-up' position.

"Before I could stop him, Erik had propelled himself from my arms to the man's. Suddenly, a very old smelly man and a very young baby consummated their love relationship. Erik, in an act of total trust, love and submission laid his tiny head upon the man's ragged shoulder. The man's eyes closed, and I saw tears hover beneath his lashes. His aged hands full of grime, pain, and hard labor—gently, so gently, cradled my baby's bottom and stroked his back. No two beings have ever loved so deeply for so short a time. I stood awestruck. The old man rocked and cradled Erik in his arms for a moment, and then his eyes opened and set squarely on mine. He said in a firm commanding voice, 'You take care of this baby.'

"Somehow I managed, 'I will,' from a throat that contained a stone. He pried Erik from his chest—unwillingly, longing, as though he were in pain. I received my baby, and the man said, 'God bless you, ma'am, you've given me my Christmas gift.' I said nothing more than a muttered thanks. With Erik in my arms, I ran for the car.

"My husband was wondering why I was crying and holding Erik so tightly, and why I was saying, 'My God, my God, forgive me.' I had just witnessed complete and unconditional love shown through the innocence of a tiny child who saw no sin, who made no judgment; a child who saw a soul, and a mother who saw a suit of clothes. I was a Christian who was blind; holding a child who was not. I felt it was God asking—'Are you willing to share your son for a moment?'—when He shared His for all eternity. The ragged old man, unwittingly, had reminded me, 'To enter the Kingdom of Heaven, we must become as little children.'

"A God who humbled Himself, a young couple who clung to one another, a motley group of lowly shepherds. All this, and more. Angels who sang in the heavens, wise men who followed a star, and the humble babe lying in a manger from which animals normally ate. What more could we ask from a story? Not a thing. And it reminds us, in the shallowness of the materialism and glitter of our times, of those things that really matter. God, family, our responsibility for others. Christmas. Can any word be more beautiful than that one? Christmas, a celebration of love."

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- Osteogenesis Imperfecta (Brittle Bone Disease)
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- Residuals of Polio
- Dwarfism
- Juvenile Arthritis
- Spinal trauma
- Spinal cord injuries
- Other congenital anomalies: missing limbs, clubfeet, webbed hands and feet, etc.
- Limb deficiencies and growth problems



Tebala Shrine Temple

Saturday, March 3

12 pm-3 pm

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August 15, 2007

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Brian Alexander. (815) 393-4724

Tebala Family Picnic

Fred Marsh (815) 895-6579

Gary Palmer (815) 547-6002

Roger Palmer (815) 754-6445

July 22, 2007

Tebala "Temple of Terror"

Mark Torrance (815) 871-6226

October 14, 19-21, 26-31

Vidalia Onions

Paul Thorne (630) 365-6217

Bill Fisher, P.P. (815) 519-6240

Arabic Patrol

Charles E. Beard (815) 734-4887

Chanters

Ronald Pauly (815) 398-4548

Director's Staff

Greg Stanbury (815) 964-3869

Guards

Peter J. Holm (815) 389-1246

Meeting third Tuesday at Temple,

7:00 p.m.

Honda Patrol

Charles E. Beard (815) 734-4887

Horse Patrol

Robert Heath, DDS . . (815) 399-7117

Klowns

Dan Hartman (815) 946-2000

Meeting first Tuesday at Temple, 7:30

p.m.

Upcoming events – Parade Season

Marshal Aides

Larry Whitsel (815) 332-5760

Mini-Bikes

Arthur Swanson (815) 547-1064

Meeting first Wednesday of the month

at Zamador Club, Richmond, IL,

7:00 p.m.

Motor Patrol

Mike Hoeth (847) 223-1824

Parade Staff

Ronald Lanquist. (815) 397-0656

Ritualistic Divan

Loren E. Gambrel . . . (815) 335-2413

Air Squadron

Barry Kasmar (815) 623-8128

Meeting fourth Wednesday each

month. Call for location

Batavia Shrine Club

Bob Armstrong (815) 459-3898

Meeting fourth Wednesday

Big Wheels

Bill Owens . . . billo62@sbcglobal.net

Dekalb Country S.C.

Rob Collin (815) 758-6353

Dixon Shrine Club

John Red. (815) 288-0250

Dressers

Walter Lockhart (630) 892-2251

Meeting fourth Tuesday at Temple at

7:30 p.m.

Freeport Shrine Club

Dennis Meyers (815) 563-4837

Freeport T-Ten Parade Club

Dean White (815) 232-1194

Jo-Carroll S.C.

Walt Steffes (815) 947-3624

Meeting second Wednesday of the

month; call for location.

Legion of Honor

Glenn Klebsdel (815) 389-2426

Loves Park S.C.

Glenn Klebsdel (815) 389-2426

Meeting third Thursday,

April–November

McHenry County S.C.

Roland Wood (815) 385-9172

Mendota Shrine Club

Robert Fitch (815) 539-7520

Ogle County S.C.

Bertil Person, Jr. (815) 645-8395

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2007 Formal Installation of Officers

Saturday, January 27th, 2007

*Cocktails at 5:00 p.m.
Introductions at 6:00 p.m.,
Steak & Shrimp dinner to follow
Fezzing at 7:15 p.m.
Dancing to "The Music Man"
will follow the Fezzing*

*Reservations required by January 20th, 2007
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Loves Park Shrine Club News

A New Year... Let's resolve to "Just Do It" this year. This resolve is for everybody. Each member of the Divan, each Club or Unit, each Director and each Committee, Treasurer and Recorder... **Just do it!** Do what? Submit information, reports, photographs, announcements, invitations, etc., for publication in the *Tebala Gram*. **Communicate before it's too late!**

Here's the first invitation...Join the Loves Park Shrine Club. We meet monthly (except December thru March). We do our best to have a good time raising dollars for the children. Our dues are nominal; \$10.15 per year. How do you join? Send a check to the Loves Park Shrine Club at the address listed below. Please include your and your Lady's birthdays and anniversary (month and date is all that is necessary), name, address and phone number. The first item you'll receive is a **Walking Tall** decal suitable for display on your automobile window. Monthly meeting reminders are sent to the address you provide. We have some special nights for our Ladies. **Just do it now!**

Over the holiday,s my Lady and I saw a few people we hadn't seen for a long time: Noble Walter "Doc" Fink and his Lady Lorraine. They enjoy reading this column. They both look fit as a fiddle and ready to play. We had a chance to reminisce for quite a few minutes. We both remembered things that happened in the '70s pretty much the same way. I found that Lorraine has a birthday in March and their anniversary is in April, so "Doc", you'd better start planning. Those dates will be here sooner than you think.

Noble Jim White told me he made it all the way through the December issue of the *Tebala Gram* without falling asleep.

Many of you remember the late Lee Cleaveland (Clubber, cook, card player, ZEM ZEM, etc.) His Lady Pauline has recently undergone some serious surgery. Please keep her in your thoughts and prayers.

We spent some time with Lady Lucille Greenlee... You all remember Art...He was an avid supporter of the Loves Park Shrine Club. It was her 90th birthday and I gave her a pinch to grow an inch. She really enjoyed all the visitors. Lue was a dedicated sewer in the Nile. Eyesight isn't good enough to do that anymore.

I want to express thanks to and wish Julia and Heather at U.S. Bank the Happiest New Year ever. Their support and encouragement is greatly appreciated.

Before we get to Birthdays and Anniversaries here's a little post-Christmas trivia:

- Percentage of shopping mall Santas who say they have their beards pulled at least once a day: **90%**
- Minimum number of checkpoints Mary and Joseph would face today on their journey from Nazareth to Bethlehem: **10**

Somewhere in this issue is a photo of the officers for 2007. Let's give them your well-deserved support.

Birthdays and Anniversaries for January

Noble's birthday: Dan Hogan on the 9th. **Ladies' birthdays:** Sally Blassingham on the 4th and Helen Landin on the 25th.

Anniversaries: None, according to the info on file. C'mon, Nobles, we can't remind or congratulate you if we don't know about it. Remember, the more birthdays you have the longer you'll live.

Something for Everyone Time

The March of Dimes was organized on January 3, 1938. Ben Franklin was born on January 17, 1706.

Lake Erie was frozen from bank to bank on January 19, 1977.

A moving picture of a solar eclipse was taken from a dirigible on January 24, 1925.

If you were born in January your birthstone is **garnet** for constancy and your flower is **carnation** for friendship.

If you are a **Capricorn** or **Aquarius**, this is a good time to start an exercise routine.

Miscellaneous

- A luxury automatically becomes a necessity where you find you can charge it.
- Learn from other people's mistakes. It's a big time saver.

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Loves Park Shrine Club News

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- Things that can be postponed usually are.
- The high cost of health care is enough to make you sick.
- The Impossible: What nobody can do until somebody does.
- One reason computers can do more work faster than humans is that computers don't have to answer the phone.
- Smile at people a lot. It takes 72 muscles to frown and only four to smile.
- When asked when he was going to retire, Thomas Edison said he'd retire on the day before his funeral.

Brain Teaser Time

A black dog stands in the middle of an intersection in a town painted black. None of the streetlights are working due to a power failure caused by a local storm. A car with two broken headlights drives towards the dog but turns in time to avoid hitting him. How could the driver have seen the dog in time?

Keep reading for the answer.

Thoughts for the Month

- January fog means a wet spring.
- Genius is talent provided with ideas.
- To question a wise man is the beginning of wisdom.
- The used key is always bright.

Thoughts for the Year

For 2007, do your best to:

- Greet everyone with a cheery hello and a warm, friendly smile. Make them feel special!
- Give more of your time helping others. Volunteer your skills to those in need.
- Look for the good in people and discover the good in yourself.
- Take risks, be strong, worry less.
- Learn from the past and let it guide you into the future.

Trivia Time...“What’s in a Name?”

- What county was named after a frontier lawyer from Kentucky who was killed in the Battle of Tippecanoe?

- What city was named after a Rockford industrialist?
- What city has a name that means “beautiful to view?”
- What county was named after a famous pioneer hunter with a funny cap?

Keep reading for answers.

Kids and Grandkids Time

Q) What did the calendar maker name his three daughters?
A) April, May and June!

Q) What do you call baby raindrops?
A) Driplets!

Q) Why did the computer sneeze?
A) It had a virus!

Q) Why are soldiers so tired on April 1st?
A) Because they just finished a 31 day March!

Q) What do snowmen eat for breakfast?
A) Frosted Flakes!

Q) What do you call a cow in an earthquake?
A) A milk shake!

Mom: “How did you do on your history test?”

Son: “Not too well!”

Mom: “Why?”

Son: “Because they asked me about things that happened before I was born!”

Answers to “What’s in a Name”

- **Jo Daviess County, IL.** The county was named after Joseph Hamilton Daviess, a frontier lawyer from Kentucky who was killed in the Battle of Tippecanoe.
- **Loves Park, IL.** The city was named after Malcolm Love, a Rockford industrialist who in 1901 purchased a large tract of land along the Rock River three miles north of Rockford. The property served as a gathering place for social events and eventually became known as Loves Park.
- **Belvidere, IL.** When a man names Mr. Whitney first arrived on the banks of the Kishwaukee River in 1835, he was so taken by the lovely landscape that he named the place “Elysian Fields”. Later, a Mr. Peck arrived

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January 2007

Monthly Planner

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 New Year's Day	2 Klowns Drum & Bugle Divan Meeting	3 Mini-Bikes Horse Patrol Daughters of the Nile	4 Motor Patrol	5 Rockford Hi-12 Club	6
7 Tebala Memorial Service	8	9 Parade Staff Directors Staff Arabic Patrol	10 Ogle County Shrine Club	11	12 Rockford Hi-12 Club	13
14	15	16 Mendota S.C. Guards	17 Legion of Honor	18 McHenry County Shrine Club	19 Rockford Hi-12 Club	20
21	22 Past Masters Club	23 Hopital Board Meeting Dressers Club	24 Freeport S.C. Air Squadron Temple Meeting (SH&L) Hosted by: Batavia In Charge: Bob A.	25 Dixon S.C.	26 Rockford Hi-12 Club	27 Installation of 2007 Offi- cers In Charge: Joe B
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Monthly Planner

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4	5	6 Rockford Shrine Club Klowns Drum & Bugle Corps Divan Meeting	7 Mini-Bikes Horse Patrol Daughters of the Nile	8	9 Rockford Hi-Twelve Club	10	
				G.L.S.A.			
11	12	13 Parade Staff Directors Staff Arabic Patrol	14	15 McHenry County Shrine Club	16 Rockford Hi-Twelve Club	17	
G.L.S.A.		18 Daughters of the Nile Ceremonial	19 Membership Dinner	20 Mendota Shrine Club Haunted House Meeting	21 Temple Meeting (SH&L) Hosted by: In Charge:	22 Dixon Shrine Club	
23 Rockford Hi-Twelve Club	24	25	26 Past Masters Club	27 Hospital Board Meeting Dressers Club	28 Freeport Shrine Club Air Squadron		

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and the name was changed to Belvidere, which means “beautiful to view.”

- **Boone County, IL**, was named for Daniel Boone, the famed pioneer hunter, pathfinder and coonskin cap wearer, in 1837.

Laugh a Little Time

Leon: “Bruce, what did you do when Roger called you a liar?”

Bruce: “I remembered what you told me, ‘A soft answer turns away anger.’ ”

Leon: “Very good. What answer did you give him?”

Bruce: “I answered him with a soft tomato.”

A man in a supermarket was pushing a cart that contained, among other things, a screaming baby. As the man proceeded along the aisles, he kept repeating softly, “Keep calm, Bruce. Don’t get excited, Bruce. Don’t yell, Bruce.” A lady watched with admiration and then said, “You are certainly to be commended for your patience in trying to quiet little Bruce.” “Lady,” he declared, “I’m Bruce.”

Bruce: “Scientists claim that the average person speaks 10,000 words a day.”

Leon: “If that’s so, you are far above average.”

Leon was out shopping in the mall when he met his friend Bruce outside the jewelers. Leon noticed that Bruce had a small gift wrapped in his hand. “So what have you just purchased?” Leon asks. “Well, now that you asked,” replied Bruce, “it’s my Lady’s birthday tomorrow and when I asked her this morning what she wanted for her birthday she said, ‘Oh, I don’t know, dear, just give me something with a lot of diamonds in it.’ ” “So what did you get her?” asked Leon. Bruce replied smiling, “I bought her a deck of cards.”

Madge: “I’ve been asked to marry thousands of times.”

Mindy: “Really? Who asked you?”

Madge: “My mother and father.”

Leon: “Boy, did my horse run slow.”

Bruce: “Really! How slow did he run?”

Leon: “He was so slow, they timed him with a calendar.”

T-Shirts Catch-Up!

- Wanna trade sisters?
- Here I am... now what are your other two wishes?
- My parents call me “No”
- Let’s hope intelligent life exists in space. I’m so lonely here.
- I do know all the answers, but I’ve been sworn to secrecy.
- Who needs a therapist? I have my sister!
- Embarrassing my children: Just one more service I offer.
- So much to do and so many other things to distract me.
- I wish I knew then what I know now that I just forgot.
- Not perfect, but so close it scares me.
- If at first you don’t succeed, skydiving isn’t for you!
- Where are we going, and why am I in this handbasket?
- If you don’t have a Higher Power, borrow mine.
- Unstressed. Refreshed. Inspired. Retired!
- What happens with the girlfriends stays with the girlfriends.
- When I want pointless conversation, I’ll let you know.
- The garage is mine... you can have the rest of the house.
- Ts’I mahnu uterna ot twan ot geifur hings uto. “It’s human nature to want to figure things out.”

It’s almost time to **duck out**, but first a reminder — Please forward your ideas, comments, questions, complaints, atta-boys, suggestions or whatever to President Glenn A. Klebsdel at (815) 389-2426; Vice-President Bruce Sumpter at (815) 654-2049 (home) or (815) 621-6497 (mobile); Secretary Dick Croft at (815) 633-6772; or Treasurer Jim Hall at (815) 633-1784. The mailing address remains Loves Park Shrine Club, P.O. Box 2411, Loves Park, IL 61132-0411.

The answer to the **Brain Teaser** is: Luckily for the dog, it was daylight.

One final time — Happy New Year to all!

Thanks for reading the whole thing... Now it’s time to **duck out**.

Jim Hall, Scribe