



# KLOWN KLUB of MeCCA

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This month's meeting was held in the conference room in the basement of Bill "Goldie" Feingold's apartment complex at 263 West End Avenue in New York City. In attendance were Bill Feingold, Tom & Lorraine Lorentz, Martha Schuetz, Anne Raphael, Ted Jacobsen, Gil Ferrer, myself and our Potentate III. Sanford Gottesmann. Avery "Nium", Eva "Loney Baloney" and Emiya "Ming Ming" Toledo arrived later and in full costume. They looked great!! (See the Toledo Klowns on page 2.)

Bill talked about charging for performances at Christmas parties, Fire Department functions, etc. and the money would go to the KlowN Klub of Mecca for expenses and to donate to the Shriner's Hospitals for Children. Red Sneaker donations are for the Red Sneaker Fund only and must go to the Shriner's Hospitals.



Several Klowns have already performed at two Shriner's Hospitals awareness events in conjunction with the Masonic Safety ID Program. The first was on June 7th where Tom, Lorraine and Dawn arrived in their clown costumes and entertained the crowds at the quadricentennial celebration honoring Henry Hudson at the Haverstraw Marina. The second was at the Congers Fire Department carnival on June 27th and Tom, Lorraine and Bob, in costume, entertained the children and their parents and I, also in costume, worked on a Child ID computer. We received Red Sneaker donations with a combined total of \$147.07 from both events. Ted made a motion that we send the money ASAP. Martha, as the Treasurer, is responsible for keeping the record of the money and is sending a check to the Red Sneaker Fund.

Top photo, back row, l-r: Uncle Dippy, Laurie Lou and Blaze; front row: Murry Cohen and Sloppo. Bottom photo, l-r: Uncle Dippy, Laurie Lou, Sloppo and Blaze.

It is very important that we get more of our Klowns involved in these functions. The Klowns help to attract kids and their parents over to the Shriner booth and thereby they become aware of the Masonic Safety ID Program and thus have their children's information recorded on a CD which the parents take with them. It is the only copy since the computer automatically erases the info. We are urging all Klowns to have a costume and their makeup ready by October 25th.

**"Having Fun  
Helping Kids!"**





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Bill went on to discuss the importance of developing skits, jokes, etc. so as to better entertain. We also need to get flyers out to parade organizations to march in parades. The first year we march for free and, after that, for donations. He also said that we should watch comedians tell jokes and watch Buster Keaton type skits to learn how to do them. We make people laugh by building up suspense and by shocking them. I also copied riddles which might be of help in developing skits. If anyone is interested, I can supply them to you.

Bill also said that we should be ourselves, don't be ashamed of our actions, show emotion and active movements. He said to practice, practice and practice. Practice magic and balloons in front of a mirror.

He said that the hobo clown is always the brunt of the jokes and also gave us some skits to work on, such as:

**FISHING:** A hobo clown casts a make-believe line. Another clown, hiding (voice over) says, "There are no fish there!" The clown throws the line in again. The voice repeats, "I said, there are no fish there!" The clown asks, "God?" The voice replies, "No, this is the manager of the ice rink."

**WRIST WATCH:** A whiteface clown is looking at the floor as if searching for something. An auguste clown comes along and asks, "What are you looking for?" The whiteface clown says, "I lost my wrist watch." The auguste clown inquires, "Where did you loss it?" The whiteface clown, pointing away from them, responds, "Over there!" The auguste clown then asks, "Then why are you looking for it over here? To which, the whiteface clown says, "The light is better over here."



Sincerely,  
Rolf C. "Sloppo"  
Schuetz, Sr.  
Secretary

The Toledo family of clowns,  
l-r: Emiya "Ming Ming", Eva "Loney  
Baloney" and Avery "Nium".

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

**Saturday, August 8th** – Kismet Klowns will attend and entertain at a picnic in Montrose in conjunction with the Harry S Truman Lodge – \$40.00 per family, rain or shine. Kolping-On-Hudson, 95 Montrose Point Road, Montrose, NY 10548, 914-737-9547. If you need more information, call Tom at 365-0238 and RSVP by August 1st so that we can get a head count. Also, if you want to help the Kismet Klowns as clowns from Mecca Shrine, they would probably welcome the idea.

**Saturday, August 22nd** – A pool party at the Lorentz house, 14 Green Hedges Lane, Blauvelt, NY at 2:30 pm – \$10.00 per person. Rain date: August 23rd. Kismet and other clowns are also welcome. Again, we need a head count, so please RSVP Tom at 845-365-0238 by August 8th. Please send the money by that date also.

**Wednesday thru Sunday, September 9th – 13th** – MASA 2009 in Virginia Beach, VA at the Holiday Inn Sunspree, 3900 Atlantic Ave., Virginia Beach, VA 23462, 757-428-1711. Please Contact John McAloon at 914-441-3239 to secure a reservation and send a deposit of \$120.00 to the attention of Marty Kanter at Mecca Temple, 71 West 23rd St., Suite 915, New York, NY 10010.

**Sunday, September 20th** – LULU Temple has invited the Klown Klub of Mecca to Philadelphia, PA to help teach us clowning (details will be supplied at a future date).

**Weekend of January 16th and 17th** – Clown College in Plymouth, MA (details will be supplied at a future date).

**SAVE THE DATE**

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