



KLOWN KLUB of Mecca

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Once again we had our meeting at the Lorentz house thanks to our gracious hosts Tom and Lorraine. In attendance were Tom & Lorraine Lorentz, Martha Schuetz, Ralph Edwards, Jeremy Cohen, III. Sanford Gottesmann, Mel Birnbaum, Anne Raphael, Bill Feingold, myself and our newest member Joel Ginn.

The first thing on the agenda was to set up a By-laws Committee to draw up the by-laws for the KlowN Klub of Mecca. Volunteers for the committee consists of Rolf (chairman), Jeremy, Ralph, and Bill. We will be evaluating the by-laws from Kena Klowns, sent to me by Ted Jacobsen, and altering them to suit our club.

Bill talked about the best ways to put on makeup and about the need to learn how to be clowns by learning balloons, skits, jokes, etc. so as to better entertain. We are looking toward entertaining the children at the Shriner's Hospitals for Children. We will also entertain the clients at Camp Venture, ARC and the veterans at VA Hospitals. Another area would be for our klowns to draw crowds



and entertain them at Masonic Safety ID Program events by their presence there. This will also allow us to get donations towards the Children's Hospitals. On June 7th, Tom, Lorraine and Dawn entertained the crowds at the Henry Hudson quadri-centennial in the West Haverstraw Marina. They received donations totaling \$87.07. The 7¢ was donated by a six year old girl who said she wanted to help the children. I was there to help with the ID Program but was not in costume.

l-r: Daisy Mae, Laurie Lou, Uncle Dippy and Sloppo

Regarding expenses: Martha stated that we now have \$340.00 in our account, of which we can draw from towards expenses. We can't deduct any money from any donations at Red Sneaker events. We might be able to hold events at insurance companies, fire departments and banks at their company picnics and parties including Christmas and New Year's with which we can ask for fees to entertain which would go into the KlowN Klub treasury towards expenses or to the Shriner's hospitals at our discretion. Shriner clowns **cannot** go to private and separate parties for personal profit.

We started to discuss gigs and setting up a committee and Ralph suggested that we are "putting the cart before the horse." Most of our clowns are not ready yet and Tom has asked us to move as quickly as possible so that we can be ready soon.

**"Having Fun
Helping Kids!"**





Our primary goals as Shriner clowns are:

1. clowning for kids in Shriner's Hospitals for Children;
2. representing the Mecca temple; and
3. Klown Klub of Mecca needs to survive.

Upcoming Events:

Monday, June 22nd – 6:30am to 9:00am we will gather at CBS at Fifth Avenue and 59th Street at the “**Early Show**” to talk about the Shriners, Shriner's Hospitals and our service to America. We need Shriners to participate and bring Shriners, family and friends with us. Tom, Jeremy and I will be there in our clown costumes.

Sunday, July 19th – Next meeting of the Klown Klub will be important and will be held at Bill “Goldie” Feingold's apartment about 11:00am at 263 West End Avenue in New York City, Apt. 8D, or, we might meet in the basement rec room (check with Bill, 212-496-5316). We need a head count so please call either Tom at 845-365-0238 or me at 845-359-8974.

Note from Tom:

Very important! The time is close at hand. We should be just about ready and have our made-up faces and costumes all set to go as soon as possible. Please come to the meeting as clowns or bring some pictures of yourself as a clown. If you can't make the meeting, mail us the pictures. Having some problems? Please call me at 845-365-0238 and I'll be happy to help you or find a member that can.

Yours in fun,
Tom “Uncle Dippy” Lorentz
President

Saturday, July 25th – Philadelphia Shriner's Hospital – “**Christmas in July,**” 9:00am until ??? – Motorhead parade – field day with BBQ – If you wish, the clowns will stay overnight at a motel on Friday, July 24th. More information will follow. We need a head count please RSVP either Tom at 845-365-0238 or me at 845-359-8974 by July 17th.

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, New York 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, they would probably welcome the idea.

Saturday, August 22nd – pool party at the Lorentz house, 14 Green Hedges Lane, Blauvelt, New York – \$10.00 per person. Kismet and other clowns are also welcome. Again, we need a head count so please RSVP either Tom at 845-365-0238 or me at 845-359-8974 by August 15th.

Sincerely,
Rolf C. “Sloppo” Schuetz, Sr.
Secretary

