

Two Nobles from Different Shrines Team-up to Buy New DXA Scanner



They didn't know they were teaming up for this project, but here they are, together, to the benefit of our kids. Bill Condon, Tebala Shrine (left, with Mark Niederpruem), and Keith Tuttle, Zenobia Shrine (right, with Bill Kuehn), have made major contributions permitting SHC - Chicago to purchase a DXA Hologic Horizon Scanner for our Radiology Department.



Noble Bill is our Donor Development Director for Tebala Shrine. Noble Keith, Past Potentate, teamed with friends and business associates in his

major gift. Both made significant contributions designated for capital needs, including the scanner.

The Horizon DXA scanner (photo below), a \$95,000 system, features the latest innovations in bone density



technology, and helps clinicians assess bone health and body composition. DXA scans are done primarily with OI, SCI, and spina bifida patient populations. The scanner is used also with patients participating in Shriner's clinical studies. The scanner replaces a now-obsolete 2002 model.

We are grateful to these two most generous Shriners, who have teamed with us to provide this urgently needed, most advanced equipment to care for and treat our patients.

A Great Medinah Clown, 'Hot Dog,' Dances into Eternity . . .

Medinah Noble Bill Palmer, known for 30 years at SHC - Chicago as the clown "Hot Dog," is making them laugh within the Pearly Gates. Hot Dog, 83, passed quietly in his sleep on August 4, 2016.

In 2005, I sat with Hot Dog in the Lobby as he awaited his performance time. "You know," he confessed that day, "when I wake up in the mornings, I can hardly get out of bed because of my arthritis. Sometimes," he added, holding up his right hand, "I can hardly make my hand paint my face because my fingers hurt so bad. But then I think of the kids, and I gotta do it. When I leave this place after I've performed, I feel like I'm 18



years old!" In the lyrical photo right, Hot Dog jitterbugs with a hospital guest at the 2005 Halloween Party in Ballreich Activity Mall. On St. Patrick's Day, he always became "Shaunessie O'Hot Dog" (photo left, with Darlene Kelly), and delighted children and parents with all sorts of Irish gags and gifts.



Remarkably, Noble Bill performed, in spite of constant pain and increasing anxiety, through 2015, making his regular Wednesday appearances with his beloved Medinah Clown Unit--always for the kids. And then he could do it no longer. On

August 4, he danced, smiling, into eternity. We shall all miss his joyous spirit greatly!

