

## Mark Niederpruem of SHC – Springfield Is New Chicago Administrator



An 18-year veteran of SHC work—calling himself “well-Shrinerized”—Mark Niederpruem has moved from the Administrator position at SHC – Springfield, MA, to the Administrator position at SHC – Chicago. “I know and accept the many challenges facing our hospitals,” he said, “and I am pleased to be here in Chicago and excited to be the new Administrator of this fine hospital.” He and Christine, his wife of 29 years, a school nurse, have moved to Chicago. This is a homecoming for Christine, for she was born in Arlington Heights, IL. The Niederpruems have three grown children, a son in Austin, TX, a daughter in Los Angeles, and another son in Boston. Mark has a brother in Burr Ridge, IL, and other relatives living in and around Chicago. “I will be accessible and open,” he told the staff, “and I’m here for the duration! The greatest challenge facing the Chicago hospital is increasing our patient base, as soon and as fully as possible.” We are delighted to have new leadership here at the hospital and are so pleased that a person of Mark’s experience and generous gifts will be at the helm of this hospital, which is one of the finest pediatric specialty hospitals in America.

## Arlington Heights Lodge #1162 Makes Major Gift to SHC – Chicago

Under the inspired leadership of *Medinah* Noble Pat Moore, past director of *Medinah* hospital ushers, his home Masonic Lodge, Arlington Heights #1162, has given an unrestricted gift of \$90,000 to SHC – Chicago. The gift, part of a \$250,000 distribution from the Lodge’s treasury to eight organizations, was presented to the Board of Governors at the January 17 meeting. Arlington Heights Lodge is consolidating with Monitor-Lounsbury Lodge # 522, and the charitable gifts represent the efforts of the members of the lodge over the years. We are deeply grateful for Noble Pat’s long-standing commitment to children and his devotion to this hospital. We thank his fellow Masonic Lodge members, who have enriched so beautifully the lives of so many children who are cared for in very special ways through this hospital. In the photo right, Noble Pat presents the Lodge’s check to our new Hospital Administrator, Mark Niederpruem (I), and to our new Board Chairman, William Kuehn.



## Medinah Noble Leaves Gift to Children and SHC – Chicago

When John Henry Weitendorf, Sr. died, at the age of 89 in November 2011, he had just celebrated his 50<sup>th</sup> year as a *Medinah* Noble. While he was not active in the Shrine, he was a long-time and faithful member of the Joliet Shrine Club, to whom he donated a generous gift at his passing. His friends and fellow Nobles in Joliet knew of Noble John’s keen interest in children and his devotion to SHC – Chicago, and they determined to give \$1,250 to our hospital from his gift to them. In addition, a portion of Noble John’s bequest was given to *Medinah*’s Transportation Fund. Our Brother will be remembered in the Gold Book, and in the hearts of his Shrine brethren in Joliet. We thank them and salute their generosity to our hospital and to children.