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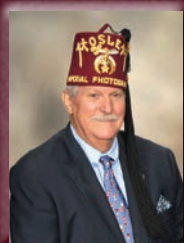
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people are the givers,  
not the takers.





## MESSAGE FROM OUR POTENTATE

I hope this article finds you and your families well. After a rough start to the year, Mighty Moslem is making a strong run at a good finish. After a good virtual Sportsman's Raffle in June, Circus Chairman Craig Stigleman, PP and his team drove home our best Michigan State Fair/Circus ever over Labor Day weekend! Plus, every social event to date has been well attended and in the black.

Last month's Oktoberfest was a big success. A nice crowd, good food, music and friends made for a great evening. Zigga Zagg, Zigga Zagga, Hoi, Hoi, Hoi. At the time of writing this article, the Fall Ceremonial was scheduled for the 30<sup>th</sup>. The second section of the ceremonial has been shortened significantly after the latest directive issued by Imperial Potentate Bill Bailey to put an end to certain performances during that section nationwide. We will need to adjust the section going forward. We were unable to find a suitable permanent location to replace our shrine center so, it looks like we will be moving out of our Southfield location and into a temporary location soon. At this point, we are looking at office and storage space. It's time for the units to starting the final cleaning and packing of their rooms.

October is in the books and the holidays as well as the end of the year are quickly approaching. First Lady Di and her team are busy planning the Sparkle and Shine All Units Holiday Party. The event will be held on Saturday, December 4<sup>th</sup> at the always popular Penna's of Sterling Heights. Check the flyer in the Moslemite for ticket information.

The December holiday circus will be a 3-ring, indoor circus and will be held at the Suburban Collection Showplace in Novi. Volunteers will be needed for all 12 shows. The Winter Sportsman's Raffle Annual Stocking Stuffer Special will commence on November 12<sup>th</sup> and run until December 10<sup>th</sup>. You will be able to buy your stocking stuffer gifts and get them just in time for Christmas.



**Mike Zelmanski  
Potentate**

## MESSAGE FROM OUR ASSISTANT RABBAN

Hello Nobles

I want to start by thanking the units, clubs and nobles that came out to the Clinton Fall festival parade, our turn out was light but all showed our Mighty Moslem pride.

The Jackson Shrine club did a fantastic job with the food, we have a possible new home for our afterglow it was at the park just west of our normal location with a pavilion with water and power.

If you didn't attend Oktoberfest you missed a great time and great food.

Keep on the look out for the veterans Parade in November no full details as of yet.

Finely I would like to ask that all nobles to support me on election of officers at the stated meeting as I will be running for Chief Rabban of Moslem Shrine for 2022.

I also will be asking for your support as I as also running for one of the seats for Imperial Representative at the imperial convention in Minneapolis Minnesota in July of 2022.

Frank (chum) Dougherty

Asst Rabban Moslem Shrine 2021



Frank Dougherty  
Assistant Rabban





## MESSAGE FROM OUR ORIENTAL GUIDE

The Great Lakes Shrine Association (GLSA) was organized in 1949 and is the 12th oldest Association of the 20 Associations in Shrinedom. This year was the 72<sup>nd</sup> Annual Fall Ceremonial Session, held September 16-19<sup>th</sup> at the Medinah Temple in Itasca Illinois. The 2021 GLSA President, Illustrious Sir Fred Martin, PP Medinah Shrine and Potentate George Stimac hosted the event and did a great job of organization. Imperial Potentate William Bailey and Imperial First Ceremonial Master Larry Leib were in attendance and shared wonderful stories and experiences. What a great time to meet our Shrine leaders.



Marty Opeth  
Oriental Guide

Medinah's Shrine Center is just a mile from our hotel Eaglewood. This Session was outstanding in every way and a big thank you to all involved. The Session gave me the great opportunity to meet other Oriental Guides from the GLSA Temples. We shared experiences and quickly became friends. I am certain we will be helping each other in the future.

Each day was packed with meetings and fun events. The business Meeting on Thursday had several guest speakers, talking about our philanthropy and our Hospital system. Friday had competitions at the Medinah Shrine Center. Our Moslem Motor Corp competed in addition to other GLSA Units such as the Horse Unit, Clowns and the Pipe Band. I especially enjoyed the Flying Carpets, Tin Lizzies and the mini '57 Chevys. As for golf, congratulations to Lady Nancy Opeth who won the Longest Drive and Closest to the Pin competition. On Saturday, we attended a fantastic parade through Elk Grove.

What a great finish to the 2021 GLSA Session!

For 2022, the GLSA elected Illustrious Sir Charles "Fergie" Ferguson, PP as President. Fergie's Lady is Bernadine. Moslem Shriners will host the Session in Ann Arbor, Michigan. Dates are September 28-October 2, 2022.

Yours in the Faith  
Martin "Marty" Opeth  
Colleen's Pub fundraiser



# MESSAGE FROM OUR RECORDER



Robert Pate PP  
Recorder

## *From the Desk of the Recorder*

As I look out the window and write this article, I can see the leaves on the trees turning colors and some are falling to the ground which means fall has arrived and it is also time for 2022 dues and some elections are required now with some later in the year.

### *2022 Dues*

2022 dues are due on or before January 1, 2022, for a Noble to be considered in good standing with his temple. Dues are coming in ahead of 2021 rate. Thank you to those Nobles who have paid their 2022 dues. Dues can be paid by check, call the Shrine office to pay with credit card or you can pay your 2022 dues online at [detroitshriners.com](http://detroitshriners.com) under the pay dues tab. You will need your member number and Shrine number which appears on your plastic due card. This method of payment was set up this last summer. If you have any questions or problems, contact the Shrine office at 248-569-2900 Ext 4.

### *Unit and Club Elections*

Per Shriners International, Units and Clubs are to hold their elections on or before the end of October. The results of those elections are to be submitted to the temple Recorder on or before the end of December. Unit and club elections are to be approved by the Potentate Elect. The temple Recorder is to provide to Shriners International on or before the end of December the results of Unit and Club elections.

### *Moslem Shriners Elections*

Monday, December 6, 2021, will be the election of officers of Moslem Shriners for the year 2022. The Stated Meeting and election of officers will be held at:

VFW Post 345, 27345 Schoolcraft Road, Redford Township, MI 48239

The gavel goes down at 7:00 PM. A 2021 dues card will be needed to enter the meeting. If you are planning on campaigning for an office, please see the Election Regulations:

### *§325.11 Elections Regulations*

- (a) **Electioneering.** A candidate for an elected office in a Shrine temple may print, publish, and circulate during the year he is seeking the elected office, a resume consisting of his Masonic and Shrine record. Except as provided in the prior sentence, the printing, publications, circulating or distribution of resolutions, letters, telegrams, tickets, email, or other devices, by a unit, club, Noble, or group of Nobles, suggesting, recommending, opposing, or containing the names of proposed candidates for office in the temple is prohibited.
- (b) **Expenditures Prohibited.** The expenditure of money for gifts, favors, or entertainment on behalf of a candidate for elected office is prohibited.
- (c) **Violation.** For any violation of (a) or (b), the Imperial Potentate may suspend any offending Noble, and he may declare the election of the officers void and order a new election.

Yours in the Faith,

Robert Pate, PP

## MESSAGE FROM OUR CHAPLAIN

Nobles all,

As we enter the upcoming holiday season, I can't help thinking about how quickly this year has gone by, and what a year it has been! From my appointed position as Moslem's Chaplin, I have been afforded a "front row seat" to the inner workings of our Board of Directors (aka; "the Divan"), and believe me, I have gained a lot of insight as well as a heightened respect for each of them.

But it all doesn't end there...what I have witnessed this past year, even taking into considerations these crazy and uncertain "pandemic" times has been amazing. When YOU, the great Nobility of Mighty Moslem are given even the slightest chance to shine, the switch doesn't just click on, the freakin' SUN comes out!! Just look at the success of this past Circus and State Fair, and you will see just what we are capable of.

YOU, the Nobility, supported and assisted by our fantastic Ladies, (who without your support we couldn't do what we do), made it all happen...and Ladies, YOU continue to make us better!

But through it all, and into the future, we realize that our destination is in the hands of our Supreme Architect, and that's some pretty good hands to be in...so keep the faith!

Going into 2022 and beyond, there promises to be a lot of changes and more challenges, but let's keep the spirit, remember in whom we put our trust and let's keep working together.

May the many blessings of our Heavenly Father be with each of you and your families, our doctors and staff in all of our hospitals, and especially the children we support.

"If it is to be, it's up to me!"

Sincerely and Fraternally

Gary Lewandowski

Chaplin – 2021

*"As iron sharpens iron, so friends sharpen friends"*



Gary Lewandowski  
Chaplain



# CHILDCARE



## **Children's Child Care / Drivers Appreciation Christmas Celebration**

Final touches are being put on the 2021 Edition of the Child Care Christmas Party; a combined Christmas Celebration with our Shrine Children and the Drivers that get the Children to their hospital visits.

The event is planned for Sunday, December 5, at the Thunderbowl Arena in Allen Park. Doing something very different this year, Thunderbowl will set up the alleys with dinosaurs to roll the ball down the alley and bumpers to make sure the ball stays on the alley. The arcade style games will be on free vend for all to enjoy. Santa and Mrs. Claus will make a special trip from the North Pole to visit with our kids.

Is there any better way to wish our Shrine Children a Merry Christmas than being with them? We will have the opportunity to see the children outside of the hospital setting and put a smile on their faces. Isn't that what the magic of Christmas is all about?

## **Beginning of Thanksgiving in America**

In 1789, following a proclamation issued by President George Washington, America celebrated its first Day of Thanksgiving to God under its new constitution. That same year, the Protestant Episcopal Church, of which President Washington was a member, announced that the first Thursday in November would become its regular day for giving thanks, "unless another day be appointed by the civil authorities." Yet, despite these early national proclamations, official Thanksgiving observances usually occurred only at the State level.

Much of the credit for the adoption of a later ANNUAL national Thanksgiving Day may be attributed to Mrs. Sarah Joseph Hale, the editor of Godey's Lady's Book. For thirty years, she promoted the idea of a national Thanksgiving Day, contacting President after President until President Abraham Lincoln responded in 1863 by setting aside the last Thursday of November as a national Day of Thanksgiving. Over the next seventy-five years, Presidents followed Lincoln's precedent, annually declaring a national Thanksgiving Day. Then, in 1941, Congress permanently established the fourth Thursday of each November as a national holiday.



# CHILDCARE Continued...

## A look at the meaning of Thanksgiving

With Thanksgiving Day just a few weeks away, I thought it might be interesting to take a close look at the meaning of thanksgiving. According to Webster's New World College Dictionary, thanksgiving is defined as the act of giving thanks. Okay, so what is thanks? According to Webster, thanks is defined as an expression of gratitude, grateful acknowledgement of something received by or done for someone. Thanks, is an expression of gratitude, not an expression of selfishness, which unfortunately, we have all gotten too accustomed of doing. You know, we live in the 'Me Society.' It's all about me, me, me. But as we draw closer and closer to the Thanksgiving holiday, I trust that we'll all take a little time and reflect on all we have to be thankful for. As the holiday fast approaches, I got to wondering how many people really understand how thankful we truly are. We are truly a blessed society. I know there are people who are less fortunate than others, but we've got it pretty good. We live in a state that is blessed by wonderful, natural resources. Take a break from the fast paced 'Me Society' and enjoy the afternoon driving through this beautiful State looking at the majestic colors of fall. Plus, we have people living among us who truly want to make a difference in our lives. We live among heroes who have given the ultimate sacrifice so that I can write this article and you can read it in the peace and quiet of your home. And finally, we need to take a close look at our own personal lives, and put everything in perspective. No, I'm not talking about how many cars we have, how much money we've made or will make, or how big a house we live in. These are materialistic items that can be taken away in the blink of an eye. I'm talking about the things that matter the most — our friends and family.

So, this Thanksgiving, as we sit down to sinfully stuff ourselves with more food than any one person deserves, let's take a few minutes and be thankful. I know I am.

Until we meet again.....

Bob O'Brien, Past Potentate 2018

Child Care Director

Shriners Children's – Ohio – Board Member



## Life-changing care transcends borders, language

Six-year-old Djatou made the journey of a lifetime, traveling from her remote village in the west African country Ivory Coast to **Shriners Children's™ Ohio** to treat burns sustained to her head, face, arm and hand. She was burned two years ago after accidentally falling into the family's cooking fire. Her eye has remained exposed since then. Thanks to the generosity of a visiting priest and an Illinois family, Djatou and her mother are now in the United States.

### *The Shriner Difference*

Djatou will get the specialized care she deserves for free, thanks to the generosity of Shriners like you. Your support makes the "Shriner Difference" in supporting her surgeries, pressure garments, face mask, physical and occupational therapy and even a translator for Djatou and her mom.



**Occupational Therapist Katrina works with Djatou on gripping with her burned hand.**

**Dr. Scott Rapp plays with Djatou before her consultation.**



**Djatou visits a local MetroPark between appointments.**



**Djatou is all smiles with Chief of Staff Dr. Petra Warner and Care Manager Lori Boerger.**

If you want to support more international patients like Djatou, contact Bethany Deines at [bdeines@shrinenet.org](mailto:bdeines@shrinenet.org) or Kari Tucker at [ktucker@shrinenet.org](mailto:ktucker@shrinenet.org)

Shriners Children's Ohio is one of only four hospitals in the country dedicated to the treatment of pediatric burns and specializing in plastic and reconstructive surgery. Our physicians' experience and expertise in pediatric burn treatment, cleft lip and palate, complex wound and skin conditions, and plastic and reconstructive surgery makes Shriners Children's Ohio a first choice for care.



# Colleen's Pub fundraiser

**Someone asked me, "Why did you throw a Fundraiser for the Shriners"? Well, I must go back over 50 years, that's when my hard-working father decided to become a Mason. My father had to quit school at a young age to take care of this mother and two sisters, so his education was cut short. Once he was sponsored to become a Mason he immediately began studying. Every morning (3:30 AM) before he went to work, I could hear him at the dining room table working so hard to memorize what he needed to know. His hard work paid off and my dad was now a Mason. It wasn't long after that he went on to become a "Shriner". That was such a proud moment for him and my mother and me. My dad passed away in 1978, it was a few years after that, I decided to throw my first Shriner Fundraiser in memory of the most dedicated Shriner I knew, my Father. In the following 12-15 years, I threw an additional 10 plus benefits.**

**So, it had been a while since the last fundraiser. Then, four years ago, my friends gave birth to a beautiful baby girl named "Gabby". She was born with a problem, and I knew if anyone could help her it would be the Shriners. I went to my friend, Jack Hanson, and told him all about Gabby. Within a week she was sponsored. I wish everyone could meet her, she lights up the room with her beautiful smile, outgoing personality, and believe me she is as smart as they come.**

**So, I guess you can say, I personally know what wonderful things the Shriners do and stand for (like the children that can't) and that is my reason for throwing the fundraiser.**

**"It was time to give back and say Thank you"!**

**Alida Ross**

**The proud daughter of "Noble John Ross"**



“I’m awful with names,  
but I never forget a fez.”



The Sparkle and Shine  
All Units Holiday Party  
will be held at Penna's

38400 Van Dyke

Sterling Heights

The cost is \$55 per person  
with an open bar.

Cocktails 6:00 PM

Dinner 7:00 PM

Questions call:  
(248) 569-2900x3

# SPARKLE AND SHINE

20 Rooms are in reserve  
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Sterling Heights

The cost is \$95 per night plus tax.  
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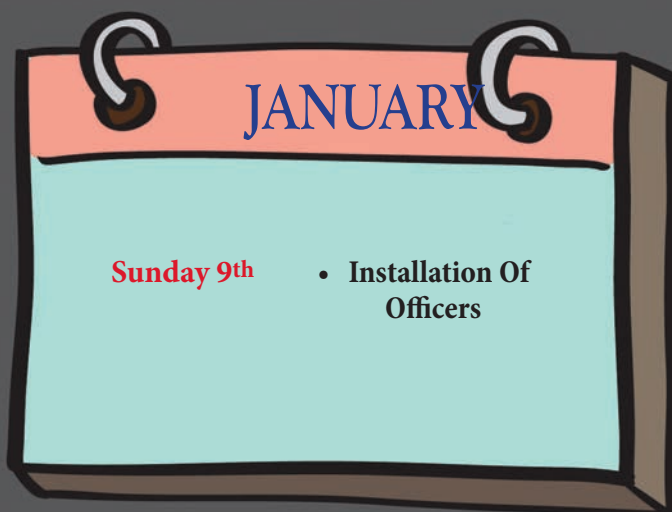
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*Holiday Party*

Saturday, December 4th  
Penna's of Sterling

leave a little  
*sparkle*  
wherever you go

## SAVE THESE DATES!

⚠ Event dates are subject to change with the uncertain Covid-19 regulations at this time.  
Our team is working diligently day and night to save these events for 2021.  
Please follow us online at [DetroitShriners.com](http://DetroitShriners.com) for additional updates.



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# A Stated Meeting for Moslem Shriners

**Attention Moslem Shriners!**

**Illustrious Sir Michael Zelmanski of Moslem Shriners**

**has called for a**

**Stated Meeting and Election of Officers.**

**To be held on Monday, December 6, 2021 at 7:00 PM.**

**The location for the Stated Meeting and Election of Officers will be**

**VFW Post #345**

**27345 Schoolcraft Road**

**Redford Charter Township, MI 48239**

**Entry to the meeting will require possession of a**

**2021 or 2022 Moslem Shriners dues card.**

**So ordered: Illustrious Sir Mike Zelmanski**

**Attested to: Robert Pate, PP, Recorder**





Dr. Dale Williams and the  
Branch County Shrine Club  
with Potentate Mike Zelmanski  
after a \$3,000 donation to  
Shriners Ohio for wigs to help  
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Must be 16 years of age to enter

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