# The Moslemite Magazine 2022 Highlights



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#### MESSAGE FROM OUR POTENTATE



## 2022 - A Perspective

The most important thing stressed in January was Moslem Shriners were going to be active and have key events to sustain us as a Temple, and it was achieved.

The Divan served up a sumptuous spaghetti dinner to the Ladies of the Shrine. These wonderful women can always be counted upon for supporting all Shrine activities. It was a fun time.

Moslem had a sold-out Shriner's Night at the LCA and the 75 attendees had a fun time! The Red Wings are up and coming.



Tim Lancaster **Potentate** 

The Winter Sportsmans Raffle is back on track and through a well-organized and dedicated Chairman, Mike Zelmanski, PP continues to bring out the best possible result with Moslem's volunteers. This event is vital to our existence and has become one of the nation's largest single day events of its kind.

Moslem is recognized throughout Shrine Centers nationally as the premier temple for which the standard is set!

The Shrine Circus was one of the most successful in years and looks to be headed in the same direction for 2023. Our volunteers and especially, our Clowns have gone beyond the call of dedication and put Moslem in the spotlight of success. Moslem lady clowns have stepped up in a big way too. The Clown trading cards have become a huge hit and now other temples are copying the idea!

Moslems Annual Summer Picnic was well attended, and the Hungry 5 prepared a feast enjoyed by over 150 participants and their families. The children really enjoyed the activities. As always, The Imperial Session in Minneapolis was a wonderful time to bond with those dedicated Shriners who work so hard to keep our activities strong. A chance to bond with allied temples and Shriners from across Shriner nation. Friendships and alliances form like that of the "Shiners!" being International allied group. Shiners are an annual part of the festivities at every Imperial Session now. Jeff Geske, PP idea has taken on a life of its own and promotes fellowship and good cheer. And to have that kind of reach is incredible!

Unit parading has been steady. The Lancers, Americans, Clowns, and Keystone Kops have led the way. The Tin Lizzy's have been assisting as well. Tin Lizzy's Shrine Club keeps active along with the Lancers participating in Winter festivals in Marshall (Branch County) and Allen Park and Taylor to name a few. This extends the season and our public persona in the forefront!

#### MESSAGE FROM OUR POTENTATE... CONTINUED

Queen Barbara Stafford, Ahmose Temple No. 63 -Daughters of the Nile who invited the Moslem Divan to be in attendance to meet and greet Supreme Queen Vickie Tabor Hill. It is incredible the national fundraising they do each year for their one and only charity, Shriners Childrens Hospitals. The DOH continues to support our Shriners locally.

The Michigan State Fair and Moslems partnership arrangement continues to thrive and prosper. Moslem and our sister temple Elf Khurafeh have been assisting our volunteer staff for the last two years. It has been a solid alliance. State Fair this year was again quite successful,

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Tim Lancaster **Potentate** 

and Moslem celebrated 10 years and is one of the original Michigan State Fair partners by helping to forge the mainstay it has become. Moslem volunteers have made this happen.

Moslem was the host temple for the Great Lakes Shrine Association which was held in Ann Arbor this year. Moslem's President was Charles Ferguson, PP. Our Ceremonial and presents were a success. Over 300 were there. The culmination of the parade capped off a fantastic showing to an Ann Arbor crown that had not experienced a Shriner presence for an exceedingly long time. We made an impact.

The All-Units party is the culmination of demanding work and dedication by the Unit Directors who help quide our membership. This festive evening is a tribute to you all for the continued work you have done to make 2022 an enormous success!

We succeed because our members succeed!

I wish Frank (Chum) and Jan Dougherty and along with your Divan the absolute best of luck for 2023. I know you will all do an outstanding job! Tim Lancaster, Potentate and Lady Sue



#### MESSAGE FROM OUR CHIEF RABBAN

Hello Nobles

We are in the middle of the Holiday season and I hope all are having a great time seeing friends and family.

As of the time of this writing our elections have not taken place or the stated meeting taking place prior to the elections of officers.

This was a very informative meeting for the nobles and lot of questions that have been asked hopefully were answered. I have had the opportunity to see similar nobles at imperial make accusing remarks about the imperial sirs, you elected the current Divan because you felt that you trusted us. Why would we change just because we are now members of the Divan ???? I have seen this happen for many years at Moslem I have spoken to my counterparts at their temples through out the country and seen it happen to the Imperial Divan we take the responsibility that you have given us and do what we think you would do.

There are members who felt things were not going accordingly and decide to not speak with the divan or let the Divan do their best to set things straight weather it be contacting the imperial or contacting our legal team to clarify what direction our actions should be.

As a result the various letters that were written to Imperial were displayed and read to all the nobles who attended the stated meeting on December 5th at no time was your current divan implicated in any wrong doing. That being said most of this year has been about accusation's about fellow nobles, Past Potes and the current Divan doing unmasonic things, again none of these action were true.

I will be honest with all of you ,those that know me and to those that don't I wear my feelings on my sleeve and have no trouble letting people know how I feel ,but as a member of the Divan I can not openly remark on anyone or anything, just like the rest of the Divan we are neutral and can not openly remark pro or con on subjects just ask members of the past Divans, General Chairmen's etc. they will tell you that it is correct.

We will speak amongst ourselves about subjects but to openly remark on a noble or nobles pro or con isn't something we are allowed to do.

We are homeless and always looking for a home for all of our members. At one of our many divan meeting Ill Sir Tim Lancaster looked over to me and said Chum I didn't realize that you and I live the same distance apart from our current location in Novi. Ill Sir Lives in Rochester I live in Willis which to those who don't know is about 5 miles north of the Monroe county line in Washtenaw county

I replied that has been my position all along we have a problem at Moslem with the east side vs the west side and driving distance. How about Amed in the UP or Saladin to our west or ELF K to our north. Those nobles drive from the Sault Ste Marie to Marquette, from Grand Rapids to the Mackinaw Bridge Elf K drives from Clio to the Big Mac as well, and our ongoing argument is 10 min or so longer then before.

I looked at a map thinking Southfield was closer guess for me it was farther to drive there for me I was very surprised and at no time that I have been a Shriner did I complain about the drive I go where my temple is because I am a Mason and a Shriner

Just a note Ill Sir had taken a metro area map then used Novi as a starting point and measured out the two points of his location and mine, when he commented on the distance he and I live from Novi

If you were to count the number of nobles living in the metro area you would see that the largest majority live in Wayne or Oakland counties.

Not Macomb not Washtenaw not Monroe those two counties I accept the fact that I have to drive a distance from where I live to attend Shrine events.

Nobles this is the most I have written in a very long time I wrote this because I am tired of all the infighting and back word remarks about each other, the only way to move forward is to accept our deference's and work together for Moslem.

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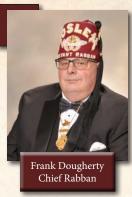
Frank (Chum) Dougherty

Chief Rabben 2022

PS.. As I said at the beginning of this report, this is written well before elections my hope is that as you read this and that I will be your new Potentate for Moslem for 2023 and to thank those that voted for me. If I haven't been elected I will still support Moslem as best I can as I always have.

Thank you all for taking time to read this and to let me express my thoughts.

Chum



#### MESSAGE FROM OUR HIGH PRIEST AND PROPHET

From the Assistant Rabban,

Nobles all,

I would like to thank YOU all for affording me the opportunity to serve as your Assistant Rabban for 2023. This is an honor that is not taken lightly, and my commitment first and foremost is and always will be to you the Nobility of Moslem Shrine.



Gary Lewandowski High Priest and Prophet

I'd also like to congratulate our Potentate for 2023, Illustrious Sir Frank "Chum" Dougherty who is "taking the wheel" from our new, Junior Past Potentate, Illustrious Sir Tim Lancaster whom I personally thank for his friendship and leadership throughout the very challenging year of 2022...AND congratulations to the newly elected Divan for 2023!

As with each year that a member of the Divan advances, the knowledge learned from the past year's experiences, working our Nobility and Past Potentates, studying and learning Moslem's and the Imperial Bylaws and just "doing" helps each of us grow to be the best we can be as servants to the Nobility.

2023 promises to be a year of fun, fellowship, and especially one of building...so stay tuned!!

Sincerely and Fraternally

Gary Lewandowski

Assistant Rabban - 2023

"As iron sharpens iron, so friends sharpen friends"

### A Stated & Annual Meeting Of The Moslem Shriners

## **Important Notice**

Potentate Elect Franklin Dougherty, Jr. has called for a Stated and Annual Meeting of the Moslem Shriners to be held on

January 9, 2023

The meeting will be held at the Suburban Collection Showplace 46100 Grand River Avenue Novi, MI 48374

Meeting will start at 7:00 PM

A 2023 Dues card is required to gain access to the meeting.

So ordered: Potentate Elect Franklin Dougherty, Jr.

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



# ou're Invited Installation of

## **Moslem Shriners Divan**

Congratulations to:

Frank "Chum" Dougherty - Potentate-elect

Tommy Thompson - Chief Rabban-elect

Gary Lewandowski - Asst Rabban-elect

Dave Henderson - High Priest and Prophet-elect

Sean Nagoda - Oriental Guide-elect

Joe Merem - Treasurer-elect

**Bob Pate - Recorder-elect** 

January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023 1 pm

RSVP to Moslem Shrine Novi 248-569-2900 ext.3





# Who was Joe Kish?

Who was Joe Kish? Good question. Most of our younger Shriners would not know Joe. So, who was Joe? Well first off Joe was a Potentate of Al Aska Temple in Alaska. He would have been 49 at the time. That in and of itself is quite a feat. But who was Joe to Moslem Shrine Temple. Well, Joe always worked to assist the Potentate. In his younger days Joe was always at the right hand of our Potentate and Divan. He was confidant of sorts. I began working with Joe in 2009 at the Shrine Circus. Joe and I have worked together at circus ever since. He was my right-hand guy. I always had to chuckle at Joe. Every year he would come and ask for tickets. Joe had a penchant for giving away free tickets to his friends and guests. I always knew I



could count on Joe to request some tickets and I willing obliged. I gave him a hard time about it but always gave him the tickets requested. This held true for both the Shrine Circus and the Michigan State Fair. Joe always asked for tickets...

At the Fair Joe was responsible for set up. There wasn't a lot to do but to watch Tarzan and his crew set the tent up. It was always a treat for Joe to have me come back from vacation and report that the tent was going up and things were under control. It just was his duty. Our golf cart contingent would arrive and Joe and I would label all the carts and get them ready for distribution to the various fair managers. Joe took great pride in delivering these carts to the various managers, a source of personal pride for him.

Joe was always my "go to" guy. I always counted on him for anything that I might need. He helped set up both the circus and the Fair. He worked the Sportsman Raffle. On occasion we would work parking lots for Suburban, directing traffic in the parking lots. Joe was always there. He worked tirelessly during the day. I often wondered how he did it. He was 10 years older than me and he worked right along side me all the time. He even helped me with my boat each year. I needed help in dry docking it for haul out and Joe, he was right there as always.

So who was Joe Kish? He was my good friend, my co-worker, my buddy. Joe was always "right there" for me. I will miss Joe for a very long time. I will miss him at this upcoming circus. I will miss him at our steering committee meetings. I will miss his most at the fair this year. Joe as always "just there" He was my pal, my confident, my buddy and he is a guy that did so much for Moslem Shrine Temple. The quiet guy who always sat in the front row at a Business Meeting, always motioned for the minutes to be accepted as read and was always the guy willing to help in anything that was needed.

To you, my heart goes out to you Joe. I will miss you for a very long time my friend. I will remember all our times together and all the adventures we shared...when I join you Joe, we'll tour Alaska then... God Bless you Joe Kish, one of my very best friends.....I will miss you my friend....

Craig A. Stigleman PP Executive Committee Michigan State Fair

## ANNUAL SHRINER'S WINTER MOVI



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# Saturday **January 21, 2023**

Noon to 5 p.m. • Doors open at 11 a.m.



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# SPORTSMAN'S RAFFLE

Sportsman's Raffle Update, Mike Zelmanski, PP

The 9th Annual Winter Sportsman's Raffle will be held on Saturday, January 21, 2023, at the Suburban Collection Showplace from Noon to 5:00PM. Doors open at 11:00.



This will be the FULL live event with side raffles, vendors, food, and refreshments. Randy's 52-Card heater raffles, heads and tails raffles on the hour, the usual huge 50/50, 3-gun raffles and the famous Duck Pond Raffle will all be in full tilt for the duration of the event. As always, Unit and Club raffles will also be available.

This is Moslem's largest single-day fundraiser of the year, and we will need many volunteers for the 5-hour event. Please call the office to place your name on the volunteer list. It's also important that ALL Nobles help to sell tickets in advance to help assure success.

Tickets are available by stopping by the Shrine office at 46850 Grand River, Novi or by calling the office at 248-569-2900. Information regarding the raffle can be obtained by going to the raffle website www.shrineoutdoors.com or www.detroitshriners.com.

Questions and concerns may be directed to me at zelmansm@gmail. com or by text or phone calls at 734-674-6502.

#### Nobles All - Greetings





#### **International Patients**

In a previous article, I wrote about how Moslem Shriners Transportation was instrumental in bringing severely burned children from abroad to the Unites States to receive care at Shriners Hospitals for Children. A child from Ecuador received treatment Shriners Children's - Boston and the second child from Mexico received treatment at Shriners Children's - Galveston. I am happy to report that both kiddos are doing well and have

been discharged from the hospital setting but continue to receive care as out-patients.

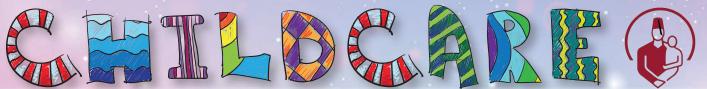
November was an extremely busy month as Tampa reached out to Moslem Transportation for assistance on three (3) unique occasions.

- The first child, from **Puerto Rico**, sustained internal / external burns over 70% of their body. The child needed immediate transport to Shriner Children's Boston due to the inhalation burn and the expertise of Dr. Sheridan. Moslem Transportation contributed \$10,000 of the \$48,000 air ambulance flight.
- The second child, a 7y/o US Citizen in **India** sustained burns of approximately 90% of her body. Due to the extraordinarily complex burn issues and internal shutdown of various organs, the child was transported to Shriners Children's Northern Cal. The flight from Northern Cal to India is 26 hours with a 26-hour return flight. The air ambulance cost was a staggering \$295,000 with Moslem Transportation contributing \$40,000. The transfer from India to Northern Cal was approved by Imperial Sir Jerry Gantt, President of Shriners Hospitals for Children as there was a chance that we could save the child's life. Unfortunately, after a week of a hardfought battle, Anika passes away from her injuries.
- The third child, from Ukraine, came to us a result of a deep tissue electrocution. The child was transferred to Shriners Children's Boston via air ambulance at a cost of \$95,000 with Moslem Transportation contributing \$10,000.

As a member of Moslem Shriners, you can stand tall knowing that we stepped up and helped these kiddos.

#### Child Care Holiday Party

The Child Care Holiday Party is scheduled for Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup> from 1-4pm at Thunderbowl Arena in Allen Park. Preparations are well underway. As we did last year, the lanes will be open for our kids to open bowl, games will be on for all to play. Santa and Mrs. Claus are taking time from their remarkably busy schedule to visit and from what I have been told, there will be a very special guest in attendance.



## Teach the Children the REAL Meaning of Christmas Author Unknown

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Just a week before Christmas I had a visitor. This is how it happened. I just finished the household chores for the night and was preparing to go to bed when I heard a noise in the front of the house. I opened the door to the front room, and to my surprise, Santa himself stepped out from behind the Christmas tree. He placed his finger over his mouth so I would not cry out. "What are you doing?" I started to ask him.

The words choked in my throat, as I saw he had tears in his eyes. His usual jolly manner was gone. Gone was the eager boisterous soul we all know. He then answered me with a simple statement, **TEACH THE CHILDREN!** I was puzzled: What did he mean? He anticipated my question, and with one quick movement brought forth a miniature toy bag from behind the tree.

As I stood there bewildered, Santa said, **Teach the Children!** Teach them the old meaning of Christmas, the meaning that a now-a-day Christmas has forgotten!

Santa then reached in his bag and pulled out a *FIR TREE* and placed it on the mantle. Teach the Children that the pure green color of the stately fir tree remains green all year round, depicting the everlasting hope of mankind. All the needles point heavenward, making it a symbol of man's thoughts turning toward heaven.

He again reached into his bag and pulled out a brilliant *STAR*. Teach the Children that the star was the heavenly sign of promises long ago. God promised a Savior for the world, and the star was the sign of fulfillment of that promise.

He then reached into the bag and pulled out a *CANDLE*. Teach the Children that the candle symbolizes that Christ is the light of the world, and when we see this great light, we are reminded of He who displaces the darkness.

Once again, he reached into his bag and then removed a *WREATH* and placed it on the tree. Teach the Children that the wreath symbolizes the eternal nature of love. Real love never ceases. Love is one continuous round of affection.

He then pulled out from his bag an ornament of *HIMSELF*. Teach the Children that Santa Claus symbolizes the generosity and good will we feel during the month of December.

He reached in again and pulled out a *HOLLY LEAF*. Teach the Children the holly plant represents immortality. It represents the crown of thorns worn by our Savior. The red holly berries represent blood shed by Him.



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Next, he pulled out a *GIFT* from the bag and said, "Teach the Children that God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son. Thanks be to God for His unspeakable gift. Teach the Children that the wise men bowed before the holy babe and presented Him with gold, frankincense, and myrrh. We should give gifts in the same spirit as the wise men."

Santa then reached in his bag and pulled out a *CANDY CANE* and hung it on the tree. Teach the Children that the candy cane represents the shepherd's crook. The crook on the shepherd's staff helps bring back strayed sheep from the flock. The candy cane is the symbol that we are our brother's keeper.

He reached in again and pulled out an *ANGEL*. Teach the Children that it was the angels that heralded in the glorious news of the Savior's birth. The angels sang 'Glory to God in the highest, on earth, peace and good will.'

Suddenly I heard a soft twinkling sound, and from his bag he pulled out a *BELL*. Teach the Children that as the lost sheep are found by the sound of a bell, it should bring people to the fold. The bell symbolizes guidance and return.

Santa looked at the tree and was pleased. He looked back at me, and I saw the twinkle was back in his eyes. He said, "Remember, teach the Children the true meaning of Christmas, and not to put me in the center, for I am but a humble servant of the ONE WHO IS, and I bow down and worship Him, our Lord, our God."

I wish you and yours the Happiest of Holidays.

Until we meet again......

Bob O'Brien, Past Potentate 2018 Child Care Director Shrines Children's OH - Board Member



# MOSLEM CHILDCARE

Recognizing Moslem Shriners

# 2022 Hospital Drivers

# Thank you for all you do!

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# NO MAN STANDS SO TALL AS WHEN HE STOOPS TO HELP A CHILD.

Our apologies if we forgot your name!

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Interested in becoming a Driver?
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# CHILDCARE

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# CHRISTMAS PARTY









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**Shriners** Children's

1922 2022

Happy 100th Anniversary, Shriners Children's!

September 16, 1922, the first hospital in Shreveport, Louisiana opened and now 100 YEARS LATER, they are a healthcare system with a worldwide reputation of giving families hope regardless of their ability to pay.

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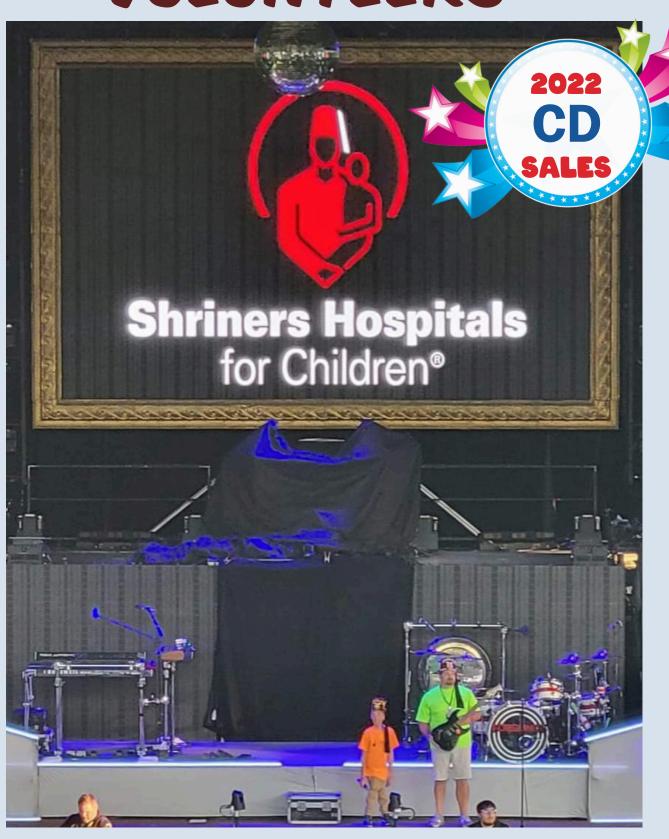








# THANK YOU TO ALL OF OUR CD SALES VOLUNTEERS





Thank you again to our entire
Detroit Shrine Circus staff
and to all of our volunteers and workers
who gave their time, talent, and
expertise to make our Circus successful!



# **Moslem Shriner's Special Moments**

At the opening of Moslem Shrines Circus at the Michigan State Fair.

We are honoring Past Potentate Robert Haffner

a WWII veteran and recipient of the French Legion of Honor Award.

97 years young and still coming to the circus....







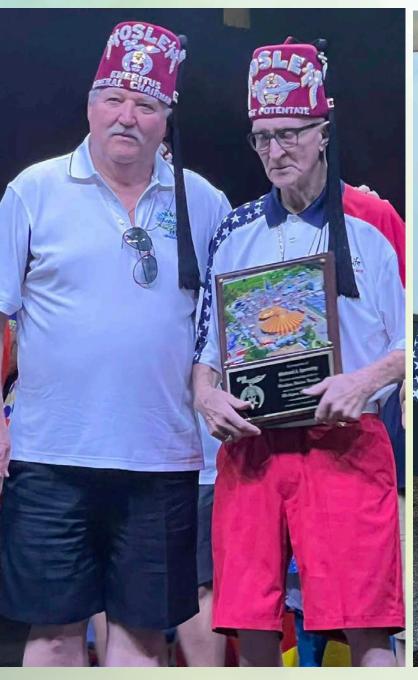
## Moslem Shriner's Special Moments continued...

The Detroit Shrine Circus and 2022 Michigan State Fair,

we celebrated the attendance of

**Illustrious Sir Michael Spensley PP** 

The office of Potentate is a Shrine Temple's highest leadership position. Illustrious Sir Robert Haffner Past Potentate 1989 and Illustrious Sir Michael Spensley Past Potentate 2012 are amongst a group of distinguished gentlemen who have served and helped so many children and their families since 1880!







The Detroit Masonic Temple was designed by famed architect George Mason, who also designed the **Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island with his partner** Zachariah Rice. Over 20,000 Masons were present when the cornerstone of the temple was placed on September 18, 1922, using the same trowel that George Washington had used to set the cornerstone of the U. S. Capitol building in Washington D.C. in 1793. The building was dedicated on Thanksgiving Day 1926. The building has over 1,000 rooms, and several secret staircases, concealed passages, and hidden compartments in the floors. The Detroit Masonic Temple has been the largest Masonic Temple in the world since 1939, when the Chicago Masonic Temple was demolished. The stage of the auditorium is the second largest in the United States.

















## **MEMBERSHIP**

For the year of 2023, we initiated 23 new members and we have 1 candidate in waiting.

While we were hoping for bigger numbers this year, there has been some successes.

The members we have brought in are very motivated and are becoming involved in units and parades and will be strong members in the years to come.

This year, Moslem began charging for the cost of the fezes which changed the cost joining from \$150 to \$325. With this payment structure we have not lost money when we initiate a new Noble.

In recent months our focus has shifted to our members who are delinquent with their dues. Unfortunately during Covid, many members did not pay their dues and continued to not pay this year. While for many it was an oversight, for others it was intentional and when reached, they say they no longer want to be a member for various reasons.

A sad note to add is the fact that a significant amount of Nobles did pass away over the last few years and we were not notified by the family.

In the December Stated Meeting we voted to suspend members who have not paid in 2 years, but will continue to try to reach all members throughout the month of December. If you haven't paid dues in a while, please call the Shrine Office to make sure. The phone number is 248-569-2900.

Looking forward to 2023, there are headwinds of inflation and recession. But there are many reasons to be optimistic. 2022 was much more open than the previous years and things are feeling back to normal. With this continued improvement, we need to focus on reaching out to Masons in our Blue Lodges, and really showing them all the benefits of becoming a Shriner.

If you are interested in playing a roll in the Membership Committee in 2023, please reach out to me by email to:

moslem.membership.chairman@gmail.com

Thank you Noble!

John Young

Moslem Membership

# MEMBERSHIP



## WATER BUFFALOS

Inaugural class of the Loyal Order of Water Buffalos, Quarry M242.

66 new LOWB members and officers gathered on a Sunday afternoon for fun, food and fellowship with heavy emphasis on the fun. It appeared everyone had a great time participating in the new member initiation as shenanigans and laughter were on the agenda for the day. Many came dressed for the occasion and in "caveman" attire anticipating the fun of the day.

After the initiation, everyone feasted on mac-a-saurus w/cheddar cave cheese, bronto balls in sweet sauce, pterodactyl potato salad, tar pit baked beans and more while washing it down with Fred Flintstones favorite drink .... Cactus Cooler!



All the activity wasn't just about the fun and fellowship. The LOWB has chosen the International Shrine Clown Association's Red Sneaker Fund for Shriners Children's Hospital burn research as it's charity of choice. A total of \$800 for the Red Sneaker Fund was collected from a portion of the LOWB dues, 50/50 raffle along with other donations on the day. Extra food was donated to our heroes at the Brighton, Mi. fire department.

Idea for the quarry, based on the "The Flintstones" cartoon, began several months ago when a group of Moslem nobles entertained the idea to start a new group that would bring together nobles and their ladies not only from Moslem, but also from other surrounding area shrine temples as well. In attendance, there were 47 from Moslem, 17 from Elf Khurafeh and 2 from Mizpah Shrine centers. It's no surprise that there is already a waiting list for the next installation later in the year.



# Moslem Shrine's Hungry 5

Moslem Shrine's Hungry 5 and our Ladies cooking breakfast and lunch for the Livonia First Responders.



**Moslem Shriner's Special Parade Moments** 

"the bus driver" to "the Jeep driver!"

For those curious it's a

1952 Willys Jeep all original (including the clutch)

Great times being a Shriner!



## **Moslem Shriner's**



Special Parade Moments continued...



















# Moslem Shriner's Special Parade Moments continued...



















# Moslem Shriner's Special Parade Moments continued...



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# Moslem Shriner's Special Moments



























































### HORSE TRACK WITH SHRINERS CHILDREN'S OHIO













### **Shriners Legacy Program Connects Family Members**

Are you a Shrine Legacy? The Legacy Program celebrates our fraternal bonds with those closest to us. Shriners International invites nobles to be part of the Legacy Program and to encourage family members to participate. Honor your family and yourself by sharing your legacy. The Shriners Legacy Program is open to any male family member such as Grandfathers, Fathers, Brothers, Sons, Grandsons, Uncles, Nephews, and In-laws.

# PASS ALONG THE SHRINERS LEGACY



All family members who are Shriners are eligible to become part of the Legacy Program. To make the registration process easy, only one member of the family's legacy needs to register on Shriners Village. When logging in to your account on shrinersvillage.com, click on the "Membership" tab on the top of the web page. From this page, select "Legacy Program" on the left-hand side of the screen.

Each Legacy can download a certificate signed by the Imperial Potentate and Imperial Recorder. Shriners and their registered relatives can also order a special gold Legacy pin. Any new Shriners Legacy is eligible to receive a free pin for himself and up to two of his Shrine legacies. Nobles who became Shriners legacies prior to Jan. 1, 2012, are encouraged to become part of Shriners Legacy Program; these nobles may order a Legacy pin and certificate for themselves and their legacies for a contribution of \$5 or more per pin.

### **SHARE THE SHRINERS TRADITION**

# Erie Hospital - Walk For Love

Erie Hospital had their open house and Walk for Love in July, which was attended by a grand group from Moslem. An awesome time was had by all. After the walk, our lovely and kind patients, entertained the crowd by putting on an awesome talent contest, including Ballet Dancing as well as other great dance routines , Band performances and topped off with a memorizing Batten show!! All taking place in the 8th Street parking lot .

A warm heart filled Thank you, to the great Nobles, Drivers and ladies of Moslem, for your appreciated efforts to make SHC Eire and the world a better place.

Any clubs wishing to make donations, please contact me directly.

Yours In the Faith Joe Merem BOG Eire Hospital







## Moslem Shriners wins SILVER

Shriners International recognized Temples showing membership progress at the 148th Imperial Session of Shriners International

Recruitment and retention are key to a strong fraternity, Shriners celebrates temples that show membership gains or improvement in regular membership through the Membership Award Program.

After all the counting was done, Shriners International finished the 2021 calendar year with 21 Hall of Fame Gold Award temples, 64 Silver Award temples and 50 Bronze Award temples.

To earn Gold Award status, a temple must show a net gain or no loss in membership, and members more than two years in arrears for their dues must have been suspended or have dues remitted by Dec. 31.

Silver Award temples demonstrate overall improvement of more than 2% from the previous year.

Bronze Award temples show overall improvement of less than 2% from the previous year.

You're cordially invited to

# Detroit #2

# Annual Installation

Saturday

January 14th

Installation starts 5pm

Dinner starts at 7pm



\$80 per person

All are welcome

Duelling pianos

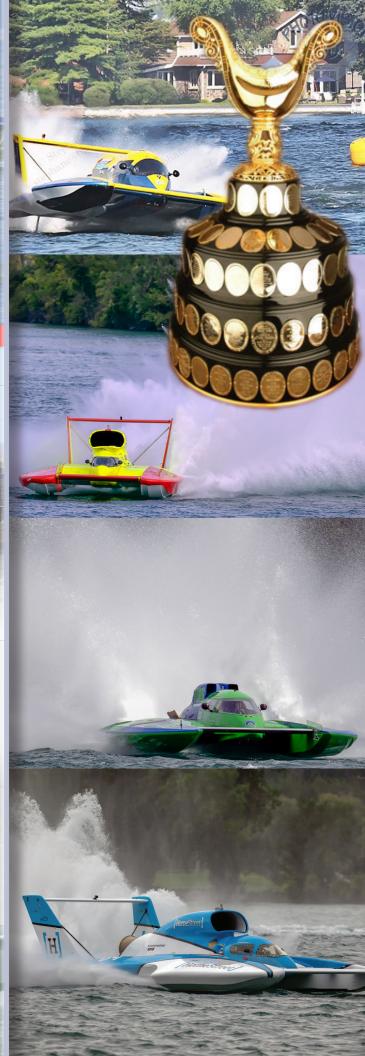
Dinner and open

bar

Please rsvp to Mike Tozzi tozz76@gmail.com Or call 248-802-0037

Hotels available at motorcity casino under detroit2 installation group code 011423inst motorcitycasino.com







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### Ladies' Oriental Shrine of North America (LOSNA) Helping Hands Unit



On Saturday, November 5th, 2022, we held a

#### Once Upon A Time Storybook Luncheon

Our Guests purchased a table and were encouraged to decorate it with the theme of a children's book. Ill Sir Bob O'Brien PP and Child Care Director spoke about who are Shriners and Moslem's Child Care program, and the work our great philanthropy gives out free of charge. We listened to Imperial Patient Ambassadors, Noble Marty Sheedy and Noble Troy Thompson, as each spoke about their journey thru Shriners Children's. We also had Lady Isabell White, a current Shriners Children's Chicago patient and member of our LOSNA Court, speak about her journey and what she is experiencing now.

We had Children's book emoji game, side raffles and even a best table competition. Czapski's Kitchen catered the event, and we are so thankful for the relationship they have with catering for the Detroit Shrine Circus, they really took care of us that day. The event was a SUCCESS, and many people left already planning their table for next year. Stay tuned to see when we will be hosting the event in 2023. Thank you to EVERYONE who sponsored a table and attended our 1st annual Once Upon A Time Storybook Luncheon!

Money raised from this fundraiser goes to provide items for our Moslem Shrine patients when they have a hospital stay, we call them "care bags", and to provide social events for Moslem Shrine patients to meet and play with other Moslem patients, as well as their families to get together. Our Unit provides the emotional and social support of our Shrine Kids and their families through social activities and hospital support. Families that sign up to be supported by our Unit receive a Lady who becomes their "person". We work with the Moslem Shrine Child Care Program be to be able to provide this one-on-one support for our Shrine Kids.





# Ladies' Oriental Shrine of North America

Our Court is looking forward to hosting the 110<sup>th</sup> Grand Council Session of The Ladies' Oriental Shrine of North America, Inc. (LOSNA) in Kalamazoo, Michigan, May 12-18, 2024. We are proud of Lady Karen Przytula, Grand Princess and all that she has accomplished! Grab your gifts and snacks while supporting Grand Council 2024!

# HELP US REACH OUR FUNDRAISING

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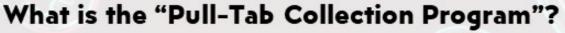


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Order online and have shipped directly to your home or send as a gift to someone special!

# You can Help a Shriner Help a Child





Pull-tabs, or pop tabs, from beverage cans can be saved and donated to the Moslem Shriners. The tabs are sold to a recycling company and the money collected is used



PICK

UP

THE

TAB!



Pop the

TOP

Aluminum has recycling value, and the tab is the only pure aluminum part of the can. The can itself can still be returned for the deposit in Michigan after the tab has been removed.

Pop It and



Tabs can be dropped off at the Moslem
Transportation Bus Garage in Clawson. Call
the Garage to make arrangements to drop
them off.

# Fun and Fellowship in Charlotte

Mark your calendar for next year's Imperial Session





It's never too early to plan for the fraternity's biggest event of the year. Join Imperial Sir Kenny Craven and his Lady Jennifer Craven at The 149<sup>th</sup> Imperial Session at the Charlotte Convention Center, which is in the middle of everything! Look for more information in 2023 from Moslem Shriners.



#### More fun and fellowship

IMPERIAL SESSION 2024 Reno, Nevada | June 30 – July 4

IMPERIAL SESSION 2025 Atlanta, Georgia | June 29 – July 3

IMPERIAL SESSION 2026 Tampa, Florida | July 12 – 16

### 149th Imperial Session

WHEN: July 2-6, 2023

WHERE: Charlotte, North Carolina

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