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**THANK YOU TO ALL OF OUR VOLUNTEERS FOR  
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THE MICHIGAN STATE FAIR LABOR DAY WEEKEND!**





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# SAVE THESE DATES!

## SEPTEMBER

September 30th • Moslem Shrine Charity Golf Scramble

## OCTOBER

October 7th • Fall Ladies Luncheon

October 15th • Loyal Order of Water Buffalo Meeting & Degree

## NOVEMBER

November 4th • Music Bingo

November 5th • Veterans Day Parade

## DECEMBER

December 2nd • Moslem Holiday Party at Pennas

December 10th • Childcare party Allen Park

December 16th • Wreaths Accross America



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OUT!**

# DO YOU HAVE QUESTIONS FOR A DIVAN MEMBER?



We have created a new page in our monthly  
Moslemite Magazine for frequently asked questions.

**If you have a question, The Divan can help!**

Submit your questions to: [moslemite@t-rexgraphics.com](mailto:moslemite@t-rexgraphics.com)

MOSLEM SHRINERS DIVAN QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS PAGE (Example Below)

## ASK A DIVAN MEMBER

- **Question:** When are our 2024 dues due by?

**Recorder Ill. Sir Bob Pate responds:** "Dues notifications are always sent out several months in advance and are always due by the first of January."

- **Question:** Why did Moslem raise our dues by \$20.00?

**Assistant Rabban Gary Lewandowski responds:** "During the 2023 Imperial session a dues increase of \$30.00 was proposed but the delegation voted that increase down. Then a \$20.00 dues increase was proposed, and that increase was approved. Therefore, it was the Imperial Shrine who raised the dues and not Moslem, and all Shrine Temples will realize that \$20.00 increase, but the extra \$\$ does not go to Moslem Shrine, it goes to Shriners International to run their operation."

**How Do I view the Moslem Shriners monthly updated questions and answers page in the Moslemite Magazine?**

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## MESSAGE FROM OUR CHIEF RABBAN

Greetings Nobles

I hope this letter finds you in good health and high spirits. I am writing to express my deep appreciation for the overwhelming support by the Nobles to move forward with the prospect of purchasing a building. At the Stated meeting on September 18, 2023, Moslem Shriners, Mike Zelmanski's presentation was organized and to the point. He emphasized the significance of establishing a fraternal home for the Moslem Shriners. As concerned individuals who recognize the importance of fostering a sense of belonging and unity within a community, I firmly agree with your decision and believe that a dedicated space for the Moslem Shriners is crucial for the continued growth and well-being of the organization and its members.

The Moslem Shriners have long been an integral part of our society, embodying the principles of brotherhood, service, and philanthropy. By providing medical support for children in need, organizing community events, and promoting social welfare initiatives, Moslem Shriners have made a lasting impact on countless lives. However, amidst these commendable endeavors, the absence of a fraternal home poses challenges that hinder the organization's overall effectiveness and cohesiveness.

A fraternal home acts as a physical embodiment of the Moslem Shriners' values and ideals. It serves as a central hub where members can gather, connect, and collaborate on initiatives that further their charitable objectives. Having a dedicated space would foster stronger bonds among the members, enabling them to share experiences, exchange ideas, and develop friendships that transcend the confines of their regular meetings and events.

As we move forward, you will be notified of the date and time that all Nobles will be invited to inspect the property and then if all is in order vote on the purchase.

While I understand that the acquisition and maintenance of a fraternal home involve financial considerations, I am confident that the collective efforts of the Moslem Shriners community, along with fundraising events, the necessary resources can be secured to establish and sustain a fraternal home that is befitting of the Moslem Shriners' esteemed legacy.

In conclusion, I urge you to seriously consider the importance of a fraternal home for the Moslem Shriners. Such a home would not only provide a physical space for the organization but also serve as a beacon of unity and a catalyst for positive change. By investing in this endeavor, the Moslem Shriners can continue to flourish, expand their outreach, and inspire future generations to embrace the values of brotherhood, compassion, and service to our children.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I remain committed to supporting Moslem Shriners and look forward to witnessing the growth and success of the organization.

Sincerely,  
Tommy Thompson  
Chief Rabban



**Thomas Thompson**  
Chief Rabban



**TOGETHER  
EVERYONE  
ACHIEVES  
MORE**

## MESSAGE FROM OUR ASSISTANT RABBAN

Nobles all,

As we are entering into the Fall of 2023, I can honestly say it's been a very fast and interesting year with many changes both successful and uplifting...giving this Noble a very good feeling about the focus and direction we're heading in.

Coming off the recent (and VERY successful) State Fair / Shrine Circus and having myself been there all 5 days and all 20 shows, I can't express enough how impressed I was by all the Nobles and Ladies who unselfishly volunteered their time, energy, and hearts into making this year's event one to remember, so thank YOU everyone for your efforts!! And where would this event even be if not for our Circus Director, Illustrious Sir Craig Stigleman who works tirelessly to make it a success. Thank YOU, Illustrious Sir Craig!

Over the past few years, Moslem has experienced an ever-changing culture in the world we live in. We survived the "Covid years," a shrinking membership (like all fraternal organizations) the ups and downs of the economy and the never-ending demands on us for our support of our Shriners Childrens hospitals (which is what we are proud to do) and children in need from all points of the globe.

But to think we can operate like we did even a short 5 years ago is not even close to realistic, but I can assure you your Divan recognizes this and is working to make the necessary changes within our organization. YOU, the Nobles of Moslem Shrine are our #1 focus, and I am happy and proud to say that I believe that's being recognized and appreciated. I for one would never want to make this trip on my own (or try too) but there is nothing we can't accomplish if we do it together.

Recently, I'm proud to say, Mighty Moslem took a step (albeit a small one) towards moving forward by allowing us to pursue a couple options towards procuring a new home. By an overwhelming majority, you gave us the okay to move forward (NOT Purchase) a new home and this my Brothers, is a fantastic start. All I (we) ask is that you be patient (and Lord knows you've been all that) and let our Housing Team preform their due diligence, gather the FACTS (both positive and negative) and make them available to you so that you, the Nobility of Mighty Moslem can make an informed decision whether to proceed in the direction we have presented or disregard it and start over.

The ultimate decision on a getting a new home regardless of how we obtain one (build new, buy existing, etc.) is totally up to you... the Divan is only here to act in your behalf, do the heavy lifting so that we can get this kicked off dead center.

The future is never promised to any of us, and that becomes a painful and sad reminder with each Noble, friend or family member that is called home. Life is a precious gift, and we all need to join together as we swore, we would when we took our Masonic obligations(s) because the synergy we have and can create when working together is immeasurable.

Sincerely and Fraternally

Gary Lewandowski

Assistant Rabban - 2023

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

# SHRINE PROUD!



Gary Lewandowski  
Assistant Rabban

# TEAMWORK MAKES THE DREAM WORK

## MESSAGE FROM OUR HIGH PRIEST AND PROPHET

Happy Autumnal Equinox to All:

As Summer concludes, we celebrate the changing of the Seasons: another Michigan State Fair and another Moslem Shrine Circus in The books. I want to take this time to say Thank You to All who came out and worked to make this another successful Moslem Shriner and Friends Venture.

Another successful summer selling C D's to raise funds for Our Hospitals and Patients' needs.

We have Welcomed 26 new Nobles, their Ladies, and their Families into our midst. Let us help them to find their stride and keep them active with Us. Together as We move Mighty Moslem forward.

The Clinton parade is next on our list of things to do. Bring your families out with you to enjoy the festivities and afterglow. It truly can be a family event as Clinton welcomes us, and we entertain Clinton.

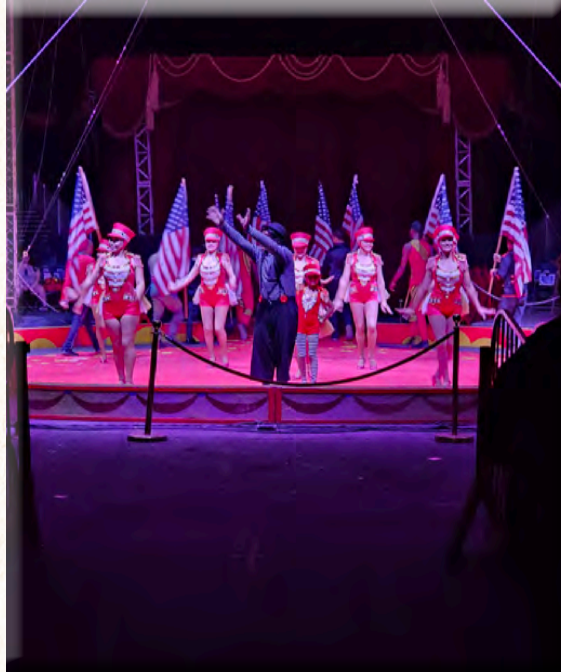
The Veterans Parade on November 5th is always a meaningful experience for me, as it can be for all of us. I'd like to see as many of our Nobles and Families attend this as well. Whether walk in it, ride in it or attend and show support to our Veterans who have given us so much.

In closing, I wish to extend My Sincerest Condolences to our Nobles and their Families who have been visited by the black camel.

Yours In The Faith, High Priest and Prophet  
Dave Henderson



David Henderson  
High Priest and Prophet



## MESSAGE FROM OUR RECORDER

### *From the Desk of the Recorder*

The following information is directed to all Clubs and Units. The directives listed below come from General Order #1 of Shriners International.



Robert Pate PP  
Recorder

#### **De Minimis Donation of Fraternal Funds**

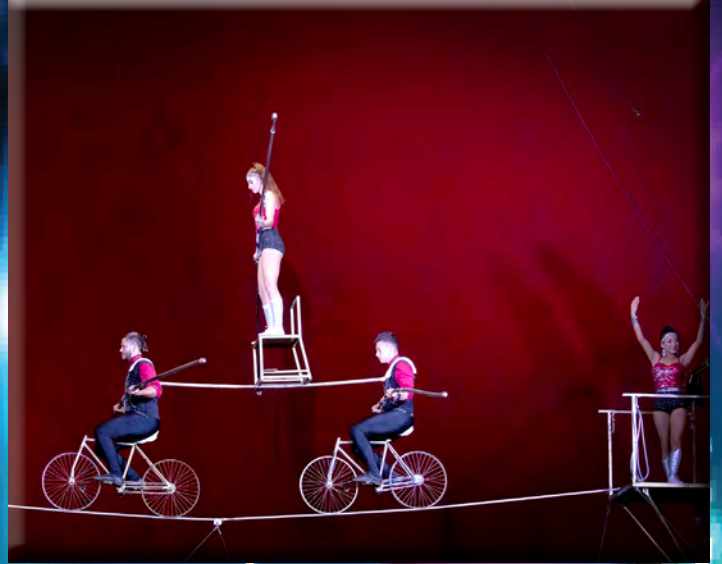
It is permissible for a Temple of Club, with the approval of the Potentate, to make a de minimis donation of fraternal funds to a charity of community organization other than Shriners Hospitals for Children or Shriners International Education Foundation. A donation is “de minimis” if it and **all** other donations from that Temple or Club do not annually exceed \$1,000.00. (U.S.D.).

Clarification: Units fall under Temple. A total contribution by all clubs and the temple (including units) cannot exceed \$1,000.00 in a year.

#### **Unit and Shrine Club Leader Information**

- (a) **Election of officers:** The election of Club/Unit officers shall be held on or before October 31<sup>st</sup> each year.
- (b) **Duty of Club/Unit Secretary:** It is the duty of the Club/Unit Secretary (or the person performing those duties regardless of title) to:
  - 1. On or before November 30<sup>th</sup> of each year, provide to the Temple Recorder or update within Webfez membership tracking system the presently elected Club/Unit officers for the ensuing Shrine year including verified name, address, telephone number(s), email address and other relevant information.
  - 2. On or before December 31<sup>st</sup> of each year, provide to the Temple Recorder or update within the Webfez membership tracking system the list of Club/Unit **members** for the ensuing Shrine year including verified name, address, telephone number(s), email address and other relevant information.
  - 3. Should the Club/Unit Secretary (or the person performing those duties regardless of title) update the information above directly into the WebFez membership tracking system, they must notify the Temple Recorder on or before the respective date that the information has been verified and that the directives listed above have been completed.
- (c) **Duty of Temple Recorder**
  - 1. Ensure that all Clubs/Units of the Temple have been created within the WebFez membership tracking system and populated with the current officers and members.
  - 2. At the discretion of the Temple, provide appropriate access for Club/Unit officers to the WebFez membership tracking system. If the Temple chooses not to provide this access, the Temple Recorder will be responsible for annually updating all pertinent Club/Unit information within the WebFez membership tracking system including officers and membership.
  - 3. Follow-up and confirm with all the Temple Club/Unit Secretaries (or the person performing those duties regardless of title) that the duties of the Club/Unit Secretary have been completed and fulfilled as listed in the directives and by the dates above.
  - 4. On or before December 31<sup>st</sup> of each year, update or ensure that the WebFez membership tracking system has been updated with the presently elected Club/Unit officers for the ensuing Shrine year including verified name, address, telephone number(s)





## DETROIT SHRINE CIRCUS CLOWNS

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## MICHIGAN STATE FAIR



# UNITS AND CLUBS



**Patrick McCusker**

*Chief Of Staff*

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**UNITS AND CLUBS HELP  
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Contact Patrick McCusker  
for Units and Clubs updates

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KEYSTONE KOPS UNIT  
LANCERS UNIT  
LEGION OF HONOR UNIT  
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## CLUBS

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# Congratulations



THOMAS W. MELHAM  
Tripoli Temple, 1957-58

## The Thomas W. Melham Humanitarian Award

It is time once again to nominate a Shriner from the Great Lakes Association area for the very prestigious "Thomas W. Melham Humanitarian Award" which has been presented at the Fall Business meeting.

Imperial Sir Melham is considered the 'Founding Father of the Great Lakes Shrine Association'. In order to honor him and those who have emulated him as a role model. The Thomas W. Melham Award was established in 1990. Some of those who have received this award are: James Grebe, Imp. Sir Robert Bailey, Gordon Boyd, Larry Sowder, Thoralf Scherer, Ken Matchette, Archie Anderson, Imp. Sir Tad Claypool, Terry DeVassie, Lynn VanNas, Gary Alves, Ken LeBay, George Sherman, Rev. Ed Puff, Hap Dragoo, Larry D. Jefferson, PP. and now the latest honoree: Harry Sterling, PP.

Shriners from the Great Lakes Association area are eligible for the very prestigious "Thomas W. Melham Humanitarian Award" which has been presented at the Fall Great Lakes Shrine Association Business Session.



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"THOMAS W MELHAM"  
HUMANITARIAN AWARD  
PRESENTED THIS SEP, 2023 TO

*Don Kincheloe*

# MEMBERSHIP



**On Wednesday evening, September 13, 2023, Moslem Shriners initiated five Master Masons in the Shrine.**

**From left to right: Michael Billington, John Thomas, Christopher Leese, John Grobowski, Tristan Hakney**

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**CREATE A  
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# MEMBERSHIP



**On Tuesday evening, August 8, 2023, Moslem Shriners initiated four Master Masons in the Shrine at Tyre Masonic Lodge, #18 in Coldwater, MI.**

**The four new Shriners are**

**Ryan Michael Smead - Tyre Lodge #18**

**Flip Lynn Johnson - Tyre Lodge #18**

**Howard Gregory "Greg" Myers - Tyre Lodge #18**

**David Allan Farrand - Colon Lodge #72**

**Would like to thank and a tip of the fez to  
Noble and Imperial Photographer Donald Kincheloe and  
Noble and Membership Chair John Young  
who helped perform the initiation.**

**Also a thank you to Noble Roger Kimble of the Branch County Shrine Club for his help  
providing Tyre Lodge #18 and making arrangements for the initiations.**

**Please welcome these new Shriners when you meet them.**

**This last weekend Tyre Lodge #18 celebrated 175 years as a Masonic Lodge.**

**Also, the first Order of the Eastern Star  
was formed in Coldwater, Michigan.**

# Parade Schedule 2023



## Detroit Veterans Day Parade Sunday, November 5, 2023

Line up 8:00 AM, Parade starts at 11:11 AM. Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/MetroDetroitVeteransCoalition>



For Additional Parade Information Contact: Noble Chuck Brantley  
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# CLINTON FALL FESTIVAL PARADE



# TAYLOR SHRINE CLUB

## TIN LIZZIES



# THE LANCERS

The Lancers have been in full swing with parades this summer and fall. In addition to the approved Shrine official parade, the Lancers have also been very active with the Potentate's approval to participate in many other community parades to help raise the awareness of Shriners, Shrine Hospitals, and Freemasonry. Some of these additional parades included both Brighton and Wyandotte for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. In September the Lancers are scheduled for Romeo, Richmond, River Rouge, and the Clinton Fall Festival. October and November include, Coldwater (tentative), the Veteran's Parade, Allen Park and the Howell Festival of Lights.

Lancer's will also be participating with one of our Shrine's larger fundraisers which includes the State Fair and the Circus.

If you have an interest in learning more about the Lancers unit or are looking to have that fast go cart that your father wouldn't let you have in the days of your youth, please reach out to any of the Lancers or Bill Cook 810-599-5606 [wwc7828@yahoo.com](mailto:wwc7828@yahoo.com). We welcome your participation and additional fellowship.

The Lancers Unit motto is *"We ride so children can walk."*

## *Brighton 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade*



Moslem Shrine's Hungry 5 cooked in appreciation for the Livonia Police and Fire departments. Menu included full breakfast in the morning followed up by ribs, burgers, hot dogs, sweet corn and homemade desserts. Thank you to all our local sponsors who helped make this another successful event.

– Troy Thompson





# CIRCUS CLOWN UNIT

Nobles All,

Greetings from the hardest working Unit in the business, the Clown Unit. The Clown Unit has had a LONG summer filled with many events and activities. The Joeys have been busy with unit meetings/practice, parades, charitable outings, and the grand-daddy of all events – the Shrine Circus at the Michigan State Fair.

We started our shenanigans on July 4th with the Wyandotte parade where the 99-year-old Clown-Mow-beel, the Model-T, made her annual drive down Biddle Ave, and she ran like a top (but I do believe the driver may have stalled her out one time, but quickly recovered...they call that operator error, Sunshine). As usual, the veteran clowns rode in the Model-T and the rest of us lowly joeys had to walk the Parade route. Thankfully the weather was agreeable, and we didn't mind dragging or carrying our individual parade props down the 1.5 mile parade route. On July 22 the Joeys reconvened in Troy, MI for a charitable outing for the Lucky Fin Project. Lucky Fin is a Charitable organization for Kids with limb-differences. The Joeys tied balloons and interacted with the wonderful kids and families who traveled to Troy from all across the United States. I must admit that this event was far more emotionally impactful than I expected and I'm advocating for it to become an annual stop for the Clown Unit; It reminded me that when I complain about ordinary troubles I should probably just shut up. When the Lucky Fin event ended, we loaded up our gear and headed to Dearborn to tie balloons at the Dearborn Goodfellows Picnic. That day we tied roughly 400 balloons in total – a couple of them actually looked like the animal we claimed they were. July didn't end there for the Clown Unit however, we participated in the Shrine Family Picnic tying balloons and acting like buffoons.

August was mostly a slow month for the Joeys, but we did conduct a meeting/practice in preparation for the Shrine Circus at the Michigan State Fair. The Clown Unit started arriving at the Suburban Collection Showplace on Wednesday afternoon and immediately set to work with entertaining the public at VIP night and during the VIP Circus. We also did a Fox2 news spot that afternoon with the "Hall of Shame Reporter" Rob Wolchek. This was just a warm up folks because the next day things really started jumping. The Unit did another Fox2 News Spot at 8:30 am ( getting up and ready at about 6am ) on Thursday morning and then worked 4 circus performances. Friday we did 4 circus performances and Saturday we were up early again for the 5K run which started at 8am – no we didn't run it, we cheered on the runners as they passed through the Circus tent the we went right to our normal schedule of 4 daily shows. Sunday the now exhausted Clown Unit had another 4 shows. Monday, which was brutally hot/humid, saw the Clowns do 3 Circus shows. In total the Clown Unit did 20 Circus Performances of the "Strong Man" Skit and a bunch of extra "stuff" that required us to get up EARLY. This Joey, like most others was averaging over 6 miles of "steppin" per day, and let me tell ya my dogs were howlin !! But we did it with a smile on our faces because we were making folks smile and we were representing the MIGHTY MOSLEM !! We cant wait to do it all over again next year.

Would you be interested to become a member of the most popular unit in all of Shrinedom ? And yes, I do mean the Clown Unit. We would welcome any Nobles who might have an interest to reach out to us and come to one of our Unit meetings. We can get you in the Grease Paint and a Costume to try it out, or you can just come to a meeting to see what its all about – no pressure. We hope you will consider giving it a try !! You can reach our Director , Ron "Sunshine" Buckner @ 586-612-6071 or via [vett64red@aol.com](mailto:vett64red@aol.com)

Don't just be thought of as Clown, put on some make-up and prove it !!

Fraternally,

Toejam

Clown Unit Skribbler

Hello Nobles,



Thank you for allowing me to serve as your representative at Erie Hospital. It truly is an honor to be involved at the hospital level. As an Erie Board Member, I was given the opportunity to attend a meeting in Boston in late July that went over quite a few things that were interesting and pertinent to the Shriner fraternity and our healthcare system that I want to share with you all.

As you can imagine, all the Imperial brass were present, including several members of the Imperial leadership, and our very own Imperial Sir Larry Lieb. Various members of leadership gave presentations and shared important information and perspectives over a few days span. The overarching goal of the meeting was to share with the hospital board members the leadership's vision moving forward.

I would say the meeting content primarily fell into three areas, as outlined below with some explanation and insight as to where leadership plans to take us into the future.

- The first is identity. We are still operating under the name Shriners Hospitals for Children, but due to restrictions with CMS and some of the changes being done to our facilities, we will now be known to the public as Shriners Children's. As our healthcare system evolves, it has become necessary for some of the full-blown hospitals to follow a clinic model. As such, I am very proud to be part of the Erie model, which was the first clinic in our system. That model was envisioned and shaped by our own past potentate, Bob Lee as the Chairman of Erie Hospital and Board member, Jack Horner.
- Next, the leadership sees it fit to expand our health system to the international marketplace. We are not speaking of only the Americas, but rather an expansion to include the Asian Rim and other distant places. There are children who require attention, and we are honored to provide it.
- Finally, a new brand tagline is being rolled out. It is "more children in more places at less cost." It more effectively represents the direction of the hospital. You'll start to see it on promotional materials in the coming weeks.

Now that you're totally confused, I'll try to sum it all up in a few sentences that will bring light through the clouds. As our fraternity expands, it's expanding internationally, we are picking up more Nobles throughout the world at a greater pace than ever. As these Nobles become part of our fraternity, they too want to participate in our charitable endeavors. Therefore, creating a need internationally to take care of children.

The question remains, "How does leadership believe it's best done?" One way is to open clinics that are close to these patients, so that when a Noble loads a child in their car and drives them to the Shrine Hospital, they try to make it less than a one-day trip. These things are happening, believe it or not. As you already know we have three facilities in Mexico presently and are looking to add a couple more. We are also looking to the Philippines to add facilities. So, the challenge becomes how to do it in a financially prudent manner. The direction is to build the additional clinics, and potentially contract with local doctors and clinics to serve as Shriner practitioners / facilities, for maybe a day or a week. And this approach to use local doctors is not just for an International model but intended for here in the United States as well. Advancing this approach is made possible through advancements in patient-focused software and various tele-medicine tools, backed by the Shriners brand. By taking advantage of these programs and tools, as well as other cost-saving factors, we hope to expand and attract an even greater

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number of children to be treated at our facilities. That is the strategy behind “More children at more places at less cost.”

Like me, you are probably thinking ‘how does that affect Moslem Temple?’ Our fraternity will stay the same without any significant changes. This metamorphosis will largely be seen at our Healthcare System. However, as your treasurer and a divan member, I can assure you that Tampa looks to us to assist in the transportation of these international patients.

As most of you know, burn cases are decreasing precipitously, and this is a good thing. It is due in part to continued education of parents and increased use of non-flammable goods in the manufacturing process, which Shriners has advocated for decades. Despite the decline in burn incidents, catastrophic accidents still happen and require special care. That said, the international facilities are not equipped to admit burn patients. Therefore, Tampa relies on the Moslem Transportation fund for air ambulance services for some of these burn patients internationally to our burn hospitals here in the states. I'm sure other temples are also being tapped on the shoulder as well. However, it's Moslem's proportionately large balance in the transportation fund that's caught the eye of Tampa, and I believe they're appreciative of the help we've been able to provide.

Again, thank you for allowing me to be your Shriners Children's Erie representative. I know a lot of Hospitals within our network are converting to the Clinical model, but it was Erie a decade ago that envisioned the clinical approach by using a partner hospital to perform many of the surgeries. As an independent hospital, we would have never been able to perform enough surgeries to satisfy the definition of a hospital by CMS, by partnering with Pittsburgh Children, Erie is consistently the lowest drawer on endowment. We are now drawing less than a half a percent of the total draw of all the facilities combined. I'm very proud of that.

May God Bless our Drivers and Childcare Staff – to keep them safe on their greatly appreciated task.

Yours in the Faith,

Joe Merem

Board of Governors Erie





# THANK YOU!

**Noble Tony presenting a \$500 check to Shriners Child Care  
on behalf of Northwood Ancient Craft #551 F. & A. M.**



# SHRINERS CHILDREN'S OHIO

The summer was a busy one around the SCO campus. The Board of Governors in July fed over 500 hospital employees combined between Dayton Children's and Shriners Children's staff. This is the second year in a row. It was well received and a wonderful way to show our appreciation. Shriners Children's Ohio is a hospital within a hospital. The strategic advantage with this model is now paying many dividends, not the least of which is the support given to each partner in terms of critical services. Shriners Hospital for Children in Cincinnati was compelled to reinvent itself or face closer in January 2019. This was an incredibly challenging and arduous task, but it was accomplished. I am thankful every day I was part of this phenomenal undertaking. Our kids are a testament to how much can be accomplished when you provide world-class care and support. The SCO's Celebration Weekend in August was an enormous success. Our newly appointed patient standard bearer, Gavin, threw out the first pitch at the Dayton Dragon's minor league baseball game, what a thrill! Gavin will represent Shriners Children's Ohio at the Shriners Open golf tournament next month in Las Vegas. Seeing these kids blossom and develop into thriving confident young adults is a testament to the human condition. They knock down all the barriers. They thrive despite the unfair and impossible limitations they have been given. It is impossible to measure. For this reason, I am incredibly humbled and grateful!



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## **Shriners Children's Ohio**

Things are trending in a positive direction, and not because this was unexpected. Much effort and dedication has gone into this process. There is a buzz in the air with a feeling of joy and excitement especially among the physicians, the staff, and of course those of us blessed to be a member of the Board of Governors. The key here is setting the tone for 2023 with a well-honed strategic plan. This gave us a track to run on.

**Vision Statement** – Continue to be the best at transforming children's lives by providing exceptional healthcare in a patient and family centered environment.

**Mision Statement** – Treating our kids and their family with wrap around care at the highest quality, specializing in burns, plastics, and beyond to achieve our goal of improving a child's quality of life through our centers of excellence. Serving more kids in more places worldwide.

**Two distinct reasons.** Serving more kids in more places has become a reality for Shriners Children's as a considerable number of SCO's patients are from foreign countries and growing. The other is our craniofacial program. Our patients have come from 28 states and more than 35 countries for world-class, life-saving, and developmental challenges that occur when a child has a congenital or acquired condition. Shriners Children's Ohio now admits directly or on an outpatient basis, more children to the craniofacial program than we do children with burns. The scales tipped in the other direction in the spring of 2023. SCO treated more children for craniofacial disorders than they did for burns. This was isolated but this program is showing many signs of success. Naturally enough, the combined mission has a synergistic relationship.



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# R E P O R T



# Shriners

# SHRINE

# Picnic







# Lucky Fin Project

## Celebrating the wonderfully made, one "Lucky Fin" at a time.

Lucky Fin was founded in 2007 by Molly Stapleton when her daughter Ryan was born. Lucky Fin is an amazing organization that creates a support network for parents across the US & around the world to link parents to medical information & resources about limb differences.

My daughter Sarah was born with syndactyly in her left hand (a condition where two or more digits are fused together). We discovered Lucky Fin in 2013, after meeting Molly & Ryan – Sarah was filled with excitement as she finally found her "tribe". As she navigated through School, she never met anyone with the same hand condition she has. She had to deal with a Varsity Coach in Volleyball asking her not to try out for the team because he didn't know what position she could play. As a Mom, I needed some type of support group to reassure her she was perfectly unique & capable of amazing accomplishments.

With the support of Lucky Fin & all of the empowering people she has met, she earned a spot on Team USA, earning a Silver Medal in Paraclimbing & she is now one of the Lucky Fin Ambassadors – Sarah & a few of her lucky friends ran a table showing lucky fins about adaptive climbing resources. A few weeks ago, she organized a Lucky Fin Wisconsin Chapter picnic where she lives & met other Lucky Fin Families – I can't tell you how proud we are of her.

This year, Molly asked the 2019-2020 Shrine National Patient Ambassador Madelyn to attend & it was an honor meeting her in person.

I want to Thank the Shriners for their amazing support every year when I ask if we can help with this annual picnic – something so dear to my heart. This year, our Recorder, Mr. Robert Pate; our Patient Ambassador, Troy Thompson; our Shrine Photographer, Mr. Don Kincheloe; our Moslem Shrine Clown Unit, Helping Hands & the Lady Clowns, for all of their help making this year's picnic a total success.

Molly holds a silent auction at the picnic to raise money to help Financially support efforts for children to attend specialized camps, obtain prosthetics, and to fund other organizations within the limb different community, our Shrine office was blessed with several donations – Rhondi from Village of Decorative Painters & their team donated 4 beautifully painted trinket boxes & a very generous Noble from our Provost Unit donated a huge Fezzy Bear from Vermont Teddy Bear Company.

This year, we had over 900 people attend from all over the US & a few other Countries; we are already preparing for next year's picnic, which will be in July 2024.

Kim Belanger







# **SOUTH EAST MICHIGAN QUARRY #242**

## **MEETING & DEGREE**

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2023**

**@**

**BRIGHTON MASONIC LODGE**

**315 W NORTH ST., BRIGHTON, MI 48116**

**DOORS OPEN @12:00 PM, DEGREE @ 1:00 PM**

**DINNER TO FOLLOW**

**DINNER IS \$25.00**

**CONTACT MATT @ [lowbm242@gmail.com](mailto:lowbm242@gmail.com)**

Cutoff date is Oct 6 2023 for dinner and if you are going thru degree only taken 30 people thru this degree

The mission of the Helping Hands Unit of Za-hir-u-din Court No. 7 of Ladies' Oriental Shrine of North America (LOSNA) is to provide emotional and social support for our Shrine Kids and their families through activities and hospital support, working in concert with the Moslem Shrine Child Care Program.

Helping Hands Unit



The Helping Hands Unit of  
Ladies' Oriental Shrine  
invite you to join in the



Saturday  
October  
21  
2023



Doors  
Open  
11:00  
  
Lunch  
Noon

### Tickets

\$25 per person or \$175/table of 8

### Silver Sponsor

Donate a gift basket (min \$100 value) - \$20 per person

### Gold Sponsor

Donate a gift basket (min \$100 value) plus decorate your table with the theme of your favorite children's book  
(Title selections are on a first reserved basis, so book now!)

\$120/table of 8

New  
Location

Central Park Estates  
47305 Central Park Blvd.  
Novi, MI 48374

MARGARET REY  
**Curious George**

**CRANK'S**  
CATERING

J.R.R. TOLKIEN  
**THE LORD OF THE RINGS**

**Oh, the Places You'll Go!**  
By Dr. Seuss

**THE TALE OF PETER RABBIT**

**Charlotte's Web**  
F.B. WHITE

Ladies' &  
gentlemen, girls  
& boys, children  
of all ages are  
welcome to  
attend!

**DIARY of a Wimpy Kid**

For questions or to purchase tickets/Sponsorships Contact – Michelle Geske 586-530-6663

**Played like Bingo. Each person will have a “Bingo” card with different song names.**

**60 to 90 seconds of popular songs will be played. If the song name appears on the card, the player will cross it out. First and second Bingos as well as the first full card covered will win a prize.**

**After 10 or so songs are played, the DJ will read off the names of the songs that were played in case they were missed.**

**2 games will be played with a short “dinner” and mingling break in between.**

**Throughout the games and evening, full songs will be played for just overall entertainment .... Sing along, Bop-in-your-seat or dance.**

**Like the meat raffle, feel free to bring snacks for yourself and table.  
(Round tables of eight)**

**Sub sandwiches will be provided to supplement table snacks**

**Bottle beer, wine and basic liquor with mixes will be available at very reasonable prices using drink tickets. Pop and coffee provided.**

**There will be a 50/50 to offset costs. This is designed to be a breakeven FUN-raiser!**

The poster features a dark brick wall background. At the top, the word "MUSIC" is in large, bold, blue capital letters, and "Bingo" is in a pink, cursive script. Below this, a purple rectangular box contains the event details in white and blue text. To the left of the text is a blue icon of a beer mug with a cloud of foam, and to the right is a blue icon of two clinking wine glasses. The text inside the box includes the date, time, price, and RSVP information. Below the purple box, white text provides additional details about food and drinks. At the bottom, the venue name and phone number are listed in white, followed by a disclaimer about ticket sales in yellow text.

**MUSIC** *Bingo*

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2023**  
**6:00-11:00 PM**  
**\$15.00 A PERSON**  
**RSVP-OCTOBER 27, 2023-SEATING IS LIMITED**

Submarine Sandwiches provided. Feel free to bring snacks. Drinks are available for purchase.

**VFW HALL 32100 RYAN ROAD WARREN, MI**  
**(248) 569-2900**

TICKET SALES ARE NOT TAX DEDUCTIBLE AS CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS.  
PROCEEDS TO MOSLEM GENERAL FUND

# SAVE THE DATE!!!

The Moslem Shriners  
Will Be Placing Wreaths  
In Remembrance To Those  
Who Served

Open to everyone wishing to assist us in laying wreaths



The Great Lakes National Cemetery

Saturday,  
December 16<sup>th</sup>

Additional event information will be available closer to this events date



**Winning ticket pulled  
every 2 minutes for 4 hours!**

**10<sup>TH</sup>**

**ANNUAL SHRINER'S NOV!**

**WINTER SPORTSMAN'S RAFFLE**

**DETROIT SHRINERS**

**Saturday  
February 10, 2024**

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

**110 GUNS** **plus 10** **\$500**

**cash prizes in the main raffle**

**Many other sports raffles**  
Grand prize: Browning Citori 725  
O/U Shotgun

**DOOR PRIZES  
50/50 RAFFLE**  
Huge 50/50 payout  
Winter Raffle Winner Paid  
**\$20,565**

**Randy's Hunting Center**  
ongoing 52 card gun raffles

**Choice of a Bass Pro Shops  
gift card in lieu of a firearm**

**SUBURBAN COLLECTION  
SHOWPLACE**  
46100 Grand River Avenue  
Novi, MI 48374

**TICKETS**  
Advanced Tickets: \$20  
Tickets at the Door: \$25  
Includes Food and Refreshments  
TICKETS AVAILABLE ONLINE AT  
**ShrineOutdoors.com**

**ShrineOutdoors.com**  
248-569-2900 ext. 3  
SEE WEBSITE REGULARLY FOR UPDATES

MSL #R69608  
Make checks payable to Moslem Shriners • Must be 15 years of age to enter • For Moslem Shriners General Fund, not deductible as a charitable contribution

## 2024 Winter Sportsman's Raffle – Mike Zelmanski, PP

WOW! We are celebrating 10 years of the Shriners Annual Winter Sportsman's Raffle at the Suburban Collection Showplace on Saturday, February 10, 2024.

It seems like just a short time ago that we were in the planning stages of the very first year! At that time, the Divan came to me and asked if I was interested in running a wild game dinner at the Suburban Collection Showplace for an early year fundraiser. Knowing that wild game dinners are both plentiful in the area and an expensive ticket, I suggested that we just do what we do best ... have another Sportsman's Raffle!

Using the information, I already learned from heading up the Summer Raffle for the prior 5 years, we negotiated 1 hall to rent. Based on pre-event sales, I was fully expecting a crowd of 1,500 to 1,800 people. I didn't want to get caught with my pants down so, I had enough food,

beer, pop and water for 2,400 people just to be safe. As we watched the crowd pour in the doors, I could quickly see we were going to be in trouble. We ended up with 3,800 people show up that inaugural year! I had to send people out for more of everything .... It wasn't pretty as we scrambled to do the best we could to keep up! I could see that our guests were clearly just as frustrated as I was with the crowded conditions and lack of food/beer. I got up on the stage as we were nearing the 50/50 drawing and apologized for not being better prepared, promising to fix it for the following year and fix it we did.

Since the first year, our attendance has nearly doubled at the event. We've added 50,000 additional sq ft of space, 20 additional prizes to the main raffle while significantly increasing the average value of each prize. We hold the current World Record of 134 decks of cards auctioned during the 52-card gun raffles and our 50/50 payouts to the winner have been consistently over \$20,000. We are now, and have been, the premier Sportsman's Raffle in all Shrinedom and perhaps the country!

All of our success could not be achieved without the best volunteer crew anyone could ask for. Selling tickets in advance, working before, during and after the event, you are the greatest! Thank you everyone for the years of time and effort you have already put in to help us succeed. I'm proud of everyone. We are Moslem Strong!

Tickets and flyers for the Winter Sportsman's Raffle are currently available at the Shrine Office for pickup and also can be purchased online at [shrineoutdoors.com](http://shrineoutdoors.com).

*Moslem Shriners Presents*  
*Lady Jan's*  
*Luxury Jewelry Fundraiser*

**Grand Prize Drawing**  
**Diamond Earrings and Necklace**

**Donation:**  
**\$10 each**  
**3 for \$20**



Shrine Office at 248-569-2900 ext. 1  
[www.detroitshriners.com](http://www.detroitshriners.com)

Drawing on December 2, 2023  
at 9pm at 38600 Van Dyke,  
Sterling Heights, Michigan

Proceeds to benefit General Fund of Moslem Shriners.  
Donations are not a charitable contribution. MI License #R68916



# You can Help a Shriner Help a Child



## Save Your Tabs!

### What is the “Pull-Tab Collection Program”?

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 to help Shrine Kids.



Pop the  
Top



### Why collect the tabs and not the entire can?

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.

### Where do you deliver the tabs?

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



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**MOSLEMITE MAGAZINE!**  
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[moslemite@t-rexgraphics.com](mailto:moslemite@t-rexgraphics.com)



# The Moslemite Magazine

**PLEASE JOIN US...** You can submit anything unique about our temple; we accept more than just articles. This magazine is our way of keeping in touch with our Nobles. If we all submit something monthly to make this magazine memorable, others will join us too!!!



## 2023 Moslemite Magazine submission schedule:

- **October Moslemite Magazine**  
(Online version posted to website, social media & Constant Contact)  
Submissions due by October 1st
- **November Moslemite Magazine**  
(Online version posted to website, social media & Constant Contact)  
Submissions due by November 1st
- **December Moslemite Magazine**  
(Printed version posted to website, social media & Constant Contact)  
Submissions due by November 13th

Let's make our magazine  
fantastic for our  
Nobles to read!

Each monthly Moslemite Magazine is posted to our website, Facebook page and emailed using Constant Contact to our Nobles. Our Moslemite Magazine participation is vital for our future and success.

## Great submissions for our magazine:

- Childcare patient updates
- Hospital trips and information
- Recent and Upcoming Events
- Photos
- Fundraisers
- Membership
- Units and Clubs updates
- Our plans for our future

Please email submissions to the email link below:  
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