



The Moslemite Magazine



Detroit Shrine Circus

~~June 17th~~

Rescheduled To

December 9th - 12th

2021



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DETROIT SHRINE CIRCUS

LABOR DAY WEEKEND

SEPTEMBER 2nd - 6th

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MESSAGE FROM OUR POTENTATE

Well, June has arrived and we are still handcuffed by Covid restrictions here in Michigan, but it looks like we will open up very soon. Each day more Michigan residents are receiving their vaccines and I am becoming increasingly optimistic that we are nearing the end of lockdowns and all mask requirements.

Our Sportsman's Raffle, normally our largest single-day fundraiser of the year, will still be forced to be relegated to a virtual event so, we will be drawing winners from the Suburban Collection Showplace without all the extras. The good news is that those holding a Shriners Sportsman's Raffle ticket may attend the Novi Gun and Knife Show on June 5th for half off the normal \$8 charge. Once in the G & K show, attendees may then access Randy's 52-card gun raffle that will be set-up in the rear of the hall. Proceeds will still benefit Moslem as in the past.

The Circus has been rescheduled as a holiday show and will run from December 9 through 12, 2021. More information will be shared as it becomes available.

It was nice to see that First Lady Diane's Spring Ladies Luncheon was a huge success. The sold out event was held at the Redford VFW had limited attendance due to Covid, but those that were there seemingly had a great time many seeing each other for the first time in well over a year. We have sold our building and we are now on a month-to-month lease in the fraternal part of the building. Even though we can stay until November, we are continuing to look for a new location while at the same time, searching for centrally located temporary quarters for our office staff and storage if needed. I have appointed Chaplain Gary Lewandowski as the lead of the newly appointed relocation committee. The forward thinking committee is researching all options and will report their findings to the Divan.

I'd like to take this time to Thank Recorder, Illustrious Sir Bob Pate and the office staff for going over and above the line of duty during this difficult time of Covid and the selling our building. Both issues have brought a lot of additional work to all. Everyone has been involved in packing for a move, additional paperwork of all sorts all while performing normal day-to-day Shrine duties. The pressures for the staff to perform duties have been incredible at times and they have cheerfully and efficiently executed behind the scenes.



**Mike Zelmanski
Potentate**



One of the privileges a potentate has is the ability to appoint nobles from other temples honorary members of our temple. Potentate Mike Zelmanski and Recorder Bob Pate, PP present Recorder Rick Williams of Saladin in Grand Rapids, with an honorary membership to Moslem Temple.

MESSAGE FROM OUR CHIEF RABBAN

Just a little perspective

The most valued asset we possess as Moslem Shrine rs is the blessing of our human capital. Moslem members and our staff are simply the best! A great example of this is Pam York, Moslem's childcare and transportations coordinator. Not only does Pam go the extra distance and runs this program with exceptionally high standards, but Pam, also sets the standard by which it operates. Pam's reputation at Imperial in Tampa has become storied. Her reputation is impeccable. Just ask Matt Noell, Director of Temple Accounting at Imperial. While I was attending meetings in Tampa, I asked Matt a childcare question and his reply; just ask Pam York when you get back to your temple. You see, Pam is the person who assists our sister temples around the country! And now, Pam has been giving the extra responsibility of running the Elf Khurafeh Shriners Childcare program, Matt Noell had similar comments for Kim Belanger Moslem's in house accounting guru, I had budget questions and he said; Kim Belanger can assist you with that item! In the final analysis our staff members are professional and very competent at their jobs. I would be remiss if I forgot to mention Lynnette Hyde. Mrs. Hyde comes to Moslem with an impressive resume as well. There is no job too challenging for Lynnette. She knows the social media and marketing arena quite well as she spent many years in the advertising world. Thank you, Bob Pate, PP - 33rd Moslem Recorder, for the great hire! We have a fantastic staff!

Tim Lancaster, Chief Rabban

SCO, Board of Governors

Update: Shriners Children's Ohio. (Dayton, Ohio) Open House Weekend

FRIDAY August 27, 2021- **Hilton Garden Inn (Dayton)**

- 4:00pm - Check In
- 4:00pm - 6:00pm - Hospitality with light snack
- 6:00pm - 9:00pm - Social and Dinner Includes Buffet or Station Dinner
- 9:00pm - 11:00pm - Hospitality

SATURDAY AUGUST 28, 2021-**Antioch Temple**

- 8:00am -9:00am at Antioch Temple - Breakfast Available at the hotel. Coffee & Donuts
- 9:00am - 10:30am - Shriners Children's Hospital Program
- 10:30am -11:00am - Video Tour of SCO
- 11:00am -11:30am - Presentations & Cincinnati Time Capsule - Opening
- 12:00pm - Lunch
- 1:00pm - Board Meeting

After the board meeting (optional} departure back to our various temples. (No live tours of the hospital will be given until the COVID restrictions are lifted.} **More details and bus availability to follow!**



Tim Lancaster
Chief Rabban



Marty Opeth
Oriental Guide

Crank-up the Shrine Clubs

Shrine Clubs are a very important part of the Shrine organization and especially for Moslem Shrine. As we explore various options for a future Shrine Center, clubs keep Nobles up to date on Shrine developments. Club members share information and interests. Clubs also promote friendship, improve communication, build new relationships and simply have fun together.

Because Clubs are formed by location, travel is usually much less than going to a Shrine Center. It is convenient and the meeting location can vary from a Blue Lodge to your favorite restaurant. Clubs also provide a variety of social activities for their members and their families.

As an example, we recently had a meeting of the Rochester Shrine Club. It was great to see members again after a long absence in 2020. Wives joined us at the Rochester Mills restaurant, separate tables of course. We were honored that our Potentate Mike Zelmanski, our Chaplin Gary Lewandowski and new member John Rohlman joined us. As a matter of fact, all three joined Rochester Shrine Club. What a great start for 2021!

Shriners International describes itself as a fraternity based on fun, fellowship, and the Masonic principles of brotherly love, relief, and truth. Membership in this well-known fraternal organization recognized for its social and philanthropic activities is a blessing.

Remember, Shrine Clubs are an important part of this organization. If you live in the Rochester, Shelby and Macomb areas, consider joining Rochester Shrine Club. RSC has sponsored many events over the years for members and their families and friends, including activities like bowling, picnics, Octoberfests, bocci ball, night at the races and Christmas parties. We are always planning new and unique social events.

If you live in another location, seek out the club in your area. Remember, all clubs provide great social activities and have lots of fun. Join a Shrine club today! For more information visit <https://detroitshriners.com/>

Martin Opeth,
Oriental Guide

From the Desk of the Recorder

Fraternal greetings Nobles, how all is well with you and your family. By the by-laws of Shriners International, one of the duties of the temple Recorder is to preserve any artifacts of the temple. With the future move out of our present home, items have been dropped off in the Recorder's office.

When I was packing up some items I came across a photograph in a cardboard frame and by its appearance the photograph seemed to have some age to it. Upon doing some research I came up with the name of the Noble and each Noble today should know his name; is it Dr. Russell G. Pearce.

The Shrine Circus began as a way for the Detroit's Moslem Shriners to increase funds and membership with a "mid-winter and circuses." The Moslem Temple was the first temple to produce and present a circus. Dr. Russell G. Pearce was the Temple's new fund raiser. He organized the Detroit Wheelman's Club's annual vaudeville shows. Pearce knew a lot of performers from his vaudeville connections. Most circus performers then wintered in the Midwest or Northeast and needed winter work.

On February 1906, a Monday night, the circus, called the Mystic Shriners' Yankee Circus in Egypt, performed at the Light Guard Armory on the northwest corner of Larned and Brush in Detroit. It was a one-ring circus with carnival games.

The Detroit Free Press described the circus as having everything "from peanuts to baby elephant, to side show to "Grand" concert, nothing was lacking to make the circus a complete success ... horses, dogs and a trained bear." Exhibits included canary birds for sale, Clarke's wireless telegraph system and an electrical exhibit. Games available were miniature bowling alley, ball throws at a wooden or live man and wheels of fortune. There were "booths for the sale of refreshments." Acts included clowns who were Shriners, the Hobson equestrian acts, the Five Flying Decomas, aerialists, acrobats and Professor Schepp's ponies. There was a concert with signers, dancing costumes, magic and minstrels. 3,000 people attended. It was an overwhelming success: performers had off-season work, temple membership rose and money filled the coffers.

To accommodate the crowds the circus moved to the Coliseum at the Michigan State Fairground in 1925 and expanded to three rings. Carnival games were dropped.

Due to limited space for my article, I will continue the article next month.

Yours in the Faith

Robert Pate, PP

Recorder



Robert Pate PP
Recorder

MESSAGE FROM OUR CHAPLAIN

Nobles all,

I am writing this on a cool, rainy Sunday morning and thinking about that old saying; “What comes after 2 straight days of rain in Michigan?” Answer = “Monday!” That is kinda funny in a true sense, but also proving yet again who is in charge and that the Lord does work in mysterious ways...let us remember that.

As we continue to work our way through this most unusual year, emotions are for sure piqued as we continue to question why? The “why” question can apply to many things like the current world-wide “pandemic” or the government both nationally and locally. It also applies to what is going on in our own communities and closer to home, concerns about our health, jobs and loved ones...and even closer to home, to those we have lost...and we continue to ask “why?”

Is there an answer to the “why” question that would help us understand all that is going on or not going on? An answer that would grant us comfort and peace of mind? Something that would help us understand.

I believe there is, and I believe the answer lies within our faith in our Supreme Architect.

I would like to ask you to recall when you first entered a Lodge of Entered Apprentices; you knocked 3 times and the door was opened to you. You were then led into the Lodge by your conductor, caused to kneel and attend a prayer. You were then asked a simple question...“in whom do you place your trust?” You answered without hesitation; “In God.” You were told to arise, follow your conductor, and fear no danger...and that my Brothers is the first block laid in the foundation of everything.

So, I ask each of you...do you still put your trust in God? I know I do, and I can see his good works even through all the clouds of uncertainty and despair in the world. Closer to home, the good and positive still outweigh the bad and negative many times over. One just needs to look towards our Hospitals and the miraculous work our Doctors and staff do for our children and their families, then ask yourself if you still put your faith in God.

Your trust being in God, your faith is well founded. Keep that faith, be positive, do what you can to make a difference, be the Noble that leads by example because that silver lining may be closer than we think.

In closing, I am asking our Heavenly Father for his continued blessings for our Divan, the Nobility of Moslem Shrine, and your families as well as all our military personnel and first responders throughout the world. I also ask that you continue to bless our Hospitals, Doctors, Staff, and especially our Kids.

Sincerely and Fraternally

Gary Lewandowski

Chaplin – 2021

“As iron sharpens iron, so friends sharpen friends”



Gary Lewandowski
Chaplain

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 for additional updates.



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JUNE

ON-LINE LIVE Sportsman's Raffle
Saturday June 5th

- Monday 28th • Fireworks Aboard The Diamond Queen
- Saturday 26th • Ladies In The "D" Trip

JULY

- Sunday 4th - Friday 9th • Imperial Houston
- Sunday 25th • Shrine Family Picnic

AUGUST

- Sunday 8th • Potato Bake Fundraiser
- Friday 20th • Tommy's Comedy Club Dinner
- Saturday 21st • Dayton Open House
- Sunday 29th • Breakfast 4 Dinner

SEPTEMBER

- Wednesday 1st - Monday 6th • State Fair
- Thursday 9th • State Fair Workers Dinner
- Wednesday 15th - Sunday 19th • GLSA
- Monday 20th • Stated Business Meeting
- Thursday 23rd - Sunday 26th • GLUM
- Sunday 26th • Clinton Fall Festival

It's Time To Pay Your Dues

The 2021 membership fees for the **Motor City Shiners** are now due. As before, the cost to belong to the best Club in the Shrine is only \$20.00 per year – checks payable to Motor City Shiners – Taproom 1 or cash is also accepted.

Not yet a member? Just ASK!!



In addition to your membership this year, you will also receive 2 of the new International Association of Shrine Taprooms lapel pins! 1 for you and 1 for your Lady.

Ladies Oriental Shrine of North America

Ladies' Oriental Shrine of North America

In Memoriam



Lady Victoria J Hansen, PHP was initiated into the mysteries of the Ladies Oriental Shrine of North America in January 1984. Lady Vicki was active in the Annie Oakley, Q and Pages and Slave Dancers Units. Lady Vicki served as High Priestess of Za-hir-u-din Court #7 from April 1, 2002 – March 31, 2003. Following her High Priestess year, she served as a Trustee and later as Aide to the Treasurer. She was elected Treasurer of our Court and served from April 1, 2016 until illness sidelined her in January 2021.

Lady Vicki passed to that Grand Court above on April 24, 2021. Our Lady has gone from us now but will live in our memories.

Our 107th Grand Council Session was in Tuscan, Arizona May 23-28. Our Court has many Ladies who look forward to this event every year. Unfortunately, due to COVID we had a very small number attend from our Court to represent us. We preferred that everyone felt safe in making their decision to attend. Here is hoping when we go to Seattle, Washington in May 2022 we will “go big or go home” with a large group of our Ladies in attendance.

Our Court is hosting the 55th Great Lakes Unit Meet (GLUM) in Frankenmuth, Michigan September 23-25. This compares to the Great Lakes Shrine Association the Moslem Shriners attend every September. Our Units have the opportunity to perform their pageantry for other Courts within our Association. We are hosting a Bowl-a-thon on June 13th. Please come out and support our Court as we raise funds for our GLUM!



Each High Priestess (HP) begins her journey thru the line in a class. This year's class of Lady Diana McCusker, HP is **The Caring Lotus Ladies**. The lotus flower's daily rebirth is interesting, and surely symbolic of revival. But the flower also has a fascinating *will to live*. A lotus seed can withstand thousands of years without water, able to germinate over two centuries later. This year our Court is symbolically planting some of those lotus seeds and seeing what grows, Za-hir-u-din Court No. 7 is 101 years old, and we have a will to live!

After the past year, how do you accept the inevitable change and make a plan? You work with future leaders of your Court and make a long term plan and start a lot of “first” within your organization. Successful change cannot happen if we don't work together. The definition of insanity is doing the same thing over and over again and expecting a different result. When leadership changes every 12 months, if you don't work together on common goals, then we become complacent and everything our predecessors worked for ceases to exist.

- We are partnering with Moslem Shriners this year for a couple fundraising events.
- We are hosting virtual social activities that everyone will be invited to. This is a great way for us to open our Court to non-members as well as anyone who just misses seeing everyone at in person events.
- We are giving all prospective Ladies a point of contact that will guide them from the moment they inquire about our Court to being initiated membership into our Court. This will provide constant communication for Ladies and help foster the excitement of becoming a Lady of LOSNA.
- We have started a mentorship program led by a New Member Educator. Once Ladies join our Court, they will be assigned a Mentor as well as attend monthly zoom sessions to establish the foundation of what it means to be a Lady in our organization.
- We are encouraging Ladies to become active in our Units. If there is not a Unit for them, we are inspiring them to start a new one. Units we have had for over 20 years might not be what Ladies are interested in now. Stay tuned for next month's article when we share with you our newest Unit in our Court!
- We are utilizing social media to assist with fundraisers. If we are limited to in person events, we are changing with this new time and working with what is available to us.

UPCOMING EVENTS

June 5	High Priestess Project drawing at Virtual Shriners' Sportsman's Raffle
June 13	GLUM 2021 Bowl-a-thon
June 16	1 st Virtual Social! All are welcome!
June 28	Court Meeting - Zoom

MEMBERSHIP

Hello Mighty Moslemites!

I am recalling a time, not long ago when I crossed the hot sands some 11 years ago. It was August of 2010, Past Potentate Michael Dib was Illustrious Sir then and we were nearly 4,000 members strong. The Units were there in force, each pandering to the class of 52 candidates eagerly awaiting to join. There had to be at least 10 members of each unit and club representing and attending. The sheer volume of Shrine Masons there was impressive and very welcoming. It was a day I realized just how important being a Shriner was not only to myself, but to my new found company of brethren.

Those years have gone by fast. Although fleeting, we remember each of those days and the people that help make those events special. We have lost much over the years, but the importance of being a Shriner has never been more pressing and needed than now. The need for Shriners Hospitals for Children still remains and the work the Doctors and hospital staff continues and improves. Although we are not as active as we would like right now, we must endure for the sake of the Children and our Shrine Fraternity to instill hope within ourselves and our future.

On this day of April 30th 2021 we currently have 1,682 members of the 1,694 we began with this year. Unfortunately, we have lost 17 of our Nobles to travel with the Black Camel. 4 new Nobles have been created, 3 restorations and 1 affiliation have been added for the year. We are always looking for candidates to join our Shrine and help our cause, the Shriners Hospitals for Children. A huge shout out and thank you to all of you Nobles who continue to bring in new members.

Fellow Nobles, please know that those members in arrears on their dues are not permitted to participate in Shrine events until they are current. This includes the upcoming business meeting and elections. Non Payment of Dues, (NPD's), are one of the leading sources of losses within Shrine membership and is one of the easiest to avoid. Simply look at your card to see if it is current and call our Shrine Office to make the arrangements for payment if necessary. I can assure you that our Illustrious Recorder Bob Pate will treat each case with respect and empathy and has been instrumental in his commitment to retain and restore members. Help us to improve, one member at a time.

Fraternally Yours,

Noble Rick Gaines

Moslem Temple

Membership Committee Chairman

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JACKSON SHRINE CLUB

Westside gang as Pam York calls us.

We are located at Artesian Wells, corner of US12 and 127. We meet the first Monday of each month, eat at 6pm, meeting follows at 7pm. Good place to eat and the beer is always cold. This article is about our part in childcare transportation from the counties of Hillsdale, Branch, Calhoun, and Jackson (plus surrounding areas). We have a van garaged in Jonesville, MI. It is maintained by the Temple Garage (tune-ups, tires, etc.). We have a summer coordinator. These two Nobles spend most of their spare time arranging trips organized by Pam York. Pam keeps in contact with the families on appointment dates and times, then she contacts Jerry and Dave. They arrange for two drivers to make the trips to the hospital, usually Chicago or Dayton. Pick up time is normally 6am and return around 10pm and sometimes spending the night at a motel in Chicago. The patients range from infants to 19 years of age. The current drivers include, Jerry Miller (many years), Jerry Freeburn, Dave Guest, Dick Morgan, Dave Fowler, Mike Croad, Dan Neal, Scott Gabbert, Tom Weaver, John Chmielewski, Stan Zanger, and John VanWert, who is pictured with one of our patients.



Our reward is to watch the kids grow, develop and smile.



The Divan visited the Jackson Shrine Club at their May meeting held at the Artesian Wells Sports Tavern. We had the privilege of creating 3 new nobles in a short form that evening. JSC President Jake Daweritz presented Potentate Mike Zelmanski with a check for \$5,000 to be deposited in our general fund.



CHILDCARE



Nobles All - Greetings

“The more things change, the more they stay the same”

This is a phrase (epigram – a saying or remark expressing an idea in a clever and amusing way) that Jean-Baptiste Alphonse Karr first used in January 1849 in a monthly French journal, *Les Guêpes*. Today, as in the past, his epigrams are frequently quoted. Alphonse Karr was a French critic, journalist, and novelist who like other critics used epigrams as a method to make a point in a brief, interesting, memorable, and sometimes surprising or satirical manner. It could be a statement having a point that ends in a punchline or satirical twist.

Specifically, with the epigram: ***“The more things change, the more things stay the same”***, it has come to mean that sometimes what we perceive as a significant change is really not so significant, and vice versa. Or, a series of groundbreaking events can cycle back to a state eerily reminiscent of their beginning. The phrase is used to show that change and constant are two sides of the same coin, one we are rarely taught to see as whole. One without the other should feel like the sound of one hand clapping.

How in the world does this correlate to Child Care? Easily. As the world entered into an unprecedented time with COVID19; shut-downs, restrictions, stay at home orders, Child Care was ever present. During the time – frame of March 2020 thru Feb 1, 2021 the number of hospital visits prove this out.

- Shriners Hospitals for Children – Chicago – 155 visits
- Shriners Hospitals for Children – Cincinnati – 5 visits
- Shriners Hospitals for Children – Philadelphia – 21 visits
- Total visits - 181
- Most importantly, during the same period we received 36 new patients into the care of Shriners Hospitals for Children

You see, Mother Nature doesn’t care what is going on around the world. When a patient with a prosthetic slips and falls breaking that prosthetic, we jump into action to make sure that the child is taken care of as quickly as possible. When you get the dreaded call that a child has fallen into a fire pit and received 2nd / 3rd degree burns to 40% of their body – COVID19 be damned – calls must be made to ensure that all the pieces of the puzzle fall into place again, to make sure that the child receives the care needed.

So, ***The more things change, the more they stay the same***. Thank you to Pam York, Child Care Coordinator during these crazy times to make sure that ***The more things change, the more they stay the same!***

On a brighter note, the move to Shriners Hospitals for Children – Cincinnati to Dayton Children’s Hospital is now complete, we saw our first child on February 23, 2021 and our the first surgery was performed on February 24, 2021. The virtual ribbon cutting was held on Friday, March 19, 2021 on Facebook Live. Keep the date of Aug 28, 2021 open for the Dayton Open House.

Until we meet again.....

Bob O’Brien, Past Potentate
Child Care Director
Shriners Children’s – Ohio – Board Member



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