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MESSAGE FROM OUR POTENTATE

July, we are halfway through this Shrine year. By the time you read this article, your Divan will be in Houston attending the Imperial Sessions for several grueling days of all-day meetings. Your Imperial Representatives will be voting on numerous pieces of Shrine legislation throughout the week and appointed Imperial representatives will be putting in long days assisting as needed to help keep the ball rolling. This is also the time when there is a changing of the guard at the very highest level of Shrinedom. Imperial Sir Jim Smith will be replaced as Imperial Potentate by Imperial Sir Bill Bailey. Additionally, Moslem's own Imperial Sir Larry Leib will move up to the "top of the bottom" of the Imperial line. Imp Sir Larry will move to the position of Imperial First Ceremonial Master.



**Mike Zelmanski
Potentate**

The Sportsman's Raffle was streamed live and should be considered a success considering we couldn't hold the event at the Suburban Collection Showplace as usual. Our net profit was down by nearly 70% over 2020, but still a tidy sum for our coffers. Thank you to all that sold tickets to this event we couldn't have done it without you. I'm confident we will be fully open next February for an event expected to fill the room with supporters and excitement.

Our Relocation Committee lead by Chaplain Gary Lewandowski is working hard looking at several alternatives for our new home. The advisory committee is made up of forward thinking nobles looking for a solution that will be in the best interest of Moslem. We will hopefully soon have our options presented for consideration.

Our largest multiple day fundraiser, the Michigan State Fair is being held Labor Day weekend. Circus Director Craig Stigleman PP assures me that the crowds will be huge this year. Many people are tired of being cooped up and want get out and enjoy some normalcy with their families. 200 volunteers are needed each day in order for Moslem to get handsomely paid for our efforts. Nobles, our ladies, family and friends may step-up to volunteer. This is a great way to meet others, develop relationships and see the behind the scenes of the fair and the circus. We NEED this event to be successful. All hands on deck. You can call the Shrine office or watch for Signupgenious info for online signup.

We are also planning a family event to be held on Sunday, August 29th. We will have breakfast for dinner served by the Divan. This will be an affordable event for all ages. We will also have Hot Wheels drag races for all ages. We will have a 12' long, 6-lane drag strip for some fun action packed racing. Everyone in attendance will get a Hot Wheels car and we will have competitions by age group and an overall competition with trophies for the winners. Clowns, music and fun for all. We want your kids, grandkids, parents and grandparents of all ages to attend. Keep an eye out for more information.

MESSAGE FROM OUR CHIEF RABBAN



Tim Lancaster
Chief Rabban



SHRINERS CHILDREN'S OHIO

Open House Weekend

AUGUST 27-28, 2021



All Divans, Nobles, Masons, Ladies,
Staff and Guests are invited to attend.

Friday, August 27

for a RECEPTION and BUFFET at the



777 HOLLYWOOD BLVD
DAYTON, OHIO 45414

4-6 p.m. | 9:30-11 p.m. Cocktails and snacks

\$45.00 each - in advance

Shuttle bus service to Hollywood Raceway: 5:30-9:30 p.m.

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Saturday, August 28

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Program and Tours

- 8:00 - 9:30 AM Tech Town (Administration offices) open for tours
241 TAYLOR STREET • DAYTON, OH 45402
- 9:00 AM Coffee & Donuts (Antioch Temple)
- 9:30 - 11:30 AM Presentations (Antioch Temple):
 - Video tour of the hospital
 - Speakers
 - Opening of the Cincinnati Time Capsule
- 11:30 AM Lunch (Catered by Christy's)
- 12:30 PM Board Meeting
All nobles are invited to attend



RSVP FORM

YES, I am planning on attending the **Shriners Open House Weekend**.
I will participate in the following events:
(Please indicate the number of attendees for EACH event)

■ **Friday Night Reception: \$45.00 each**
of attendees: _____ Total cost: _____

PLEASE REGISTER NO LATER THAN
Monday, August 16, 2021

■ **Saturday Program**
of attendees: _____

If you require any of the auxiliary aids or services identified in the Americans with Disabilities Act, please include these requirements in writing with your registration.

Check (send with registration)
Make check to: **Shriners Children's Ohio**

Credit card: contact Derricke Kolb at 513-872-6097 to arrange payment and receive your confirmation/receipt

Spouse / Guest (first and last name): _____

Temple / Group: _____

Address: _____

City, State and Zip Code: _____

Phone (daytime): _____

e-mail address: _____

DON'T FORGET
Regardless of payment method, please send completed registration to:
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ATTN: Kerry Jones
Administration
One Children's Plaza - 2 West
Dayton, Ohio 45404
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For additional information or questions, please e-mail Kerry Jones at
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or call **513-872-6207**

MESSAGE FROM OUR ASSISTANT RABBAN

Hello Nobles

Hope everyone is doing well with winter ending and warmer weather coming. Now we can get outside and enjoy what are beautiful state has to offer.

As of the date of this article we already have some bad news regarding parades, our first three parades have already been canceled.

Lincoln Park ,Sterling Heights and Belleville. We have not heard from Wyandotte's representatives regarding their Fourth of July Parade, so at this point it is still a go.

Hopefully the next article that I will be posting will have better news regarding parades.

I had the chance to speak with PP Charlie Ferguson Regarding GLSA in September.

Medinah Temple in Chicago is the Host temple this year.

GLSA will take place at the Eagle Wood Resort in Itasca Illinois the Dates are September 15th thru the 19th if you go to the Medinah website you can see all the events they have planned ,look on their calendar for September. We need to get as many of us there because next year Moslem is hosting GLSA in Ann Arbor so show your support and make plans to attend this fall in Illinois.

YITF

Frank Dougherty

AR Moslem Shrine



Frank Dougherty
Assistant Rabban

MESSAGE FROM OUR HIGH PRIEST & PROPHET

Hello Fellow Nobles,

Looks like summer is here don't know about you but I like all this hot weather. Lets start out by congratulating our Pote Mike Z for a successful sportsmen's raffle it sure felt good to be out doing a little fundraising. Also a big thumbs up to the units and clubs that have been parading it is so important for we as Nobles to be seen. On another note now that the building has been sold there is still a need to continue cleaning out our unit rooms. As I'm writing this article the Divan is preparing to attend the Imperial Convention in Houston Texas and I know everyone is looking forward to representing our temple. As you may already know we have a relocation committee that consists of six Nobles their mission is to locate buildings or sites to possibly build. So if you happen to see something that you feel may suit our needs please contact us for possible discussion. Here's to hoping that your summer is enjoyable and don't hesitate to stop by the temple and say Hi.

Fraternal yours,

Lawrence Seyuin

H.P. & P.



Larry Seyuin
High Priest & Prophet

MESSAGE FROM OUR ORIENTAL GUIDE

Be a Shriner Volunteer (July 2021)

The word volunteer comes from the Latin word voluntarius, meaning willing or of one's own choice. This latin verb originated from the Latin noun voluntas, meaning will or desire. At our Moslem Shrine, we need more volunteers. We need nobles who are willing to offer their time and service when called upon. Besides, that's why we join the Shrine; to help children in need, to help our fellow Nobles and to make our Shrine prosperous for many years to come.

As Michigan opens up, so do we. Events such as the Circus, the Sportsman's Raffle, Picnics, Parades, Meat Raffle all need your help and don't forget all the Unit and Club activities. Furthermore, we especially need more volunteers for the Circus. The Circus needs 200 volunteers per day. With approximately 1,800 Nobles we should be able to meet or exceed the need. When called upon, step up and volunteer. It takes some effort but is fun and very rewarding.

Volunteers do not necessarily have the time; they just have the heart. You make a living by what you get; you make a life by what you give. Volunteering will provide a healthy boost to your self-confidence, self-esteem, and life satisfaction. You will be doing good deed which provides a natural sense of pride and accomplishment. Be the first to volunteer, you will feel great!

Martin Opeth,
Oriental Guide



Marty Opeth
Oriental Guide

From the Desk of the Recorder



Robert Pate PP
Recorder

This is the continuation of my June article relating to the history of the Detroit Shrine Circus. The Shrine Circus in Detroit was very strong for many years. It drew more paying customers than Ringling Bros.-Barnum & Bailey. "It was not uncommon to have an operating profit of \$50,000.00." The Detroit Temple "was also the first to develop a satellite program" or a smaller group of circus performers traveling to local communities and performing as an off-shoot of the main circus. The Detroit Shrine Circus also had an outstanding reputation and people supported it and its hospitals. The idea of funding hospitals was a 1920 decision by the Shrine Imperial Session after the Grand Master issued an edict that forbade Masons from participating in anything with gambling and games of chance.

Noting the success of the Moslem Temple, other temples soon began to produce their own Shrine circus. The circuses provided a major means of support for top quality circus performers and great entertainment in an age with few options. Some of the top circus stars of their era, or up-and coming stars, worked on the Shrine Circuses; including Clyde Beatty, Micky King, Ella Bradna, Lillian Leitzel, the Flying Codonas with the great Alfredo Codona, Terrell Jaccobs and The Great Wallendas.

Traditionally, "the first Shrine Circus of each year opens in Flint, Michigan, in early January. From then through Thanksgiving, there is a least one Shrine Circus playing every week somewhere in the U.S. Some of the circuses are indoors, others in tents. They may last 1-3 days and have 1-5 rings. In 1985 at least 200 Shrine circuses were held to raise money for Shrine programs.

The Detroit Shrine circus was held from 1925 to 1978 the same two weeks of February annually. It also had Shriners who had been involved for decades, working up the leadership positions, who knew what they were doing. In 1978 the long standing Shrine Circus producer died. In 2008 and 2009 circus producer Tarzan Zerbini agreed to institute some changes in the circus' format for the Moslem Temple.

Yours in the Faith

Robert W. Pate, PP, 33rd

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 Fraternaly

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.



Detroit Shrine Circus

Rescheduled To

December 9th - 12th 2021



JULY

Sunday 4th - Friday 9th • Imperial Houston
Monday 5th - Friday 9th • Shrine Office Closed

AUGUST

Sunday 15th • Potato Bake Fundraiser
Thursday 19th • Tommy's Comedy Club Dinner
Saturday 28th • Dayton Open House
Sunday 29th • Breakfast 4 Dinner
Hot Wheels Races

SEPTEMBER

Wednesday 1st - Monday 6th • State Fair
Monday 13th • Stated Business Meeting
Wednesday 15th - Sunday 19th • GLSA
Sunday 26th • Clinton Fall Festival

OCTOBER

Saturday 2nd • Oktoberfest
Wednesday 20th • Potentate's Birthday
Saturday 23rd • Ladies Fall Luncheon
Bar Bango
Pending • Childcare Halloween

**Sunday
August 15
12-5pm
\$5**



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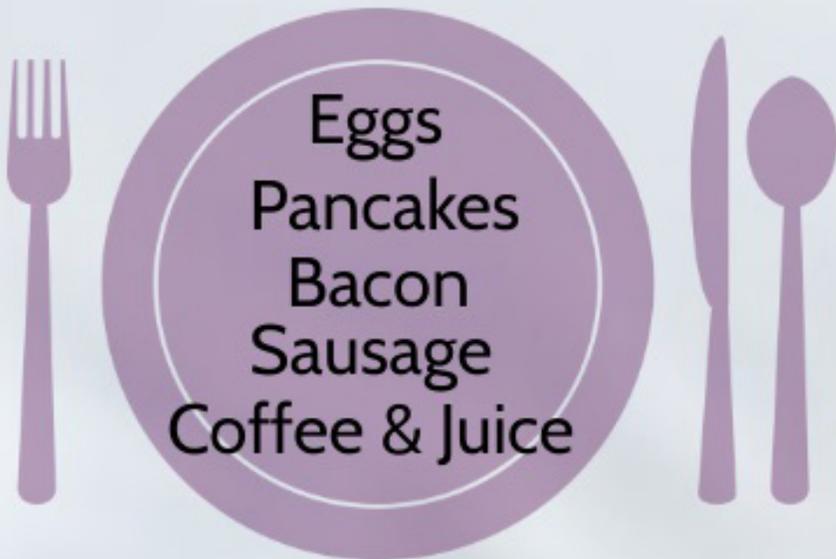
Rise & Shine with the Shrine



(AKA Breakfast for Dinner)

August 29, 2021

Includes:



**Featuring:
HotWheels Car Races**



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MEMBERSHIP

Hello Mighty Moslemites!

It appears that the restrictions that kept us at our homes for so long are finally lifting. As we are cautiously re-entering normal, we can finally enjoy a good meal with friends and family. Finally look to plan future vacations and out-of-town plans. Finally get back to the good times at the Shrine we have so longingly missed!

Most recently, my Lady Dawn and I enjoyed a “Fireworks Boat Cruise” held annually by Past Pote Bob O’Brien and Lady Judy. In attendance there were approximately 24+ Shrine Masons on board with their Ladies and close friends. The unusually hot and sweltering day, let loose cool breezes and a comfortable setting for all to enjoy on the water! We encountered some rain which gave way to a rainbow and a natural light show over the water. The fellowship was welcomed by all aboard the Diamond Belle. The evening was completed with the addition of two newly created Nobles!

It is my hope, as you read this, that you are beginning to look into getting re-engaged with the Shrine. It is easy to fill your life gaps with other scheduled events as I imagined all of us had during the pandemic shut downs. I do have a fear that some of us will believe we are better off with out the Shrine. I ask, if you should contemplate your shrine membership, that you reflect onto the lives of the patients and hospitals we swore to serve. I ask that you look upon the fellow Nobles you have come to know and enjoy. Furthermore, I ask that you look to attend another social event with our Nobles before making that parting decision. I would trust that you may change your mind to stay after all.

On this day of June 30th 2021 we currently have 1,685 members of the 1,694 we began with this year. Unfortunately, we have lost 21 of our Nobles to travel with the Black Camel. 10 new Nobles have been created, 4 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. It appears that we shall have a Fall Ceremonial in November. I am also hearing that Grand Lodge is allowing an “All Degree Day” on October 30th in three locations in Michigan. The closest within our region is at Wayne Masonic Lodge. More details will follow as they are dispersed.

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

GLSCUA President

shrinergaines@yahoo.com

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JACKSON SHRINE CLUB

"WEST SIDE GANG"

I would like to talk about one of our good friends who crossed the hot sands a couple of years ago, 11-9-2019. Since he has been a Shriner, he has been inspirational in getting several fine men into the shrine organization. Prior to becoming a Shriner, he seemed to have a knack for spotting new members for the Masonic organization in Moscow and Horton Lodges (dual member). We do not have the luxury of getting our pick of prospects from the big three and surrounding area near Detroit. With the knack Mike Croad has with his sporting club plus friends from his past, we are doing a booming business in our club, Jackson Shriner Club at Artesian Wells. Thank you, Mike.

John VanWert (1969), Mike Croad (Glasses, 2019).



Ladies Oriental Shrine of North America

- ❖ High Priestess Lady Diana McCusker recently had complications arise due to surgery. Thank you to everyone for your Facebook post, cards, text, phone calls and prayers. Noble Patrick McCusker and her boys have been diligent about getting our High Priestess back to good health. During times like this, you really appreciate your Shrine family and the family bond that Ladies' Oriental Shrine of North America (LOSNA) forms.
- ❖ Our Court is hosting the 55th Great lakes Unit Meet (GLUM) in Frankenmuth, MI September 23-25. The Great Lakes Area consist of 11 Courts from Michigan, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, New York and Ontario, Canada. Our Units have their time to shine by performing Exhibition Drills for our High Priestess, Lady Diana McCusker as well as other Grand Council Ladies in attendance.



The first Grand High Priestess of LOSNA was in 1914. Since our Court was formed in 1920, we have been honored to have Za-hir-u-din Court No. 7 Ladies become Grand High Priestess in 1938 and 1963. Congratulations Lady Karen Pryztula, Past High Priestess (PHP) on being installed as Grand Associate Princess of LOSNA! Lady Karen will be the 3rd Lady from our Court to become Grand High Priestess in May 2023.

Lady Karen's journey began with Eastern Stars in 1975. Coming from a family of Masons she knew that she wanted to take the step into becoming a Lady within LOSNA in November 1980. In November 2020, Lady Karen Przytula, Grand Associate Princess, PHP celebrated 40 years within Za-hir-u-din Court No. 7. Did she ever believe that when her journey began 40 years ago that in 2023 she would become the Grand High Priestess of Ladies' Oriental Shrine of North America?

In 1981, Lady Karen attended her first Unit meet in Louisville, KY. She has probably attended more Unit Meets than any other lady of our court. Lady Karen's husband has always been 100% supportive of her LOSNA involvement. Lady Karen retired in April 2013 and he knew before she ever said anything to him that she wanted to go into line for Grand High Priestess. Lady Karen has a goal to visit every court before she gets to her year in 2023. 2020 put a pause to this with only 6 Courts remaining for her to visit.

Lady Karen has 40 years in LOSNA. She is known by Courts everywhere as well as Shrine temples. She is known within International Order of the Rainbow for Girls, Job's Daughters and DeMolay. By visiting Shriners everywhere, Lady Karen has become a voice of LOSNA. Our Court is proud of Lady Karen and all that she has accomplished!



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GRAND ASSOCIATE PRINCESS



HIGH PRIESTESS
1996-1997
ZA-HIR-U-DIN NO. 7
DETROIT, MICHIGAN

Lady Karen was installed as Grand Associate Princess at the 107th Grand Council of the Ladies' Oriental Shrine of North America (LOSNA).

The Ladies of our Court are excited to be hosting the 110th Grand Council May 12-18, 2024 in Kalamazoo, MI.



At the 107th LOSNA Grand Council in Tucson, AZ in May 2021.

Lady Hazel Thompson PHP, Lady Stephanie Lindeman, Lady Karen Przytula, Grand Associate Princess, Lady Edith Nader, Lady Jean Pisha PHP, Lady Dee Mueller PHP





ANNUAL SHRINER'S WINTER **NOVI** SPORTSMAN'S RAFFLE

June Sportsman's Raffle in action



Our Moslem ladies are always there to help



Behind the scenes technology streaming the June Sportsman's Raffle



Volunteer Nobles Troy Thompson, Mike Tozzi, Sean Nagoda, Adam "Bubba" Lankin and Paul Berendt removing pavers surrounding our Silent Messenger statue preparing to move it to the bus garage for temporary storage.



Lady Di's Diamond Bracelet Raffle was a huge success! Even without the ability to sell tickets at the Sportsman's Raffle, nearly a \$5,000 profit was raised for the general fund thanks to the hard work and dedication of Lady Di and her team. Thank you to all that helped sell tickets for this beautiful tennis bracelet. Pictured is Lady Di presenting the bracelet to the lucky winner Pat Kearney. The winning ticket was sold by Becky Nagoda.



**Moslem Shriners
Presents**

Lady Di's
DIAMOND RAFFLE

*Grand Prize Drawing
Diamond Tennis Bracelet*

*Drawing on June 5, 2021
Moslem Shrine Center at 8 pm*