

# The Moslemite Magazine





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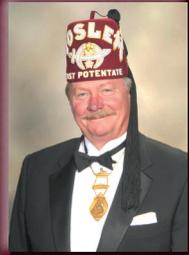
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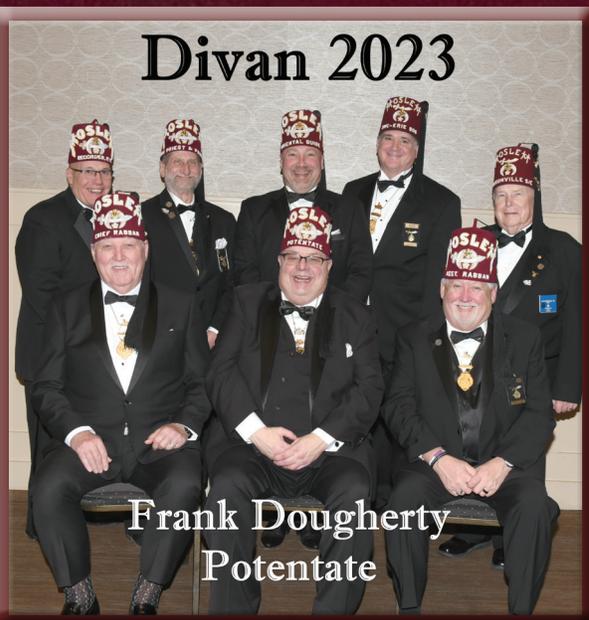
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## Divan 2023

**Frank Dougherty**  
**Potentate**

Celebrating  
**100**  
YEARS

**Shriners**  
Children's™



## MESSAGE FROM OUR POTENTATE

Hello to all,

We already had two significant events that Moslem Nobles and ladies worked very hard to make Happen our Sportsman Raffle and our Circus; thanks to all of you for your tough work and taken time away from your homes and families to help without you; none of our events would happen Thank You very much.

Your Divan is working very hard to find Moslem a new home; we have purchased two acres of investment property on Grandriver in Novi, intending to buy one more acre adjoining the two we have purchased already. Your Divans hope is to build a brand new home for Moslem at this location with the approval of all of the nobles of Moslem who attended the special meeting on March 13th. This meeting will be filled with much information to move Moslem closer to a new permanent home. I hope all of you will attend.

On March 11th, one of our first fun events and new events happened, the St Practice party yup, not St Patrick's; it's a St Practice party everyone needs practice for things, so why not practice for St Patrick's day? Well, hopefully, we will see you there.

Moslems first lady Jan planned to set up for Nobles and ladies to donate their Amazon funds to Moslem, but Amazon has removed this option from their service. Lady Jan has purchased a Diamond necklace and matching earrings to raise funds for Moslem, valued at seven thousand dollars. Ticket prices are one for 10 or 3 for 20 dollars; the drawing will be at our December holiday party.

Regarding the Holiday Party, this event has been called the all-units party for years; it wasn't meant to exclude any noble or group from attending; this is a wonderful Moslem tradition, but I have heard over the years from various people and groups that they didn't feel welcome because of the name so I wish to let every noble or group that has felt not welcome over the years you are very very welcome and please attend Moslem Holiday Party on December 2nd this year.

Finally, I say with a heavy heart farewell to three incredible past Potentates; all three of you had a big part in guiding me, and I know many of you in your Moslem journey. To you, three Sirs, may your new journey ahead be as rewarding as it was with all of us here on earth again; farewell great Illustrious Sirs

Joe Kish

John Thornhill

Mike Spensley

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Moslem Potentate 2023

Frank "chum" Dougherty



**Frank Dougherty  
Potentate**





# 2023

# SAVE THESE DATES!

## MARCH

March 11th • St Practice Party

## APRIL

April 15th • Meat Raffle TBD

## MAY

May 6th • Ladies Luncheon

May 21st • Lincoln Park Parade

May 29th • Sterling Hgts Parade

## JUNE

June 25th • Bay-Rama Parade New  
Baltimore

## JULY

July 1st to 7th • Imperial

July 4th • Wyandotte Parade

July 29th • Moslem Shriners Family  
Picnic

## AUGUST

August 19th • Howell Melon festival

August 30th - 31st • Shrine Circus &  
Michigan State Fair

## SEPTEMBER

September 1st- 4th • Shrine Circus &  
Michigan State Fair

September 13th to 17th • GLSA Evansville  
Indiana

September 20th • Potentate's Birthday Party

September 24th • Clinton Fall festival parade

September 30th • Moslem Shriners Child Care  
Golf outing Taylor Michigan

## OCTOBER

October 7th • Fall Ladies Luncheon

October 14th • Meat Raffle TBD

## NOVEMBER

November 5th • Veterans Day Parade

## DECEMBER

December 2nd • All Units party Pennas

December 10th • Childcare party Allen Park

December 16th • Wreaths Accross America



## MESSAGE FROM OUR CHIEF RABBAN

From Chief Rabban

We seem to be losing something significant since moving from Southfield, and that is our comradery. By now, you should have received your postcard requesting your presence at the upcoming Special Meeting. The future of Moslem Temple is in your hands. Your Divan has and continues to work very hard on procuring a home for all Nobles of Moslem Shrine. All members of Moslem Shrine must look to the future to survive. Looking backward is unproductive, “could of, would of, should of” is not the answer. Look to the future and be part of the solution. A new home for all Nobles will ensure that future. With the support of the Nobility that will happen, your Divan can only do so much; we need your support. We must look for new ways to keep the new Nobles involved and grow our membership; without a home, this is impossible to do.

Bringing in new members and keeping them requires a lot of effort; a place to assemble and socialize is a step in the right direction. A home will allow us to grow and be productive not only to ourselves but to the philanthropy we all have taken an oath to support.

I wish you all good health, and may the Supreme Architect keep you safe.

Tommy Thompson

Chief Rabban



Thomas Thompson  
Chief Rabban

# IT'S MORE THAN THE HATS WE WEAR

The dedication a Shriner makes to family,  
community, and fraternity makes good men  
better.

## MESSAGE FROM OUR ASSISTANT RABBAN



Gary Lewandowski  
Assistant Rabban

Nobles all,

By the time this comes out, I hope to be either in Tampa or, having just returned from there, having attended the second training secession that the Imperial offers to Elected Divan members.

Many may not be aware, but once elected to the BOD (Divan), to be able to move up the ranks and eventually be elected Potentate, there are training requirements that one must fulfill. This goes hand in hand with the Masonic Lodge, whereby one must have sat as a Warden of that Lodge to be qualified to be elected Master... the same sort of thing here.

“OG” (Oriental Guide Leadership Conference) and/or “AR” (Assistant Rabban) or “Kosair Charities Shrine Leadership Conference” are the two sessions offered, and you must attend one or the other, preferably both, to qualify to be elected as Potentate.

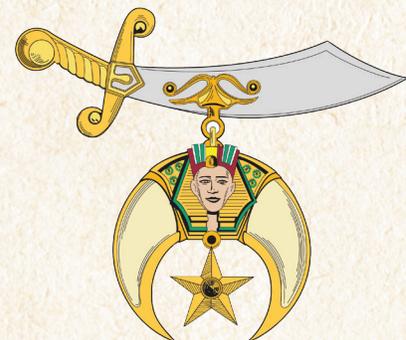
I went to the “OG” part last year and have elected to return for the “AR” part because this training is invaluable. The resources and training you get regarding Imperial Bylaws, protocols, and just about everything else Shrine is fascinating and educational...and eye-opening. You also get to meet and interact with fellow officers from other Temples, which is worth the trip.

Being committed to the Shrine, especially to Moslem (that would be all of you), makes the journey to Tampa and the training not only necessary but well worth the effort because YOU are worth the effort. The fact that this takes place in March in Florida doesn't hurt too much, either!

Moving forward, I hope each of you had the opportunity to attend the meeting on March 13th, where the plans for the new building were reviewed. I can say that each member of your Divan has worked countless hours studying this and many other options, and we all feel that this is the way to go and a way that will signify the re-birth of Mighty Moslem and pave the road to a great future...but we need YOU to be part of it!! This all represents a fantastic opportunity to finally get what we all have been waiting for: a new home—a home for Moslem, designed and built for us to enjoy for many years to come.

Sincerely and Fraternaly  
Gary Lewandowski  
Assistant Rabban - 2023

“As iron sharpens iron, so friends sharpen friends.”



# MESSAGE FROM OUR RECORDER

As Moslem Shriners has initiated several new Nobles of the Mystic Realm, I thought I would explain some the words used by Shriners.

## Aide

A noble appointed by a Potentate or Imperial Potentate to assist him with duties during his term.

## Ambassador

A noble appointed by a Potentate to represent him and the temple at club, unit meetings, functions and Masonic lodges.

## Black Camel

Term used to refer to the death of a member of the Shriners fraternity.

## Bylaws

The rules and regulations governing Shriners International and each temple.

## Cabiri

A social organization composed of Past Potentates.

## Candidate

A Mason who has petitioned for membership in the Shriners fraternity.

## Ceremonial

The Shriner initiation ceremony.

## Editorial Without Words

The image of a Shriner carrying a little girl and her crutches. This image originated from a photograph and has been reflected in statues, graphics and other media as a symbol of the Shriners fraternity and Shriners Hospitals for Children. It is currently an important part of the visual identity of Shriners Hospital for Children.

## Elected Divan

The collective name of the officers of the Shriners temple: the Potentate, Chief Rabban, Assistant Rabban, High Priest and Prophet, Oriental Guide, Treasurer and Recorder.

## Fez

The official headgear worn by members of the Shriners fraternity. It derives its name from the city where it was first manufactured – Fez, Morocco.

## Imperial Council

The body of representatives from each of the 191 temples, which determines the direction of the fraternity.

## Imperial Divan

Twelve officers elected by the Imperial Council to lead the Shrine Fraternity.

## Imperial Sir

The title preceding the name of a Shriner who is serving or has served on the Imperial Divan.

## Imperial Council Session

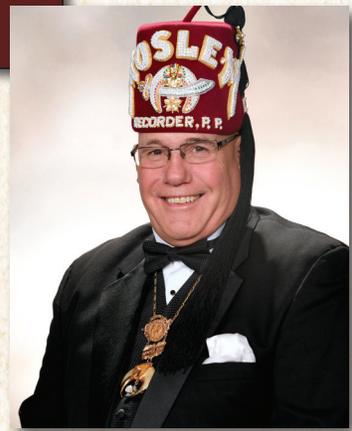
The Shriners' annual convention, generally held during the first week of July. The business of the fraternity and Shriners Hospitals for Children are conducted at that time. Also, there are parades, unit competitions and social events during the session.

## Illustrious Sir

The title preceding the name of a Shriner who is serving, or has served, as Potentate of his temple.

## Lady

The title preceding the name of the wife of any Shriner. The wife of a Potentate or the Imperial Potentate is referred to as the First Lady.



**Robert Pate PP**  
*Recorder*

# Erie Hospital – 2022 Report

In 2022, Shriners Erie Hospital achieved the following excellent results:

- 208 Surgical cases with our regional partners at the cost of only \$12,091.00 to Shriners
- 23,091 Rehab procedures
- 8,408 Clinical procedures
- Patient charges \$7,175,515
- Cash received \$1,037,148
- Patient revenue \$1,058,705
- Donations \$2,850,000
- Total Draw on Endowment of \$584,000. Representing the lowest in the System, accounting for less than 5 percent of the total draw from the Shriners Children's System.



**Joe Merem**  
*Treasurer*

I'm happy to share that the Board will meet in the Building this April. I'm also delighted to report the Erie Hospital Telethon will be held on March 14 and aired on Jet 24 Erie, PA. The Erie Hospital will host its Open House on June 04, 2023, from 7 am to 2 pm, including a Patient Talent Show, self-guided tours, and a short Pass and Review.

Thank you for supporting all of our Shriners Children's System endeavors. I humbly ask all Units and Clubs to continue raising funds to support our Hospitals.

Yours in the faith,

Joe Merem

Erie Board of Governors



We had an amazing trip to Chicago for the Midwest Shriners Golf Outing Expo and Seminar, ran by our friends from Shriners Children's Chicago. Big thanks to Kelly Miller, Dan Winter, Craig McGhee, Rich Farms Golf Club, Kids Golf Foundation and many others who hosted such a wonderful event. Drew, one of our Chicago Patient Ambassadors spoke, along with his family's experience. Kristen and I learned so much, and greatly appreciated all the knowledge and resources given to us to ensure a successful outing.

Side note: The 2023 Moslem Charity Golf Scramble is going to be an event you **DON'T WANT TO MISS**, trust me folks. Mark your calendars; Saturday, September 30th, 2023. More info soon to follow.

Troy Thompson



Save the Date  
**MOSLEM SHRINE**  
 Golf Outing

50/50, Door Prize, Auction, Ladies Porch Party  
 Dinner & Cash Bar

For Additional Information: Troy Thompson & Kristen Porchia

SEPTEMBER 30,  
 2023



9:00 AM  
 START

The Lakes of Taylor Golf Course  
 25505 Northline Road  
 Taylor MI 48180



**Shriners**  
 Children's

Proceeds are for the Benefit of Shriners Hospitals for Children



# SPORTSMAN'S RAFFLE

Nobles All,

While sorting the vests at the Spring Circus, 4 Nobles asked me if they could still purchase the vest, so I'll throw it out there again.

The mid-weight vest goes well with a long sleeve shirt or under a coat.

The logo says Moslem inside the scimitar with the Old English D between the gold tiger claws.

-or- Request the logo Illustrious Sir Pate used in 2014 w/messenger/masonic/Michigan.

\*This time, you may order the vest in Black, Grey, or Navy Blue\*

The Port Authority vest tends to fit small. Going up a size may be preferable.

Depending on the shirt, I wear an XL or 2XL, so I went 2XL for a perfect fit.  
I wear it all the time.



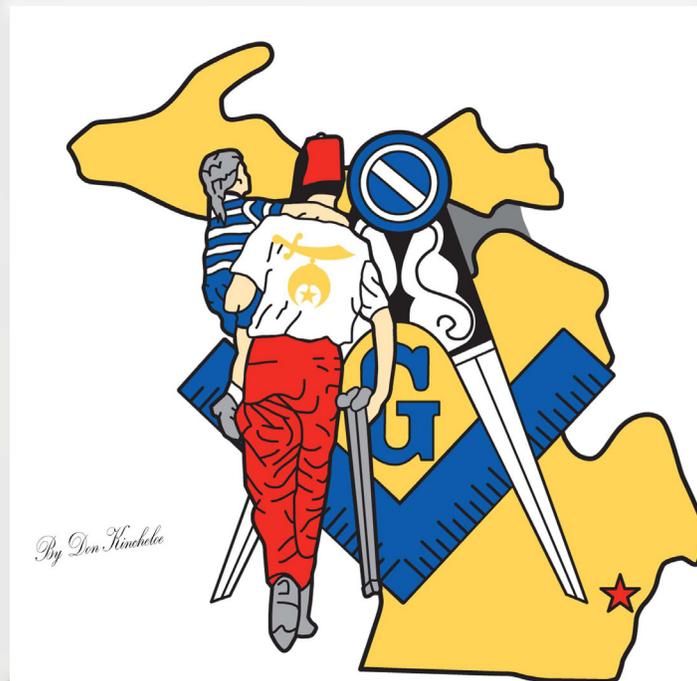
I talked with Marie of DBC America, and they will hold the price at \$42 for all sizes.

Add your name if you like for another \$4.

Payment is due at the time of order .... The cutoff date to order will be April 21st

Checks should be made out to Moslem Shriners. Credit cards will be charged an additional 3.5%

Call the Shrine office at 248-569-2900 and arrange payment, sizing, etc.



# 2023 MOSLEM SPRING CIRCUS







# Za-Hir-U-Din

## Helping Hands

### Valentine's Party for our Shrine Kids and their families





# EAST-WEST SHRINE GAMES





# WHO WANTS TO GET LUCKY





# WHO WANTS TO GET LUCKY





PLEASE JOIN US FOR A

# ST. PATRICK'S DAY PRACTICE PARTY

DATE: SATURDAY, MARCH 11, 2023

TIME: 6:00 PM COCKTAILS & MINGLING  
7:00PM BUFFET DINNER

LOCATION:  
CARL E. STITT POST #232 AMERICAN LEGION  
23850 MILITARY RD, DEARBORN HEIGHTS, MI 48127

PRICE: \$30.00 per person

**Please call the Shrine office 248-569-2900 to pay  
and reserve your spot.**

**Proceeds of event will benefit Moslem Shriner's General Fund**

Join us in **practicing** for St.  
Patrick's Day with food, open bar,  
live music and 50/50 raffle.



**2023**

**IASMC & GLASMC**

*Mid Winter Meeting*

**Where:** Orak Shrine Center  
3848 Frontage Rd, Michigan City IN, 46360

**When:** March 31st - April 1st

**Hotel Accommodations:**

Country Suite Inn  
3805 Frontage Rd  
Michigan City, IN 46360  
219-214-4769  
EVENT CODE - Orak Event

**RATE:** \$129 per night + tax - Block of rooms closes March 7th

**Registration \$30**

**Couples \$45**

*Hospitality, Dinners and Meetings  
Held at Orak Shrine Center*

**Jorge Rocha**  
**President**  
**IASMC**

**Ed Jimenez**  
**President**  
**GLASMC**

# 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



Donate  
Pull-Tabs  
for  
Recycling



### 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.

PICK  
UP  
THE  
TAB!



# Join Ill Sir Frank "Chum" Dougherty and Lady Jan, July 1-6, 2023 in Charlotte, North Carolina!



Moslem has a room block at The Omni Hotel, located at 132 E Trade St, Charlotte, NC 28202

#### Room costs:

- \$233.00 per night for single or double occupancy base rate
- \$257.00 per night triple occupancy base rate
- \$280.00 for quadruple occupancy base rate



#### Charter bus:

- \$210.00 per person, assuming all 56 seats are filled.
  - Bus will leave from the Clawson, MI bus garage Saturday, 07/01/23, at 5:30am. Bus loading begins at 5:00am.
  - Bus will leave Charlotte, N.C. Thursday, 07/06/23. (Departure time TBD)

**Charlotte Funny Bus comedy tour:** will be \$30.00 per person. Reservation is for Monday 07/03/23 at noon. Bus will pick us up at the Omni hotel. All must be ready by 11:45am!! 40 seats available.

**Reservations must be made by 05/22/23. All tickets/rooms are first come first serve so make your reservations early!**

**Call the Shrine office 248-569-2900 ext. 1 or ext. 2 to make your reservations.**

- Cash may be paid via mail or in person at the Shrine office.
- Checks must be made out to Moslem Shriners and may be mailed or delivered to the office in person.
- Credit/Debit card payments may be made via phone.
  - Please note that there will be a 3.5% surcharge for all credit and/or debit card payments.

	Per Person	Per Couple
5 Nights Hotel only	\$1,165	\$1,165
5 Nights Hotel + Round Trip Charter Bus	\$1,375	\$1,585
5 Nights Hotel + Funny Bus Tour	\$1,195	\$1,225
5 Nights Hotel + Round Trip Charter Bus + Funny Bus Tour	\$1,405	\$1,645



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& RESORTS  
charlotte



**GUESS  
WHAT  
DAY IT IS?  
WHOOT WHOOT!**



**September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

**Will be the Potentate's Birthday Party!!!**

**Mark your calendars now to make sure you are there!**

**PLEASE NOTE**



**Ladies are invited!!**



**Much more information to follow!**

# MICHIGAN

# STATE FAIR

# AUG. 31 - SEPT. 4

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# 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

