



NOVEMBER 2022

 Ismailia Director's Staff
Presents a
"Comedy Show"
Featuring
Rob Lederman
Saturday, November 12, 2022
Doors open 6:30pm Show starts 7:30pm
At
Shrine Center
1600 Southwestern Blvd
(next to YMCA)
\$25.00
Includes 2 *FREE* Well Drink Coupons
*Basket Raffles *50/50 Split *Snacks allowed
*Cash bar
For tickets, please call Carl Nowakowski 998-7402
Also available at Shrine office 674-8666.

 **Shriners Center**
1600 Southwestern Blvd
West Seneca, NY 14224
716-674-8666 
"FEZtival" of Trees
Win fully decorated Christmas Trees
November 25 - 27, 2022
 **Fri. Nov 25 & Sat. Nov. 26**
10:00am – 7:00pm 
Sun. Nov. 27
10:00am – 3:00pm
Presale Family Pack – Must purchase by Nov. 22
2 Adults & up to 4 Children, Plus 30 Tickets **\$15.00**
or
Family Pack at Door - \$20.00
General Admission - \$3.00
Raffle Tickets for Trees – 10 - \$5.00

Hamburg Shrine Club
 
Gift Certificate Raffle
Value \$50.00 each
Drawing on
Saturday, December 17, 2022
1 - \$5.00 or 3 - \$10.00
Winner will receive both
\$50.00 gift certificates.
Only 100 tickets sold
For tickets: See Ill. Sir Dennis Caldwell
or call (716) 440-1687

THE POTENTATE'S MESSAGE



Dennis N. Caldwell Sr.
Potentate 2022

It has been pretty busy around the Shrine this fall with the various functions taking place. We decided to cancel our November chicken BBQ because of the poor turnout at the October one. We believe that this time of the year, many people are "chickened out" from all the BBQ's offered over the summer. We are looking into scheduling another one in either February or March.

Get your tickets for the Directors Comedy Show on November 12 @ 6:00PM. The annual Feztival of Trees will be November 25, 26 & 27 this year.

This is turning out to be a good fundraiser for the Shrine. It would be very helpful if every Shrine Club and Unit would consider donating a tree or wreath with gifts attached. If you own a business, it would be good advertising to donate a tree. Last year, our first Feztival did very well and we expect this one to do even better.

Every Monday and Wednesday evening, there is a Corn Hole Tournament going on. If you aren't into playing, stop by for a bite to eat and a drink and watch the game. Many of these players are really good at it. The Oasis is open for this event. For more information on playing, contact Michael Hackford.

As most of you are aware, over the last 10 years or so we have lost many clubs in the Shrine. The latest one is the Mini Kars; although they still have their charter, so there is some hope of resurrecting it. If you have an idea for any new club, find a few Nobles that have the same interest and then organize it. One possible club to replace the Mini Kars could be an electric scooter club to participate in parades. It is a lot less money than owning a Mini Car and trailer. They run about a thousand dollars and fit in the trunk of a car. Food for thought.

Until next month – enjoy the Thanksgiving holiday.

Ill. Sir Dennis N. Caldwell Sr.
Potentate 2022

SHRINE SMILE

(USPS495-560)
 Published by and under the auspices of
 Ismailia Shriners
 Oasis of Buffalo, Desert of New York
 1600 Southwestern Blvd.
 Buffalo, NY 14224
 Office Phone: (716) 674-8666
 Fax: 674-3870
 Arabian Oasis: (716) 674-8666
 ismailia37@verizon.net
 Published Monthly
 Periodical Postage Paid at
 Buffalo, NY
 Subscription Rate: \$1.00 per year

Postmaster: Send address changes to
 Ismailia Center, 1600 Southwestern Blvd.,
 Buffalo, NY 14224

ISMAILIA CENTER OFFICERS 2022 ELECTED

Potentate
 Dennis N. Caldwell.....716-825-0948
Chief Rabban
 Ronald E. Bigger.....716-425-3223
Assistant Rabban
 Michael P. Ferraro716-266-5549
High Priest & Prophet
 Richard Lugo716-308-7273
Oriental Guide
 Jason Godios716-725-5574
Treasurer
 David A. Freund, P.P.716-668-0335
Recorder
 Joseph A. Hoerner, P.P.716-684-5435

APPOINTED

Carl NowakowskiDirector
 John Markuse Jr.1st Ceremonial Master
 John T. Backhaus.....Captain of the Guard
 David Cammarano.....Marshall
 Mark Ackerman.....Outer Guard
 E. Daniel Walther IV, P.P.....Chief of Staff
 Michael FerraroMembership
 Gary Crewson, P.P.Donor Relations
 Michael Hackford, P.P.Circus Co-Chairman
 William Lawicki, P.P. ...Circus Co-Chairman
 Paul RudnickiTemple Attorney
 Edwin Hartman Sr.Chaplain
 David Cammarano.....Press Corp
 Larry Persinger.....Personnel Aide

CABIRI #96

William D. Adam Jr., P.P.President
 Keith J. Scheetz P.P.Secretary/Treasurer

ERIE HOSPITAL REPRESENTATIVES

Kevin Fox
 Charles R. Turner Jr. Emeritus
 Donald Holben P.P. Emeritus
 Earl F. Knauss P.P. Emeritus

REPRESENTATIVES TO IMPERIAL COUNCIL

Dennis Caldwell, Potentate
 Ronald Bigger, Chief Rabban
 Michael Ferraro, Assistant Rabban
 Keith J. Scheetz P.P. Emeritus

TRUSTEES

Douglas Foss, P.P.2020 - 2022
 William D. Adam Jr., P.P.2021 - 2023
 John Walkden, P.P.2022 - 2024

ARABIAN OASIS COMMITTEE

Ronald BiggerPresident
 John Markuse Jr.Vice President
 Joseph A. Hoerner P.P.Secretary
 David A. Freund P.P.Treasurer
 Gary Crewson P.P.Director
 Michael P. FerraroDirector
 James MirussoDirector
 Dennis CaldwellDirector
 Jason Godios.....Director
 Richard Lugo.....Director
 John BudkowskiDirector
 Richard MixDirector

SHRINE SMILE COMMITTEE

Dennis N. Caldwell.....Potentate
 Joseph A. Hoerner P.P.Secretary



SHRINE CENTER RENTAL SPACE AVAILABLE

Wedding Receptions
 Communion
 Birthday Parties
 Fund Raisers * Meetings
 Reunions * Shows

CONTACT THE SHRINE OFFICE
 AT
716-674-8666

NOTICE TO ALL MEMBERS ISMAILIA SHRINERS!

The Shrine Office is now able to
 accept Credit Card payments.
 Any Shrine activity can now be
 charged to a credit card.
**VISA - MASTERCARD -DISCOVER
 or DINERS CLUB cards
 will be accepted.**

SHRINE OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Friday
 10:00 am to 4:00 pm

Just a Quick Reminder...



Do not leave any valuables in your
 vehicles. There have been more
 than a few vehicles broken into at
 the YMCA, and at one of our recent
 events, one of our Nobles and his
 wife had theirs broken into in our
 parking lot. Criminals know that
 people do a lot of shopping and
 leave their purchases in the vehicle
 while running more errands. Most
 people ignore car alarms as there
 always seems to be one going off
 in a large parking lot, or down the
 street at 3 AM as we are trying to
 sleep. Stay vigilant.

PLEASE NOTE:

All articles for the *Smile* due by
 the 10th of the month preceding
 and nothing after the 15th or any
 changes after the 20th.

CHRISTMAS PARTY

HO!! HO !! ADULT CHRISTMAS PARTY DECEMBER 17, 2022 6:00 PM

A little different this go. We are having a Yankee Swap! I'm sure you've heard it referred to in many names. All adults bring a gift of no more than \$15.00, man gift for man, woman gift for woman. Just wrap the gift and label it Gent or Lady. Or it could be a gag gift!

No big money for food, we will have Hors D'Oeuvres and we will have a pot of Chili and a pot of chicken chili; only cost to you will be Bar and Gift. It's casual and hopefully a lot of fun. We will also have a game in there somewhere. So please come, call the Shrine Office, 716-674-8666, or C.R. Ronald Bigger @ 716-425-3223, to sign up so we will know how many to plan on.

Looking forward to seeing everyone. Semper Fi!

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Ismailia Shriners Children's Christmas party is on December 10, 2022 (see ad on page 8). Please RSVP to the shrine office, 716-674-8666 no later than Monday November 28, 2022. Please include the child's name, age, and gender.

Ismailia Shriners

Benefits Shrine Activity Fund

Benefit Raffle

1600 Southwestern Blvd. West Seneca, NY 14224

Grand Prize

\$10,000.00 Cash

Saturday, March 25, 2023

5:00PM - 9:00PM

(Need Not Be Present To Win)

Early Bird Raffle will be held: Feb. 11, 2023

\$200.00 Cash

To Both The Ticket Holder & Seller

(Tickets must be paid in full)

Food and Refreshments will be served

Ticket Admits Two

Only 300 tickets sold

Donation \$100.00

2nd. prize-----\$2000.00
 3rd. prize-----\$1000.00
 4th. prize-----\$900.00
 5th. prize-----\$800.00
 6th. prize-----\$600.00
 7th. prize-----\$500.00
 8th. prize-----\$400.00
 9th. prize-----\$300.00
 10th. prize-----\$200.00
 11th. prize-----\$150.00
 12th. prize-----\$150.00

Notice of Cancellation
 We reserve the right to cancel the drawing and Refund the money if enough tickets are not sold.

All unsold tickets remain the
 Property of Ismailia Shrine.
 Taxes are the responsibility of the winner.

Fill out the form below with payment and the tickets will be mailed to you.

Name _____

Address _____

_____ tickets @100.00 each

\$100 Million Dollar Club

PLEASE ENROLL ME AS A MEMBER OF THE

100 Million Dollar Club

- I have previously made a will leaving a bequest to the Shriners Hospitals For Children.
- I have added a provision in my will leaving a bequest to the Hospitals.
- I prefer to make a cash contribution at this time of at least \$100.00, which is tax deductible.

Make your check payable to: **SHRINERS HOSPITALS FOR CHILDREN**

I am a member of _____ Shriners.

Sign _____ Shrine No. _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Please have the certificate read: _____

Please return to **Joseph A. Hoerner**, Recorder, Ismailia Shriners,
 1600 Southwestern Blvd., West Seneca, NY 14224

A MESSAGE FROM LADY BERTIE

The holiday season is beginning and a lot is going on at the Shrine. After the Jewelry raffle is the meat raffle on the 29th of October. The Festival of trees is the weekend after Thanksgiving on November 24th, 25th and 26th. We could use help decorating the Shrine. Anyone interested in helping please call Jan Walkden at 716-656-8608. On November 12th the Director's are presenting a Comedy Show featuring Rob Lederman. Should be a great evening. Check the Smile to get all the dates and times for the upcoming events. The Oasis is open on the first and third Friday of the month. Come join us for a drink and food.

I want to wish everyone a very Happy Thanksgiving. If you are traveling for the holidays have safe travels.



Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow Celebrating the 150th Anniversary of Shriners International

In 1870, at the Knickerbocker Cottage in New York City, thirteen Masons took part in a lunch discussion that would ultimately impact the lives of millions of people around the world for many years to come. On that momentous day, these men, including Walter M. Fleming, MD, and famous stage actor William "Billy" Florence had an idea for forming a new fraternity of Masons. The first official meeting that established our beloved fraternity Shriners International, was held 150 years ago today, on September 26, 1872.

What started out as an small group with the purpose of bringing more fun to Masonry, quickly spread around the country, and eventually the world, and evolved into something much more than our founders could have ever imagined. One hundred and fifty years later, we have a LOT to celebrate.

Celebrating Brotherhood

As Shriners, we know that the bonds of brotherhood formed among Nobles are strong, meaningful and transcend ordinary friendships. We share core values, and through our clubs and units, we enjoy common interests and activities. However, it is our differences that have shaped and enhanced our spirited group of brothers. We have different backgrounds, perspectives and life experiences, but what unites us is a fellowship that only Shriners can truly understand.

Celebrating Philanthropy

One hundred years ago, our Nobility decided they wanted to help the world become a better place, and they accomplished that goal in a big way when they founded Shriners Children's. It is impossible to tally the countless hours that Shriners have dedicated to volunteering, fundraising and bringing joy to children's lives. Since 1922, our healthcare system has improved the lives of more than 1.5 million children and their families, and continues to bring hope and healing to our patients every day.

Celebrating Our Future

We need to remember our past, but we also need to look forward and pave the way for future generations of Shriners, including our own sons, grandsons and nephews. Let us work together to strengthen the foundation of our fraternity, to adapt as needed to secure our future, and to encourage other men of character to join us in fun and fellowship.

Celebrating YOU

As you celebrate the 150th Anniversary of our amazing organization, we hope that you take a few moments to reflect on what it means to be a Shriner. YOU are a part of something much bigger than yourself. You are a member of a global family that plays together, serves together and looks out for each other in good times and bad. You are a SHRINER. Happy Anniversary!

Yours in the faith,

Kenneth G. "Kenny" Craven
Imperial Potentate

East Eden Shrine Club

Christmas Raffle

**GRAND PRIZE
\$7,000**

DRAWING TO BE HELD
Mon., December 19

Schunk's West Hill Grill
4274 Keller Rd. • Eden, NY 14057

**TICKETS: \$25.00
or 5 for \$100.00**

ONLY 500 TICKETS SOLD

*IF UNDER 350 TICKETS
SOLD, PRIZE WILL BE REDUCED
ON RATIO EQUAL TO TOTAL
TICKETS SOLD*



ATTEND YOUR
BLUE LODGE
*That's Where
Shriners are Born!*

CARSTAR
Auto Body Repair Experts

Ventura's CARSTAR Collision
5665 Lake Ave., Orchard Park, NY 14127
Phone 716-827-5826 • Fax 716-827-1029

Show your Shriners Card and get a discount.
Free Rental Car, Car Wash and Detail with Every Repair. 24 hr towing 716-553-4553

Relax, We'll Take It From Here!
www.carstar.com/Venturas ★ 24/7 Accident Assistance

Ismailia Shriners Directors Staff

Ill Sir George Herle P.P.

Once again a great job of Making a great meal for our meeting thanks to Noble Director Mark Herle. Our next meeting will be on Wednesday November 2, 2022 same time and same place and don't forget about our Happy Hour before the meeting.

The Directors Staff will be handling the food at the Shrine Meat Raffle all your help will be greatly appreciated please be there early for set up.

We plan on selling Russell Raffle tickets on Tuesday November 8th, Election Day, and we will be a little short of help later in the day let Director Carl know if you can help. The Comedy Show on November 12th is right around the corner help will be needed that night, also prizes for the basket raffle.

Have a happy and safe Thanksgiving Day and take it easy on the Turkey.



1st Prize

Dinner for Two at
**Russell's Steaks, Chops &
More**

Plus Overnight accommodations for two
at Salvatore's Grand Hotel

2nd Prize

Dinner for 2
at **Russell's Steaks, Chops & More**

Drawing held on

Saturday, December 10, 2022

1 for \$2.00 or 3 for \$5.00

For tickets, please call Carl Nowakowski 998-7402

Also available from Director's Staff members
and Shrine office.

COMING EVENTS NOVEMBER 2022

NOVEMBER 2

Ailiamsi Meeting - 1 pm
PHD Luncheon Club - Noon
Directors Meeting - 6 pm
Shrine Center

NOVEMBER 3

Nile Sewing Mtg. - 10:30 am
Shrine Center

NOVEMBER 4

Friday Night Happy Hour
4 - 8 pm
Arabian Oasis Lounge

NOVEMBER 5

Lakes Region Alumni and
Chevalier Dinner & Dance
Doors open 5 pm,
Dinner 6 pm, Dance 8 pm
Shrine Center

NOVEMBER 8

Election Day 6 am - 9 pm
Shrine Center

NOVEMBER 9

PHD Luncheon Club - Noon
Oasis/Divan Mtg. - 6:30 pm
Shrine Center
Ailiamsi Nite Court Mtg. 6 pm

NOVEMBER 10

Ailiamsi Ways & Means Mtg.
- 10:30 am
Meridian Sun Chapter Mtg.
- 7:30 pm
Shrine Center

NOVEMBER 11

Christmas Decoration Set up
- Noon, Shrine Center

NOVEMBER 13

Lockport S.C. Mtg. - 9 am
Lockport Masonic Hall
Nile Bottle Bingo - 11:30 am
Shrine Directors Comedy
Nite Show - 6:30 pm
Shrine Center

NOVEMBER 14

Christmas Decoration Set up
- Noon, Shrine Center

NOVEMBER 16

D.O.N. Meeting - 11 am
PHD Luncheon Club - Noon
LOH Meeting - 1 pm
Shrine Center

NOVEMBER 17

Ailiamsi Sunbeams Meeting
- 11:30 am
NYS Drivers Insurance
Course - 6 pm
Shrine Center
Northtown Nile Mtg. - Noon

NOVEMBER 18

Friday Night Happy Hour
4 - 8 pm
Arabian Oasis Lounge

NOVEMBER 20

Triangle Adult Alumni Dinner
- 6 pm, Shrine Center

NOVEMBER 20-22

Festival of Trees Set up
- 10 am, Shrine Center

NOVEMBER 23

PHD Luncheon - Noon
Southtown Nile - Noon
Shrine Center

NOVEMBER 24

Thanksgiving Day Holiday
Shrine Center Closed

NOVEMBER 25-26

Festival of Trees 10 am - 7 pm
Shrine Center

NOVEMBER 27

Festival of Trees 10 am - 3 pm
Shrine Center

NOVEMBER 30

PHD Luncheon - Noon
Shrine Center

Legion of Honor



Basket of Cheer

DONATION
 8 Tickets \$10.00
 3 Tickets \$5.00
 1 Ticket \$2.00

Drawing December 7, 2022

Proceeds to Legion of Honor

*Payments are not tax deductible
as charitable contribution*

WINNERS NEED NOT BE PRESENT TO WIN

Recorder's Desk

Joe Hoerner, P.P.

Here we are two months away from the ending of 2022. Where has the time gone? This also brings us to the time many of our Nobles will be heading to warmer climates. We hope they have a safe journey to their destinations and enjoy their time away from our colder weather. Speaking of colder weather it's just too early to have this cooler weather we are having at the present time but I guess we have to start getting use to it.

October was a fairly busy month for the Shrine with our Ladies Jewelry Raffle and the Shrine Fall Meat Raffle. Both events required a lot of work to make them successful. Everyone had a good time at both events. We also had the DeMolay Chapter hold a Pan Cake Breakfast. This was a first time event and hope to continue on with many more. November will be another busy month for the Shrine. The Youth Groups will again be holding events at the Shrine Center, Daughters of Nile will be holding their Bottle Bingo again and the Shrine Directors Staff will be having their second Comedy Hour show which should be quite interesting. So come on out and join in on the fun and fellowship of these events.

Coming in December will be the Shrine Stated Session with the Election of Officers of the Shrine for the year 2023. Anyone interested in becoming an Officer, get your resumes into the office so they can be in the December *Smile* for everyone to see and make their choices.

Have a great Thanksgiving Day with Family and Friends. Stay safe and healthy!
Ill Sir Joe H. P.P., Recorder

To my fellow Nobles and Ladies of Ismailia Shrine...

I have decided not to continue the ascension within the Divan to Assistant Rabban. These past couple of years have been strenuous on my cable tow due to illness and other personal matters which required my absolute attention. Consequently, my presence to the Divan was curtailed. However, my involvement, contributions, and communication with Noble Assistant Rabban Ferraro and other Nobles remained constant. Therefore, I was never completely out of the fight, in our striving for growth and progress.
Having said that, after our recent moving ordeal, I pursued an insightful employment opportunity which will hopefully nourish my passion for justice for all. Therefore, in fairness to you all, and after extensive discussions with those I respect and revere for their genuine insight and erudite counsel within the Shrine, I have

decided to step out of line. That does not mean however, that I'm stepping away from the Shrine.

Eso no significa, sin embargo, que me aleje del Shrine. In my primary language Spanish in case anyone misunderstands or attempts to misquote my very clear English. For those of you many striving towards future growth and progress, I will continue running through walls for; stomping our footprints over entitled expectations.

Lastly, THANK YOU, WITH MUCH GRATITUDE, to you all who voted for, supported, assisted, and genuinely uplifted me in any way throughout my tenure in the Divan; before that as well.

Respectfully yours,
Nobel Brother Richard Lugo



is proud to support the **Ismailia Shriners** and their mission to foster self-improvement through leadership, education, the perpetuation of moral values and community involvement.

Red Skelton

Richard Bernard "Red" Skelton (July 18, 1913 - September 17, 1997) was an American entertainer. He was best known for his national radio and television acts between 1937 and 1971, and as host of the television program The Red Skelton Show. Skelton, who has stars on the Hollywood Walk of Fame for his work in radio and television, also appeared in vaudeville, films, nightclubs, and casinos, all while he pursued an entirely separate career as an artist.

He was raised a Master Mason in Vincennes Lodge No. 1 on September 20, 1939. He held membership in both the Scottish and York Rite Bodies. He was the recipient of the General Grand Chapter's Gold Medal for Distinguished Service in the Arts and Sciences.

On September 24, 1969, he was coroneted an Inspector General Honorary Thirty-third Degree in Boston, Massachusetts, by the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the Scottish Rite. Also, he was a member of the Al Malaikah Temple in Los Angeles, California, and he received the Grand Lodge Award of Gold from the Grand Lodge of Indiana in 1993.



westherr.com



Remember Our Sick and Shut-in Brothers with a Visit, a Card or a Call

CONFINED AT HOME

Samuel R. Tiffany
90 Meyer Road, Apt. 406
Buffalo, NY 14226



IN NURSING HOME/ASSISTED LIVING

Gary Gordon, Sr.
Frewsburg Rest Home
106 West Main Street
Frewsburg, NY 14738



Joseph Raubar
Elderwood at Williamsville
200 Basset Rm 310B
Williamsville, NY 14221

JUST ONE

Who do you know that would make a good Shrine Mason?



Ismailia Shriners Travel Fund Donations

THROUGH OCTOBER 19, 2022

In Memory of Joan Henderson
By Sharon Zaccarine

Donations to Ismailia Shriners - From Dues

THROUGH OCTOBER 19, 2022

William Johnson

Donations to Shriners Hospitals for Children - Tampa - From Dues

THROUGH OCTOBER 19, 2022

Greg Gibbs
William Johnson

Daniel McIntyre
Leland Sperry

Sunshine Charity Birthday Fund Donations

THROUGH OCTOBER 19, 2022

Thomas Applewhite
Ronald Bigger, CR

Lawrence Dietz
Lewis Gabel

MarkHerle
Charles R Turner, Jr.

In Memoriam

DEATHS THROUGH OCTOBER 21, 2022

The deepest sympathy of the Illustrious Potentate, Divan and Nobles of Ismailia Shriners is extended to the family and friends of:

NUMBER	NAME	DATE JOINED	DATE DIED
2452	Carol W. Kriner	December 13, 1980	October 1, 2022
2997	Norbert F. Meyer	June 1, 1985	October 14, 2022

When clouds of sorrow seem to hide the face of God, we know such is not the case for we cannot be where God is not. Just as He has been with us in all our yesterdays, He will be with us in our unknown tomorrows.

Thank You!!!

Once again, this year our James Fralick Memorial Sportsman's Raffle was a success. This would not have been so if not for the countless volunteers who dedicated their time to selling tickets, setting up, cooking the delicious food, manning the multiple side raffle items, serving at the bar, cleaning up afterwards, and of course I can't forget our amazing supporters. Without all of you we would not be able to do the things we do, so from the bottom of my heart I thank you.

Noble Mike Ferraro
Sportsman raffle chairman



Protecting Western New York since 1926

For all your insurance needs
**Auto • Home • Business
Life • Health • Disability**

Representing the following Insurance Carriers:

Adirondack, Cincinnati, Erie, Foremost, Hanover, Hartford, Liberty, Merchants, New York Central, Progressive, Safeco, Travelers, Utica, and many others.

Call us today and see what we can do for you!

Kevin J. Fox, CIC
716-837-3943, Ext. 311
Cell 716-818-1965
Fax 716-836-3356
kjfox@emsinsurance.com

Thomas B. Fox, CIC
716-837-3943, Ext. 310
Cell 716-818-1926
Fax 716-836-3356
tbfox@emsinsurance.com



CLEARPLAN
FINANCIAL, INC

PROGRESS TOWARD YOUR FINANCIAL GOALS

Robert E. Kloss, JD, CFP®

6470 New Taylor Road
Orchard Park, NY 14127
(716) 312-7424



Securities offered through Registered Representatives of Cadaret Grant & Co. Member FINRA & SIPC. ClearPlan Financial, Inc and Cadaret Grant are separate entities.



STONE ART MEMORIAL CO., INC.

BUILDERS OF FINE MEMORIALS SINCE 1857

914 Ridge Road, Lackawanna, NY 14218
716-824-9278

2598 Sheridan Drive, Tonawanda, NY 14150
716-832-0900

www.stoneartmemorial.com
E-mail: stoneartmemco@aol.com



Lakes Region Alumni and Chevalier Dinner and Dance

Sponsored by the Alumni Association

November 5, 2022
Doors Open at 5:00 PM
Dinner at 6:00 PM
Dance at 8:00 PM

Ismailia Shrine Center
1600 Southwestern Blvd
Buffalo, NY 14224

Cost \$25 Per Person
Masonic Youth and Prospects Free

Dress is Business Formal
Basket Raffle

RSVP to "Mom" Chrissy Whipkey
lakesregionalumni@gmail.com
or online at: <https://forms.gle/ncozCA9jv5xaHg3w8>

GOOD FELLOWS TO KNOW & DO BUSINESS WITH...

ATTORNEYS Paul E. Rudnicki 395 Reserve Road West Seneca, NY 14224 675-1212 AUTOMOTIVE Ventura's CARSTAR Collision 5665 Lake Ave. Orchard Park, NY 14127 716-827-5826	BUILDING SUPPLIES Felber's Building Supplies & Lumber Inc. 5555 Transit Road Williamsville, NY 14221 Randy Felber 688-5517	CEMETERY MEMORIALS Stone Art Memorial Co., Inc. 914 Ridge Rd., Lackawanna, NY 14218 824-9278 • Fax 824-1561 John T. Koch • J. Thomas Koch Matthew T. Koch EMBROIDERY Donna's Embroidery Design Specializing in wearable art 224 Weiss St., Buffalo, NY 824-1767	FINANCIAL Robert E. Kloss, JD, CFP 6470 New Taylor Rd. Orchard Park, NY 14127 716-312-7424 or 716-510-0523 RKloss@ClearplanFinancial.com FUNERAL DIRECTORS Vandercher and Dick Funeral Home 2549 Main St. (between Rodney & Fillmore) Buffalo, NY 14214 832-0150	GLASS Twin City Glass Corp. 856 Wurlitzer Dr., No. Tonawanda, NY Donald R. Weinholz, Pres. 694-3300 PARTY RENTAL Backyard Party Supply 1924 South Park Ave. Buffalo, NY 14220 827-0340
---	--	---	--	---

ATTENTION ALL NOBLES: THE ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR ISMAILIA SHRINERS FOR THE YEAR 2023 WILL BE HELD AT THE DECEMBER 14, 2022 STATED SESSION. THIS SPACE IS FOR ANY NOBLE WISHING TO ANNOUNCE HIS CANDIDACY FOR A POSITION IN 2023.

§325.11 Election Regulations

- (a) **Electioneering.** A candidate for an elected office in a Shrine temple may print, publish and circulate during the year he is seeking the elected office, a resumé consisting of his educational background, his vocational history, and his Masonic and Shrine record. Except as provided in prior sentence, the printing, publication, circulating or distribution of resolutions, letters, telegrams, tickets, email or other devices, by a unit, club, Noble, or group of Nobles, suggesting, recommending, opposing, or containing the names of proposed candidates for office in the temple is prohibited.
- (b) **Expenditures Prohibited.** The expenditure of money for gifts, favors, or entertainment on behalf of a candidate for elected office is prohibited.

- (c) **Violation.** For any violation of (a) or (b), the Imperial Potentate may suspend any offending Noble, and he may declare the election of the officers void and order a new election.
- (d) **Notice.** At least one week prior to the annual meeting or any election, the Recorder shall mail to each member a notice thereof containing this section.

Note: The publication of this notice in the Ismailia Shrine *Smile*, which is mailed to every member, complies with the regulation in section (d).

IMPERIAL COUNCIL LAW REQUIRES THAT YOUR 2022 DUES CARD BE DISPLAYED TO GAIN ADMITTANCE.

Candidate for Potentate

Ronald E. Bigger, USMC retired

It has been a pleasure this past year to serve as Chief Rabban for an organization that serves so many, and I look forward to continuing my journey in the role of Potentate. I have been a member of Ismailia Shriners since 2017. In addition to my role as Chief Rabban I have continued my service as a van driver and involvement with the Shrine Circus. My wife Rita and I have enjoyed all of the education and fellowship we have experienced this past year, whether through working at Friday night fish-fries or trivia nights, representing Ismailia at other Shriner events across the state, training in Tampa and Nashville or participating in the Trunk-or-Treat event and meat raffle. Involvement and service are two tenants that my life and career are built on.

After a 23 year career with the USMC, I retired in 1988 as a Master Sergeant. Early in my tenure, I served as a Drill Instructor and later was on I & I duty in New Castle, PA. Two separate times I had unaccompanied tours overseas. My family moved often, as most in this life do. They understood the sacrifice required and supported my career as I supported our country. Upon my retirement from active duty, I continued my military service as a Master Instructor at the Engineering School in Ft. Belvoir, VA. My "civilian career" took me and my family to St. Louis, MO in 1998. I served as liaison to allies and military personnel west of the Mississippi and in Europe at the National Geospatial Intelligence Agency and retired again in 2007.

I am proud to continue my family's tradition of service not only to country, but to our communities and faith through involvement with Masons. My father and grandfather were active in their local chapters, and I have assisted two of my nephews in their Masonic journeys. I was raised a Master Mason at J.A. Lejeune Lodge #350 in Quantico, VA in 1993. I was elected Master of that Lodge in 1996. I was also a member of the Scottish Rite Southern jurisdiction in 1995 and became a Shriner at Kena Temple in 1996. During this period, I was a past Associate Guardian for JOBS Daughters, Occoquan Lodge, Occoquan, VA.

My wife Rita and I have been a team since we wed in August of 1968. We have three children and six grandchildren. We have had many blessings. It is my sincere desire to continue to serve in whatever capacity I am called to. I am honored to continue this journey with Ismailia Shrine as your Potentate.

Candidate for Chief Rabban

Noble Mike Ferraro, Assistant Rabban

This is my letter of intent to run for the office of Chief Rabban for 2023. I believe my track record speaks for itself and you won't find someone more dedicated to the shrine. Lady Suzanne, Joe, and I are looking forward to serving you, the membership and our great philanthropy. Once I again I thank you for all the support you have given the Shrine and me and ask for that continued support in the years ahead.

Candidate for Assistant Rabban

James Mirusso

I am announcing my candidacy for Assistant Rabban for the year 2023. As you all know I have long been involved at Ismailia Shriners as a former member of the divan. I am a Past Master of Living Stone Lodge #255 and a former Assistant Rabban on the Ismailia Shriners Divan. I still routinely work events like chicken BBQ's and cooking for the Oasis board with the fish Fry's. I am a supporter of the divan and recently of Richard Lugo as a divan officer. However, unfortunately, I was informed he cannot continue in his duties. After I left the divan, I hoped this day might come, and I would be in a capacity to step back in. Well, I am, and it has! A Past Potentate told me to "Put your money where your mouth is and get active again", those words rang in my head and the time has come. I am now able to accept the demands and challenges as a part of this team and leading this organization again. I have been on the Divan, and I am currently a member of the Oasis board, I am aware of what it takes and know I can help Ismailia continue to move forward. There are many difficult decisions and challenges facing Ismailia, the organization, fraternity, and our mission. I believe I can offer leadership, guidance, a level of business think-

ing and processes that we need to rise again, to continue as stable organization. Ismailia Shriners needs to be a viable asset to Shriners Hospitals and contributor to the international fraternity. We need to focus on our mission; together we can do great things and life changing things for others. I would be humbled by your support in the continued mission of Ismailia Shriners.

Candidate for High Priest & Prophet

Jason Godios

I would like to take the opportunity to announce my candidacy as High Priest & Prophet for the 2023 year.

I truly enjoy the Shrine whether it is outside working the grill at one of our Famous Chicken BBQs, working the Eden Cornfest, Sportsman Raffle, or helping out during one of our famous meat raffles - the friendships I've made with my fellow Nobles will last a lifetime.

I'm a proud Buffalonian and grew up near the Old First Ward and South Buffalo, NY. I now reside in Lancaster with my 11 year old daughter Mackenzie, and 9 year old son Christopher. My children are my world and inspiration!

In the wake of the attacks on 9/11 I dropped out of my first year in college and volunteered myself for active duty with the US Marine Corps as an infantry rifleman. My first duty station was in Okinawa Japan, and then Camp Lejeune, NC. I've been all over the world and served 3 tours of duty in Iraq, including the initial invasion in 2003, to the Battle of Fallujah in April of 2004. My final tour was in Karma, and Zadan Iraq. While on my third tour I reenlisted for another 4 years as an Inspector Instructor (&I) serving as the active duty liason for the operations and training team of the local infantry reserve unit. While on this duty I also served as a Casualty Assistance Call Officer and had the solemn duty of being the first to notify families of their loved ones who were killed in action. I am a recipient of numerous awards including the Purple Heart Medal, Navy Achievement Medal with Valor device, Combat Action Ribbon, and Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal.

After being Honorably Discharged I went through a period of trying to find my place in the world. I ended up going back to school and earned a BS in Intelligence & Analytics followed by an MBA with a concentration in Financial Management from American University in D.C.

I currently work at Moog, Inc. Aircraft Group where I'm a Manager for Strategic Sourcing in regards to intellectual property primarily with sensors. I also hold a CCMAP (Contract and Commercial Management Advanced Practitioner) certification. While in this role I support numerous military programs including F-35, 8-2, F-18, F-15 FBW, V-22, and numerous unmanned aircrafts. It certainly is a rewarding profession in still being able to serve the military to some capacity.

Masonically I'm involved, and serve as an officer within numerous concordant bodies:

- Ancient Landmarks Lodge #358- Junior Warden
- Valley of Buffalo AASR NMJ- 32 Degree, and Most Wise Master of the Buffalo Chapter Rose Croix line.
- Knights of Saint Andrew Valley of Buffalo
- Tonawanda Keystone #71 Royal Arch Masons- High Priest
- Buffalo Keystone Council #17 Cryptic Masons- Captain of the Guard
- Zuleika Grotto #10 Mystic Order of Veiled Prophets of the Enchanted Realm- Chief Justice
- I'm also a member of Ismailia's Legion of Honor and Hamburg Shrine Club.

Additionally I also serve on the Advisory Board for The Battle Within Memorial.

I thank you all for your consideration for this position, and hope to keep our Shrine fun while identifying new ideas, and solutions to drive up membership, while supporting our hospitals.

Candidate for Oriental Guide

Noble Ted Clark

I am excited to announce my candidacy for Oriental Guide of Ismailia Shriners for the 2023 Year.

I joined Ismailia in 2012 after my term as Master of Harmonie

Lodge No. 699. I have served the Temple and the Nobles of Ismailia in several capacities. From dishwasher to meat hauler to the personal aide to the Illustrious Kris Scheets in 2016, I have been able to fit Ismailia into my and my family's schedule.

It is now that I feel that I must step off the bench and assist the leadership team as an active and dependable member of the Divan. I bring a lifelong background in small business, as well as number of leadership positions in all aspects of my life. Common-sense solutions combined with compassion and gratitude have served me and those I work with.

Ismailia has always been a special place for me and my family. Friday nights showing up at the Oasis with Freddy/James was always heartwarming as everyone made a fuss over the short blond kid with glasses who lived for hotdogs and X-box. For Freddy to find as much comfort as he does at 1600 Southwest-ern fills me with joy.

The idea of something happening to him tears at my heart. That is my "why" when it comes to committing the time and energy required to be an officer of Ismailia Shrine. The relief, comfort, and peace of mind that we contribute to as members of Shriners International is the best way I can see to live up to the obligation we all took at the Alter of Free Masonry. I choose to lend my efforts in the pursuit of strengthening our Temple and membership.

Today I thank you for your consideration as I apply to join the leadership team. It is my goal to see the Temple strengthen and grow through our efforts to honor the traditions of past leaders as well as evolve with the ever-changing needs of our organization and membership.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Candidate for Recorder

Noble Joseph A. Hoerner P.P.

SHRINE OFFICES HELD:

- Recorder 2002-present
- Potentate 1999
- Chief Rabban 1998
- Asst. Rabban 1997
- High Priest & Prophet 1996
- Oriental Guide 1995
- Chief Aide 1990, 1992-1994
- Asst Chief Aide 1989
- Arabian Oasis Board 1995-1999, 2002-2021
- President Arabian Oasis 1998
- Secretary Arabian Oasis 1995, 2002-2021
- President New York Ontario Shrine Assoc. 2000

SHRINE CLUBS & UNITS

- Cabiri #96
- Circus Committee
- Hamburg Shrine Club
- PHD Luncheon Club
- Seneca Shrine Club - President 2006-2008
- Aides
- Hillbilly Clan #137
- Legion of Honor - Commander 2012

MASONIC ORGANIZATIONS

- Erie Lodge #161 – 1985-2001
- West Seneca Lodge #1111 – 2001-present
- Master 2008-2009
- Secretary 2009-present
- East Aurora Chapter #282 Royal Arch Masons
- Secretary 2008-2010
- Buffalo Consistory, Valley of Buffalo
- Pond Chapter #853 O.E.S.

CIVIC ORGANIZATIONS:

- Motor Express Inc. Terminal Manager
- Be Mac Transport Company, Terminal Manager
- Marriott, Meals on Wheels Div, Transportation Manager
- United States Air Force 1954-1958

NOVEMBER ♦ 2022							
Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	
		1	Ailiamsi Mtg Noon PHD Luncheon Noon Directors Mtg. 6 pm Cornhole Tournament 6pm	2	3	4	Lakes Region Alumni & Chevalier Dinner & Dance - Doors open 5 pm
6	7	8	PHD Luncheon Noon Nite Court Mtg. 6 pm Oasis/Divan Mtg. 6:30 pm Cornhole Tournament 6pm	9	10	11	12
	Cornhole Tournament 6 pm	Election Day 6 am - 9 pm Lions Club Mtg. 6 pm		Ailiamsi Ways & Means Mtg 10:30 am Meridian Sun Chapter DeMolay Mtg. 7:30 pm		Christmas Decoration Set up - noon	Lockport SC Mtg. Nile Towel Bingo Directors Comedy Hour - 6 pm
13	14	15	16	17	18	19	
	Cornhole Tournament 6 pm Christmas Decoration Set up - noon		PHD Luncheon Noon Nile Mtg. Noon LOH Mtg. 6 pm Cornhole Tournament 6 pm	Ailiamsi Sunbeams Mtg. 11 am NYS Drivers Ins. Class Northtown Nile	Friday Night Happy Hour 4-8 pm	Triangle Adult Alumni Dinner	
20	21	22	23	24	25	26	
Festival of Trees Set up	Festival of Trees Set up	Lions Club Mtg. 6 pm Festival of Trees Set up	PHD Luncheon Noon Southtown Nile Mtg.	Shrine Closed Thanksgiving Day	Festival of Trees 10 am - 7 pm	Festival of Trees 10 am - 7 pm	
27	28	29	30				
Festival of Trees 10 am - 3 pm	Cornhole Tournament 6 pm		PHD Luncheon Noon Cornhole Tournament 6 pm				

DECEMBER ♦ 2022						
Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
				Nile Sewing Mtg. 10:00 am	West Seneca Dems 6 pm Friday Night Happy Hour 4-8 pm	
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	Cornhole Tournament 6 - 10 pm	Lions Club Mtg. 6 pm	Ailiamsi Mtg Noon PHD Lunch Noon Directors Mtg. 6 pm Cornhole Tournament	Ailiamsi Ways & Means Mtg 10:30 am GA Family Christmas Party 6 pm	YMCA Senior Christmas Party 11 am - 3 pm	Shrine Family Christmas Party 11 am - 5 pm
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
	6 - 10 pm	VA Eye Dept. Christmas Party 11am - 3 pm Oasis/Divan Mtg. 6:30 pm	PHD Luncheon Noon Shrine Stated Session 7 pm	Ailiamsi Sunbeams Mtg. 11 am Cornhole Tournament.	Friday Night Happy Hour 4-8 pm	Shrine Adult Christmas Party 6 pm - ?
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
	Cornhole Tournament 6 - 10 pm	Lions Club Mtg. 6 pm	Nile Mtg. Noon PHD Lunch Noon LOH Mtg. 6 pm Cornhole Tournament	Northtown Nile Mtg. Allegany SC Mtg. Meridian Sun Chapter	SHRINE CLOSED	SHRINE CLOSED Christmas Eve
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
SHRINE CLOSED Christmas Day	Cornhole Tournament 6 - 10 pm		PHD Lunch Noon Southtown Nile Cornhole Tournament		SHRINE CLOSED	SHRINE CLOSED New Year's Eve



Kids Christmas Party

The kids party is December 10 @ 12:00 to 5:00.

We need to know how many adults and kids will be attending. Please fill out the form below and submit to the Shrine office so we can get the Christmas presents for all the kids attending.

CALL 716-674-8666 FOR RESERVATIONS

NAME _____

AGE _____

ADULTS _____

Please take the time to do this so your child gets a present.
Deadline November 28, 2022.

8th Annual Campout for Veterans

Homeless & With PTSD

Golden Veterans Memorial Park, Colden, NY

Beginning at 4:00 PM, Friday, November 4, and ending with a brief service at 11:00 AM Sunday, November 6, Mike Willibey, a disabled US Navy veteran, will embark on a 44-hour outdoor camping marathon to raise awareness and money for PTSD and homeless veterans.
Show him he's not alone.

Sponsored by Living Stone Masonic Lodge No. 255

100% of the money donated goes to The Battle Within Foundation





NEW MEMBERSHIP

New members mean much more than a gain in numbers or a percentage increase in growth.

New Nobles Bring to Your Center:

- *New Devotion* • *New Finance*
- *New Ability* • *New Manpower*
- *New Enthusiasm*

We Need... PETITIONS! PETITIONS! PETITIONS!



Vol. 108 No. 296

November 2022

Our 134th Year

Ismailia Shriners
1600 Southwestern Blvd.
Buffalo, NY 14224

ARE YOU MOVING?

Just print your new or winter address below.

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP CODE _____

Please clip this form with the address label and send to:
Ismailia Shriners, 1600 Southwestern Blvd, Buffalo, NY 14224

Soup Galore

The Shrine Soup Galore is back again!

January 15, 2023

11:00 AM - 3:00 PM

All the soup and French bread you can eat.
\$8.00 in advance, \$9.00 at the door.

Donate a crock pot of your favorite soup and get 2 Free tickets.

Tickets will be available in the Shrine office.