

OCTOBER 2023



*Ismailia Shriners*  
**BBQ Ribs**

**Sun, Oct 15, 2023**

12:00 – 4:00 pm Or Sold Out

½ rack **\$15.00**

*Includes 2 sides/dessert*

1600 Southwestern Blvd  
West Seneca, NY 14224

Get your tickets early \*\* Call for presale tickets

716-674-8666

**All Presale - pick-up by 3:00 pm**

**Eat-in or Take-out**

## ISMAILIA SHRINE

### *Annual Meat Raffle*



**Date: October 28, 2023**

**Time: 7:00 pm**

*At Ismailia Shriners*  
**1600 Southwestern Blvd.**

**Doors Open at 5:30 pm**

Includes Beer, Pop, and Sandwiches

**Presale Tickets Only \$10.00<sub>pp</sub>**

*No walk-ins – Seating limited to 300*  
*Table reservations of 8 are available*

Includes entrance in the

**\*BIG TICKET RAFFLE\***

**PRIZES All Cash –**

**1<sup>st</sup> \$ 500.00 \* 2<sup>nd</sup> \$ 300.00 \* 3<sup>rd</sup> \$ 200.00**

***Meat Raffle Spin tickets are now \$2.00***

**Wheelchair accessible**

**Tickets are now available in Shrine office.**

**Call 716-674-8666**



## **Shrine Ladies of WNY Jewelry Raffle**

Drawing on



**Sat. October 21, 2023**



**\$20.00**

*(Includes Lunch)*

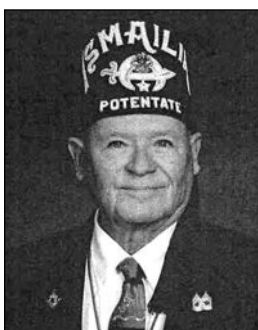
Tickets Available at Shrine Office  
1600 Southwestern Blvd  
West Seneca, NY 14224

Proceeds Benefit Ismailia Shrine Center

Call 716-674-8666 for more information.



## THE POTENTATE'S MESSAGE



Ronald E. Bigger  
Potentate 2023

A big thank you to all that attended the Potentate's Ball. Also the Shrine Ladies Jewelry Raffle is October 21st. Hope all the Ladies will be able to attend.

A great big thank you to everyone who helped get the Shrine ready for the Potentate's Ball, and the DeMolay for being Greeters, the Tri-Angle girls for doing the serving at the Potentate's Ball. Thank you Ladies!

Come out to the Shrine Fall Meat Raffle on October 28th. Doors will open at 5:45 pm and we will need everyone available to help out.

Be safe and see you at the Shrine.

Ill. Sir Ronald Bigger  
Potentate 2023

# SHRINE SMILE

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## 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.

## SHRINE DIRECTORS STAFF

*Ill Sir George Herle P.P.*

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday October 4, 2023 same time same  
 place. We will be having our little Octoberfest.

On October 28, 2023 will be the Shrine Fall Meat Raffle and a lot of help  
 will be needed so plan on attending. A big event coming up is our Comedy  
 Show on November 11, 2023. We will need donations for the Basket Raffles  
 and getting tickets out to the public. This will require all members to  
 participate. Also don't forget about the Russell's Raffle. The Shrine is having  
 a Rib BBQ on October 15th noon to 4:30 pm or sold out. There also is a  
 possible Arch Degree on November 10, 2023.

As always stay safe and healthy.



## 1<sup>st</sup> Prize

Dinner for Two

at

**Russell's Steaks, Chops & More**

**Plus** Overnight accommodations for two

at Salvatore's Grand Hotel

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize

Dinner for 2

at Russell's Steaks, Chops & More

*Drawing held on*

**Saturday, December 9, 2023**

**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.

## All Clubs and Units

Your Club and Unit Officers for the year  
 2024 must be elected in November 2023  
 and installed by December 31, 2023 and  
 reported to the Shrine Office as soon as  
 elected and installed. *Thanks for your  
 cooperation in this matter.*

## \$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

**Imperial Session  
Save the Dates**

**IMPERIAL SESSION 2024**  
Reno, Nevada  
June 30 - July 4

**IMPERIAL SESSION 2025**  
Atlanta, Georgia  
June 29 - July 3

**IMPERIAL SESSION 2026**  
Tampa, Florida  
July 12-16

**NOTICE NOTICE NOTICE**



Anyone that has on hand – or doesn't need any more, just sitting around and taking up space – a second refrigerator – please call West Seneca Lodge, 647 Main Street, West Seneca, NY 14224 at 716-674-7328



**Handicap Parking at the Shrine Center**

Currently there are limited handicap spots at the Shrine center. Plans are in the works now to add a few more. There have been quite a few complaints about people without handicap plates, stickers, or a placard in their car(s) utilizing the limited spots we have. With that being said, please refrain from using the handicap spots that we currently have unless you have some sort of handicap identification on your vehicle.

- Thank you.



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**Ismailia Shriners**  
1600 Southwestern Blvd., West Seneca, NY 14224  
**\$10,000.00 Drawing**

**Only 300 tickets will be sold**

The Shriners are once again having their \$10,000.00 drawing with 12 additional prizes being awarded. We will be giving out \$17,400.00 total to the lucky winners. If you win one of the smaller prizes, your ticket will be put back in for additional drawings, so you can win multiple times. If you would like to enter, fill out the form below and we will mail you your ticket.

Please help support the Shriners so we can continue to provide support for the kids.

**Early Bird drawing February 16, 2024, \$200.00 to winner and seller**  
**Main drawing March 23, 2024, 5:00-8:00 PM**

Food & refreshments will be served. Open bar, Beer, Wine & Pop

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Number of tickets \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$100.00 each total \_\_\_\_\_

This is not a tax deductible donation

**Shriners  
Benefit Fund**

- 1st. Prize - \$10,000.00**
- 2nd. ----- \$2,000.00
- 3rd. ----- \$1,000.00
- 4th. ----- \$900.00
- 5th. ----- \$800.00
- 6th. ----- \$600.00
- 7th. ----- \$500.00
- 8th. ----- \$400.00
- 9th. ----- \$300.00
- 10th. ----- \$200.00
- 11th. ----- \$150.00
- 12th. ----- \$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.

**Ismailia Shriners**

Benefit Shrine Activity Fund  
BENEFIT RAFFLE

1600 Southwestern Blvd., West Seneca, NY 14224

**Grand Prize**

**\$10,000 Cash**

SATURDAY, March 23, 2024  
5:00 PM - 8:00 PM

(Need Not Be Present To Win)

Early Bird Raffle Will Be Held:  
February 16, 2024  
\$200.00 Cash

To Both The Ticket Holder & Seller  
(Tickets must be paid in full)

Food and Refreshments will be served

**Ticket Admits Two**  
On March 23, 2024

**Only 300 Hundred  
Tickets Sold**

**Donation \$100.00** No. 001

**COMING EVENTS  
OCTOBER 2023**

**OCTOBER 4**  
Ailiamsi Meeting - 11 am  
PHD Luncheon - Noon  
Shrine Directors Mtg. - 6 pm  
Shrine Center

**OCTOBER 5**  
Nile Sewing - 10:30 am  
Shrine Center

**OCTOBER 6**  
Friday Night Happy Hour  
4 - 8 pm  
Arabian Oasis Lounge

**OCTOBER 11**  
PHD Luncheon Club Mtg.  
Noon  
Oasis/Divan Mtg. 6:30 pm  
Shrine Center

**OCTOBER 12**  
Ailiamsi Ways & Means  
Mtg. - 10:30 am  
Shrine Center

**OCTOBER 15**  
Shrine Rib BBQ  
Noon - 4:30 pm or sold out  
Dine in or Take out  
Shrine Center

**OCTOBER 18**  
D.O.N. Meeting - 11 am  
PHD Luncheon - Noon  
LOH Meeting - 6 pm  
Shrine Center

**OCTOBER 19**  
Ailiamsi Sunbeams Mtg.  
11 am  
Shrine Center

**OCTOBER 20**  
Friday Night Happy Hour  
4 - 8 pm  
Arabian Oasis Lounge

**OCTOBER 21**  
Shrine Ladies Jewelry  
Raffle - 11 am - 5 pm  
Shrine Center

**OCTOBER 25**  
Southtown Nile Club -  
Noon  
PHD Luncheon - Noon  
Shrine Center

**OCTOBER 26**  
Northtown Nile Club  
Meeting - Noon  
Allegany Shrine Club  
Meeting - 5 pm

**OCTOBER 28**  
Shrine Fall Meat Raffle  
Doors open 5:45 pm  
Raffle 7 pm  
Shrine Center

**OCTOBER 31**  
**HAPPY HALLOWEEN**

**Attention: Past Potentates**

I am currently working on a project to display all the Past Potentates Pins in the lower right-hand corner of their picture in the Shrine. I currently have the following listed pins from my years of collecting. If you have a pin from other Potentates that aren't listed and are willing to part with it, please give it to Joe in the Shrine office and I will see that it gets displayed.

*Thank you,  
Dennis N. Caldwell*

- John Ruff - 2008
- Bob Heron - 2004
- John Walkden - 2021
- George Hurley - 2003
- Ed Warden - 1998
- Larry Butera - 2013
- Kris Scheetz - 2016
- L. McMorris - 1993
- Mike Hackford - 2017
- James Michel - 2018
- K. Kansas - 1994

- Doug Bajszczak - 2005
- Bill Adams - 2020
- E. Thomas Rockey - 2007
- Dennis Caldwell - 2022
- David Freund - 2010
- Larry Hawley - 2006
- Gary Crewson - 2011
- Craig Rebman - 2002
- Dan Walther - 2012
- Doug Foss - 2019 J
- James Van Slyke - 2015

**Sportsman Raffle**

I would like to thank all those who took time out of their day to volunteer at the sportsman raffle. Without you, these events wouldn't be as successful as they are. I would also like to extend a thank you to all of those who attended the event. There are some changes in store for next year.

*Noble Michael Ferraro*

# ATHOR TEMPLE NO. 19 DAUGHTERS OF THE NILE

*Princess Jen Mazur, Publicity*


Greetings from Athor Temple No. 19, and welcome back to our year! We hope it's been a very enjoyable, beautiful summer for everyone!

Please join Queen Suzanne and Ladies of the Household for a fall Towel Bingo afternoon on Saturday, November 11, 2023. We will gather at the West Seneca Masonic Lodge hall on Main and Mill Street in West Seneca for an afternoon of laughter and fun! Doors will open for browsing and fellowship at 11:30 AM. A light lunch will be served at noon, followed by Bingo and a Basket auction. The cost for the day will be \$20.00 and reservations are a must! (for food planning). Please call Queen Suzanne at 716-557-2298, or PQ Donna Donner at 716-839-4307 to reserve your spot. Bring your family, a friend or two and join us on November 11, 2023. You'll be glad you did.

Our Daughters of the Nile Temple meets on the third Wednesday of the month for planning our work for the children. We'd be very happy to answer your questions about how to join us and the important work we do. Join us for lots of fun, fellowship and service as we work together to help out the very special children served by the Shrine Hospital network. For more information, contact Queen Suzanne, 716-557-2298, or the members of our Membership and Mentoring team, PQ Donna at 716-839-4307, PQ Iris at 716-834-9074, or PQ Marilyn at 716-698-8041. We'd enjoy telling you about Daughters of the Nile!



## Join Imperial Potentate Ed Stolze Cruising The Caribbean



**6-Night Cruise To Costa Maya, Mexico - Belize City & Cozumel, Mexico**

Sailing on the Carnival Ship Liberty  
May 6, 2024 from New Orleans

**SPEND AN EXTRA 1 OR 2 DAYS IN THE "BIG EASY" If You Want**

*We are compiling a list of hotels near Cruise Docks as well as near the Airport*

*Hotels Are Not Included In Cruise Pricing*

BELOW PRICES ARE PER PERSON AND INCLUDE TAXES AND FEES  
ONLY A LIMITED NUMBER OF STATEROOMS ARE AVAILABLE AT THESE PRICES

Interior	Oceanview	Balcony	Suite
<b>\$684</b>	<b>\$769</b>	<b>\$1,049</b>	<b>SOLD OUT</b>

**Deposit Amount**  
Only \$250.00  
Per Person

**Travel Insurance**  
\$63.00 - \$109.00  
Per Person

**Must Book By**  
September 15, 2023

**Ready to book? Go To:** <https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/su/pqwh9Nr/ImperialCruise2024>




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**Please join Imperial Sir Ed Stolze on his 2024 Caribbean Cruise.**

**YES! We have EXTENDED the REGISTRATION DATE and ADDED 20 MORE BALCONY CABINS - but they are SELLING OUT FAST!**

Please join Imperial Sir Ed Stolze on his 2024 Caribbean Cruise. A six-day cruise on the Carnival Liberty departing from New Orleans on Monday, May 6, 2024, and returning on Saturday, May 12, 2024. All cabins are on a "first come, first serve" basis, so we suggest you get your full deposit in now.

Since most "cruisers" will arrive one day ahead of time to "The Big Easy," we are discussing the possibility of a get together with the Shriners and Ladies from Jerusalem Shriners in New Orleans during the weekend prior to our departure. We'll keep you posted on that as well as available hotels in the area.

Cabin Type	Category	Price	Full Deposit 9/15/23	Full Payment 1/21/24
Outside Balcony	8D	\$1,114.89	\$250.00	Full Payment
Outside Balcony	8C	\$1,099.89	\$250.00	Full Payment
Outside Balcony	8B	\$1,054.44	\$250.00	Full Payment
Outside Balcony	8A	\$1,049.44	\$250.00	Full Payment
Oceanview	6B	\$769.44	\$250.00	Full Payment
Interior	4E	\$684.44	\$250.00	Full Payment

# Recorder's Desk

*Joe Hoerner, P.P.*

We now have begun our work in the Quarries of Shrinedom. Here is hoping everyone had a great and pleasant summer recess. September started out with a bang and kept on going. The first big event was our annual Shrine Sportsman Raffle. A huge effort was put in by C.R. Noble Michael Ferraro and his capable crew to make this fund raiser a success. Congratulations to all who won prizes and a big thank you to all who participated in this event to make it successful. Following that we had our Fall Stated Session on September 13th. Although sparsely attended there was much information given and some good discussions and ideas presented. Following the Stated Session came the Potentate's Ball on September 23rd. Many NYOSA Temples were present and everyone had a good time with much camaraderie taking place. Congratulations to Ill Sir Ronald Bigger, Potentate, and his Lady Rita. A thank you goes out to C.R. Noble Michael Ferraro for making sure the hotel and hospitality rooms were well taken care of, along with Ms. Wende in the Office for handling all the reservations and seating assignments. Also Lady Rita and Lady Cheryl Huff for handling all the decorations to make the auditorium look great. Great job done by all involved.

Looking to the future there are some events coming that are very important to Ismailia Shrine Center. October 28th will be the Shrine Fall Meat Raffle which is a huge fund raiser for the Shrine Center. October 15th will be the Fall Shrine Rib BBQ from noon to 4pm or sold out. This is another important fund raiser for the Shrine Center and will require much help to make it successful. These BBQs are a lot of fun and good fellowship amongst the Nobles and Ladies. In November the Shrine Directors will be holding their Comedy Hour. For tickets and info contact one of the Directors. In between all this the Shrine Ladies have a few events of their own coming; they have a Jewelry Raffle on October 21st and some other events along the way. So you see there are many events for everyone to attend and have fun and fellowship.

Coming in November are two huge events for your participation and enjoyment. November 11th at 6:00 pm will be the Shrine Fall Ceremonial. This is very important to the Shrine Center due to the fact that we need to increase our membership and replace those that we have lost to the Black Camel or other reasons. As of now we have 4 possible Candidates and could use many more so get out and find your Candidate. Also don't forget about the Festival of Trees in November. This year it will be held for two weekends. This is another huge event for the Shrine Center. For info see the ad in the *Smile* (page 8).

Enough for now. Stay safe and healthy and have a great day Happy Halloween to all.  
*Ill Sir Joe H. P.P., Recorder*

## Shriners Children's Locations Celebrate 100th Anniversaries



<p>Shriners Children's Northern California celebrated 100 years of caring for children from the region, marking the opening of the original San Francisco hospital in 1923, with a photo of current employees.</p>	<p>Shriners Children's Twin Cities celebrated their 100th anniversary on August 6 with a kids' carnival and screening clinic. Activities included a meet and greet with dancing with Fezzy and lots of games, crafts and snacks.</p>	<p>Shriners Children's Hawaii is celebrating 100 years of caring for children from Hawaii and the Pacific Basin. The "Century of Champions" gala will be held Saturday, September 16.</p>
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Tours of Shriners International Headquarters in Tampa, Florida, will be available again starting September 15. Reservations are required and must be made at least five business days in advance. The memorabilia room is open to peruse on your own Monday - Friday, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.  
Contact [marketing@shrinenet.org](mailto:marketing@shrinenet.org) or call 813-281-8162 to schedule a tour.



## ALL NOBLES

• All members can purchase a PCLM (Per Capita Tax Life Purchase) for \$900.00 until December 31, 2023.

- After January 1, 2024 the cost will increase to \$1500.00
- Anyone interested please make sure you do it before December 31, 2023



**Experience the Fun of  
Rose Parade Float Decorating**



We invite Shriners, ladies and families to join us in Irwindale, California, this December to help us decorate the Shriners Children's 2024 Rose Parade float. You'll get to take part in an experience unlike any other and get to see our beautiful float take shape one flower at a time.



**Shriners Children's Open**

We hope to see you in Vegas in October for the Shriners Children's Open! Whether you plan to volunteer or spectate, you are sure to have a memorable time at the beautiful TPC Summerlin course.

The tournament is a PGA TOUR FedExCup event and will take place October 9-15. Patients from Shriners Children's locations participate as standard bearers for the pros and share their stories of hope and healing with fans, players and the media.



**Regional Membership and Marketing Directors**

Each year, the Imperial Potentate makes regional appointments to Membership and Marketing committees to provide assistance and guidance to their assigned temples.

The Regional Membership Directors serve as the liaisons to temples in matters related to membership recruitment and retention.

The Regional Marketing Directors serve as mentors to the temples in their region regarding marketing, communications, brand standards and public relations.

**AILIAMS COURT No. 12, LOSNA**

*Lady Karen L. Keuther, High Priestess*

A **big** Thank You to everyone for attending and supporting our **Bingo Bonanza** on September 16th. Those who attended on a beautiful Saturday afternoon enjoyed fellowship, good food and lots of prizes. Special thanks to chairman Lady Katherine Gugino and her staff of helpers as well as all the members who donated prizes. Additional thanks to Ill. Sir Dan Walthers, our entertaining Bingo caller (who always keeps us smiling) and Lady Jan for really mixing up those numbers.

At our October Court meeting we initiated a new member, Lady Anna Inglut and embraced a new dual member, Lady Sharon Noiles from Bokkara Court no. 22. We are delighted to welcome these ladies into Ailiamsi Court. Do you want to know more about Ladies Oriental Shrine of North America? We would love to tell you more.

Our next Court meeting will be on Wednesday November 1st. A lunch is planned for 11:45 am with the Court meeting to follow at 1 pm.

**HAPPY HALLOWEEN!**



**LOVE in Action**



**Does your organization have what it takes to amaze?**

Promote your company during **31 Days to Amaze**: a business fundraising month for Shriners Children's. This October, we are inviting large and small businesses nationwide to join with us in providing children *The Most Amazing Care Anywhere*.

*Special Sale Price for a Limited Time  
\$200 per brick*

**Editorial Without Words  
Statue and Memorial Wall**

Ismailia Shriners is looking to add another Memorial Wall to the present Editorial Without Words Statue and Memorial Wall. Bricks will be available honoring Nobles, Family, and Friends who support our Shrine Philanthropy with their time, talents and treasures.

To create a memorial brick, please complete the form below and return it with your check of \$200.00 payable to **The Silent Messenger Fund** and mail to: Ismailia Shriners, 1600 Southwestern Blvd, West Seneca, New York 14224.

**Some Options:**

- KAREN SULLIVAN  
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- UNITED  
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CHURCH
- IN HONOR OF  
MIKE BRENNAN  
2021

*Please Print Clearly:*

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**Telephone:** \_\_\_\_\_

Inscription: Maximum of (3) Lines, (20) 1/2" Characters, including spaces per line. Nominal size (7-5/8" x 2-5/8") brick.

**Choose:**  In Memory of  In Honor of  Other \_\_\_\_\_

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**2024 East-West Shrine Bowl**

The 99th East-West Shrine Bowl will take place Thursday, February 1, 2024, in Frisco, Texas, at Ford Center at The Star, the worldwide headquarters and training facility for the Dallas Cowboys.

We encourage nobles to make the trip to Texas to watch potential future NFL stars take the field during the East-West Shrine Bowl. Use code SHRINER10 to receive a 10% discount on ticket purchase price.

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*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
679	Richard R. Carpenter	August 28, 1965	September 10, 2023

*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.*

## Candidate for Oriental Guide Noble John Backhaus

Fraternal Greetings. If I could please take a moment to introduce myself.

My name is John Backhaus, and I live in Allegany, NY. I am lovingly married to my wife, "Kay" for 30 magnificent years. We have two beautiful daughters, "Brianna" and "Brittany". They have blessed us with five gorgeous grand - children.

I served honorably in the US Navy during Desert Storm as a Store Keeper aboard the USS Boone FFG-28.

After my military service to this wonderful country, I obtained my degree in Respiratory Therapy. I am presently employed at Cuba Memorial Hospital in Cuba, NY.

I joined Enchanted Mountains Lodge #252 in Olean, NY and was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason in 2009. I had the gratification for serving the brothers of the lodge as Worshipful Master for 3 years, and now I have the pleasure of being the lodge Secretary.

I had a marvelous opportunity in masonic journey to have the incredible experience to serve the brothers of the Cattaraugus District and the Grand Lodge of New York as the District Deputy Grand Master 2016 - 2018.

I organized the Brotherhood & Unity Night between Enchanted Mountains Lodge #252, Master Craftsman Lodge #110 Prince Hall, and St. John's Lodge #16 Prince Hall. Brother Charley Fisher III gave a lecture on Prince Hall. In attendance was MW Bill Thomas, Grand Master of New York and MW Dorian Glover, Grand Master of Prince Hall of New York and over 100 brothers from all over Western New York, Pennsylvania, and Canada.

I am honored and privileged to be an honorary member of Master Craftsman Lodge #110 Prince Hall.

I joined Ismailia Shrine in 2019 and became a member of Allegany County Shrine Club. I was elected President of the Allegany County Shrine Club and the President of the Allegany County Kart Club in 2023.

As a member of the Divan Leadership team, I can offer leadership, guidance, and enthusiasm to help Ismailia Shrine and Shriners Hospital move forward with the one goal in mind. "To change and improve the lives in children, and to care for the less fortunate."

As a member of the Divan Leadership Team, an ambition I would have, is to build a more robust relationship with our outlying Shrine Clubs. To strengthen and grow through our time-honored traditions.

It would be a tremendous honor and privilege to serve the Nobles of Ismailia Shrine, Shriners Children's Hospital and the Potentate as the Oriental Guide.

I am very humbled and honored for your consideration as I apply to join the Divan Leadership team of Ismailia Shrine as the "Oriental Guide".

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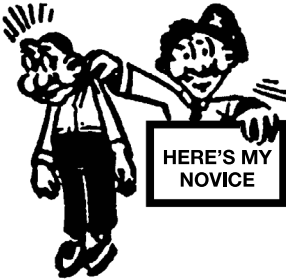
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8	9	10	11 PHD Lunch Noon Oasis/Divan Mtg. 6:30 pm CornHole Tourn	12 Ailliamsi Ways & Means Mtg. 10:30 am	13	14
15 Shrine Rib BBQ Noon - 4:30 pm or sold out	16 CornHole Tourn	17 Lions Club Mtg 6 pm	18 Nile Mtg. Noon PHD Lunch Noon LOH Mtg. 6 pm CornHole Tourn	19 Ailliamsi Sunbeams Mtg. 11 am CornHole Tourn	20 Oasis Happy Hour 4 - 8 pm	21 Shrine Ladies Jewelry Raffle 11 am - 5 pm
22 CornHole Tourn	23	24	25 PHD Lunch Noon Southtown Nile Noon CornHole Tourn	26 Northtown Nile Mtg. Allegany S.C. Mtg.	27	28 Shrine Meat Raffle Doors open 5:45 pm Raffle starts 7 pm
29 CornHole Tourn	30	31 Halloween				

NOVEMBER ❖ 2023						
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5	6	7 Election Day 6 am - 9 pm Lions Club 6 pm	8 PHD Lunch Noon Nile Mtg. Noon CornHole Tourn 6pm	9 Ailliamsi Ways & Means Mtg. 10:30 am CornHole Tourn 6pm	10 Shrine Ceremonial 6 pm - 10 pm	11 Directors Comedy Hour 5 - 10 pm Veterans Day
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