

JANUARY 2024

## OFFICIAL CALL OF THE POTENTATE

Notice is Hereby Given That the Stated Session of Ismailia Shriners  
will be held at the time and place shown below  
for transaction of such business as may come properly before the Temple.

Attest:

Joseph A. Hoerner  
*Recorder*

Michael P. Ferraro  
*Illustrious Potentate*

Wednesday, January 10, 2024

Meeting Starts at 7:00 p.m. \* Installation of Officers for 2024 & Budget for 2024

Ismailia Shriners Auditorium • 1600 Southwestern Blvd., Buffalo, NY

*Please call the Office at 716-674-8666 for details*

## PUBLIC INSTALLATION OF CLUB AND UNIT OFFICERS

SATURDAY, JANUARY 13, 2024

**Reservations required by January 2, 2024**

Call Shrine Office 716-674-8666 Ismailia Shriners, 1600 Southwestern Blvd West Seneca, NY 14224

*All Clubs and Units to send Pres/Secy or a proxy*

Cocktails 5:30 pm • Dinner 6:30 pm

Dinner Cost is \$35.00 per adult – Chicken Parmesan & Baked Ziti, Vegetables, Rolls & Butter, Coffee & Tea

Children's Meal Cost is \$15.00 – Chicken Fingers and Mac & Cheese

## THE POTENTATE'S MESSAGE



Michael P. Ferraro  
*Potentate 2024*

Nobles, Ladies, Families, & Friends:

I would like to start this off by thanking and congratulating Illustrious Sir. Ron Bigger and Lady Rita on a very successful year and wish them well with all their future plans. I would also like to thank the love of my life, Lady Suzanne and my pride and joy, my son Joseph for all their love and support because, without our significant others and our families we wouldn't be able to do the things we do to help our Shrine kids. I also want to congratulate our

elected Divan Chief Rabban Noble Jim Mirusso, Assistant Rabban Noble Jay Godios, High Priest & Prophet Noble Ted Clark, Oriental Guide Noble Justin Brown, Treasurer Ill. David Freund, and Treasurer Ill. Joe Hoerner.

This year is going to be about doing "more in '24" and what I mean by that is more fun, more fellowship, more family, and more growth with an emphasis on fun. There are quite a few events planned for this year and I am hoping most of them will be family friendly. The Potentate's reception in July will be casual and we will have activities and food for the kids, so please bring them.

To our newer Nobles and your families, if you are looking for a way to get involved, please consider coming and helping out in the Oasis.

Our Lenten fish fries are fast approaching. They start on February 14, 2024 and will continue every Friday through Lent. We could always use help in the kitchen and in the dining room there is always plenty to do. Also consider coming and helping at our chicken or rib BBQs. The fellowship is second to none. Same goes for one of the many raffles that we have going on throughout the year, the first being the meat raffle on Saturday February 24. Please reach out to anyone of the Divan or the office if you are interested in helping. If you are looking for a way for your kids to get involved in our greater Masonic family, please consider enrolling your sons ages 12-21 in a DeMolay chapter. There are 5 currently in WNY: Olean, Fredonia, West Seneca, Amherst, and Lockport; or for your daughters ages 10-21 there is Triangle and there are 2 of those chapters in WNY: 1 in Amherst, the other in Akron. Both are fantastic. DeMolay offers the Squires program for boys ages 9-12 and Triangle has Rosebuds for ages 5-9.

In conclusion I would like to thank the Nobility, the Divan, and all our Shrine Ladies and families for all their support and encouragement over the last few years. It has been greatly appreciated. A special thank you to the Lockport Shrine Club for all their support, especially to Joe Daniels, Peter Stein, and Richard Lugo who started me on my Shrine adventure.

Fraternally,  
Mike P. Ferraro

# SHRINE SMILE

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**Potentate**  
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 James Mirusso .....716-800-5764  
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 Jason Godios .....716-725-5514  
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 Frederick (Ted) Clark II .....716-949-4202  
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 Justin A. Brown.....716-536-0530  
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 David A. Freund, P.P. ....716-668-0335  
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 Joseph A. Hoerner, P.P. ....716-684-5435

### APPOINTED

Carl Nowakowski .....Director  
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 Dennis N. Caldwell, P.P.....2023 - 2025  
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 Ill Sir Ronald Bigger .....Director

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 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.

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 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.

## AILIAMS COURT No. 12, LOSNA

Lady Karen L. Keuther, High Priestess

The members of Ailiamsi Court no. 12 wish everyone a **HAPPY NEW YEAR!** It's hard to believe another year has gone by. Our members continue to work for the special children in the Shrine Medical System as well as support Ismailia Shrine in their endeavors.

Our next big Fundraiser is **BINGO BONANZA** on Saturday, March 2nd at the Shrine. In addition to Bingo (with gift cards for the winners), there will be a Basket Opportunity, punch a Cup for prizes, Share the Wealth and of course, a wonderful luncheon. Tickets are \$20.00 and can be purchased from any Ailiamsi member or Wende at the Shrine Office. **Please save the date, bring your family and friends and enjoy the day with us.**

Our next Court meeting will be on Wednesday, January 3rd at 1:00 p.m. with lunch to precede it at 11:30 a.m. Contact Lady Cathie Turton for reservations at 716-912-3315.

## SHRINE DIRECTORS STAFF

Ill Sir George Herle P.P.

The directors sincerely hope you all had a very Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year; family is what it's all about. The past year brought us some sorrow, as the directors mourn the passing of Rusty Carpenter, and Ed Worden. May they rest in peace. There will be **NO MEETING IN JANUARY.** The next regular meeting will be on Feb. 7 at 6:00 pm. The winner of the Russell's dinner and overnight stay was Jim Nicosia, and the winner of the dinner was Loretta Chavel. The shrine recently inducted several new members. It would be great if some of them would like to become a director. You only have to attend 3 meetings, or events, to become a member. We sure could use the help. Just attend a meeting to see what we are all about; you may like it. Remember your dues. The directors would like to congratulate all of the newly elected officers of the shrine, and wish them a productive new year.

## 2024 Potentate's Shrine Shirts Can Be Ordered Now



- Men's & Women's - Button Down Shirts (Men's with pocket)
- The shirt color is Graphite (Dark grey).

The cost for these shirts will be  
 \$30.00 for Small - X-large  
 \$35.00 for 2XL - 4XL  
 \$35.00 for 5XL - 6XL (Men's Only)

### Available sizes:

#### Button Down Shirt

Men's Shirt: Small - 6XL  
 Women's Shirt: Small - 4XL

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**All orders must be paid in full before shirt is ordered.**

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- 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**

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Please have the certificate read: \_\_\_\_\_

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 1600 Southwestern Blvd., West Seneca, NY 14224

**Imperial Session**

*Save the Dates*

**IMPERIAL SESSION 2024**

Reno, Nevada  
June 30 - July 4  
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**IMPERIAL SESSION 2025**

Atlanta, Georgia  
June 29 - July 3

**IMPERIAL SESSION 2026**

Tampa, Florida  
July 12-16



**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

<p><b>Shriners Benefit Fund</b></p> <p>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</p> <p><small>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.</small></p>	<p><b>Ismailia Shriners</b> Benefit Shrine Activity Fund BENEFIT RAFFLE 1600 Southwestern Blvd., West Seneca, NY 14224</p> <p><b>\$10,000 Cash</b> SATURDAY, March 23, 2024 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (Need Not Be Present To Win)</p> <p>Early Bird Raffle Will Be Held: February 16, 2024 \$200.00 Cash To Both The Ticket Holder &amp; Seller (Tickets must be paid in full)</p> <p>Food and Refreshments will be served <b>Ticket Admits Two</b> On March 23, 2024</p> <p><b>Only 300 Hundred Tickets Sold</b></p> <p><b>Donation \$100.00</b> No. 001</p> <p><small>Ismailia Shriners • \$10,000 Cash Grand Prize Raffle - 3/23/24</small></p>
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**NUGENT TWINS DONATE CRAFT PROCEEDS FROM FEZTIVAL OF TREES**

*Ted Clark*

We have "Proud Father" Tom Nugent, watching his two generous and industrious daughters Sophie & Ella Nugent (*pictured below*) donate the proceeds of their hard work to PP David Freund and CR Michael Ferraro.

With the help of Justine Holben, the two made and sold their bracelets at the Feztival of Trees to raise money for the Shrine.

When asked what they would like to see the money support, the 10-year-olds agreed that the Shrine should have more outdoor Decorations for the Holiday. Ladies, The Nobles, Families, and Divan of Ismailia thank you for your generous donation.

We hope you had a wonderful Holiday!

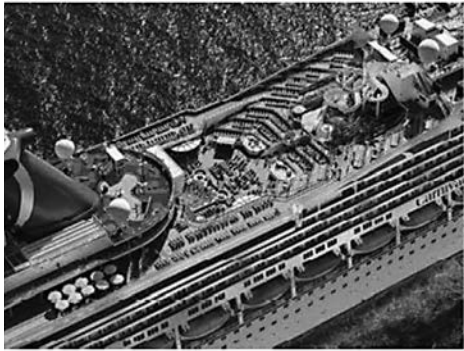


**COMING EVENTS**  
JANUARY 2024

- JANUARY 1**  
New Year's Day  
Shrine Center Closed
- JANUARY 3**  
Ailiamsi Meeting - Noon  
PHD Luncheon - Noon  
Oasis/Divan Mtg. - 6:30 pm  
Shrine Center
- JANUARY 4**  
D.O.N. Sewing Meeting - 10:30 am  
Shrine Center
- JANUARY 5**  
Arabian Oasis  
Happy Hour 4 - 8 pm  
Shrine Center
- JANUARY 10**  
PHD Luncheon - Noon  
Shrine Annual Stated Session - 7 pm  
2024 Budget presentation  
Shrine Center
- JANUARY 11**  
Ailiamsi Ways & Means Mtg. - 10:30 am  
Shrine Center
- JANUARY 13**  
Lockport S.C. Meeting - 9 am  
Lockport, NY  
Ismailia Shrine Public Installation of 2024  
Officers of Clubs & Units  
Shrine Center
- JANUARY 17**  
D.O.N. Meeting - Noon  
PHD Luncheon - Noon  
Legion of Honor Mtg. - 6 pm  
Shriner Center
- JANUARY 18**  
Ailiamsi Sunbeams Mtg. - 11:30 am  
Shrine Center
- JANUARY 19**  
Arabian Oasis  
Happy Hour 4 - 8 pm  
Shrine Center
- JANUARY 24**  
PHD Luncheon - Noon  
Southtown Nile Meeting - Noon  
Shrine Center
- JANUARY 25**  
Northtown Nile Meeting - Noon  
Allegany S.C. Meeting - 5 pm
- JANUARY 31**  
PHD Luncheon - Noon  
Shrine Center

# Join Imperial Potentate Ed Stolze

## Cruising The Caribbean



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**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.

Here is hoping that everyone had a very Merry Christmas and Santa was good to you, and also had a very good and healthy New Year. Now we are in another year 2024 – boy how time goes by when you are having fun and keeping busy.

First we want to congratulate Ill Sir Ronald Bigger who now has become a Past Potentate and his Divan for a great 2023, but most of all we have to congratulate Lady Rita for all she accomplished and putting up with us Divan folks. Great job done and now you can relax and enjoy all life has to offer. Now we look forward to this New Year and our new line of Officers to keep Ismailia Shriners above board and very successful. We offer our congratulations to Ill Sir Michael Ferraro and his Divan on their election to office for the year 2024. We also welcome our newest Divan member Noble Justin Brown who has been elected as our new Oriental Guide. We wish him well and look forward to his new and fresh ideas to bring aboard.

The Fall Season of 2023 was very busy and successful for Ismailia Shriners. Beginning in early September we started out with a very successful Sportsman Raffle, followed by the Lady Shriners Jewelry Raffle, then the Shrine Fall Meat Raffle and winding up with a very successful Fesztival of Trees. It was amazing to see how each one of these events grew and the number of Nobles and Ladies giving up their time and talents to make each one successful. Now we look forward to help all the events for 2024 to grow some more, and I know with the leadership that now is in place this will be accomplished. But we also must remember that we must work very hard to increase our membership in Ismailia Shriners. We have lost many Nobles to the Black Camel but also many Nobles to suspension for NPD. This we must really work hard on to keep our Shrine Center alive and active. It means a lot of work but it must be done. We brought in 16 new Nobles in 2023; now we need to work on doubling that for 2024. With the new leadership this can be accomplished and in doing so we can have a lot of fun and fellowship. The year 2024 will bring to the Shrine Center a lot of fellowship and fun activities for all Nobles and their families.

That's enough for now – see you all around the Oasis one time or another. Stay safe and healthy and have a great day!

Ill Sir Joe H. P.P., Recorder

## ATHOR TEMPLE NO. 19 DAUGHTERS OF THE NILE

Princess Jen Mazur, Publicity

Happy New Year from Athor Temple No. 19 Daughters of the Nile!

Our January Stated Session will take place on January 17th, 2024. Lunch will be at 11:30 am with Stated Session following at 1:00pm.

Looking ahead to warmer weather and sunnier days, watch for information about Athor Temple's 2024 White Rose Luncheon coming in early May! A yummy lunch, great basket raffle, fun, laughter and lots of fellowship, this is an event you won't want to miss! More information will be available as we get closer to the event.

This New Year it's time for a New Adventure! Start 2024 off with a new adventure by joining us at Athor Temple No. 19 Daughters of the Nile and be part of something great! Our Membership and Mentoring Team, PQ Donna, PQ Iris and PQ Marilyn, would like to extend an invitation to ladies interested to become a member of the Daughters of the Nile! Do you enjoy working on projects that benefit others, especially projects that enhance our work for our very special children? Do you enjoy fellowship and laughter? If you said yes to any of these things, then Athor Temple is the group for you, and we would be happy to welcome you into our membership. We are a dedicated group of women, eager to share the philosophy and mission of Daughters of the Nile and answer questions about who we are and what we do. The Membership and Mentoring team look forward to hearing from interested ladies. Contact PQ Donna Donner (716-839-4307), PQ Iris Reese (716-839-9074), PQ Marilyn Mills (716-698-8041) or any member of Athor Temple and we will be delighted to talk with you!

On behalf of Queen Suzanne, the Officers of Athor Temple No. 19 and the ladies of the household, we wish you all a happy and healthy 2024!



**Take the first step to leveling up your membership & marketing game. Enroll now.**

We all care about the future of our beloved fraternity, our temples, clubs and units. The time is now to take action to improve and enhance our membership recruitment and retention strategies and our marketing and communications efforts.

By enrolling in the 4th Annual Membership & Marketing Conference, you will learn how to utilize storytelling to communicate with internal and external audiences about your temple, members, events and mission. You'll also gain practical skills to develop a successful membership strategy to help own organization grow and thrive. And that's just the beginning. Stay tuned for more speaker and topic announcements!

**FUN & FELLOWSHIP**



Good times at the 2023 Membership & Marketing Conference!

If you're a Shriner, you love to have a great time and connect with your fellow brothers and nobles. Ask attendees of our 2023 conference, and they'll tell you that some AMAZING memories were made at our social functions. There will be many more opportunities for laughs, storytelling and fellowship in 2024, including at our excursion. You don't want to miss it!

**Howl at the Moon Excursion**

On Saturday, April 27, head out for a night of music, food, drinks and entertainment at our Howl at the Moon private dueling piano show. Included with the excursion are dinner, two drinks, musical entertainment and transportation to and from the event.

*\*This is excursion is optional and has an additional cost.*



**ROSEN CENTRE HOTEL**



Photo credit: Rosen Centre Hotel

Our venue for the conference is the beautiful Rosen Centre Hotel in Orlando, Florida! With a huge variety of options for dining, relaxation and entertainment, there's so much to do that you may want to consider extending your stay. The discounted conference rate is extended three nights before and after the event (upon availability).

**2024 Imperial Session • Reno Nevada**

*Ismailia Shriners have 15 rooms reserved for this Session*

*June 30, 2024 - July 4, 2024  
Hotel Circus Circus Reno Hotel*

*Please put in your reservations as soon as possible – more information to follow*



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Our amazing friends really came through on Giving Tuesday, sending **Love to the rescue**® to the kids who depend on us for life-changing care.

Thanks to generous supporters like you and our Match Magic Challenge donor, we can be there for every child who needs us, *regardless of the families' ability to pay.*

But you don't have to stop here! You can make magical moments happen for our kids all year long:

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- Connect with us on our social pages: [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [X](#), and [LinkedIn](#).
- Learn about other [ways to give](#) to Shriners Children's.

You have the ability to let people know about the young patients at Shriners Children's and the pediatric doctors and physicians who provide life-changing care year-round.

People gave generously for Giving Tuesday, and I'm thankful they did. I really appreciate it! If you'd like to **make a gift now** in the spirit of the holidays, please do.

Sincerely,

Stuart P. Sullivan  
Chief Philanthropy Officer  
Shriners Children's

*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.

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NUMBER	NAME	DATE JOINED	DATE DIED
6099	Charles E. Wright	March 30, 2003	December 5, 2023
4404	William W. Swenson	December 16, 1969	December 14, 2023

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Presentation topics will include post-event recaps of all Shriners Children's signature sporting events, local Temple-hosted sporting events, social media event marketing, media relations, membership development, risk management and fundraising strategies.

Our host hotel will be the Westin St. Louis located across from Busch Stadium – home of the St. Louis Cardinals. The group rate is \$159 plus applicable taxes.

PLEASE REGISTER ONLINE BY VISITING: <https://bit.ly/2024STL>, as soon as possible but no later than April 1. Once your registration is received and if housing is requested, a room will be held for you at the host hotel. A \$50 registration fee includes dinner on Sunday, breakfast on Monday and Tuesday, lunch on Monday and Tuesday and hospitality from Saturday - Tuesday.

Our Sunday welcome dinner will be hosted at Shriners Children's St. Louis. Attendees will have the opportunity to tour this facility prior to the dinner. If you'd like to attend the group's evening

outing on Monday, May 20 for the Baltimore Orioles vs St. Louis Cardinals baseball game, tickets will be available for an additional \$40 each.

You may plan your arrival for either Saturday, May 18, which would be a free day or Sunday, May 19. Additionally, a hospitality room will be provided for your enjoyment.

As in the past, it will be necessary to ask that you pick up the costs of your airfare, hotel, and your dinners. However, your travel and hotel expenses would be an allowable expense against your event budget. We request that attendees be limited to no more than four (4) from each event. Please do not plan your departure prior to Tuesday, May 21 at 3 p.m. Dress for the meetings will be business casual.

If you have any questions or need to change your reservation, please contact our headquarters staff by email at [sports@shrinenet.org](mailto:sports@shrinenet.org).

I look forward to seeing you in St. Louis for this important and informative seminar.

Fraternally yours,

Richard Burke, Chairman  
Imperial Sports Committee  
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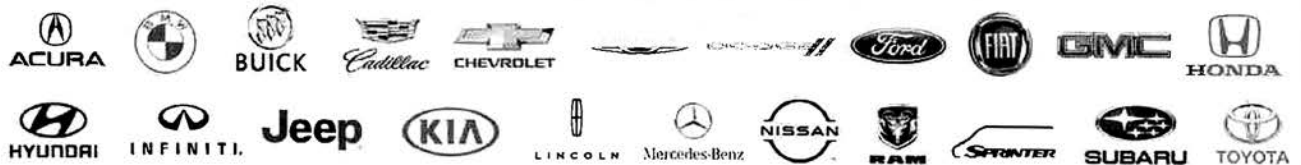


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# JANUARY ❖ 2024

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
	1 <i>Shrine Closed New Year's Day</i>	2 <i>Lions Club Mtg. 6 pm</i>	3 <i>Ailiamsi Mtg. Noon PHD Lunch Noon Directors Mtg. 6 pm Oasis/Divan Mtg. 6:30 pm</i>	4 <i>Nile Sewing 10:30 am</i>	5	6
7	8	9	10 <i>PHD Luncheon - Noon Shrine Stated Session 7pm</i>	11 <i>Ailiamsi Ways &amp; Means Mtg. 10:30 am</i>	12	13 <i>Lockport S.C. Mtg. Public Installation of Officers Clubs &amp; Units - 5:30 pm</i>
14	15	16 <i>Lions Club Mtg. 6 pm</i>	17 <i>PHD Luncheon - Noon Nile Mtg. Noon LOH Mtg. 6 pm Cornhole Tourn.</i>	18 <i>Ailiamsi Sunbeams Mtg. 11 am</i>	19 <i>Oasis Happy Hour 4 - 8 pm</i>	20
21	22	23	24 <i>PHD Luncheon - Noon Southtown Nile Mtg. Cornhole Tourn.</i>	25 <i>Allegany S.C. Mtg Southtown Nile Mtg.</i>	26	27 <i>Cooper Birthday Party</i>
28	29	30	31 <i>PHD Luncheon - Noon Cornhole Tourn.</i>			

# FEBRUARY ❖ 2024

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
				1 <i>Nile Sewing 10:30 am</i>	2 <i>Oasis Happy Hour 4 - 8 pm</i>	3 <i>LOH Passing of Gavel 1-5 pm</i>
4	5	6 <i>Lions Club Mtg. 6 pm</i>	7 <i>Ailiamsi Mtg. Noon PHD Lunch Noon Directors Mtg. 6pm Oasis/Divan Mtg. 6 pm Cornhole 6 pm</i>	8 <i>Ailiamsi Ways &amp; Means Mtg. 10:30 am</i>	9	10 <i>Ebenezer United Church Dinner and Raffle</i>
11 <i>Justice League Mtg.</i>	12	13	14 <i>PHD Lunch Noon Lenten Fish Fry 5-8 pm Ash Wednesday Valentine's Day</i>	15 <i>Ailiamsi Sunbeams Mtg. 11 am</i>	16 <i>Oasis Happy Hour 4 - 8 pm Lenten Fish Fry</i>	17 <i>Suizy Baby Shower 4-9 pm</i>
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25	26	27	28 <i>PHD Luncheon - Noon Southtown Nile Mtg. Cornhole 6 pm</i>	29		



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