



DECEMBER 2022



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

Dennis N. Caldwell Sr.
Illustrious Potentate

Wednesday, December 14, 2022

Meeting Starts at 7:00 p.m. * Election of Officers for 2023

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 14, 2023

Social Hour at 5:30 PM • Dinner to follow at 7:00 PM

Ismailia Shriners, 1600 Southwestern Blvd., West Seneca, NY 14224 • All Clubs & Units to send Pres/Secy or a Proxy

Kids Christmas Party

December 10 ❄️ 12pm to 5pm



We need to know how many adults and kids will be attending.

CALL 716-674-8666 FOR RESERVATIONS

so we can get the Christmas presents for all the kids attending.

CHRISTMAS PARTY

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

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.

See details on page 2!

THE POTENTATE'S MESSAGE



Dennis N. Caldwell Sr.
Potentate 2022

As you read this, my year as your Potentate is coming to an end. It has been a busy and enjoyable year for Bertie and me. We traveled all across the state representing Ismailia Shrine at the various Potentates' receptions.

Without the help from the Divan and nobles of Ismailia Shrine, it wouldn't be possible to do the job of Potentate. It truly takes a team effort to accomplish the mission. There are many that I would like to thank for their help over the last five years while I was on the Divan. David and Patty Cammarano Sr. were a tremendous amount of help. They were there to help out with

every event doing whatever needed to be done. I was fortunate to have Ron and Rita Bigger and Mike Ferraro and his lady Susanne in line as Chief Rabban and Asst. Rabban. They were always ready to step up and help out. Mike is always behind the stove cooking. I find it disappointing that Rich Lugo is stepping down as HP&P. He would have made a great Potentate with his unique leadership abilities. Our Oriental Guide, Jay Godios was always there to help out when

needed. There are many others that I could reach out to for help when needed. Ill. Sir Dan Walther was always there when I had to ask: "What do we do next". He is an expert when it comes to Shrine protocol. Ill. Sir Bill Lawicki and Lady Carolyn were very helpful especially during my year as Chief Rabban, in charge of the Oasis. Ill. Sir Doug Blajszczak was very helpful when I wasn't sure about certain things and I needed answers to various questions as Potentate. Lady Janet Latchet and Judy Murdock were a lot of help when it came to doing basket raffles. The Shrine would be hard pressed to have a basket raffle without them. There were also many that were always ready to help out in the kitchen during my five years. Some of them are Lady Justine Holben, "The Kitchen Manager", Ted Clark and John Markus, a couple of the head chefs, Linda Clark always ready to step in and wash dishes as well as Joe Ferraro, Jim Mirroso, another "chef". Wende Applewhite, "The Ticket Maker and Asst. Potentate" was also very helpful. I know there are many more. If I didn't mention you please accept my apology.

There are three new events at the Shrine trying to make up for lost income

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SHRINE SMILE

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 Ronald E. Bigger.....716-425-3223
Assistant Rabban
 Michael P. Ferraro716-266-5549
High Priest & Prophet
 Richard Lugo716-308-7273
Oriental Guide
 Jason Godios.....716-725-5574
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 David A. Freund, P.P.716-668-0335
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Dennis N. Caldwell.....Potentate
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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.

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!

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 an 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 thee right to cancel thee 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

THE POTENTATE'S MESSAGE

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from the circus. Ill. Sir John Walkden and Lady Jan started the Feztival of Trees which is turning out to be one of the bigger fundraisers. We now have corn hole tournaments at the Shrine every week thanks to Ill. Sir Michael Hackford and we have the \$10,000.00 drawing. Those are the three newest events going on to help us pay the bills.

As I mentioned in last month's article, looking over the entire operation of the Shrine, our biggest threat to the future isn't just a loss of members, but a loss of clubs and units. If you can't come to the Shrine for some fun, why come? We have to concentrate on rebuilding the clubs or starting new ones. Some of the current clubs only exist on paper and have very little activity and fundraising going on or none at all. Without funds being generated, it makes it tough to support things like the Travel Fund and Feztival of Trees to name a couple. Fortunately, some of the outlying Shrine Clubs are still alive and doing well.

*Ill. Sir Dennis N. Caldwell
Potentate 2022*

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**

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**Ismailia Shrine – Legion of Honor
“Passing of the Gavel”**

Honoring

Outgoing Commander: Ronald Bigger
Incoming Commander: Robin Gradle

At the Ismailia Shrine Center

1600 Southwestern Blvd., West Seneca, NY 14226

4 February 2023

1300-1600

- 1300 *Cocktail Reception with Open Bar*
- 1400 *Opening Ceremony*
- 1415 *Dinner*
- 1500 *Installation of Officers*
- 1600 *Closing*

Formal Attire (with decorations), or Uniform

\$40.00 per person

*RSVP to: Roger Huff at 716-352-6074 or
roger1548@verizon.net*

By 20 January 2023

Your check is your confirmed reservation

ISMAILIA SHRINERS DIRECTORS STAFF

Ill Sir George Herle P.P.

We had a great Election day – lots of voters made for a lot of raffle ticket sales. Thanks to all who helped and gave their time. A big thanks to Director Carl on November 11th for a great breakfast for the men who came to set up the tables and chairs for the Comedy show. I think the show was a great show and a great success for the Directors and the Shrine. Another thank you to our hard working Nobles. Don't forget about the Feztival of Trees on November 25 - 27th. Hope to see you there.

December 10th is the Shrine Family Christmas Party and our drawing of the Russell tickets. Please get your ticket stubs and money to me before that time. There will be a meeting on December 7th. That would be a good time to turn al your tickets in. Don't forget there is no Directors meeting in January. See you all soon; if not, have a Happy Holiday Season.



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
DECEMBER 2022**

- DECEMBER 1**
Nile Sewing Mtg. - 10:30 am
Shrine Center
- DECEMBER 2**
Friday Nite Happy Hour
4-8 pm, Shrine Center
- DECEMBER 5**
Cornhole Tournament 6 pm
Shrine Center
- DECEMBER 7**
Ailiamsi Meeting - Noon
PHD Luncheon - Noon ??
Directors Meeting - 6 pm
Cornhole Tournament 6 pm
Shrine Center
- DECEMBER 8**
Ailiamsi Ways and Means
Meeting - 10:30 am
Meridian Sun Chapter Mtg.
- 7:30 pm
G.A. Family Christmas Party
- 6 pm
Shrine Center
- DECEMBER 10**
Shrine Family Christmas Party
- Noon to 5 pm
Shrine Center
Lockport Shrine Club Mtg.
- 9 am
Lockport, NY
- DECEMBER 11**
Allegany S.C. Christmas Party -
4 pm to ???
Moonwinks Rest., Cuba, NY
- DECEMBER 12**
Cornhole Tournament 6 pm
Shrine Center
- DECEMBER 13**
VA Eye Clinic Christmas Party
11 am - 3 pm
Oasis/Divan Mtg. - 6:30 pm
Shrine Center
- DECEMBER 14**
PHD Luncheon - Noon ??
Ismailia Shrine Stated
Session - 7 pm
Election of Officers for 2023
Shrine Center
- DECEMBER 15**
Ailiamsi Ways and Means
Meeting - 11 am
Cornhole Tournament 6 pm
Shrine Center
Cabiri Christmas Party 5 pm
Ilio DiPalo's Restaurant
- DECEMBER 16**
Friday Nite Happy Hour
4-8 pm, Shrine Center
- DECEMBER 17**
Ismailia Shrine Christmas
Party - 6 pm to ???
Shrine Center
- DECEMBER 19**
Cornhole Tournament 6 pm
Shrine Center
- DECEMBER 21**
PHD Luncheon - Noon ??
Daughters of Nile Mtg.
LOH Meeting - 6 pm
Cornhole Tournament 6 pm
Shrine Center
- DECEMBER 22**
Northtown Nile Mtg. - Noon
Meridian Sun Chapter Mtg.
- 7:30 pm
Shrine Center
- DECEMBER 23-26**
Happy Holiday Season
Shrine Center Closed
- DECEMBER 25**
Christmas Day *Merry Christmas
to All - Ismailia Shrine Officers
and Office Staff*
- DECEMBER 28**
PHD Luncheon Club Mtg. Noon
Southtown Nile Mtg. - Noon
Cornhole Tournament 6 pm
Shrine Center
- DECEMBER 30-31**
New Year's Eve
Shrine Closed

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.

Well the year 2022 is fast approaching its end of time now that we are in the month of December. With the ending of the year it brings to close a year of many ups and downs with many bright spots as compared to previous years. Much has improved but there is still a lot of work to be done to bring us back to where we were many months ago.

December brings us into the Holiday Season with Family gatherings and many Christmas parties. For the Shrine Center it brings us to the Election of Officers for 2023. This will be done at the Stated Session on December 14, 2022. If you are interested in the operation of Ismailia Shriners now is the time to make it known and enter the race. You are the Nobles that voice your opinions as to the choice of Officers you want to continue the success of Ismailia Shriners. As a reminder you will need a current dues card to be able to ballot in this Election so make sure your dues are up to date. We have a very good line of Officers wishing to continue on with Ismailia Shriners. Hope to see all our Nobles at this important Stated Session.

As the Holiday Season continues on Ill Sir Dennis Caldwell and his Lady Bernie, his Divan and their Ladies and the Shrine Office Staff wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Healthy and Safe New Year. Stay healthy, safe and have a Merry time!

Ill Sir Joe H P.P., Recorder

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



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.



Danny Thomas

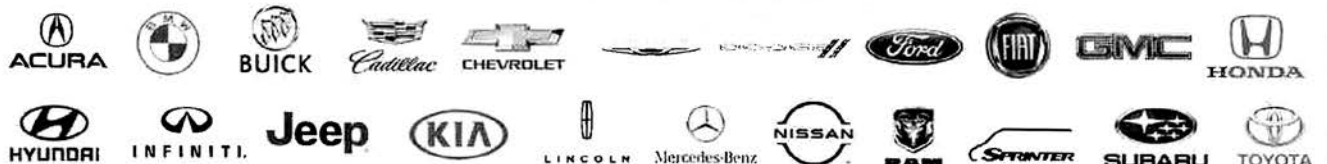
Danny Thomas (born Amos Muzyad Yakhoob Kairouz) was an American nightclub comedian and television and film actor and producer, whose career spanned five decades. Thomas was best known for starring in the television sitcom **Make Room for Daddy** (also known as **The Danny Thomas Show**). He was an active Shriner and also the founder of St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

Initiated, passed, and raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason at Gothic Lodge #270 F&AM located at Hamilton Square, NJ on March 15, 1984 by special dispensation of the NJ Grand Master.

On May 1985, he was made a 32° Mason and was also a Noble in Al Malaikah Shrine. Thomas also filmed the introduction to the Masonic Service Association's movie, "When the Band Stops Playing". Calif. AASR (32°) and life member of Al Malaika Shrine Temple, Los Angeles, California.



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ATHOR TEMPLE No. 19 DAUGHTERS OF THE NILE

Princess Jen Mazur, Publicity

Our December Stated Session will be held on December 21 at 10:30 am, followed by our Christmas Luncheon and Party. Reservations are needed. Please contact Princess Ruth Degener at 716-668-4843, no later than December 15th. Please check the Athor Temple Newsletter for more details.

We are looking forward to a visit with Erie Hospital Clinic patients soon. Contact our Princess Tirzah, Doris Grabowski, at 716-694-0271, for more information and to contribute gifts.

Looking for a new adventure for 2023?!? Come join us and be part of something great! Athor Temple No. 19's Membership and Mentoring Team of 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! If you are someone who enjoys projects that benefit others, especially projects that enhance our work for our very special children, and who enjoy fellowship and laughter, 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 Barb, the Officers of Athor Temple No. 19 and the ladies of the household, we wish you all a warm and wonderful holiday season! And a Happy New Year!

A MESSAGE FROM THE ASSISTANT RABBAN

On behalf of Lady Sue, Joseph, and myself we hope you all had a very Happy Thanksgiving and got to spend some quality time with family. We would also like to wish all of our Nobles, Ladies, and friends a very joyous holiday season. Please remember those less fortunate and consider helping at or donating to a local food pantry or shelter. One that I support and highly recommend is ValorWNY – a food pantry for our needy veterans and their families. This year they are averaging 65 veterans and families a month so the need is ever present.

Noble Mike Ferraro

A MESSAGE FROM LADY BERTIE

My year as First Lady is coming to an end. Our jewelry raffle was a success. Everyone loved the lunch and the delicious cupcakes we had as dessert. I would like to thank everyone who helped in the kitchen and all the servers. Also a special thank you to Greg Wolf and Rich Mix for helping by setting up the tables. They do this for every function we have. I know some people weren't too happy with the menu change but sometimes change is good. You don't know till you try. The comedy show was a hit. It surpassed all expectations.

It was my honor to serve as First Lady. I have so many people to thank that I can't name them all, but there are some who went over and above to help make this a great year. To our daughter Tammy, our Granddaughter Ashley and our son Dennis, we want to thank you for being so supportive and helpful all year. Tammy for always pitching in at all our functions, Ashley for her beautiful balloon arches and Dennis for taking care of Muffin for every ball we went to. Dave and Patty Cammarano you are two very special friends who don't need to be asked to do anything – you just are always there to help no matter what function. The shrine is lucky to have you in their organization. Ron and Rita Bigger, the Oasis is making more money than ever. Great cooks and great servers are the key to success. I know Ron will make a great Potentate and you will be a great First Lady. Not everything will be easy but just keep thinking – you're doing it to help the kids. That's what it's all about and I will help any way I can. I would be remiss if I didn't mention two very special ladies, Janet Lachut and Judy Murdock. Without these two wonderful and talented ladies we would not have the success with basket raffles like we do. Their baskets are all so beautiful. Everyone wants to win one. Thank you both so much. Jan Freund, thank you for your encouragement and guidance this year. And a special Thank You to Wendy for everything you did to make my year as First Lady a success. I could always go to you when I had questions and you always had the answers. Everyone needs someone who can help them succeed in new endeavors and Wendy was that person for me. Thanks for being there for me.

Thanks again to everyone who helped make this a great and memorable year for me. I hope everyone has a great Thanksgiving and a wonderful Christmas.

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 \$250.00 payable to **The Silent Messenger Fund** and mail to: Ismailia Shriners, 1600 Southwestern Blvd, West Seneca, New York 14224.

Some Options:

KAREN SULLIVAN TAMPA, FL	UNITED METHODIST CHURCH	IN HONOR OF MIKE BRENNAN 2021
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Choose: In Memory of In Honor of Other _____

Erie Patient Represents at Charleston Classic



Shriners Children's Erie patient, Easton, recently enjoyed a once-in-a-lifetime experience at the Charleston Classic November 17, 18 and 20. The active 12-year-old boy was selected to travel to State

College, PA to interact with the Penn State Men's Basketball team. Easton, his dad, Cody, and Troy Harding, member of the Board of Governor's at Shriners Children's Erie, spent the day with the team and helped the players connect with the mission of Shriners Children's in advance of the three day tournament. They also produced a video, which was shared in the arena during the premier college basketball event.

Born with spina bifida, Easton has been receiving orthopedic specialty care from Shriners Children's Erie since he was a baby. He has had numerous surgeries through the years and has received braces and other orthotic devices to help with mobility. An avid athlete, Easton plays both sled hockey and wheelchair basketball on the Shriners Children's Erie teams.



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

Sunshine Charity Birthday Fund Donations

THROUGH NOVEMBER 15, 2022

Robert Ess
Russell Knox

Robert Pyne
Albert Wright, III

Michael Yensan

In Memoriam

DEATHS THROUGH NOVEMBER 19, 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
5679	Walter G. Greig	May 16, 1992	November 8, 2022
6246	Thomas S. Zydel	May 14, 2005	November 16, 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.

JUST ONE

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

Handicap Parking at the Shrine Center

Currently there are limited handicap spots at the Shrine center. Plans are in the work 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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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&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. Commonsense 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

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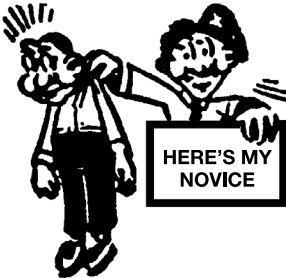
- Erie Lodge #161 – 1985-2001
- West Seneca Lodge #1111 – 2001-present
- Master 2008-2009
- Secretary 2009-present
- East Aurora Chapter #282 Royal Arch Masons
- Secretary 2008-2010
- Buffalo Consistory, Valley of Buffalo
- Pond Chapter #853 O.E.S.

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- Motor Express Inc. Terminal Manager
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- United States Air Force 1954-1958

DECEMBER ♦ 2022						
Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
				Nile Sewing Mtg. 10:00 am	Friday Night Happy Hour 4-8 pm	Young Birthday Party 1 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 Meridian Sun Chap GA Family Christmas Party 6 pm	YMCA Senior Christmas Party 11 am - 3 pm	Lockport SC Mtg. 9 am Shrine Family Christmas Party Noon - 5 pm
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Allegany S.C. Christmas Party 4pm - ??? Moonwinks Cuba, NY	Cornhole Tournament 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 Cabiri Xmas Party 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 Southtowns Nile Cornhole Tournament		SHRINE CLOSED	SHRINE CLOSED New Year's Eve

JANUARY ♦ 2023						
Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
SHRINE CLOSED New Year's Day	Cornhole Tournament 6 - 10 pm	Lions Club Mtg. 6 pm	Ailiamsi Mtg Noon PHD Lunch Noon Directors Mtg. 6 pm Cornhole Tournament	Nile Sewing Mtg. 10:00 am	Oasis Happy Hour 4-8 pm	
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
	Cornhole Tournament 6 - 10 pm	Oasis/Divan Mtg. 6:30 pm	PHD Luncheon Noon Shrine Stated Session 7 pm	Ailiamsi Ways & Means Mtg 10am Meridian Sun Chapter Mtg 7:30 pm		Lockport SC Mtg. 9 am Shrine Public Installation Clubs & Units
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Shrine Soup Galore 11 am - 3 pm	Cornhole Tournament 6 - 10 pm	Lions Club Mtg. 6 pm	Nile Mtg. Noon PHD Lunch Noon LOH Mtg. 6 pm Cornhole Tournament	Ailiamsi Sunbeams Mtg. 11 am Cornhole Tournament	Oasis Happy Hour 4-8 pm	
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
	Cornhole Tournament 6 - 10 pm		PHD Lunch Noon Southtown Nile Mtg. Cornhole Tournament	Northtown Nile Mtg. Allegany SC Mtg. Meridian Sun Chapter		Ray Capazinski Party 3 - 8 pm
29	30	31				
	Cornhole Tournament 6 - 10 pm					



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