

FEBRUARY 2024

*You are cordially and fraternally invited
to attend the*

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

Honoring

Outgoing Commander: Robin Gradle
Incoming Commander: Douglas Foss

At the Ismailia Shrine Center

1600 Southwestern Blvd., West Seneca, NY 14226

3 February 2024

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 24 January 2024
Your check is your confirmed reservation

ISMAILIA SHRINE

Annual Meat Raffle



Date: February 24, 2024

Time: 7:00 pm

At Ismailia Shrine 1600 Southwestern Blvd.
Doors Open at 5:30 pm

Includes Beer, Pop, and Sandwiches

Presale Tickets Only \$10.00^{pp}

No walk-ins – Seating limited to 300

Table reservations of 8 are available

Includes entrance in the

*** BIG TICKET RAFFLE ***

PRIZES All Cash – 1st \$ 500.00 * 2nd \$ 300.00 * 3rd \$ 200.00

Meat Raffle Spin tickets are now \$2.00

Wheelchair accessible

Tickets are now available in Shrine office.

Call 716-674-8666

ISMAILIA SHRINERS FAMOUS...

\$15.00 tax included
5 PM until 8 PM
Eat in or Takeout



*We will be serving fish fry's on the
following dates during Lent:*

February 14,

February 16, February 23,

March 1, March 8, March 15,

March 22, and March 29

THE POTENTATE'S MESSAGE



Michael P. Ferraro
Potentate 2024

Hello Nobles, ladies, and families,

Once again winter has reared its ugly head across the United States. The Public installation of officers was postponed 1 week due to severe winter weather which caused all flights on Friday the 12th coming into WNY to be cancelled. I would like to thank Imperial Sir Ed Stolze and Imperial Chaplain Michael Sekera for all their efforts in trying to change their flights to make it into WNY for the installation. All your efforts are appreciated more

than you know. I would also like to thank Richard Mix, Greg Wolf, Judy Murdoch, Patty and Dave Cammarano, Kay Brown, Wende Applewhite, and my lady Suzanne for all their help setting up and preparing for the installation. A big thank you to all of you that did

come to the rescheduled installation despite the weather and date change. We will be having a Lenten fish fry planning meeting on Friday February 9 and our Lenten fish fry's officially kick off on Ash Wednesday February 14 and run through good Friday on March 29. We could always use kitchen and dining room help: contact Chief Rabban Jim Mirusso if you are interested in helping. Saturday February 24 is our Spring meat raffle and is always a good time.

On behalf of Lady Suzanne, Joseph, and myself we would like to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of you and your families for being part of our Shrine family and for your continued support. We would also like to congratulate all the 2024 Divans of our temples in the NYOSA association and across the globe.

Fraternally,
Mike P. Ferraro

SHRINE SMILE

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 Frederick (Ted) Clark II716-949-4202
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Wedding Receptions
 Communion
 Birthday Parties
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 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.

AILIAMSI COURT No. 12, LOSNA

Lady Karen L. Keuther, High Priestess

The members of Ailamsi Court no. 12, Ladies Oriental Shrine of North America, wish everyone a **HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!** Be sure to send your special someone a loving greeting.

Our members continue to work for the special children in the Shrine Medical System as well as support Ismailia Shrine in their endeavors. You can assist us in our efforts by attending our next big Fundraiser, **BINGO BONANZA** on Saturday, March 2nd at the Shrine. Doors open at 10:30 a.m. with the first Bingo game at 11 a.m. In addition to Bingo (with gift cards for the winners), there will be a Basket Opportunity, Punch-a-Cup and Share the Wealth. Just think of all the great prizes you could go home with! A delicious luncheon of a Pulled Pork sandwich (BBQ sauce optional), Cheezy potatoes and Applesauce will be served at noon. Tickets are \$20.00 and can be purchased from any Ailamsi member or Wende at the Shrine Office. **Please save the date, bring your family and friends and enjoy the day with us. ALL AGES WELCOME!**

Our next Court meeting will be on Wednesday, February 7th 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 next regular meeting will be on Feb. 7 at 6:00 p.m. John Markuse won the January Bills pool. If any of the new Shriners are interested in joining the Directors, just attend a meeting to see what we are all about; you may like it. Remember your dues. The Shrine fish fry's will start up on Feb. 14, Ash Wednesday, and will continue every Friday during lent. Help is always needed for these events, but we also need your attendance to support the Shrine and enjoy a great meal. The Shrine meat raffle is Feb. 24, and again all hands on deck so the directors can feed the hungry horde. Remember to get your shrine benefit raffle ticket, with the \$10,000 grand prize – only 300 tickets are sold. The drawing is on March 23. Looking forward to a prosperous new year for the shrine.

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

Call Wende at the Shrine office 674-8666 to order your 2024 Shrine shirt.

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

\$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 29 - July 4
SEE PAGE 5

IMPERIAL SESSION 2025

Atlanta, Georgia
June 29 - July 3

IMPERIAL SESSION 2026

Tampa, Florida
July 12-16

HELP NEEDED

Looking for anyone interested to help out with the driver situation for the Hospital Travel Team. We are in need to have more drivers available for Hospital runs to the Shriners Hospital for Children - Erie Unit. Anyone interested please call Noble Charles Turner for more info @ 716-863-5583



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

Ismailia Shriners • \$10,000 Cash Grand Prize Raffle - 3/23/24



LOVE in Action

At Shriners Children's™ we treasure the promise of a new year and all the possibilities it holds. For instance, watching children like MiKenli thrive or seeing supporters like you find new ways to send Love to the rescue®. This month, we're sharing things we can all feel good about in the new year.



Coming to Shriners was the best move we've ever made

According to an early prognosis, six-year-old MiKenli was never supposed to walk or use her arms. But thanks to her loving family, her team at Shriners Children's and people like YOU, MiKenli is making incredible strides.

Put the FUN in Fundraising

Are you looking for a fun way to help Shriners Children's send Love to the rescue this year? We've got you covered. In just a few simple steps, you can support an existing campaign or set up your own to offer life-changing support in 2024.

Give More Hope and Care in 2024

This year, more children than ever will turn to Shriners Children's for critical care and services. From providing therapy equipment and hospital visits to funding groundbreaking research, your generosity transforms young lives for the better. Please give today!

Here's how you can continue to support our mission:

Donate your vehicle

Find out how you can help change lives by donating your vehicle to Shriners Children's.

Fundraise for LOVE

Start your own personal fundraising page to benefit Shriners Children's.

Make a monthly gift

Your loyal support will help us provide life-changing care to kids, regardless of the families' ability to pay or insurance status.

Give to your local Shriners Children's location

Each location provides life-changing care to kids regardless of the families' ability to pay or insurance status. Your gift supports local care, research, and educational programs, and provides ongoing financial support for patients and their families.

COMING EVENTS

FEBRUARY 2024

FEBRUARY 1

D.O.N. Sewing - 10:30 am
Shrine Center

FEBRUARY 2

Ground Hog Day
Friday Night Happy Hour
4 - 8 pm
Shriner Center

FEBRUARY 3

Legion of Honor Passing of
Gavel, 1 - 5 pm
Shrine Center

FEBRUARY 7

Ailiamsi Meeting - Noon
PHD Luncheon - Noon
Shrine Directors Staff
Meeting - 6 pm
Oasis/Divan Mtg. 6 pm
Shrine Center

FEBRUARY 8

Ailiamsi Ways & Means
Meeting - 10:30 am
Shrine Center

FEBRUARY 10

Lockport S.C. Meeting 9am
Lockport, NY

FEBRUARY 14

Valentine's Day
PHD Luncheon - Noon
Ash Wednesday Lenten
Fish Fry 5 - 8 pm
Shrine Center

FEBRUARY 15

Ailiamsi Sunbeams
Meeting - 11:30 am
Shrine Center

FEBRUARY 16

Friday Night Happy Hour
4 - 8 pm
Friday Lenten Fish Frys
5 - 8 pm
Shrine Center

FEBRUARY 21

D.O.N. Meeting - Noon
PHD Luncheon - Noon
Cornhole Tournament
6 - 10 pm
Shrine Center

FEBRUARY 22

Allegany Shrine Club
Meeting - 5 pm
Northtown Nile Meeting

FEBRUARY 23

Friday Lenten Fish Frys
5 - 8 pm
Shrine Center

FEBRUARY 24

Shrine Spring Meat Raffle
Doors open 5:45 pm - 10 pm
First draw - 7 pm
Shrine Center

FEBRUARY 28

PHD Luncheon - Noon
Southtown Nile Mtg. Noon
Cornhole Tournament
6 - 10 pm

\$10,000.00 Drawing

Sales are moving along very slowly. This is a group effort, all Shriners should make an effort to either buy a ticket or sell a ticket. With 600 members and just 300 tickets to sell you would think it would be no problem. Unfortunately, it is a problem. We have to sell at least 180 tickets just to break even. So, if you haven't purchased a ticket or sold a ticket, it's time to step up and see Wende in the office for your ticket. The early bird drawing will be on February 16.

Recorder's Desk

Joe Hoerner, P.P.

We have now entered the second month of 2024 and I hope it will be better weather-wise than this past month of January. Here is hoping that everyone got through the snow storms safely and in good health. I thought it would never stop snowing and ran out of room to put the snow. It will be July before this all melts. The weather sure caused havoc with some of our scheduled events but we got through them. A great big congratulations to Ill Sir Michael Ferraro and his committee for a great Installation of Officers for 2024. A great job done by all and even with the one week delay it was well attended and enjoyed by all.

Now February is upon us and it will be a busy month at the Shrine. We start off with the Shrine Legion of Honor with their Passing of the Gavel. This is their change of command with Ill Sir Douglas Foss P.P. taking leadership of the Legion of Honor. Congratulations to Commander Foss and his Officers for 2024 and wishing the Legion a very successful year. Then we start with the annual Lenten Fish Frys starting Ash Wednesday February 14th and every Friday until Easter. There will be an informational meeting on Friday February 9th at 6:00 pm for all workers doing the Fish Frys. Everyone doing the Fish Frys needs to attend this meeting. For more information on the Lenten Fish Frys see C.R. James Mirusso. Then on Saturday February 24th is the Shrine annual Spring Meat Raffle. We will be needing everyone to help make this event successful. This is one the Shrine's Major Fund Raisers so all hands on deck. For more information see Ill Sir David Freund P.P. So you see there is much for you to do and enjoy at the Shrine. Come on out and have some fun and fellowship. But let us not forget that Membership must always be on our minds. We need to increase our declining Membership – we lost many by the Black Camel and NPD. So bring in a candidate and keep our Shrine alive.

One other item to bring up: the 2024 Imperial Shrine Convention this year is in Reno NV. June 29 -July 4 and Ismailia has 15 rooms reserved at the Circus Circus Hotel in Reno. Please if you are going – call the Office and reserve your spot. We will have more info shortly on events and prices.

That's it for. Come join us at the Shrine for fun and fellowship. Stay safe and healthy and see you all around the Oasis sometime.

Ill Sir Joe H. P.P., Recorder



Are You Ready for Some Football?

The East-West Shrine Bowl is coming up soon: Start making your plans now! If you are interested in attending the game on Thursday, Feb. 1 at The Ford Center at the Star in Frisco, Texas, **order your tickets now**. Use the code SHRINER10 to receive a discount on your tickets.



Unable to attend the game? Consider hosting a watch party at your temple or local sports bar. Order an East-West Shrine Bowl watch party package for a \$25 donation to the game.

Shriners Children's Clearwater Invitational

Tickets are now on sale for the 2024 **Shriners Children's Clearwater Invitational** presented by EvoShield.



We are proud to be the title sponsor of this ESPN Events owned-and-operated annual softball tournament that will be held Feb. 15-18, 2024 in Clearwater, Florida. The tournament will feature 16 teams in 40 games over four days, and all matchups will be available across ESPN platforms.

Burn Awareness Week Materials



Burn Awareness Week is February 4-10, 2024, and it marks the annual kickoff of our yearlong educational campaign. We know how much our Shriners help spread our Be Burn Aware message, and we've put together **materials to help your temples promote burn prevention and awareness**. Be sure to check back periodically, as we will be adding more assets as Burn Awareness Week approaches!

- Burn Awareness Week guide for Temple Marketing and Communications Chairmen
- Proclamation and sample press release
- One sheets detailing the history and overview of burn care at Shriners Children's
- Burn prevention educational information
- Burn Awareness Week social media graphics

You may also visit beburnaware.org to access educational information, and visit the **online ordering system** to request free burn prevention materials.

Special Notice



There will be an informational meeting for the Friday Lenten Fish Frys on Friday February 9, 2024 at 6:00 pm. All workers that will be helping with the Fish Frys are asked to attend this meeting. For more info contact C.R. James Mirusso

MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF RABBAN

Jim "Moose" Mirusso

Greetings to All Nobles, Wives and families. I want to thank everyone who has supported me along the way on the Divan here at Ismailia Shriners as I take on the duty of Chief Rabban in support of Illustrious Sir Michael Ferraro. I have two items of interest to discuss with you all as we approach a busy lent and spring season at Ismailia.

On February 9th we will have a kick off meeting for Lenten Fish Frys. Fish Frys will begin on Valentine's Day Feb. 14th and run until Good Friday March 29th. Any help for any or all dinners would be greatly appreciated.

Second, I had the opportunity in January to visit a friend in Reno and scouted out the city and hotels for the Imperial Convention. The Potentate will be putting together a package to attend Imperial in the near future. Three casino hotels will be hosting most if not all of the convention attendees. It is called "The Row" and consists of the Silver Legacy, Eldorado and Circus Circus hotels. These hotels all share a common 2nd floor hospitality and retail space area which means we never have to leave the building to attend session meetings. The summer in Reno can be very hot. Temperatures will be between 90 and 100 degrees with very low humidity. The combination of Elevation (4200 feet) humidity and temperature will require that you take extra care to hydrate and use high SPF sunblock.

For questions on Lent Fish Fry's, opportunities to help with hospitality or details on Reno and Lake Tahoe feel free to email me at my divan email address NobleMirusso@gmail.com.

2024 Imperial Session Reno Nevada

Ismailia Shriners have 15 rooms reserved for this Session

June 29, 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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Victor Manuel couldn't wait for the birth of his daughter. But after Victoria was born with a rare condition known as arthrogryposis, his excitement turned to fear. He wondered if she would ever walk. Would she be okay?

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Five years after arriving at Shriners Children's, Victoria is walking independently — often with a huge smile on her face. Her father remembers when she took her first steps, never forgetting those who made it possible.

"Your donations help children be happy and enjoy a better life," he said.

Thank you for giving children like Victoria renewed hope for an active, full life.

In 2024, we know more children than ever will need our services...and we'll need you. Please make a gift today to deliver life-changing therapy equipment, hospital visits and research all year long to help children in need — regardless of the families' ability to pay or insurance status.

Thank you for your ongoing support — the impact of your generosity is immeasurable. I hope we hear from you again today. Children like Victoria are counting on you.

With deep gratitude,

Stuart P. Sullivan, Chief Philanthropy Officer – Shriners Children's

P.S. Your gifts fuel innovative research and care for children facing complex medical concerns. Please give today to provide the hope, compassion and care they need to thrive in 2024.



1. Gain new skills and perspectives.
2. Help create a better future for myself and my fraternity.
3. Attend Noble Academy events.

4th Annual Membership & Marketing Virtual Event Series

What: Complimentary education for Shriners, spouses and members of Masonic-affiliated and ladies' organizations. Each event features presentations on membership and marketing topics, followed by a question and answer session with presenters.

When: March 7, 2024; May 23, 2024, 1 -3 p.m. ET
(event video from Nov. 2 event is available on-demand upon enrolling)

Enroll Now!

[View Jan. 18 event speakers and presentations](#)

2024 Membership & Marketing Conference

What: Three day in-person educational and networking conference for Shriners, spouses and members of Masonic-affiliated and ladies' organizations. Discounted rates are available when enrolling multiple learners at the same time.

When: April 26-28, 2024

Enroll Now!

Where: Orlando, Florida, Rosen Centre Hotel, [Reserve your room](#)

Optional Excursion: Private dinner party and dueling piano show at Howl at the Moon.

*If you previously registered for the 4th annual virtual event series or the conference, you do not need to register again.

membership@shrinenet.org

*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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THROUGH JANUARY 14, 2024

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In Honor of Ronald Phillips By Kay Workerger

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Robert Chapman
Robert Huddleston

Donations to Ismailia Shriners - From Dues

THROUGH JANUARY 14, 2024

Robert Chapman
James Roddick

Donations to Ismailia Shriners

THROUGH JANUARY 15, 2024

By Kevin Long
By Steve Grady & Patricia Deprima

Sunshine Charity Birthday Fund Donations

THROUGH JANUARY 14, 2024

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NUMBER	NAME	DATE JOINED	DATE DIED
101	Nicholas Andin	June 7, 1975	December 21, 2023

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NYOSA Spring Session – April 19 to 21 2024

Dear Nobles and Shrine Family:

In a few short months we will all gather in Saratoga Springs, New York to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the New York Ontario Shrine Association. We want all to know that NYOSA is not just an event for Potentates and Senior Divan Members, but NYOSA is always open to all Nobles and their Ladies!!!! This year 2024, being NYOSA's 100th anniversary, marks an exciting time for many more Nobles and their Ladies to enjoy a Shrine weekend "Date" amongst many like-minded friends!! We are currently finalizing the plans and our illustrious President Tom Abraham, and his Lady Leslie are working hard to ensure this year's spring and fall events are among the best!! We are honored to have Imperial Sir Mark Hartz, Imperial Oriental Guide and Imperial Sir Ron Devoll, Imperial Captain of the Guard as our Imperial representation at our spring session. We will also have a Patient Ambassador attending to tell their story.

Registration opens on Thursday, April 18th at 5 pm in the Hospitality Room for those wishing to arrive early. The Officers of NYOSA will be taking our Imperial representatives out to dinner on Thursday evening. Friday, April 19th is open to enjoy the sights and shopping in the beautiful Saratoga Springs. All meals on Friday will be on your own. (A list of great restaurants in the area will be provided). Registration will be open in the Hotel Lobby from 2:00 to 5:00 pm and after 5 in the hospitality room for late arrivers. The hospitality room will be open at 2:00 and stay open till 11 :00pm for fun and socializing.

Saturday, April 20th begins with a breakfast buffet from 7:30 am-9 am. Breakfast includes coffee, decaf, tea, cocoa, chilled juices, sliced fruit, croissants, pastries, yogurt and granola, scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage, and home fries. Following breakfast, the Nobles will attend our Spring Business Session from 9:30 am to 11 :30 am while our Ladies will attend a wonderful Ladies Program hosted by Lady Leslie with the Imperial Ladies (9:30-11 :30am) which includes scones, fresh fruit, and mimosas. Following the morning programs lunch will be served from 12 noon - 1 pm featuring a Deli Box Lunch with assorted sandwiches (roast beef with cheddar, ham and cheese, roast turkey, tuna salad), whole fruit, potato chips, bottled water and soda. Of special interest during lunch, our Patient Ambassador will tell their amazing story. After the formalities and business being concluded, on Saturday afternoon the Hospitality Room will be open until Saturday Dinner. Social hour 5pm-6pm with cash bar. Hors d' oeuvres to be served (mini chicken cordon bleu, fresh vegetable crudites, and vegetable stuffed mushrooms.

Dinner will include garden salad or fresh seasonal fruit. Entree choices are sliced london broil, chicken marsala or fresh veg. stir fry. After dinner there will be a DJ to provide music and dancing. It promises to be a genuinely Great evening. Finally, we will bid you farewell on Sunday morning with some Great memories!! It will be a WONDERFUL time and will only be BETTER with YOU!

– Ill. Sir Terry A. Byard P.P., Director General, 2024 New Youk Ontario Shrine Association

**New York Ontario Shrine Association
Spring Session April 19 to 21 2024**



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REGISTRATION FORM

(Registration deadline is April 15, 2024)

Noble _____ Shrine Center _____
 Title _____ Lady _____
 Address _____ City _____ Zip Code _____
 Phone _____ Email _____
 Arrival Date _____

Noble Registration Fee.....\$150.00 _____
 Ladies Registration Fee.....\$ 140.00 _____

(NOTE: Registration Fees include all Saturday Meals and Hospitality) TOTAL \$ _____

Dinner Choice(s): Sliced London Broil _____
 Chicken Marsala _____
 Fresh Vegetable Stir Fry _____

NYOSA reservations must be made by April 4th!!

Total payment due with Registration US funds..... Enclosed: \$ _____

Register and pay online at nyosa.org or make check or money order payable to **NYOSA** & forward to:
 Director General: Terry A. Byard, 29252 State Route 3, Black River, New York 13612

Hotel Reservations.

Please make your own reservations with the Saratoga Holiday Inn. Registrations must be made by March 19th 2024 to get rate, no exceptions.

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New York Ontario Shrine Association Fall Session is in Geneva, NY September 27-29, 2024

Any questions please contact Director General Terry A. Byard (315)489-7391 or tbyard@twcny.rr.com

**ATHOR TEMPLE No. 19
DAUGHTERS OF THE NILE**

Princess Jen Mazur, Publicity

Winter greetings to everyone from Queen Suzanne and the members of Athor Temple No. 19, Daughters of the Nile. Since our January weather event, everyone is eager for Spring. We hope it will be an early one.

The members are looking forward to our annual White Rose Luncheon to be held in May. Plans are underway to make this annual event a really special one. Watch for more details as they become available. And save the first Saturday in May so that you won't miss out on a fun afternoon!

Registration is open for Supreme Session 2024, to be held in Boise, Idaho. Several of our members are already registering and making plans to travel to Boise in June. Maybe you'd like to consider attending and observe the Supreme Temple in action. More details will be shared as they become available.

If you really enjoy the company of like minded women who enjoy working for others, perhaps you would enjoy becoming a Princess in our organization. There are many, many opportunities for service and fellowship. Contact any member or specifically contact PQ Donna and her committee to learn more about our organization. We love to tell our story!

Enjoy the rest of winter and February, the love month. Stay healthy, be careful and be kind! See you next month.

FEZTIVAL OF TREES 2023

How do we thank the dozens and dozens of people who over the last three years have passionately donated their time and talents to help create the Ismailia Shrine FEZtival of Trees? We have grown from 16 trees to 29 trees. From just cookie to cookies, candy, kettle corn and hot chocolate. The kitchen menu and dedicated staff is constantly growing and changing to meet the needs of our patrons. The beautifully created basket raffle always "WOW's" everyone who sees it. This year we added "Mrs. Pockets" who entertained children with trinkets and hugs. The children's craft area continues to grow resulting in the creation of many free take-home Christmas treasures. Santa with his sleigh full of gifts brought joy to the young and the young-at-heart. The vendor area has more than doubled since our beginning. The growing variety and quality of our vendors' wares brings something for everyone. As people entered the Shrine this year to attend our FEZtival of Trees the welcoming beauty of our "Winter Wonderland" became obvious. Twinkling lights glistened from above, snowflakes floated on the ceiling and moving reindeer sat at our feet. Beautiful Christmas music drifted through the air to help create the feelings of the season. As our visitors arrived they were greeted by the friendly welcoming faces of our Admissions ladies. Everywhere there were seasonal decorations to help create the joy of the season. Of course our Shrine Clowns in their full attire brought joy to all as they created masterpieces with balloon art and gaiety with vibrant face painting. So much happens behind the scenes to prepare our Shrine for this event and continues as the FEZtival of Trees ends with distribution of trees, dismantling and cleanup of our Shrine Center. Thank you to so many people that help provide a safe environment before, during, and after the event.

The undertaking that started out as a seedling and was nurtured with knowledge from the Kora Shrine in Lewiston, Maine is now a sapling. Hopefully with guidance and support the future of our Ismailia Shrine FEZtival of Trees will continue to grow and bring joy to those who attend while providing supportive resources for our Ismailia Shrine mission. Blessings to all who support and contribute to this wonderful event.

Very sincerely, PP John F. Walkden and Jan

FEBRUARY ❖ 2024						
Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
				1 Nile Sewing 10:30 am Cornhole Tournament	2 Oasis Happy Hour 4 - 8 pm	3 LOH Passing of Gavel 1-5 pm
4	5	6 Lions Club Mtg. 6 pm	7 Ailiamsi Mtg. Noon PHD Lunch Noon Directors Mtg. 6pm Oasis/Divan Mtg. Cornhole 6 pm	8 Ailiamsi Ways & Means Mtg. 10:30 am Cornhole Tournament	9 Lenten Fish Fry Meeting 6 pm	10
11 Justice League Mtg.	12 Nile Rehearsal 11 am	13 PHD Lunch Noon	14 Lenten Fish Fry 5-8 pm Ash Wednesday Valentine's Day	15 Ailiamsi Sunbeams Mtg. 11 am	16 Oasis Happy Hour 4 - 8 pm Lenten Fish Fry 5-8 pm	17 Suizi Baby Shower 4-9 pm
18	19 Lions Club Mtg. 6 pm	20 Nile Mtg. Noon PHD Lunch Noon LOH Mtg. 6 pm Cornhole 6 pm	21 Allegany S.C. Mtg Northtown Nile Mtg.	22 Lenten Fish Fry 5-8 pm	23 Shrine Spring Meat Raffle 5:45 - 10 pm	24
25	26 PHD Luncheon - Noon Southtown Nile Mtg. Cornhole 6 pm	27 Oakgrove Construction Seminar 7 am - 4:30 pm	28	29		

MARCH ❖ 2024						
Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
					1 Oasis Happy Hour 4 - 8 pm Lenten Fish Fry 5-8 pm	2 Ailiamsi Bingo 11 am - 5 pm Lions St. Pat's Dinner 6 - 10 pm
3 Szarowski Party Noon - 5 pm	4	5 Lions Club Mtg. 6 pm	6 Ailiamsi Mtg. Noon PHD Lunch Noon Directors Mtg. 6pm Oasis/Divan Mtg.	7 Nile Sewing 10:30 am	8 Lenten Fish Fry 5-8 pm	9 Lockport S.C. Mtg Psychic Fair 9 am - 5 pm WNY Sports Expo
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31 Easter Sunday						

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