

MARCH 2023



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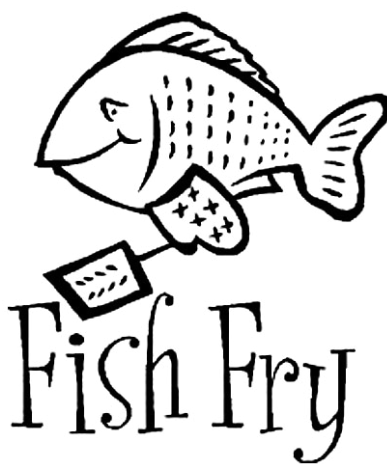
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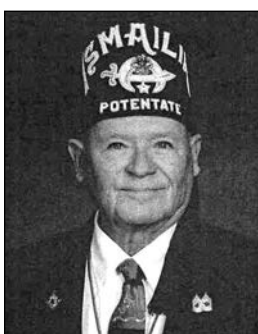


We will be serving fish fry's on the following dates during Lent:

**March 3, March 10,
March 24, March 31,
and April 7**

1600 Southwestern Blvd. West Seneca

THE POTENTATE'S MESSAGE



Ronald E. Bigger
Potentate 2023

Come out and support your Shrine Oasis during Lent. We have our Friday night Fish Frys at a cost of \$14.00. There will also be a Basket Raffle going on every Friday during Lent.

Ladies buy your tickets for the Shrine Ladies Jewelry Raffle which will be in October 2023. Also remember there are still a few tickets available for the Shrine March Cash Raffle. Call the Office if you need one.

September will bring us the Annual Sportsman Raffle – put that on your calendar.

On June 6, 7, and 8, 2024, Ramesese Shriners will be having their Spring Ceremonial in Niagara Falls, Ontario, hosted by the Niagara Shrine Club, 5621 North Street, Niagara Falls, Ontario, Canada. Phone 905-358-9119.

*Ill. Sir Ronald Bigger
Potentate 2023*

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 Any Shrine activity can now be
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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.

ATHOR TEMPLE No. 19 DAUGHTERS OF THE NILE

Princess Jen Mazur, Publicity

Athor Temple No. 19, Daughters of the Nile extends an invitation to a Ceremony of Installation for the Officers for 2023. New elected and appointed Officers will be installed in a Public Installation Ceremony to be held on Saturday, April 1, 2023, at the Ismailia Shrine Center, 1600 Southwestern Blvd, West Seneca, NY. The Installation Ceremony will take place at 2:30 PM and will be followed by a dinner to honor the 2023 Officers. Dinner will be at 5:00 PM in the dining room at Ismailia Shrine Center. Reservations for dinner are essential and may be made with Princess Ruth Degener. Contact Princess Ruth at (716) 668-4843 for more details and to place dinner reservations. Please join us as we install our officers and help Athor Temple wish our ladies well!

If you are curious about the work of Daughters of the Nile and would like more information, please contact any member of the Temple, or members of the Membership and Mentoring team of PQ Donna Donner at 716-839-4307, PQ Iris Reese, 716-834-9074, or PQ Marilyn Mills, 716-698-8041.

2023 Potentate's Shrine Shirts Can Be Ordered Now



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

The cost for these shirts will be: \$30.00 for Small - X-large
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Available sizes: **Button Down Shirt**

Men's Shirt: Small - 6XL
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All Shrine Ladies!

I am asking all Ladies of the Shrine to help us with baskets for the Lenten Fish Frys.

We could use items for baskets or already-made baskets dropped off at the Shrine Office. Let's make this a combined effort to make a big "splash". Thank you in advance for your help.

Semper Fi!



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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LEGION OF HONOR

Rob Gradle

The LOH Passing of the Gavel ceremony, I thought, was a huge success. The weekend started off Friday night with a meet & Greet Dinner at with IALOH 2nd Lt Commander David Hobbs and his lady Lisa. All in attendance had a great time breaking bread and getting to know them. I appreciate them taking the time out of their busy schedules and warm Tampa weather to come up and spend time in the frozen North.

The main ceremony on Saturday did not disappoint either. I was blessed to have hall of my churches Bible Study class attend and support me on this special occasion. PP /PC Dan Walther even recruited our Bible Study Leader Sheila Hanson to Install my Jewel and Fez, which made the day that much more special. I would also like to extend a thank you to Noble John Stantz for accepting the position of 3rd Lt Commander for my term. I am extremely grateful for the team spirit demonstrated.

The First meeting of my term will be March 15, 2023 and will be held at the Shrine. I look forward to working with the Legion's wealth of knowledge and experience to make this a very productive year. This time will be taken to get our calendar up to date with the commitments we have agreed to and any more that may be upcoming. Please make a concerted effort to attend to give a voice to any Ideas that you may have for this year!

Finally, I would like to send a very special THANK YOU!! To PC Roger Huff and His lady Cheryl, PP /PC Dan Walther and his lady Janet and PP /PC Larry Butera and his lady Norene for all their efforts in setting up and carrying out this very special Ceremony for me. The event was amazing, and all my guests were very complimentary and impressed at how things were done and how awesome everyone treated them. I have to say that I am extremely proud that I am part of such a close-knit organization and look forward to the next year...



Ismailia Shrine Legion of Honor, Passing of the Gavel 2/4/2023.

Pictured (L-R) - Dan Walther PC, PP, Div COS - David Hobbs PC, IALOH 2nd LtCmdr - Robin Gradle Commander - Ronald Bigger PC, Potentate Although it was in the teens outside, the warm fellowship was well enjoyed by all in attendance.

MEMBERSHIP

Bob Graham

Good tidings to all Nobles and their ladies ... the older I get, the earlier I seem to rise up in the morning. I have mentioned this to a few friends, and I found that I am not alone. However, the only benefit I can see from this unwanted treat is that I am now able to be on time for Doctor's appointments, which seems to be my latest hobby.

I am writing this note to ask you all a question: Do you remember when you were busy meeting all the various activities being held at the Shrine? Everything from a first-class choir which could be listened to or participated in? How about those mini-cars (we don't see them anymore)? Someone told me that at one time we had over 50 Aides. Wow! By the way, even though I will be 80 in June, I have only been a Shriner for 10 years, so I missed the apex of all the activity. I did catch the end of our wonderful Circus and wish I was rich enough to do something about getting it back but I'm not.

What we can do something about is turn off the TV and get over to the Shrine to see if there is some activity that we can do, or restart (how about a Kazoo band - we can buy our own instrument for 10 bucks and the uniform would be whatever went with sneakers). Crazy idea? Maybe, maybe not.

One very serious thing we can do is help out with finding new Shriners. If you go to your Blue Lodge at all, I can pretty much guarantee you that there are some great potential candidates you are having a meatloaf dinner with. The demographics of Ismailia is that we have approximately 700 left of the 5000 we use to have. Using the 20-80 rule, we have about 100 of us keeping the doors open. Again, turn off the tv and get your shoes on. There is work to be done and I promise you that if you jump in, that smile of yours will be back. The black camel has just recruited one of our Champions. Ed Worden has laid down his working tools and joined his wife Cathy. His shoes are going to be hard to fill (size 12 to be specific). You could talk to Ed for 10 minutes and be the proud owner of whatever raffle ticket he happened to be pedaling at the time. Ed believed in the Shrine 100%.

I have a suggestion for you. Why not start by coming to have lunch with the rest of the Drs. at the gathering of the PHDS. Lunch is at 12 noon on the button on Wednesday but a lot of the Nobles pop in a little early to play some cards or have a drink with old friends. Here's the deal, if you show up, tell them that I said your lunch is on me ... Bob Graham ... see you then.

COMING EVENTS MARCH 2023

- MARCH 1**
Ailliamsi Meeting - Noon
PHD Luncheon - Noon
Directors Meeting - 6 pm
Cornhole Tournament - 6 pm
Shrine Center
- MARCH 2**
Nile Sewing - 10:30 pm
Shrine Center
- MARCH 3**
Oasis Lenten Fish Fry 5-8 pm
Shrine Center
- MARCH 4**
Ailliamsi Bingo Bonanza
Doors open 10:30 am
First Game 11 am
Shrine Center
- MARCH 5**
Shrine Chicken BBQ
Noon - 4 pm or Sold Out
Dine in and Take out
Shrine Center
- MARCH 8**
PHD Luncheon - Noon
Oasis-Divan Mtg. - 6:30 pm
Cornhole Tournament - 6 pm
Shrine Center
- MARCH 9**
Ailliamsi Ways & Means Mtg. 10:30 am
Meridian Sun Chapter
DeMolay Mtg. - 7:30 pm
Oakgrove Construction Mtg. 7am
Shrine Center
- MARCH 10**
Oasis Lenten Fish Fry 5-8 pm
Shrine Center
- MARCH 11**
Lockport Shrine Club Mtg. 9 am
Lockport, NY
Szarowski Birth Party Noon-5pm
Lions Club St. Patrick's Day Party 6 - 11 pm
Shrine Center
- MARCH 15**
D.O.N. Meeting - 11:30 am
PHD Luncheon - Noon
LOH Meeting - 6 pm
Cornhole Tournament - 6 pm
Shrine Center
- MARCH 16**
Ailliamsi Sunbeams Mtg. 11:30am
Lancaster Steel Band Set-up 6pm
Shrine Center
- MARCH 17-18**
Lancaster Steel Band Concert
4 - 9 pm
Shrine Center
- MARCH 19**
Ailliamsi Installation 2 - 6 pm
Shrine Center
- MARCH 22**
PHC Luncheon - Noon
Southtown Nile Club Mtg. Noon
Cornhole Tournament - 6 pm
Shrine Center
- MARCH 23**
Allegheny S.C. Mtg. - 6 pm
Northtown Nile Mtg. - Noon
- MARCH 24**
Oasis Lenten Fish Fry - 5-8 pm
Shrine Center
- MARCH 25**
Shrine \$10,000 Cash Drawing
5 pm
Shrine Center
- MARCH 26**
R-C Aircraft Show
9 am - 4 pm
Shrine Center
- MARCH 30**
PHD Luncheon - Noon
Cornhole Tournament - 6 pm
Shrine Center
- MARCH 31**
Nile Rehearsal - 2:30 pm
Oasis Lenten Fish Fry - 5-8 pm
Shrine Center

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SAVE THE DATE

OCTOBER 20, 2023

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For more information call
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Shriners
Children's
New England

Shriners Children's New England will be hosting a new fundraising event on Friday, October 20, 2023 at MGM Springfield. There will be a block of rooms available at MGM, The Marriott and Sheraton in Springfield.

Join us for a fun-filled evening for adults (21+) featuring samplings from the area's finest restaurants, breweries, wineries and distilleries. There will be live entertainment, games, cash bar and a silent auction. All proceeds to benefit patient care at Shriners Children's New England.

Tickets are \$45 per person and will go on sale March 1.

WHAT IS AN AED

Sudden cardiac arrest is among the leading causes of death in the United States. In fact, more than 350,000 people will suffer a cardiac arrest this year. Currently, the only way to restore a regular heart rhythm during cardiac arrest is to use an AED.

If you're wondering what an AED is and why they seem to be located in most offices and public buildings, you're not alone. In fact, because these devices are now commonly available, more people than ever before are curious about them. So, just what is an AED?

An AED is a portable device that is used to diagnose and treat those experiencing sudden cardiac arrest and/or ventricular fibrillation (VF) and pulseless ventricular tachycardia (VT). Although it's a sophisticated medical device, they are easy to use and intended to be used by laypeople who have received minimal training.

An AED works by sending a shock through the victim's chest to stop these life-threatening cardiac arrhythmias. This allows the heart to re-establish a sustainable pulse.

Immediate CPR and defibrillation within 3-5 minutes give the victim the best chance of survival. The chances of survival decrease by nearly 50% if a victim in cardiac arrest is not defibrillated within 5 minutes. The chances of survival decrease another 7% each additional minute without defibrillation. So when seconds matter, having an AED readily available is the fastest way to provide life-saving treatment.

However, because the average response time for first responders once 911 is called is 8-12 minutes, and for each minute defibrillation is delayed, the odds of survival are reduced by approximately 10%, having access to an AED and knowing how to use one, is critical.

One comprehensive review of AED cost-effectiveness found that the true cost of owning a defibrillator is about \$200 per year. The researchers estimated this number based on the average cost of a new AED (\$2,000) divided by the average expected lifespan of the device (10 years).

Considering that a standard Netflix account costs \$156 per year, it's a small price to pay for such an invaluable piece of equipment-especially if you operate an organization where emergencies might occur.

The Ismailia Shriners have a number of older members who are more likely to sustain a cardiac event. But as we saw recently with Damar Hamlin of the buffalo Bills, younger people can still experience a cardiac event! At this time our Shrine Center does not have an AED in the building. For everyone's safety we need one!

The PhD Lunch club has looked into purchasing one for our Shrine Center. Unfortunately the cost is prohibitive for most clubs or units to purchase on their own.

We are looking for two or three other clubs/units to join us in making this important purchase for our building.

If you are interested in participating in this important purchase, please contact me.

Fraternally, Jim Michel, PhD Chancellor



Recorder's Desk

Joe Hoerner, P.P.

Here it is the month of March already. How time sure passes by. March brings us the start of some warm weather which will be welcomed seeing that we have made it through blizzards, ice storms, and strong wind advisories and came out in good shape. With March we start the spring season and outdoor activities. Although they say wait until after St. Patrick's Day before planning outside events, we shall see how it goes. We are now in the midst of our Lenten Fish Fry event and so far things seem to be going pretty good. Thanks to all who have volunteered their time and expertise.

As always we must look into increasing our membership. As you read in last month's *Smile* there was an article about members bringing in new candidates and getting a break on their dues. To clarify this you must be a first line signer, current with your dues and attend the candidates Ceremonial. You will then be eligible to receive one year's Shrine Temple dues free which does not include the Imperial per capita tax or the Hospital per capita tax – you will be responsible for that \$35.00 – and would be for the year 2024 only. This offer will expire December 31, 2023. So it is up to you now to take advantage of this offer and it would be nice to see a large Ceremonial class for a change.

The Shrine is starting to get very active and there will be many events for the Nobles and Families to participate in. Watch the *Smile* for these upcoming events. Also if you have a party or some kind of event and don't want the clutter and mess at home consider the Shrine Center for your event.

Okay that's about it for now. Take it easy and be careful and have a great day in the process.

Ill Sir Joe H.P.P., Recorder

PHD LUNCH CLUB

Jim Michel, PhD Chancellor



Recently our Shrine lost a great man, Mason and Shriner. I am referring to **ILLUSTRIOUS SIR EDWARD WORDEN, PAST POTENTATE 1998.**

Past Potentate Worden although battling cancer for 10 years or so, and advanced age, continued to be an active Shriner. He would attend the stated communications. He was still active with the Legion of Honor and was their past commander in the last couple of years.

Past Potentate Worden was a weekly attendee at the PhD Lunch Club. The only meetings he missed was for his appointments at Roswell or illness.

In spite of his age, Past Potentate Worden still had progressive ideas when it came to Shriners and our clubs and units.

In honor of Past Potentate Edward Worden, the PhD Lunch Club is making a donation to the Ismailia Shriners in his name to be used at the Potentate's discretion.

Until we meet again Ed!

CPR / AED class

Looking for anyone that may be interested in taking a CPR/AED course. Due to popular demand, some of the pricing has increased for these courses. Below is a quick detail that I received from Buffalo CPR on the above course that is available:

The type of CPR class your group would receive is called Heartsaver CPR with AED training (it's CPR training for the Non Medical professional). The course is 3 hours in length. The cost is \$55.00 per person and the fee includes a CPR manual for each participant. We do require a minimum enrollment or billing of 8 to train on-site. At the completion of the class each person will receive an official American Heart Association 2 year CPR certification card.

Please let me know if you have any questions or would like to look at availability. I need to have at least 8 members for this course to schedule.

Dave Cammarano, (716)713-6902



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Women Impacting Care

First Lady Jennifer "JJ" Craven's The World is Your Oyster program, shows how Shriners Children's patients' grit and determination come together with the expertise of our healthcare specialists to overcome challenges and

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Support Women Impacting Care

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Bead - \$40

FEZTIVAL OF TREES 2022

Imagine walking into our Ismailia Shrine, beautifully decorated for the Christmas Season. You are greeted by four happy Admissions Table ladies as you enter to attend the FEZtival of Trees 2022. You can follow the "train tracks" in any direction to find something fun and interesting. Go straight ahead to enter a bustling Crafters Area. Go right to first see a beautifully lit Christmas Village display. Continue straight down the "train tracks" to reveal a Rail Road display with working miniature trains to fascinate Engineers of all ages. A sharp right turn reveals more local Crafters offering additional purchasing potential. Take a sharp left off the "train tracks" to enter our "Dining Car" with an affordable Family Friendly Menu and of course beverages for children and adults. Maybe sit awhile to take in all the scenes. Look out from the "Dining Car" to see a grand room of endless activity. There were our visits from the Old Boy himself, Santa, to hear the wishes from Children of all ages and receive a small gift. Candy suckers, cookies and kettle corn to purchase. A Basket Raffle with opportunities to win gorgeous baskets of all kinds. To add to the joyous spirit our Shrine Clowns entertained families with comedy and balloon sculptures. Children completed free crafts at the Children's activity tables guided with kind adult supervision. All these holiday activities were surrounded by beautifully decorated donated Christmas trees adorned with many gifts which participants had an opportunity to win.

The FEZtival of Trees 2022 was a success for Ismailia Shrine. All this was made possible because people selflessly donated their time before, during, and after the event. Prior to the FEZtival a few members and other volunteers, including the South Park Women's Golf Club, worked hours to decorate our Shrine. That small group of workers set the stage for all our holiday events at our Shrine. Thank you. Without your help our Shrine would not have been welcoming for the 2022 Holiday Season. Thank you to the Clubs, Units, Contributors and Volunteers who helped make set-up go fairly smoothly. There were some "bumps" in the road but they have been noted and hopefully avoided next year. Heartfully, thank you to all those who helped make this annual event possible. Committee Chairpersons, thank you for taking on your assignments so responsibly and pulling many volunteers together to make your elements of the event so successful. Activities have already commenced for FEZtival of Trees 2023. If you have any suggestions please submit them in writing to the Shrine Office.

Sincerely,
Jan Walkden, FEZtival of Trees 2023 Chairperson

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.

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In Memoriam

DEATHS THROUGH FEBRUARY 25, 2023

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
3582	Arthur W. Quattlander	June 15, 1963	January 4, 2023
475	John T. Breth Jr.	May 26, 1973	January 27, 2023
5029	Edward F. Worden P.P.	June 2, 1984	February 5, 2023

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

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU

A big thank you to Oriental Guide Ted Clark, Gary Shultz, John Budowski, Tom Nugent, Richard Lugo, Richard Mix, Kevin Fox, and Chief Rabban Mike Ferraro for giving up their Sunday to clean, pressure wash, and reorganize the kitchen. Your hard work and dedication is greatly appreciated. Another big thank you goes out to Richard Mix and Greg Wolf for getting the fryers ready for our Lenten fry's. As always we are looking for volunteers to work our next Chicken BBQ which is Sunday March 5. If you haven't been added to the *signup genius* distribution please just show up – outside help between 7am-8am; inside help about 10am-10:30am.



The Oasis Board



Should You Move!!! The Recorder careth little how often you changeth your shirt, collar and socks, but woe unto him who changeth his address so that neither the Recorder nor Uncle Sam can tell where he tieth up his camel. If you move, please advise the Recorder's office. Don't get lost in the desert.

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SHRINE DIRECTORS STAFF

Ill Sir George Herle P.P.

Our first meeting of 2023 was a good one, not very well attended but very informative and also good food done by Director Noble Mark Herle. Our next meeting is March 1st same place and time. Also, this time of the year is dues time – don't forget about yours.

The R-C Airplane Show is on March 26th, a Sunday, a good day for the Staff to show off in the kitchen. We will need at least six good men to cook and collect money. If any member can donate some goodies that would be greatly appreciated and they always sell good.

Hope to see you all soon; don't forget all the Shrine events coming up – they can use our support. The sad news is the Shrine has lost a very good Shriner and a very good friend, Ill Sir Edward Worden P.P.

Have a Happy and Joyous Easter !



Nobles and Ladies,

We are starting to utilize an app called *signup genius* for our events and fish fry's for scheduling of workers. If you would like to be added to the distribution list please email NobleFerraro@gmail.com with your preferred email address and download the app. If you do not feel like using the app you will receive an email from *signup genius* and you can rsvp using that. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer bartender let the office know so the Oasis board can vote on you to be approved. March 10-12 is the WNY Sportsman Show at the Hamburg fairgrounds. We will once again have a booth selling our sportsman raffle tickets and also raffling off a crossbow. If you want to help, once again please reach out to Noble Mike Ferraro.

Thanks, Mike Ferraro

ATTENTION ALL CLUBS AND UNITS: FROM FEZTIVAL OF TREE ORGANIZERS

Recently we sent a letter to all Shrine Clubs and Units. The goal of this mailing was to promote participation in FEZtival of Trees 2023. Unfortunately, this upset some participants which was not our intent. ALL contributions to this annual event are appreciated. Without the support and cooperation of many people this event could not be successful and thus profitable for your Ismailia Shrine. We hesitate now to individually recognize the 2022 participants for fear of missing any of our generous contributors. Please accept our apologies for any previous oversights. We do hope all Ismailia Shrine-related groups, clubs, units and temples will continue to support our upcoming event in 2023. If you have any suggestions for improving our efforts for 2023 please submit them in writing to the Ismailia Shrine Office. Thank you for your understanding and ongoing support.

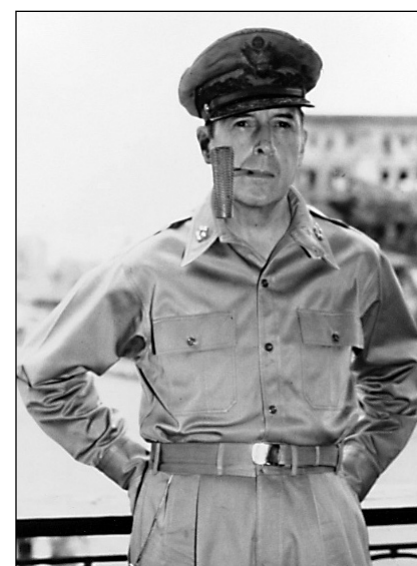
Very sincerely, Jan Walkden, FEZtival of Trees Chairwoman



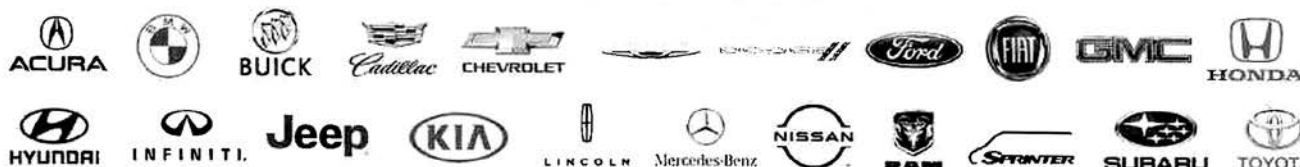
is proud to support the **Ismailia Shriners** and their mission to foster self-improvement through leadership, education, the perpetuation of moral values and community involvement.

Famous Masons: Douglas MacArthur

Born January 26, 1880 Initiated January 17, 1936 (On Sight) Raised Died April 5, 1964
 Douglas MacArthur was born on January 26, 1880 in Little Rock, Arkansas. Raised in a military family, MacArthur graduated valedictorian, at the West Texas Military Academy. He later graduated from West Point's United States Military Academy in 1903 at the top of his class as First Captain. During WWI, MacArthur was raised to the rank of brigadier general, and by 1944, became "5 star" General of the Army. Among his awards and decorations (many of which were awarded multiple times) are the Medal of Honor, Distinguished Service Cross, the Army and Navy's Distinguished Service Medal, the Distinguished Flying Cross, and the Silver Star. General MacArthur was made a Mason on January 17th, 1936 under the auspices of the Grand Lodge of the Philippines, and performed by Past Grand Masters Frederick Stevens, Francisco Delgado, Most Worshipful Samuel Hawthorne, and witnessed by over 600 Master Masons. He later affiliated with Manila Lodge No. 1, and joined the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry in 1937 where he was later coroneted Inspector General 33rd Degree, and was also a life member of Nile Shrine Temple in Seattle, Washington. Brother MacArthur was called from labor on April 5, 1964 and is laid to rest at the Douglas MacArthur Memorial in Norfolk, Virginia.




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MARCH ♦ 2023						
Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
			Ailiamsi Mtg Noon PHD Lunch Noon Directors Mtg. 6 pm Cornhole Tournament 6-10pm	1		2
				Nile Sewing Mtg. 10:30 am	Lenten Fish Fry Oasis Happy Hour 4-8 pm	3
						Ailiamsi Bingo Bonanza 11 am - 5 pm
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Shrine Chicken BBQ Noon - 4 pm or sold out	Cornhole Tournament 6 - 10 pm	Lions Club Mtg. 6 pm Cornhole Tournament 6 - 10 pm	PHD Lunch Noon Oasis/Divan Mtg. Cornhole Tournament 6-10pm	Ailiamsi Ways & Means Mtg 10:30 am Oakgrove Const 7am Meridian Sun Chapter Mtg 7:30 - 9 pm	Lenten Fish Fry 5 - 8 pm	Lockport SC Mtg 9 am Szarowski Party noon-5 pm Lions Club St Patrick's Day Party 6-11 pm
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
	Cornhole Tournament 6 - 10 pm	Cornhole Tournament 6 - 10 pm	Nile Mtg. Noon PHD Lunch Noon Cornhole Tournament 6 - 10 pm	Ailiamsi Sunbeams Mtg. 11 am	Lancaster Steel Band Concert 4 - 9 pm	Lancaster Steel Band Concert 4 - 9 pm
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Ailiamsi Installation 2 - 6 pm	Cornhole Tournament 6 - 10 pm	Lions Club Mtg. 6 pm Cornhole Tournament 6 - 10 pm	PHD Lunch Noon Southtown Nile Mtg. Cornhole Tournament 6 - 10 pm	Allegany SC Mtg. Northtown Nile Mtg.	Lenten Fish Fry 5 - 8 pm	Shrine Cash Drawing 5 - 10 pm
26	27	28	29	30	31	
R-C Aircraft Show 9 am - 4 pm	Cornhole Tournament 6 - 10 pm	Cornhole Tournament 6 - 10 pm	PHD Lunch Noon Cornhole Tournament 6 - 10 pm		Nile Rehearsal 2:30pm Lenten Fish Fry 5 - 8 pm	

APRIL ♦ 2023						
Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
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						Nile Installation 2 pm Dinner 5 pm
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Palm Sunday	Cornhole Tournament 6 - 10 pm	Lions Club Mtg. 6 pm Cornhole Tournament 6 - 10 pm	Ailiamsi Mtg Noon PHD Lunch Noon Directors Mtg. 6pm Cornhole Tournament 6-10pm	Nile Sewing 10:30 am	Lenten Fish Fry 5 - 8 pm Good Friday	Lockport SC Mtg 9 am
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Easter Sunday	Cornhole Tournament 6 - 10 pm	Cornhole Tournament 6 - 10 pm	PHD Lunch Noon Oasis/Divan Mtg. 6:30 pm Cornhole Tournament 6-10pm	Ailiamsi Ways & Means Mtg. 10:30 am Meridian Sun Chapter Mtg. 7:30 pm		Applewhite Party 5 - 9 pm
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
	Cornhole Tournament 6 - 10 pm	Lions Club Mtg. 6 pm Cornhole Tournament 6 - 10 pm	Nile Mtg. Noon PHD Lunch Noon Cornhole Tournament 6 - 10 pm	Ailiamsi Sunbeams Mtg. 11 am	Oasis Happy Hour 4 - 8 pm	Ashton Birthday Party 1 - 6 pm
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
	Cornhole Tournament 6 - 10 pm	Cornhole Tournament 6 - 10 pm	PHD Lunch Noon Southtown Nile Noon Cornhole Tournament 6-10pm	Allegany SC Mtg. Northtown Nile Mtg. Meridian Sun Chapter Mtg. 7:30 pm		Heller Bridal Shower & Bachelorette Party 11 am - 9 pm
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Cornhole Tournament 6 - 10 pm					Sherman Party 5 pm	



NEW MEMBERSHIP

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

New Nobles Bring to Your Center:

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

We Need... PETITIONS! PETITIONS! PETITIONS!







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BINGO Bonanza

March 4, 2023

Doors open 10:30 am - First Game 11:00 am

Lunch 12:00 noon - More games after lunch

Cost: \$20.00

(Includes Lunch and 1 Special Game)

Cost of Extra Games to Purchase

Regular Games - \$1.00 each
Special Games - \$2.00 each
Bingo Dabbers - \$1.00 each

Prizes: Gift cards - - - - Basket Raffle

For tickets, call
Katherine - 634-0419 or Shrine office - 674-8666

Limited Seating! Call Early!

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\$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.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone # _____

Number of tickets _____ @ \$100.00 each total _____

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