

NOVEMBER 2023

OFFICIAL CALL OF THE POTENTATE

Notice is Hereby Given That the Shrine Ceremonial 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

Ronald E. Bigger
Illustrious Potentate



Friday, November 10, 2023 • 6:00 p.m. – 10 p.m.



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

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



Ismailia Director's Staff
Presents a
"Comedy Show"

Featuring
Rob Lederman

Saturday, November 11, 2023

Doors open 6:30pm
Show starts 7:30pm

At
Shrine Center
1600 Southwestern Blvd
(next to YMCA)

\$25.00

Includes 2 *FREE* Well Drink Coupons

*Basket Raffles *50/50 Split *Snacks allowed
*Cash bar

For tickets, please call Carl Nowakowski 998-7402
Also available at Shrine office 674-8666.



Shriners Center

1600 Southwestern Blvd
West Seneca, NY 14224
716-674-8666



**Welcome to our
Winter Wonderland**

"FEZtival" of Trees 2023

**Win fully decorated Christmas Trees
Now Two Weekends**

November 17-19 & November 24-26

Fri. Nov 17 - 12:00 noon – 8:00pm ** Fri. Nov 24 – 12noon – 8pm
Sat. Nov. 18 - 10:00am – 8:00pm ** Sat Nov. 25 – 10am -8pm
Sun. Nov 19 10:00am – 4:00pm ** Sun. Nov 26 10am – 3pm

Presale Family Pack – Must purchase by Nov. 16

2 Adults & up to 4 Children (in same house), Plus 30 Tickets **\$15.00**

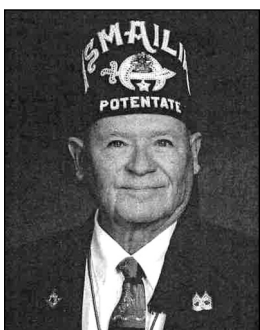
Family Pack at Door - \$20.00

General Admission - \$3.00

Raffle Tickets for Trees – 10 - \$5.00

Craft vendors/ Kids corner /Food

THE POTENTATE'S MESSAGE



Ronald E. Bigger
Potentate 2023

The year is almost over and it's been a great 10 months; only 2 to go.

Thank you to all who helped with the Ladies Jewelry Raffle.

We will be having a Shrine Ceremonial on the 10th of November at the Shrine Center beginning at 6:00 pm. It sure would be nice to see a lot of Shriners present to welcome our new Nobles.

Hope you had great Halloween with a lot of young people trick or treating and hope the Boogeyman didn't get you.

Here is wishing you all a very great Thanksgiving Day with family and friends sharing a fabulous meal.

Ill. Sir Ronald Bigger
Potentate 2023

SHRINE SMILE

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SHRINE CENTER RENTAL SPACE AVAILABLE

Wedding Receptions
 Communion
 Birthday Parties
 Fund Raisers * Meetings
 Reunions * Shows

CONTACT THE SHRINE OFFICE
 AT
716-674-8666

NOTICE TO ALL MEMBERS ISMAILIA SHRINERS!

The Shrine Office is now able to
 accept Credit Card payments.
 Any Shrine activity can now be
 charged to a credit card.

VISA - MASTERCARD -DISCOVER
 or DINERS CLUB cards
 will be accepted.

SHRINE OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Friday
 10:00 am to 4:00 pm

Just a Quick Reminder...



Do not leave any valuables in your
 vehicles. There have been more
 than a few vehicles broken into at
 the YMCA, and at one of our recent
 events, one of our Nobles and his
 wife had theirs broken into in our
 parking lot. Criminals know that
 people do a lot of shopping and
 leave their purchases in the vehicle
 while running more errands. Most
 people ignore car alarms as there
 always seems to be one going off
 in a large parking lot, or down the
 street at 3 AM as we are trying to
 sleep. Stay vigilant.

PLEASE NOTE:

All articles for the *Smile* due by
 the 10th of the month preceding
 and nothing after the 15th or any
 changes after the 20th.

SHRINE DIRECTORS STAFF

Ill Sir George Herle P.P.

Our Octoberfest meeting was great thanks to Director Noble Mark Herle. Our next meeting will be November the 1st at the Shrine same time.

There are a lot of events coming this fall and need all the good advice from the Directors that we can get. On Tuesday November 7th we need help selling Raffle tickets for Russell's all day long; Election Day is a big day for us. Also in November is the Comedy Show and we will be needing some items for the Basket Raffle and above all get some tickets sold. After that comes the Festival of Trees, we could also use some donations of items for around the tree, this will be the weekends of Nov. 17-19th and 24-26th.

The Directors Staff wishes everyone a great Thanksgiving Day with family and friends.

FROM LADY RITA

Just wanted to jump in here and say a Huge Thank You to all the people who went over and beyond to make the Potentate's Ball a huge success. It was only with their many talents did it turn out so well. People came from all over, wearing their masks, laughing and enjoying themselves.

The food was awesome, music was good, but most of all fellowship was outstanding. If I named all who helped it would run into the next edition of the Smile. A great time by all and nothing but great reviews. If you weren't there you missed a great time. *Semper Fi - Lady Rita*

All Clubs and Units

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

ALLEGANY SHRINE CLUB



\$100 Million Dollar Club

PLEASE ENROLL ME AS A MEMBER OF THE
 100 Million Dollar Club

- I have previously made a will leaving a bequest to the Shriners Hospitals For Children.
- I have added a provision in my will leaving a bequest to the Hospitals.
- I prefer to make a cash contribution at this time of at least \$100.00, which is tax deductible.

Make your check payable to: **SHRINERS HOSPITALS FOR CHILDREN**

I am a member of _____ Shriners.

Sign _____ Shrine No. _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Please have the certificate read: _____

Please return to **Joseph A. Hoerner**, Recorder, Ismailia Shriners,
 1600 Southwestern Blvd., West Seneca, NY 14224

**Imperial Session
Save the Dates**

IMPERIAL SESSION 2024
Reno, Nevada
June 30 - July 4

IMPERIAL SESSION 2025
Atlanta, Georgia
June 29 - July 3

IMPERIAL SESSION 2026
Tampa, Florida
July 12-16

SAVE THE DATE

**Legion of
Honor
Passing of
the Gavel
Saturday,
February 3rd,
2024
@ 1pm**

**Details will be
out by the December
SMILE.**



**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

Nobles – On November 17th the Valley of Buffalo will be conducting our Annual Veterans Day Program. This year we will be performing the Empty Chair Degree, as well as a POW/MIA Table and meaning behind it. The program will end with a Veterans Day address presented by our HP and Prophet, Noble Jason Godios. This event is open to all Masons and their spouses or guests. Please RSVP.

**VALLEY OF
BUFFALO
ANNUAL
VETERANS
DAY
PROGRAM**

WHEN
November 17th
6:29 PM Dinner (\$35.00)
7:30 PM Program Begins

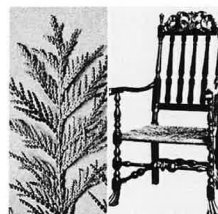
WHERE
The Valley of Buffalo AASR, NMJ
2379 Union Road, Cheektowaga, NY 14227
For Dinner Reservations Please RSVP at 716-668-2755

**OPEN TO ALL
MASON
& SPOUSES**

**FREE TO ALL
MASONIC
VETERANS**

**POW / MIA
TABLE
PRESENTATION**

**EMPTY CHAIR
DEGREE**



**COMING EVENTS
NOVEMBER 2023**


- NOVEMBER 1**
Ailiamsi Meeting - 1 pm
PHD Luncheon Club - Noon
Directors Mtg. - 6 pm
Shrine Center
- NOVEMBER 2**
Nile Sewing Mtg. - 10:30 am
Shrine Center
- NOVEMBER 4**
Christmas Decoration Setup
10 am - Shrine Center
- NOVEMBER 7**
Election Day 6 am - 9 pm
Shrine Center
- NOVEMBER 8**
PHD Luncheon Club - Noon
Nile Meeting - Noon
Oasis/Divan Mtg. - 6:30 pm
Shrine Center
Ailiamsi Nite Court Mtg. 6pm
- NOVEMBER 9**
Ailiamsi Ways & Means
Meeting - 10:30 am
Shrine Center
- NOVEMBER 10**
Shrine Ceremonial 6 pm
Shrine Center
- NOVEMBER 11**
Lockport S.C. Mtg. - 9 am
Lockport, NY
Shrine Directors Comedy
Nite Show - 6:30 pm
Shrine Center
- NOVEMBER 12-16**
Festival of Trees Setup for
Trees & Vendors 10am - 7pm
Shrine Center
- NOVEMBER 15**
PHD Luncheon Club - Noon
Shrine Center
- NOVEMBER 17**
Festival of Trees
12 noon - 8 pm
Shrine Center
- NOVEMBER 18**
Festival of Trees
10 am - 8 pm
Shrine Center
- NOVEMBER 19**
Festival of Trees
10 am - 3 pm
Shrine Center
- NOVEMBER 22**
PHD Luncheon - Noon
Shrine Center
- NOVEMBER 23**
Thanksgiving Day Holiday
Shrine Closed
- NOVEMBER 24**
Festival of Trees
12 noon - 8 pm
Shrine Center
- NOVEMBER 25**
Festival of Trees
10 am - 8 pm
Shrine Center
- NOVEMBER 26**
Festival of Trees
10 am - 3 pm
Shrine Center
- NOVEMBER 29**
PHD Luncheon - Noon
Shrine Center

FEZtival of Trees Approaching VERY Quickly

The Ismailia Shrine Elves are very busy preparing for our third annual FEZtival of Trees. Phones are blazing as our elves are busy calling to get additional helpers to bake cookies (contact Justine Holben), attend the admissions table (contact Carol Beyer), assist our younger visitors at the kids craft table (contact Billie Jane Walkden) plus many other assorted needs (contact Jan Walkden). If you want to help us with this very important event you can always contact the Shrine Office (716-674-8666) and they will take your contact information. Ladies, red FEZtival of Trees shirts are available in the Ismailia Shrine Office. Prices are according to sizes. Our own Wende Applewhite can provide embroidery at your request. Gentlemen choose a red shirt to have embroidered or see Wende and she can help you get a shirt to have embroidered. It is a very welcoming sight for our guests to see someone they can approach and feel welcomed on a red shirt. We are still looking for people to contribute decorated trees for our FEZtival of Trees. If decorating a tree seems too overwhelming, we will take a monetary donation and decorate a tree for you or your organization. We will gladly accept gifts for under our trees, gift cards and donations to help fill baskets for our basket raffle, baskets, wrapping materials and supplies needed for our gift baskets. Any contributions may be dropped off at the Ismailia Shrine Office and call 716-674- 8666 if you are in need of pick-up. Our "show" dates are quickly approaching. This is a major event to support our Ismailia Shrine. We need "all hands on deck (the halls)" to make this a success. Share information about our event with posters and hand outs (at the Ismailia Shrine Office) at places you attend to promote this FEZtival of Trees family event.



Join Imperial Potentate Ed Stolze Cruising The Caribbean



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

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

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

We are compiling a list of hotels near Cruise Docks as well as near the Airport
Hotels Are Not Included In Cruise Pricing

<small>BELOW PRICES ARE PER PERSON AND INCLUDE TAXES AND FEES ONLY A LIMITED NUMBER OF STATEROOMS ARE AVAILABLE AT THESE PRICES</small>			
Interior	Oceanview	Balcony	Suite
\$684	\$769	\$1,049	SOLD OUT

Deposit Amount
Only \$250.00
Per Person

Travel Insurance
\$63.00 - \$109.00
Per Person

Must Book By
September 15, 2023

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




Dream Vacations – Tom Calvin Associates
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Please join Imperial Sir Ed Stolze on his 2024 Caribbean Cruise.

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

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

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

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

Recorder's Desk

Joe Hoerner, P.P.

We are now coming to the end of the year 2023. We have just two months left and already the weather has changed to its fall season, cold and rainy. Here it is November already where has the time gone. The Holiday Season will be upon us shortly and that means many gatherings of family and friends. However before we get into the fun and family times there is some serious business to be accomplished. November brings us to the election of Officers for our Clubs and Units. This must be by the end of November and reported to the Shrine Office as soon as accomplished. It is also the time to think about the Election of Officers for the Shrine Divan for the year 2024. The election will be held at the Shrine Stated

Session on December 13th at 7:00 pm. If you desire to enter the election now is the time to put in your resume and enter the race for whatever position you wish except for the position of Potentate. There you must have been a Chief Rabban or Assistant Rabban and attended either the Oriental Guide or Assistant Rabban Seminars. The other major problem we have is we have several members that are in serious jeopardy of being suspended for NPD. This will decrease our membership and having the possibility of losing one representative at the Imperial Sessions. The Shrine can no longer carry these members and every effort has been made to keep them but results have been negative. November has a few bright spots. There is a Shrine Ceremonial on November 10th and we have several Candidates which will help us a little with membership but more has to be done to get more members. Also we will be having one of the big fund raisers for the Shrine the Feztival of Tress. This is starting to increase every year and needs everyone's support to be successful. Here is hoping everyone has a wonderful and happy time with family and friends this Thanksgiving Holiday. Have a great time and day!

Ill Sir Joe H. P.P., Recorder

ATHOR TEMPLE No. 19 DAUGHTERS OF THE NILE


Princess Jen Mazur, Publicity

There is still time to reserve a spot for Bingo fun at Towel Bingo! Join us on Saturday, November 11th, 2023 at the West Seneca Masonic Lodge Hall, (Main and Mill Street). Doors open at 11:30 am for browsing theme baskets, Share the Wealth, and visiting, a light lunch will be served at noon. The menu consists of a baked potato bar—a hot baked potato with all the trimmings, dessert and beverages. The cost is \$20. Reservations are essential! Please call PQ Donna, 716-839-4307, or PQ Sheryl, 716-692-4213. and Bingo fun from noon until 3:00.

The FEZ-tival of Trees is back at the Shrine Center for two weekends in November, 17th—19th and 24th—26th. Athor Temple is making final plans for decorating the tree they will sponsor this year. As an added treat, a beautiful, hand-crafted wall-hanging will be on display at the FEZ-tival. Chances to become the owner of this beautiful piece, just in time for holiday decorating, will be available for a donation (tickets are \$5/each or 3/\$10). Members of Athor Temple will be on hand at various times throughout the event. What a great opportunity to see Daughters of the Nile in action, supporting the work that the Shriners do for our very special children.

Join Athor Temple No. 19 and be part of something great! Come join our adventure on our next 100 years filled with fellowship, friendship, and most importantly, opportunities to help our very special children! Our Membership and Mentoring Team of PQ Donna, PQ Iris and PQ Marilyn would like to extend an invitation to YOU and to all ladies interested in becoming a member of the Daughters of the Nile! 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!

As we enter the season of Thanksgiving, don't forget to take a moment each day to count your blessings!



ALL NOBLES

- All members can purchase a PCLM (Per Capita Tax Life Purchase) for \$900.00 until December 31, 2023.
- After January 1, 2024 the cost will increase to \$1500.00
- Anyone interested please make sure you do it before December 31, 2023

NYOSA Gives Michael Ferraro A Prestigious Award

On Sept 30th the Ismailia Divan traveled to Hamilton, N.Y. for the Fall NYOSA session for their biannual meeting. These meetings, held in the Spring and Fall of each year, are organized by NYOSA at various places around the jurisdiction. Imperial Officers, Divan Officers, Nobles, and candidates for international office attend them. Regional matters of the 10-member temples are discussed, and the noted dignitaries use it to deliver information from the international organization as directed by the Imperial Potentate and his team.

Ismailia nobles among the past presidents of NYOSA are Imperial Sir Wayne Lachut, Illustrious David Freund, and Illustrious Kristopher Scheetz, to name a few. These sessions are open to all Nobles. By simply registering prior to the event and paying nominal fees, you too can be involved with the association.

Our most recent session was highlighted by the presentation of the Wayne Lachut Memorial Award to Illustrious Stephen Michener from Damascus as well as our very own Michael Ferraro. The award is given to deserving nobles who show excellence in leadership and commitment. I cannot speak for the Illustrious Sir Steven Michener, but can I tell you that there is no one at Ismailia more deserving of this recognition than our very own Chief Rabban Michael Ferraro. There are many Nobles at Ismailia who give generously of their time and resources, but there are few who can match Ferraro's dedication to our Temple and Cause.

In the simplest of terms, Mike is a "lead from the front" Noble. Living in Lockport, he commutes almost an hour to the Temple, yet he is at the Shrine more than I can keep up with. He simply gets things done and is always there. His Sainly wife Suzanne gives him all the latitude required to remain as involved as he does with Ismailia as well as his other post-work commitments. That's right not only is he one of the central cogs at the temple, but Mike manages to devote time to DeMolay, where his son is a Master Councilor, and the Lockport School Board where he is an active member fighting for positive change. Personally, I'm tired just thinking about his day. The Nobles and their families are fortunate to have such a committed member who gives so selflessly his time to our great organization. Michael Ferraro is the Gold Standard that inspires us to do more than we would have without his influence.

On behalf of the Divan, Nobles, and family members of Ismailia Temple Congratulations. There are few as deserving as you for the award named for an Ismailia Legend.

Best regards, Jim "Moose" Mirusso, Assistant Rabban, Ismailia Shriners

Congratulations

It is with sincere gratitude that the Divan and Nobles of Ismailia Shrine congratulate Past Potentate Ill. Sir Michael Hackford on being elected as 4th Vice President of NY Ontario Shrine Association (NYOSA). Ill Sir Hackford has proven himself time and time again as a vital asset to Ismailia Shrine with innovating new ideas and solutions to help benefit not only our beloved Shrine, but Shriners International as a whole, as well as its surrounding hospitals.

We congratulate you Michael on this accomplishment, and look forward to seeing your ideas, and solutions impacting the NYOSA Region as a whole!

Jason Godios, High Priest & Prophet



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 9, 2023

1 for \$2.00 or 3 for \$5.00

For tickets, please call Carl Nowakowski 998-7402
Also available from Director's Staff members and Shrine office.



Shrine Ladies 2023 Jewelry Raffle and Luncheon

The 2023 Party is over and done
Much fun was had, many prizes were won
The ballroom was full, there were ladies galore,
Our Shriners decked out with Fez, aprons and more.
A great big Thank You to all who
volunteered for the event
We're sure at the end of the day you were tired and spent!

A Shout out to:
Shrine Ladies volunteers, Wende A., Janet W., Kary C., Kay B.,
Patty C, Kim F., Lynn D., Noreen B., Jan F., Martha S., Cathy
C., Cheryl C
Shriners who served as greeters, reception, ticket sales, servers,
dishwashers, Richard M., Bob G., Tim C., George H., John B.,
Jim M., Michael H., Kevin F., Danny W., Robin G., Roger H.,
John B., Matt H., Gary S., Ted C.
Beautiful Baskets, Janet L., Judy M.
Room Setup, Richard M., Greg
Tables and Decor, Cheryl H.
Triangle Girls, Chrissie W., Stacy N., Makaela B., Destini K.,
Evelyn B., Elizabeth N.
Bartenders, Kenny, Dave C.
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and of course, special thanks to our hosts, Illustrious Sir
Ronald Bigger and his lovely wife, First Lady Rita.

Thanks to everyone who helped out and who supported the event. We hope you all enjoyed yourselves and will come back again in 2024!

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Our next Court meeting will be on Wednesday, December 6th at 10:30 a.m. with our annual Christmas luncheon/party to follow at 1 p.m. Do you want to know more about Ladies Oriental Shrine of North America? We would love to tell you more. Consider joining us on December 6th. Contact Lady Cathie Turton for reservations at 716-912-3315. **HAPPY TURKEY DAY!**

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The deepest sympathy of the Illustrious Potentate, Divan and Nobles of Ismailia Shriners is extended to the family and friends of:

NUMBER	NAME	DATE JOINED	DATE DIED
1433	Willard L. Fredricks	June 12, 1971	September 9, 2023
4938	Howard R. Wilson	June 10, 1980	October 4, 2023
662	Earl J. Carlson	June 2, 1984	October 23, 2023
3380	Christ R. Pappas	May 26, 1973	October 19, 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.




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ATTENTION ALL NOBLES: THE ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR ISMAILIA SHRINERS FOR THE YEAR 2024 WILL BE HELD AT THE DECEMBER 13, 2023 STATED SESSION. THIS SPACE IS FOR ANY NOBLE WISHING TO ANNOUNCE HIS CANDIDACY FOR A POSITION IN 2024.

§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 resume 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.
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- (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 2023 DUES CARD BE DISPLAYED TO GAIN ADMITTANCE.

Candidate for Potentate Noble Mike Ferraro, Chief Rabban

This is my letter of intent to run for the office of Potentate for 2024. 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 continue 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 year ahead.

Candidate for Chief Rabban James Mirusso

I am announcing my candidacy for Chief Rabban for the year 2024. As you all know I have long been involved at Ismailia Shiners 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 Shiners 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. 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 thinking and processes that we need to rise again, to continue as stable organization. Ismailia Shiners 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 Shiners.

Candidate for Assistant Rabban Jason Godios

I would like to take the opportunity to announce my candidacy as Assistant Rabban for the 2024 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, Fish Frys, 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 girlfriend Lady Kelsey Wilkins, 12 year old daughter Mackenzie, and 10 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 combat 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 liaison 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 in the industrial gas industries serving as a Proposal Manager for Linde Engineering. I also hold a CC MAP (Contract and Commercial Management Advanced Practitioner) certification.

Masonically I'm involved, and serve as an officer within numerous concordant bodies:

-Ancient Landmarks Lodge #358- Master
 Scottish Rite: - Valley of Buffalo AASR NMJ- 32 Degree, Past Most Wise Master of the Buffalo Chapter Rose Croix. - Knights of Saint Andrew Valley of Buffalo- Member
 Royal Arch: - Tonawanda Keystone #71 Royal Arch Masons- Past High Priest. - Assistant Grand Lecturer Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons State of NY 16th District. - Thomas Smith Webb Chapter of Research #1798- Member. - Fraternal Union of Anointed High Priests-Life Member

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Additionally I also serve as an advisor on the Board of Directors for

The Battle Within Memorial.

I thank you all for your consideration for this position, and hope to keep our Shrine fun while innovating new ideas, and solutions to drive up membership, while supporting our hospitals.

Candidate for High Priest & Prophet Noble Brother Ted Clark

As my year serving as Oriental Guide for Ismailia Temple is coming to an end, my enthusiasm for our great organization continues to grow. With my limited time as a member of the elected Divan, I am eager to continue my involvement. I feel obligated and privileged to run for the office of High Priest and Profit for Ismailia Shriners for the 2024 Year. As I pointed out last year, I joined Ismailia back 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. It is my time serving on the Elected Divan and as a member of the Oasis Board that shows me where the greatest needs are and where I can best put my effort to breathe new life into our great organization.

With the help of Shriners International, we are going to focus on creating more New Nobles. To do that we need to provide an environment that will help prioritize Ismailia when it comes to current members and their families in planning their "Free" time. What are we offering that will get someone to load up the family and head over to 1600 South Western? As a part of this talented group of men, who are humbled by their even more talented ladies, we will continue to have a positive impact on every aspect of the fraternity. We have come a long way but there is still more work to do. It is my hope that I have met or exceeded your expectations and that you will consider giving me your support as High Priest and Profit for the 2024 year. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Candidate for Oriental Guide Noble John Backhaus

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Thank you very much in advance for your consideration.

Candidate for Oriental Guide Noble Justin Brown

I would like to announce my candidacy for Oriental Guide for the upcoming 2024 year.

I joined the Craft in December of 2019 at Ancient Landmarks Lodge #358. Due to the pandemic, I was delayed in receiving my third degree until April of 2022. Following the advice of my maternal grandfather, a 50-year Mason in Vermont, I quickly moved to spread my wings,

joining both the Valley of Buffalo and Ismailia Shriners that May.

Since becoming a Noble, I have been elected a Director on the Oasis Board, where I have regularly attended and participated in the monthly Board meetings. I have also enjoyed assisting with the many events within and outside of Ismailia Temple. I have worked the grill for our chicken barbeques as well as Eden Cornfest. I spent many hours cleaning dishes, bussing tables, and helping the cooks during our spring 2023 fish fry season. I logged many miles helping to sell CDs/vinyl at the Foreigner concert, 50/50 tickets at Watkins Glen, and tickets at our meat raffles. Most recently, I assisted the ladies in the kitchen, running the fryer for our Cigar-B-Q. The laughs, the fellowship, and the camaraderie during these events, I would not trade for anything in the world.

I strongly believe in the mission of the Shrine and attended the third annual membership and marketing virtual event, contributed to the \$100 million dollar club, and recently donated a copy of both the Quran and Tanakh to the Temple for future ceremonials.

A farm kid from Vermont, I met my wife, Kay, my senior year and she has been my partner in crime ever since. We attended undergraduate at Castleton State College and later graduate school at Clarkson University, both of us receiving our MBAs. In 2008, we moved to Orchard Park, living directly behind the field house of Ralph Wilson Stadium. We had our oldest, Mikaela (11) and shortly thereafter moved to the Village of Lancaster, where we added Evelyn (7) to complete our family. They are my rock. My wife, my best friend. My children, a source of tremendous joy and inspiration. I move, think, and do for them.

Between our time in Orchard Park and Lancaster, I also served in the volunteer fire service. With a little over four years spread between the two departments, I was trained in emergency vehicle, pump, and ladder (truck) operations, as well as interior attack. I enjoyed serving my community, even if it meant waking up at 2:00 in the morning and rushing off to a vehicle accident, a CO call, or unfortunately a residential or business fire.

For more than fourteen years, I have worked for the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs in downtown Buffalo. Our office processes and pays GI Bill education benefits to Veterans, their spouses, and children under a variety of programs. I am currently a Management and Program Analyst for the Digital GI Bill (DGIB) Procedures team, reporting to VA's Central Office in Washington D.C. In my position, I am responsible for assisting with the management and implementation of a \$250 million software modernization effort. I am the product owner of the DGIB payments team, which is currently transitioning our division between payment services. I am also tasked with preparing, reviewing, and later publishing procedural materials for GI Bill processors and field staff. The position is ever-changing and evolving with the business and software environment, providing a challenging atmosphere all while we attempt to provide the best for our men and women in uniform and their families.

Since being raised, I've become involved in numerous concordant bodies, to include:

- Scottish Rite: - Valley of Buffalo AASR NMJ – 32nd Degree
- Master of Ceremonies, Buffalo Chapter of Rose Croix
- Orator and Pryor, Buffalo Consistory
- Member, Knights of Saint Andrew

Shriners International: - Director, Oasis Board

York Rite: - Tonawanda Keystone #71, Royal Arch – Companion (pending Royal Arch degree 10/24/23)

Not forgetting Ancient Landmarks, where I am now Junior Deacon, I have assisted it with the presentation of its historical lectures and Q/As since I was a Fellowcraft. I have also assisted other Lodges within and outside of our district with their degree presentations. I recently joined the District Degree team to put on the first degree October 21st, in honor of the Grand Master, where I will be presenting the historical lecture in its entirety.

I have attempted to get my family involved when and where possible in the great work of Masonry and the Shrine. They joined me the past several years in helping the Battle Within Foundation to plant over 3,000 flags for Memorial Day weekend, in attending the George Washington Memorial Cornerstone rededication in Alexandria, VA, and helped with various events here at Ismailia. In fact, they will be assisting with our upcoming jewelry raffle while I am presenting with the District Degree team.

Given the great community and the manifold offerings Masonry has, I guided my daughters toward becoming involved with the Triangle Girls organization. My oldest has been initiated into Cassiopeia #202 and my youngest is currently a Rosebud. They have participated in many wonderful events including selling curly fries at St. John's Day in Utica.

I hope to be an asset here at Ismailia Temple, helping to drive innovation, raise community awareness, and increase membership growth, participation, and retention, while supporting one of the greatest philanthropies that we know, Shriners Hospitals for Children. I thank you all for your consideration as Ismailia's next Oriental Guide.

NOVEMBER ♦ 2023						
Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
			1 Ailiamsi Mtg. Noon PHD Lunch Noon Directors Mtg 6pm CornHole Tourn 6pm	2 Nile Sewing Mtg. 10:30 am CornHole Tourn 6pm	3	4 Hizalgo Party 5 - 10 pm
5	6	7 Election Day 6 am - 9 pm Lions Club 6 pm	8 PHD Lunch Noon Nile Mtg. Noon Oasis/Divan 6:30pm CornHole Tourn 6pm	9 Ailiamsi Ways & Means Mtg. 10:30 am CornHole Tourn 6pm	10 Shrine Ceremonial 6 pm - 10 pm	11 Lockport SC Mtg. 9 am Directors Comedy Hour 5 - 10 pm Veterans Day
12 FEZtival of Trees Set-up for Trees 12 noon - 6 pm	13 FEZtival of Trees Set-up for Trees 9 am - 7 pm	14 FEZtival of Trees Set-up	15 PHD Lunch Noon FEZtival of Trees Set-up Vendors 10 am - 7 pm	16 FEZtival of Trees Set-up Vendors 10 am - 7 pm	17 FEZtival of Trees 12 noon - 8 pm	18 FEZtival of Trees 10 am - 8 pm
19 FEZtival of Trees 10 am - 4 pm	20	21	22 PHD Luncheon Noon	23 Shrine Closed Thanksgiving Day	24 FEZtival of Trees 12 noon - 8 pm	25 FEZtival of Trees 10 am - 8 pm
26 FEZtival of Trees 10 am - 3 pm	27	28	29 PHD Luncheon Noon Cornhole Tourn	30		

DECEMBER ♦ 2023						
Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
					1	2 Piniewski Birthday Party 7 - 11 pm
3	4	5 Lions Club Mtg. 6 pm	6 Ailiamsi Mtg. Noon PHD Lunch Noon Directors Mtg. 6pm	7 Nile Sewing Mtg. 10:30 am GA Family Xmas Party 5-9 pm	8 Lions Club Christmas Party 6 - 10 pm	9 Lockport S.C. Mtg Shrine Family Christmas Party 1 - 5 pm
10	11	12 Oasis/Divan Mtg. 6:30 pm	13 PHD Lunch Noon Shrine Stated Session - Election of Officers 7 pm	14 Ailiamsi Ways & Means Mtg. 10:30 am Cabiri Xmas Party 5:30 pm	15 Deprima Birthday Party 5 - 10 pm	16 Shrine Adult Christmas Party 5:30 - 10 pm
17	18	19 Lions Club Mtg. 6 pm	20 Nile Mtg. - Noon PHD Lunch Noon LOH Mtg. 6pm	21 Ailiamsi Sunbeams Mtg. 11 am Northtown Nile Allegany S.C.	22 Shrine Closed	23 Shrine Closed
24 Shrine Closed Christmas Eve	25	26	27 PHD Lunch - Noon Southtown Nile - Noon	28	29	30
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