

SEPTEMBER 2023



## SHRINERS of WNY *James Fralick Memorial* SPORTSMAN RAFFLE

*Saturday,*  
**SEPTEMBER 9, 2023**

*Ismailia Shrine Center  
1600 Southwestern Blvd.  
West Seneca, NY 14224*

1:00 – 5:00 pm

*Redeem Prizes at*  
**CABELA'S on WALDEN AVE**  
Cheektowaga, NY



**Donation: \$20.00**

**For tickets, call Shrine office 674-8666**

*Net proceeds from this event are for the benefit of ISMAILIA SHRINERS OF WNY.  
Payments are **NOT** DEDUCTIBLE as a Charitable Contributions.*

## OFFICIAL CALL OF THE POTENTATE

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

Attest:

Joseph A. Hoerner  
Recorder

Ronald E. Bigger  
Illustrious Potentate

**Wednesday, September 13, 2023**

Meeting Starts at 7:00 p.m.

Ismailia Shriners Auditorium  
1600 Southwestern Blvd., Buffalo, NY

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

## *Ailiamsi Ct #12*

*Presents our 6<sup>th</sup>*

## **BINGO** Bonanza

**Sept. 16, 2023**

*Doors open 10:30 am - First Game 11:15 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**

**For tickets, call Katherine – (716)634-0419**

**or Shrine office – (716)674-8666 Limited Seating!**

*Baskets Raffle \*\* Share the Wealth*

*Ismailia Shriners presents a*

## *Masquerade*

*Potentate's Reception*

*Honoring*

*Ill. Sir Ronald Bigger*

*& Lady Rita*

**Saturday, September 23, 2023**

*Ismailia Shrine Center*

*Cocktails begin at 5:30 pm – Dinner at 7:00 pm*

*1 Hour Complimentary Cocktails before Dinner*

*5:30 pm – 6:30 pm*

*Hors d'oeuvre Table*

*Buffet Dinner serving: Chicken Marsala,*

*Breaded Pork Loin and Stuffed Shells*

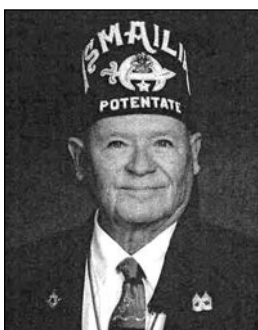
*Dessert – Coffee and Tea*

**Cost will be \$70.00 per person**

*Please call the Shrine Office with your reservations  
no later than September 1.*

716-674-8666

## THE POTENTATE'S MESSAGE



Ronald E. Bigger  
Potentate 2023

I would like to thank all the Clubs and Units that helped out with the BBQ's this summer. Hope everyone had a great summer and is ready for Fall and what is to follow. If you haven't made your reservations for the Potentate's Ball, September 23, 2023, please call or come into the Shrine Office as soon as possible. It will be a Formal Masquerade Ball and the cost is \$70.00 per person with cocktails starting at 5:30 pm.

The Sportsman Raffle is September 9, 2023 and the Ladies

Jewelry Raffle is October 21, 2023. Tickets for both events are available at the Shrine Office.

Thank you to the Legion of Honor for presenting the Colors at the Erie County Fair, a great representation, and also to all the Nobles who helped out at the Eden CornFest – another great representation of what the Shrine is all about.

Ill. Sir Ronald Bigger  
Potentate 2023

# SHRINE SMILE

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Ronald E. Bigger .....Potentate  
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## SHRINE CENTER RENTAL SPACE AVAILABLE

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

CONTACT THE SHRINE OFFICE  
 AT  
**716-674-8666**

## NOTICE TO ALL MEMBERS ISMAILIA SHRINERS!

The Shrine Office is now able to  
 accept Credit Card payments.  
 Any Shrine activity can now be  
 charged to a credit card.  
**VISA - MASTERCARD - DISCOVER  
 or DINERS CLUB cards  
 will be accepted.**

## SHRINE OFFICE HOURS

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

## Just a Quick Reminder...



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

### PLEASE NOTE:

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



Illustrious Sir Ronald Bigger, Potentate of Ismailia Shrine attends the Official Visit of Her Supreme Majesty Patricia Larimore Supreme Queen of the Daughters of the Nile and Athor Temple No. 19 One Hundredth Anniversary with Queen Suzanne Huddleston and Nobel Robert Huddleston

## ATHOR TEMPLE NO. 19 DAUGHTERS OF THE NILE

*Princess Jen Mazur, Publicity*

Greetings All!

Not only does September mean back to school for students and teachers, it means back to work for Athor Temple No. 19! (Although we did have a pretty busy summer with Supreme Session, picnics, and a visit with our Supreme Queen and 100th Anniversary celebration!)

Athor Temple celebrated its 100th Anniversary in the beginning of August and hosted the official visit of Supreme Queen Patti Larramore. The Sisters Degree was presented during an afternoon session and a celebratory banquet honoring Supreme Queen Patti followed. Congratulations to Athor Temple!

We are "fall"-ing back into our full schedule in September!

Please join Queen Suzanne and the members of Athor Temple for a Fall Luncheon and Athor Country Store on Saturday, September 30th at noon at the Ismailia Shrine Center. Tickets will be \$20 Contact Queen Suzanne Huddleston or PQ Betsey Ball (716)-432-3288 for tickets and information. Join us for a tasty lunch and an opportunity to "shop" at Athor's Country Store.

SAVE THE DATE—Towel BINGO will return on Saturday, November 11th at noon at the West Seneca Masonic Hall. A light lunch will be served. Come join us for BINGO, a basket raffle and lots of fun and fellowship. Tickets will be available in September.

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!

Happy Fall, Y'all!

## \$100 Million Dollar Club

PLEASE ENROLL ME AS A MEMBER OF THE  
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- 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



**NEW YORK/ONTARIO SHRINE ASSOCIATION**

Fall Session 29 September-01 October, 2023  
White Eagle Conference Center  
2910 Lake Moraine Rd, Hamilton, NY 13346

**Registration Form** Registration Deadline: 15 September, 2023

**Agenda**

**Friday Night:** Hospitality Room opens at 6pm. BBQ Cookout at 6pm at White Eagle.

**Saturday:** Morning business session. Evening Banquet/Officer Installation/Fall Fling Party. Wear your favorite flannel or other casual attire.

**Sunday Morning:** Continental Breakfast. Safe travels home.

*Please let us know if you have any dietary restrictions.*

**Registration**

Buy tickets online or use the form and mail.

**Noble Registration Fee – \$150.00**

*Fee includes: Friday and Saturday Hospitality, Saturday Break/ast (full), Lunch, and Dinner, Sunday Continental Breakfast*



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Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Noble: \_\_\_\_\_

Shrine Center: \_\_\_\_\_ Lady: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Nobles Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Arrival Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Lady's Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Noble Registration Fee .....\$150.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*Fee includes: Friday and Saturday Hospitality, Saturday Breakfast (full), Lunch, and Dinner, Sunday Continental Breakfast*

Ladies Registration Fee .....\$150.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*Fee includes: Friday and Saturday Hospitality, Ladies Fall Fun Craft, Saturday Breakfast (full), Lunch, and Dinner, Sunday Continental Breakfast*

Friday Goodbye Summer Cookout at the White Eagle .....\$34.00 (per person) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*Cookout includes: BBQ Chicken quarters, Hamburgers, Hotdogs, Sausage patties with peppers & onions, salt potatoes, baked beans, and apple crisp*

Total payment due with Registration (US Funds) ..... Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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**Session Reservations:**

Online at <https://www.nyosa.org> or Mail reservation form, and check or money order (payable to NYOSA), to: Mr. Michael Dunn, 212 Garfield Street, Utica, NY 13502-1744

**Hotel Reservations:**

*Please make hotel reservations directly with White Eagle Conference Center by calling (315) 824-2002. Mention*

**NYOSA Shriners.** Room rates are \$109, plus tax

**PLEASE NOTE THE RESERVATION CUT-OFF DATE IS 15 SEPTEMBER, 2023.**

**NOTICE NOTICE NOTICE**



Anyone that has on hand – or doesn't need any more, just sitting around and taking up space – a second refrigerator – please call West Seneca Lodge, 647 Main Street, West Seneca, NY 14224 at 716-674-7328



**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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**AILIANSI COURT No. 12, LOSNA**

*Lady Karen L. Keuther, High Priestess*

The ladies of Ailiamsi Court no. 12 held their first Court meeting of the fall season on Wednesday, September 6th Final plans for the BINGO BONANZA were made. It will be held at the Shrine on **Saturday, September 16th.** Doors open at 10:30 a.m. with early bird Bingo starting at 11 a.m. The cost of \$20.00 includes your entry, lunch and an early bird Bingo game. In addition to Bingo you will have the opportunity to win a variety of gift baskets, play 'punch a cup' for prizes and try your luck with 'Share the Wealth'. **Contact any Ailiamsi member for tickets** or call Lady Karen Keuther at 716-257-8367 to **reserve your space.**

Our next Court meeting will be on Wednesday October 4th. We will be celebrating Fall and Halloween. A **spooky, creepy** lunch is planned for 11:45 am with the Court meeting full of bewitching fun to follow at 1 pm. Members and officers are to wear their favorite costume to avoid mummification. Enjoy the beauty of Western New York Autumn!

**COMING EVENTS  
SEPTEMBER 2023**

- SEPTEMBER 3**  
Hamburg Shrine Club  
Summer Picnic  
Scheetz Grove 1 - 5 pm
- SEPTEMBER 4**  
Labor Day  
Shrine Center Closed
- SEPTEMBER 6**  
PHD Luncheon Club - Noon  
Ailiamsi Mtg. - Noon  
Directors Mtg. - 6 pm  
Shrine Center
- SEPTEMBER 7**  
Nile Sewing Mtg.- 10:30 am  
Shrine Center
- SEPTEMBER 9**  
Lockport S.C. Mtg. - 9 am  
Lockport, NY  
Shrine Sportsman Raffle  
Noon - 5 pm  
Shrine Center
- SEPTEMBER 11**  
Festival of Trees Mtg.  
6:30 pm, Shrine Center
- SEPTEMBER 12**  
Oasis/Divan Board Mtg.  
6:30 pm, Shrine Center
- SEPTEMBER 13**  
PHD Luncheon Club - Noon  
Shrine State Session - 7 pm  
Shrine Center  
Ailiamsi Nite Court Mtg.  
6 pm  
Katherine Gugino's House
- SEPTEMBER 14**  
Ailiamsi Ways and Means  
Mtg. - 10:30 am  
Shrine Center
- SEPTEMBER 15**  
Arabian Oasis Happy Hour  
4 - 8 pm, Shrine Center
- SEPTEMBER 16**  
Ailiamsi Bingo Bonanza  
10:30 am - 5 pm  
Shrine Center
- SEPTEMBER 20**  
D.O.N. Meeting - Noon  
PHD Luncheon Club - Noon  
Legion of Honor Mtg. 6 pm  
Shrine Center
- SEPTEMBER 21**  
Ailiamsi Sunbeams Mtg.  
11:30 am, Shrine Center
- SEPTEMBER 23**  
Ismailia Shrine Potentate's  
Ball, 5:30 - 11 pm  
Shrine Center
- SEPTEMBER 27**  
PHD Luncheon Club - Noon  
Southtown Nile Club Mtg.  
Noon  
Shrine Center  
Nile 9-5 Club Mtg. - 6 pm  
Danny's Restaurant
- SEPTEMBER 28**  
Northtown Nile Club Mtg.  
Noon  
Allegany S.C. Mtg. - 5 pm
- SEPTEMBER 29-OCTOBER 1**  
NYOSA Fall Session  
Hamilton, NY
- SEPTEMBER 30**  
Nile Raffle & Lunch  
11 am - 5 pm, Shrine  
Center

**HEAR YEE!! HEAR YEAH!!**  
**NOBLES AND LADIES OF ISMAILIA SHRINE**  
**We need your help!!**  
**Organizational Meeting**  
**For**  
**FEZtival of Trees 2023**  
**Monday September 11, 2023**  
**6:30pm**  
**Ismailia Shrine**  
**1600 Southwestern Blvd**  
**Our FEZtival of Trees is growing and helps support the**  
**many activities of your Shrine and our community.**  
**We need YOUR help as us grow**  
**Refreshments provided**

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

**"FEZitval" 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, Plus 30 Tickets **\$15.00**  
 or  
**Family Pack at Door - \$20.00**  
 General Admission - \$3.00  
 Raffle Tickets for Trees – 10 - \$5.00

**Craft vendors/ Kids corner /Food**

**Recorder's Desk** *Joe Hoerner, P.P.*

Here we are back into the swing of things. Our summer recess has come to a close and now we get back to working in the Quarries. We all hope you had a very enjoyable summer with family and friends.

Now it is time to get back to work and help make Ismailia Shriners successful and a leader in the community. September will be a very busy month to start off with, starting with our annual Shrine Sportsman Raffle on September 9th. This is a very important fund raiser for the Shrine so everyone needs to either attend this or help out to make it successful. Noble Chief Rabban Michael Ferraro will need many volunteers so contact him if you can help out. Following this event will be the Fall Stated Session. All Nobles should be attending this meeting and find out how the Shrine is doing and the latest news from Imperial. Continuing on in September we have the Ladies organizations with a Bingo event and a Luncheon and Raffle. We also have the big Social event of the year the Shrine Potentate's Ball, which will be a Masquerade Ball. This is where we all honor our Potentate Ill Sir Ronald Bigger and his Lady Rita. We hope to see much of the Nobility and their Ladies attending this event. There is a nice contingent of New York and Canadian Temples attending.

As you all have known by now that at the Imperial Session it was approved to raise the per-capita dues twenty (\$20.00) dollars per Noble. This will bring your 2024 Shrine dues to \$135.00. Now there are still a number of Nobles still owing 2023 dues and some still owe 2022 dues. It is of utmost importance to get your dues current because in early September the 2024 dues notices will be coming out and that will add another amount to your unpaid dues. If you need help or assistance please call the Shrine Office and things can be worked out.

I guess that is enough rambling on for now. Stay safe and healthy and see you around the Oasis sometime soon.

*Ill Sir Joe H. P.P., Recorder*




**Ismailia Shriners**  
**Cash Raffle 2024**

**Grand Prize**  
**\$10,000 Cash** 


**Saturday, March 23, 2024**  
 5:00 – 8:00 pm  
 At  
 Shrine Center  
 1600 Southwestern Blvd

**FOOD & REFRESHMENTS SERVED**  
 Ticket admits Two (2)

**Only 300 tickets Sold**  
**Donation \$100.00**  
 Please call the office at 674-8666 for tickets.  
**Taxes responsibility of winners**

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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.** Carnival Cruise Lines is offering a special deposit of only \$25.00 per person at this time, but we want to caution you.

You will not receive a cabin assignment until the full deposit of \$250.00 per person is made and of course, you can make that at any time, you do not have to wait until the November 30<sup>th</sup> deadline to secure your cabin. Also, please note that at this time we have only 32 cabins available and it is "First Come, First Serve", so we suggest you get your full deposit in now.

Since most "Cruisers" will arrive at least 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.

PAYMENT GUIDELINES PER PERSON			Deposit By	Full Deposit By	Full Payment
Category	Description	Price Per Person	9/15/2023	11/30/2023	1/21/2024
8D	Balcony	\$1,074.44	\$ 25.00	\$ 250.00	Full Payment
8B	Balcony	\$1,054.44	\$ 25.00	\$ 250.00	Full Payment
8A	Balcony	\$1,049.44	\$ 25.00	\$ 250.00	Full Payment
6B	Ocean View	\$769.44	\$ 25.00	\$ 250.00	Full Payment
4E	Interior	\$684.44	\$ 25.00	\$ 250.00	Full Payment

# SHRINE DIRECTORS STAFF

*Ill Sir George Herle P.P.*

Our meeting for September is on Wednesday September 6, 2023 and will start at 6:00 pm sharp. Try to make this meeting it is very important. The tickets for the Russell's Fund Raiser are now out, a great fund raiser for the Staff. So get tickets early and try to sell more. Noble Director Carl and I have them. Down the road some is the Comedy Show not till November 11, 2023 so keep this in mind. Again thanks to Noble Mark Herle for a great dinner at the last meeting. The Shrine has a lot of events coming up so try to attend as many as you can. We are still looking for someone to drive the Fire Truck. This can be a lot of fun and if interested call Director Noble Carl Nowakowski. Stay safe and Healthy.



Dear Fellow Nobles,

Last week, thousands of people experienced horrors like never before as catastrophic wildfires scorched the Hawaiian island of Maui, killing more than 90 people and destroying most of the historic town of Lahaina. With search-and-recovery efforts ongoing, the death toll is still expected to rise from what are already considered the deadliest U.S. wildfires in more than 100 years.

I have personally been in contact with Masonic leaders from the impacted communities, including the Grand Master of Hawaii, Dustin Verity, to assess the damage and pledge the support of Shriners International during this time. Most Worshipful Verity and I discussed the Shriners and our Masonic Brothers on Maui, and the destruction involved. He visited the Maui Lodge on Wednesday evening, and said:

"When I visited the Brothers at the Lodge on Wednesday, everyone was in good spirits even though some had just lost all their material possessions, their homes, their jobs, and their farms. They were there not to ask for support, but to enjoy the fellowship. They knew that they would be taken care of because we all embrace the basic tenants of Freemasonry - Brotherly love, relief, and truth."

Here are a few pictures provided by Most Worshipful Verity:



During times like these, outreach from around the world from our Brothers shows us what we are truly made of. Please hold our Brothers, and every person in Maui, in your hearts as they attempt to recover from this unfathomable devastation. I ask that we all pray for a quick recovery for the residents and the emergency personnel on the ground, and keep them in our thoughts as they navigate through the dark, uncertain days ahead. There is nothing more important than family, and each member of our Brotherhood is an important part of our beloved Masonic family. As family, we must always be there for each other, especially during times of despair

In turn, it is our duty to fulfill our Masonic obligations and support the request for assistance from the Grand Master of Hawaii and the Disaster Relief Appeal issued by the Masonic Service Association of North America.

**We urge you to please donate generously today to help our devastated brothers and their families affected by the Maui wildfires.**

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Shriners International stands by our fellow Masons and their families in Hawaii during these challenging times, and will continue to support them in every way we can. I appreciate each and every one of you, and thank you for everything you do on behalf of our fraternity.

Yours in the faith,  
*James E. Stolz Jr.*  
James E. "Ed" Stolze Jr.  
Imperial Potentate  
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## JUST A THOUGHT (MAYBE MORE)

As you all know, the Ismailia Shrine has a tough road to hoe... has had for quite a few years. It all stems from two things...the lack of new members and debts being paid to the black camel. The result is that the things we are able to do have become less and less impactful and less and less financially successful due to everything from competition to just plain lack of interest on the part of Nobles and Ladies. "Been there done that syndrome."

So, what can we do about it. Initially, two things come to my mind. The easiest being: **A.** Sharpen up the various programs. Let's get better at BBQ's and food sales. If it isn't working, then we have to fix it. Perhaps we need to have better recipes, better techniques, better ways to help new Nobles fit in to make these events successful. Perhaps we need a real review of anything else that costs money or is supposed to make money - including Clubs. **B.** While it may be a little more difficult to execute, we need to turn all of our activities and our physical space into a profit center wherever possible.

What do I mean? • Increase the usage of our great facilities for weddings, corn hole tournaments, meetings, etc etc so we can build our rental income. • Let's take a look at our arrangement with the YMCA . The arrangement is that they park for free in exchange for cutting the grass and shoveling the snow. Nobles get to use the Y for free and the family gets a break as well. Every day we have hundreds of cars parking in our lot. When the deal was designed, the world was a whole lot different than today. One of only a bunch of ideas is that the Y could charge their members \$25 a month for parking. They get 10 and we get 15. Just an idea...this would be an amazing steady income stream for the Shrine.

These are just a few examples - there are lots more all of you have been thinking about also...The way to fix these issues is through discussion and action. We NEED TO GET TOGETHER AS AN ENTITY. WE NEED TO START USING BRAIN POWER THAT IS WASTED JUST WATCHING TV. My proposal is simple. Those of us who would like to turn the Shrine around and can help out should call Joe Hoerner at the Shrine 716-674-8666. If a dozen or two of you are interested in causing a positive change, we will set a date and see if we can move a few boulders around. - *Sincerely, Noble Bob Graham*

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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.

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## In Memoriam

**DEATHS THROUGH AUGUST 26, 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
5279	Gerald Koehler	December 14, 1985	July 26, 2023
6422	John Joel Skyler	May 14, 2011	July 28, 2023
6047	David R. Wass	March 30, 2003	August 1, 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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Dear Illustrious Sirs, Nobles and Ladies,

As summer draws to a close, it is time to turn some of our thoughts to planning some fall and winter Shrine activities. For years, we have made it an annual tradition on New Year's Day to get up and watch the Rose Parade. For many people, like us, the sight of all the flowers and floats making their way through the streets of Pasadena against the blue sky and palm trees make the parade a bucket list item. Since Shriners Children's has been a parade participant, many of our Shrine families watch the parade in anticipation of getting to see Fezzy, along with our patient ambassadors and Imperial Potentate, proudly rolling down the street.

Over the past several years, our dream of participating in the Rose Parade has been coming true. We have had the opportunity to become volunteer float decorators, and now we actually get to stand in the middle of all those wonderful flowers and help showcase Shriners Children's to the world.

We remember the first time we saw our float come to life. We had a hard time holding back the tears. It is now the one event that helps us stay connected and drives us to "take part" in the journey that we signed up for when we got involved with Shriners.

We would personally like to take this opportunity to invite you to join us in helping to bring our float to life at the 2024 Rose Parade.





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### LEGION OF HONOR

*Rob Gradle, Commander*

13 August 2023: Ismailia LOH presented the Service Flags, at the Erie County Fair, Veterans Day Ceremony.

Pictured Left to Right: PC/PP Dan Walther, PC Matt Hussey, Noble Bill Young, 3rd LtCmdr John Stanz, PC Roger Huff, Cmdr Rob Gradle, PP/1st LtCmdr Doug Foss, PC/Adjutant Woody Woodside, PC Brian Will.



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## ISMAILIA DEMOLAY SHINES AT CONVENTION

*~ Noble Ed Draves, Grand Lodge of New York Masonic Youth Committee Chair*

DeMolay has been a fixture around Ismailia, starting with Meridian Sun Chapter, for several years. The young men and sweethearts have helped with events, raised thousands of dollars for the travel fund and blazed a trail for DeMolay across this side of the State. We never showed brighter than at this year's DeMolay Convention held at Camp Turk. Our own Joe Ferrero, son of Noble Mike Ferrero, was elected Lakes Region Master Councillor, essentially he is the young man responsible for every chapter this side of Syracuse. Additionally Brother Joe Ferrero presented with the Past Master Councilor's Meritorious Service Award. Brother Ferrero was the only young man presented with this award at convention, it is a tremendous accomplishment. Joe is also a founding member and Past Master Councilor of Tuscarora Chapter of DeMolay, giving young men of Niagara County a chance to join in DeMolay.

Past Meridian Sun Master Councilor, Joe Newton (also a Master Mason) received the Demolay Distinguished Service Medal, the purpose of the award is to recognize one DeMolay in each jurisdiction for outstanding service to others, in his home, school, church, Chapter, community and country. Brother Newton was also elected as NY State Demolay Deputy Master Councilor!! Joe is also a founding member and Past Master Councilor of Chadwick Bay Chapter in Chautauqua district, giving the young men of that district a chance to join DeMolay! We should also congratulate Brother Gavin Johnson, frequent visitor to Meridian Sun and Ismailia on being elected and installed as NY DeMolay's Master Councilor this year. In what seems to be a theme with our young leaders, Brother Gavin was a founding member and Past Master Councilor of Olean Chapter of Demolay. As we congratulate these young men on their accomplishments, I want to remind you that they have enabled the young men in your life to get engaged with a local DeMolay Chapter, please reach out for more information.



We would like to Congratulate Meridian Sun Past Master Councilor Br. Joe Newton on his election as New York Demolay Deputy State Master Councilor, pictured with Dad Robin Honeycutt and His father Dad RW Richard Newton. We would also Like to congratulate Br. Joe Ferrero, Meridian Suns current Senior Councilor on his election as New York DeMolays Lakes Region Master Councilor, pictured with Dad Robin Honeycutt. We would also like to congratulate Br. Ferrero on receiving his PMC-MSA (Past Master Councilor Meritorious Service Award, one of the hardest awards to receive in DeMolay.



### WINNERS FROM JULY DAILY EVENING 2023

Date	Winning numbers	Winners Name
7/1/2023	341	
7/2/2023	088	
7/3/2023	597	
7/4/2023	672	
7/5/2023	157	
7/6/2023	684	Robert Ess
7/7/2023	662	
7/8/2023	144	
7/9/2023	815	
7/10/2023	727	
7/11/2023	990	
7/12/2023	313	
7/13/2023	395	
7/14/2023	445	
7/15/2023	952	
7/16/2023	522	East Eden Shrine Club
7/17/2023	025	
7/18/2023	263	George Hodge
7/19/2023	439	
7/20/2023	945	Linda Clark
7/21/2023	068	James Hoddick
7/22/2023	092	Charles Moore
7/23/2023	227	
7/24/2023	230	Joseph Eisenried
7/25/2023	342	
7/26/2023	848	
7/27/2023	602	
7/28/2023	840	
7/29/2023	771	Kevin Czuba
7/30/2023	837	
7/31/2023	617	

### RIB BBQ THANKS

I'd like to thank all who came out to work and support our first rib bbq on July 23rd. We had a nice day and things went pretty smoothly. The ribs came out great along with the rest of the meal. To the money takers, runners, kitchen crew, corn shuckers, clean up, and the pit crew, THANK YOU! We could not do this without you.

Special thanks to: Noble Jeremy and Kim Tebby - who came from Oshawa Canada the day before to help prep the ribs and then guided us through the bbq process. PP Earl Knauss for providing and donating the corn on the cob. Justine Holben and Jan Walkden for making the brownies for dessert. Noble Ted Clark for donating the beans. Noble John Budowski for having signs made up and placing them around the shrine. REEDZ BBQ - Donated the sweet rub for the ribs. Wende Applewhite for getting the tickets and presales organized for us.


Our next bbq is scheduled for October 15th. Thanks - John Kuse

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.

## Thank you to all members of the Ismailia Shriners for all that you do for our community! ❤️

SEPTEMBER ♦ 2023						
Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
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					Shrine Closed	
3 Hamburg S.C. Picnic Scheetz Grove 1 - 5 pm	4 Shrine Closed Labor Day	5 Lions Club Mtg 6 pm CornHole 6 pm	6 Ailliamsi Mtg. 11 am PHD Lunch Noon Directors Mtg 6 pm CornHole 6 pm	7 Nile Sewing 10:30 am	8 Lockport S.C. Mtg. Shrine Sportsman Raffle Noon - 5 pm	9
10 McCarthy Birthday Party 2 - 6 pm	11 Festival of Trees Mtg. 6:30 pm	12 Oasis/Divan Mtg 6:30 pm CornHole 6 pm	13 PHD Lunch Noon Shrine Stated Session 7 pm Ailliamsi Nite Court	14 Ailliamsi Ways & Means Mtg. 10:30 am	15 Happy Hour 4 - 8 pm	16 Ailliamsi Bingo Bonanza 10:30 am - 5 pm
17	18 CornHole 6 pm	19 Lions Club Mtg 6 pm CornHole 6 pm	20 PHD Lunch Noon Nile Mtg. Noon LOH Mtg. 6 pm CornHole 6 pm	21 Ailliamsi Sunbeams Mtg. 11:30 am CornHole 6 pm	22 Potentate Ball Set up	23 Shrine Potentate's Ball 5:30 - 11 pm
24 Potentate's Breakfast 9 am - Noon	25 CornHole 6 pm	26 CornHole 6 pm	27 PHD Lunch Noon Southtown Nile Noon Nile 9-5 Club Mtg CornHole 6 pm	28 Allegany S.C. Mtg. Northtown Nile CornHole 6 pm	29 NYOSA Fall Mtg. Hamilton, NY	30 Nile Raffle & Lunch - 11 am NYOSA Fall Mtg. Hamilton, NY

OCTOBER ♦ 2023						
Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
1 NYOSA Fall Mtg. Hamilton, NY	2 CornHole Tourn	3 Lions Club Mtg 6 pm	4 Ailliamsi Mtg. Noon PHD Lunch Noon Directors Mtg CornHole Tourn	5 Nile Sewing Mtg. 10:30 am CornHole Tourn	6 Oasis Happy Hour 4 - 8 pm	7
8 Cammarano Party	9	10	11 PHD Lunch Noon Oasis/Divan Mtg. 6:30 pm CornHole Tourn	12 Ailliamsi Ways & Means Mtg. 10:30 am	13	14 International Bird Show
15 Shrine Rib BBQ Noon - 4:30 pm or sold out	16 CornHole Tourn	17 Lions Club Mtg 6 pm	18 Nile Mtg. Noon PHD Lunch Noon LOH Mtg. 6 pm CornHole Tourn	19 Ailliamsi Sunbeams Mtg. 11 am CornHole Tourn	20 Oasis Happy Hour 4 - 8 pm	21 Shrine Ladies Jewelry Raffle 11 am - 5 pm
22 CornHole Tourn	23	24	25 PHD Lunch Noon Southtown Nile Noon CornHole Tourn	26 Northtown Nile Mtg. Allegany S.C. Mtg.	27	28 Shrine Meat Raffle Doors open 5:45 pm Raffle starts 7 pm
29 CornHole Tourn	30	31 Halloween				



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