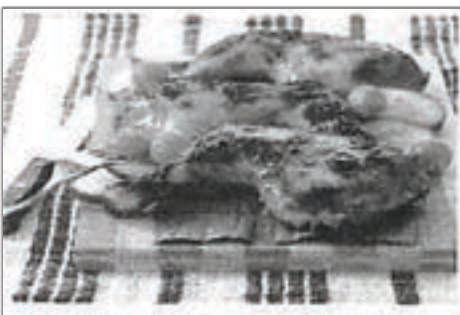


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THE POTENTATE'S MESSAGE



John F. Walkden
Potentate 2021

On Wednesday, January 13, 2021 elected Ismailia Shrine Divan were installed for the new year with limited attendance and Zoom availability. Potentate John F. Walkden, Chief Raban Dennis Caldwell, Assistant Raban Ronald Bigger, High Priest and Profit Michael Ferraro, Oriental Guide Richard Lugo, Treasurer David Freund and Recorder Joseph Hoerner. Ill Sir Daniel Walther P.P. conducted the Installation Ceremony. Dan went out of his way to make the ceremony as memorable as possible during this challenging time. Michael Ferraro provided the Zoom format for the meeting to welcome the participating members. Prayers were offered up by Chaplain Edwin Hartman Sr. Thank you to all that worked together to make this happen. The event was made special for me because my wife Lady Jan was able to Fez me.

As your new Potentate, I want to thank the many people who have guided and supported me during this journey. I am sure that 2021 will bring us many challenges but we as an organization will work together to continue our mission and support Shriners' Hospitals for Children.

We are looking forward to seeing fellow Shriners and friends on Friday February 5th for the reopening of the Oasis for Happy Hour and dinners. Please remember your masks and appropriate social distancing. Fish fries will be available beginning Ash Wednesday and continuing every Friday through Lent.

As a new adventure this year we would like to host a FEZTIVAL OF TREES. This event requires Groups, Clubs and agencies to donate a decorated Christmas tree. Trees should be a minimum of 6-7 feet tall. Attendees purchase an entry to the event and purchase drawing tickets to try to win the Christmas tree they like. We also would like to have an area for vendors. Mark your calendars and save the dates:

Set-up: Tuesday 11/23/21 and Wednesday 11/24/21

FEZTIVAL: Friday 11/26/21 and Saturday 11/27/21

Tree pick-up and Cleanup: Sunday 11/28/21

More information to Follow.

Lady Jan and I are looking forward to this very special year. We hope to try some new activities that are welcoming to Shriners and their families.

Be safe and stay well,

John F. Walkden, Potentate 2021

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- ~ Birthday Parties ~
- ~ Fund Raisers ~
- ~ Meetings ~
- ~ Reunions ~
- ~ Shows ~

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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.

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NOTICE TO ALL MEMBERS ISMAILIA SHRINERS!

The Shrine Office is now able to accept
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VISA - MASTERCARD - DISCOVER
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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 OFFICE HOURS

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

A MESSAGE FROM FIRST LADY JAN

Oh what a year 2020 has been!! As we move into 2021 we can hope for the COVID vaccine and transitioning into our "new normal". I personally am looking forward to seeing familiar faces, greeting those we may not have seen for a while and welcoming some new faces to our Shrine. With the challenges we face in the coming year we need new and creative ways to keep our Ismailia Shrine vital so we can continue to support our Shriners' Hospitals for Children.

Oasis, Divan and Divan Ladies meetings have been moved to Wednesday to help accommodate personal schedules. All Shrine Ladies are welcome to attend any of the Divan Lady meetings. Many hands and hearts make the "work" lighter. Our February meeting will be February 10th at 6:30 pm. Wednesday February 17th is Ash Wednesday and our first Lenten Fish Fry. Both dine in and pickup are available.

This year the "Potentate's Project" will be a FEZTIVAL of TREES in November 2021. We are hoping this can become an annual event. Clubs, Groups and local agencies will be asked to donate a decorated Christmas tree. The trees will be displayed in all their glory. Visitors will pay a nominal entry fee and purchase tickets. They can then drop their tickets into voting boxes hoping to win the fully decorated tree. To start we will be limiting entries to 20 trees. We are hoping to have a vendor's area. Put these dates on your calendars: Set-up: Tuesday 11/23 and Wednesday 11/24. Open for viewing: Friday 11/26 and Saturday 11/27. Tree pickup and clean up Sunday 11/28. More details to follow...

Hoping this finds you all well and staying healthy. Please keep Jim VanSlyke and the family of Susan Lask in your prayers as they mourn her death. During this time of COVID keep in touch with others. Isolation can be damaging. A phone call, note or card can bring sunshine to someone's day.

Be kind, stay safe
 Lady Jan Walkden

2021 Potentate's Shrine Shirts Can Be Ordered Now



- Men's Button Down Shirts (with pocket).
 - The shirt color is **Royal Blue**.
- The cost for these shirts will be
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 Men's Shirt: Small - 6XL

Call Wende at the Shrine office 674-8666 to order your 2021 Shrine shirt.

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

First order will be placed on **Feb 8, 2021**. So get your order in now.

\$100 Million Dollar Club

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www.IsmailiaShriners.com is in the process of being updated. Some of the info and pages are current, other pages are in process. The Clubs and Units page of the website will be updated once we get the 2020 officers and contact info; if you have that info please email it to Joe Hoerner at Ismailia37@Verizon.net.

We also ask that if you want anything posted on the event calendar for your club or unit or on the Facebook page you please email Noble Michael Ferraro @ NobleFerraro@gmail.com at least 3 weeks prior to your event.

December Daily Drawing 2020

Date	Winning numbers	Winners Name
12/1/2020	209	
12/2/2020	831	Glenn Miller
12/3/2020	509	Christopher Hough
12/4/2020	098	William Badgy
12/5/2020	376	
12/6/2020	328	Christopher Hough
12/7/2020	988	
12/8/2020	320	
12/9/2020	479	
12/10/2020	822	Robert Morey
12/11/2020	818	Amy Deboth
12/12/2020	003	David Shenk
12/13/2020	543	Ismailia
12/14/2020	705	
12/15/2020	334	Dale Kindred
12/16/2020	303	
12/17/2020	103	
12/18/2020	226	
12/19/2020	969	Dale Kindred
12/20/2020	317	
12/21/2020	367	
12/22/2020	570	Peter Ninos
12/23/2020	942	
12/24/2020	005	
12/25/2020	263	Nate Springer
12/26/2020	081	Robert Morey
12/27/2020	420	
12/28/2020	430	
12/29/2020	088	
12/30/2020	099	Michael Richart
12/31/2020	871	Christopher Hough

ALL CLUBS AND UNITS

You have elected new Officers for your Club or Unit for the year 2021. It is of the utmost importance that you notify the Shrine Office of your elected Officers for 2021 even if they are the same Officers from the year 2020. We appreciate your cooperation in this matter.

The Shrine Office Staff



Dear Nobles,

In late 2019, we shared with you our plans for a combined Texas facility that would showcase multiple major care disciplines. Today we are pleased to announce that Shriners Hospitals for Children — Houston and Shriners Hospitals for Children — Galveston, have now consolidated their world-renowned specialty pediatric health care services on the Galveston campus and will now be known as Shriners Children's Texas.

Our dedication to the children and their families remains the same – transforming children's lives with exceptional health care in a patient- and family-centered environment. Operating on the same campus will position us well to achieve our strategic goals for the future. This change provides us with a modernized and integrated approach to meeting our patients' needs. The main reason for the decision was to improve the system's efficiency without sacrificing access to the same outstanding care Shriners Hospitals has been able to provide children for almost 100 years.

Merging the two hospitals together into one location not only demonstrates good stewardship for a hospital system that provides care regardless of the family's ability to pay, but also brings together a team of highly-skilled clinical providers that will deliver "Texas-sized" care for all Shriners Children's patients.

This strategic vision marks a commitment to transforming how our health care is delivered, while maintaining our mission of providing the highest quality care to children with orthopaedic conditions, burn injuries, cleft lip and palate, and plastic surgery. This is an energizing journey – to grow and to treat more children as we look toward the future. While we anticipate a more formal opening sometime this summer, we wanted to share this tremendous news as we celebrate the furthering of our incredible mission.

Fraternally,

James R. Smith
Imperial Potentate, Shriners International
Chairman, Board of Directors, Shriners Hospitals for Children

Jerry G. Gantt
Chairman, Board of Trustees
Shriners Hospitals for Children

LEGION OF HONOR

Ill Sir Edward Worden, Commander

Welcome to 2021, Happy New Year. The year 2020 was quite a year. I'm hoping that we have a healthy, a great year, and pray that we get Covid 19 under control. I received my first Covid 19 inoculation the other day and hope all of you receive yours soon. We now have our new Potentate, Ill Sir John F. Walkden and his Officers to lead us through this year. Congratulations to all of them, especially Noble Richard Lugo our new Oriental Guide. On behalf of the Legion of Honor we will support you to the best of our ability.

The Legion of Honor Officers for this year 2021 will remain in place. It was felt that this was the best way to go; we were all re-elected. I and all the Officers will do our best to meet the standards the Legion of Honor expects. The basket of cheer tickets will be out soon – this is one of our big fund raisers so please get behind it.

I have no knowledge of when the Shrine will open, or when we will be able to meet in person but rest assured you will be advised when this will happen. Stay safe and stay healthy and take care of yourselves and each other.

IT'S AN HONOR TO BE A MEMBER OF THE LEGION OF HONOR



A MESSAGE FROM THE OASIS

John F. Walkden, Oasis President

The Oasis will be open and back in business starting February 5 from 4-8 PM. We will be having a special: Lasagna, Fresh salad, bread and butter, \$10.00. We will also have our regular menu so come on out and support the Shrine and enjoy the night after a long lock down.

AILIAMS COURT No. 12

Lady Cathie Turton, High Priestess

Two Thousand Twenty has ended and Two Thousand Twenty One is here! Two Thousand Twenty was a lot of things. It was a time of sadness, conflict, pain, grief, disappointment and so much more. It was also a time of kindness, hard work, finding new ways to do "normal" things, reorganizing not only our closets but our thoughts. We spent more time doing things we hadn't done before. Cooking, baking, sewing, reading, sharing ideas, learning new skills.

Some times it was hard to see the positive but if you stopped and looked and listened it was there. Like a tiny flame just waiting for a slight breeze to keep it going. My hope is that Twenty Twenty One will see that tiny flame grow into a warm comforting light that will lead us out of the darkness of the past year. If we only keep HOPE in our hearts and minds I have confidence in our ability to do just that!

We will be installing our new officers on March 20, 2021. Keep wearing your mask and stay safe!

Tea Cups of love to you all!

COMING EVENTS FEBRUARY 2021

FEBRUARY 2
Groundhog Day

FEBRUARY 5
Friday Night Happy Hour
4 - 8 pm
Special: Lasagna,
Fresh Salad, Bread &
Butter - \$10
Shrine Center

FEBRUARY 7
Super Bowl Sunday

FEBRUARY 9
Gowanda Shrine Club
Mtg. - Noon
Gowanda, NY

FEBRUARY 10
Oasis/Divan Mtg. -
6:30 pm
Shrine Center

FEBRUARY 12
Friday Night Happy Hour
4 - 8 pm
Shrine Center

FEBRUARY 13
Lockport S.C. Mtg. -
9 am
Lockport, NY

FEBRUARY 14
Valentine's Day

FEBRUARY 17
Ash Wednesday
Lenten Fish Frys 5 - 8 pm
Shrine Center

FEBRUARY 19
Friday Night Happy Hour
4 - 8 pm
Lenten Fish Frys 5 - 8 pm
Shrine Center

FEBRUARY 26
Friday Night Happy Hour
4 - 8 pm
Lenten Fish Frys 5 - 8 pm
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Liam was diagnosed with early onset scoliosis at just two years old. When his family took him to see a specialist about the worsening curve in his spine, the doctor recommended monitoring Liam until the curve progressed. He would eventually need surgery, but treatment could wait.

That simply wasn't good enough for Liam's mom. "It seemed unsettling not to try and act on it now," she says.

So, they brought Liam to Shriners Hospitals for Children® — Portland where our doctors suggested the immediate use of casts, which would be followed by braces, to begin straightening Liam's spine right away.



As part of his treatment plan, Liam gets fitted for a new brace at least once a year. But that's not keeping him from having a fun and exciting childhood! Liam's mom is a professional photographer and helps him embrace his scoliosis treatment by turning his braces into superhero costumes and using them in fantastical photoshoots. Every time he gets a new brace, the transformation begins.

At Shriners Hospitals for Children, our doctors, nurses and staff do heroic things for young patients every day, helping them overcome the obstacles associated with orthopaedic conditions, burns, spinal cord injuries, and cleft lip and palate.

And we think you're a superhero too! Thanks to the kindness and generosity of people like you, we can be there for every child who needs us, regardless of the families' ability to pay. Your support gives our kids the power they need to hope and heal.

Thank you for everything you do.

Sincerely, James R. "Jim" Smith
Chairman, Board of Directors
Shriners Hospitals for Children



MERIDIAN SUN DEMOLAY

Ed Draves

Hello Fellow Nobles!

Masonry does not stop! Shriners do not stop! And neither does DeMolay! Master Councilor Aedan and your Meridian Sun DeMolay Chapter have been very busy meeting virtually, planning Masonic and community service, fundraising, having fun and playing games. Our current Blanket Project to benefit Shrine Hospital has resulted in 27 blankets being donated so far!! Our goal is 50! Please see the attached flyer (if you are reading this after Feb 14th – late submissions will be gladly accepted!).

Our Chapter is looking at tremendous growth! It's our goal to be Ismailia's fastest growing unit and NY DeMolay's fastest growing Chapter! Together with the Nobles of Ismailia Shrine, we can achieve that! Help the young people in your life get to know us!

Our next big event is our 3rd annual Blizzard Ball. It will look a little different this year, due to social distancing we are going VIRTUAL!!!

The event is Saturday, Feb 20th from 6:30-9PM. The theme is "Swinter" and lots of fun and games are planned with prizes and surprises!! This great event will be free of charge and open to all Masonic youth and prospective members!! (Parents/guardians are always welcome).

A free "Blizzard (Swag) Bag" may be picked up (drive thru style) at Ismailia Shrine for all registered youth on February 15th from 7:30 - 8:30pm but is not necessary to join in the fun! Commemorative Hooded Sweatshirts (\$20), designed by the brothers of Meridian Sun are also available.

During pickup time (February 15 from 7:30 -8:30pm) Meridian Sun is proud to partner with Ismailia Shrine in accepting non-perishable food or donations to support VALOR WNY!

When was the last time you heard your child LAUGH on a Zoom call? Now is the perfect time to get a young man (12-21) or potential Chapter Sweetheart engaged! Please contact "Mom" Draves (716) 208 3347 or anne.draves@alacriti.com for more information or to register. A good time is guaranteed!

ISMAILIA SHRINE DIRECTORS STAFF

Ill Sir George Herle P.P.

There will be no meeting in February due to the Covid-19 pandemic. We hope we can meet in March; if the weather is a little warmer we can meet outside. As of last month there is not much to report on. Noble Mark Herle did win the Directors Football Pool – lucky man. The Staff wishes the new Officers a lot of good luck for the upcoming year. Take care, stay safe and keep an eye on one another.

Recorder's Desk

Joe Hoerner, P.P.

Well we have made it through the first month of 2021 and do you realize that 14 months ago this pandemic started and didn't let up. Many of us never thought it would last this long and it is still continuing on. Much has changed in the way we do things and the way we converse with one another. Our Shrine has changed with the time also. January started off with our Shrine Annual Meeting with the Election of Officers for the year 2021. Who would have thought it would have to be done virtually but that is the way things are accomplished nowadays and into the future until things change. The election and Annual meeting went off very well and without a hitch. Many thanks for the efforts of Noble Mike Ferraro and his crew to pull this off without any trouble and it worked out quite well and all was accomplished. Congratulations to all for their hard work and dedication to Ismailia Shriners. Now a big congratulation to all the newly elected officials for the year 2021 and we will all work hard to keep Ismailia Shriners successful. Now we look forward to what the future will bring to Ismailia Shriners. Our Divan is working hard to come up with some events that will keep Ismailia Shriners busy with events that will be appealing to the membership and their families. We will be starting off with our Friday Night Happy Hour with some specials being worked up for your enjoyment. Then with Lent starting in the middle of the month we will be having our Famous Lenten Fish Fry's. We will be trying something different with our Meat Raffle. This one will be done virtually and we are anxious to see how this will work out. So you see we are working hard to find things that will bring you back to the Shrine Center. So keep watching the *Smile* and the website to keep informed as to what is happening at the Shrine Center. Until then stay safe, stay healthy and hope to see you around the Oasis soon in the future.



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.

ATHOR TEMPLE No. 19 DAUGHTERS OF THE NILE

Jen Mazur

Warm Winter Greetings from Queen Barb and the Ladies of Athor Temple No. 19 Daughters of the Nile! We continue this ongoing adventure of uncertain times, and this has, of course brought about some changes to our year. Planning service projects, along with fundraising and fellowship events remains a challenge. Sadly, due to Covid regulations and restrictions, our White Rose Luncheon (originally scheduled for February 6th) has been cancelled. We look forward to the return of our Luncheon in February 2022.

Athor Temple is currently in the planning stages for the Installation of its Officers for 2021. Please pencil in the date of April 10, 2021 for this event to be held at the Shrine Center. More details for the event will be announced as we get closer.

Plans for the Supreme Session of the Supreme Temple of the Daughters of the Nile have been announced! It will take place in Calgary, Alberta, June 20-24, 2021. Of course, many plans for this session are dependent on Covid restrictions and regulations; more details will be available as the event gets closer. Also in the initial planning stages is Northeast Days 2022. This event will be hosted by Athor Temple No. 19 in September. And, I know I am beginning to sound like a broken record when I make the disclaimer that this event, too, is dependent on the regulations and restrictions for events and travel due to the Coronavirus.

All gatherings for Athor Temple on currently on hold. Email and phone updates will be made as things evolve. We look forward to resuming our third Wednesday of the Month Sessions at the Shrine Center as soon as we are able! Athor Temple has several ongoing fundraising opportunities to support the work of our Temple, including FIRST Group Restaurant Certificates, Gift Cards to several local retailers (including grocery stores), and Delta Sonic Car Wash certificates. If you are interested in any of these, please contact PQ Iris Reese at 716-834-9074.

PSQ Karen Keuther continues to have snap jewelry available for purchase. This jewelry makes a unique gift for someone special, at a very reasonable price. She also will be taking orders for Amish Bread and Baked Goods. If you would like to order bread or baked goods, or are interested in Snap Jewelry, please reach out to PSQ Karen at 257-3342.

Many hands make light work...and a lot more fun! We are always looking to add new members to carry out the very important work of supporting the Shriners and the children at the Shrine Hospitals. Ladies who are interested in becoming a member of Daughters of the Nile, the Athor Temple Membership and Mentoring team of PQ Marilyn Mills, 716-698-8041, PQ Iris Reese, 716-834-9074, and PQ Donna Donner, 716-839-4307 would love to talk with you and share the Daughters of the Nile story. Give one of them a call to learn more about this exciting organization of energetic and enthusiastic ladies who work to provide support for the very special Shrine Hospital children!

As we enter the month of February, the month when love is celebrated, let us be reminded that every random act of kindness, positive interaction and volunteer hour is an act of love that furthers the reality of peace on earth! Don't forget to check in with each other, send a valentine, count your blessings, smile at a stranger, wash your hands and stay safe!

**147TH IMPERIAL SESSION
OF SHRINERS INTERNATIONAL**



JULY 4 - 8, 2021
Houston, TX

Hello Fellow Nobles!

We're looking forward to "Havin' Fun in '21" with you and your families this summer at Imperial Session in Houston, Texas. The event will be held July 4 - 8, at the George R. Brown Convention Center. We are excited to be together again as a Shrine family!

Your Safety

Our primary objective is the health and safety of all Nobles, Ladies and families that attend Imperial Session. In collaboration with the City of Houston, we are putting together a thorough safety plan. In addition to that, the George R. Brown Convention Center in Houston has made significant enhancements to its facility including:

- George R. Brown is the first convention center in the world to deploy the Integrated Viral Protection (IVP) system. This is the world's first biodefense filtration technology proven to eliminate SARS-CoV-2 (99.999%) and other airborne contaminants, and was recently awarded the 2020 Emerging Technology Award by The American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME)'s.
- Permanent thermal scanning stations located at all entry points to the convention center and can process up to 100 guests per minute.

Houston, Texas



The city of Houston is brimming with opportunity, excitement, culture and history, and considers itself the Culinary and Cultural Capital of the South. With more than 10,000 restaurants, parks and green spaces for outdoor activities, museums and attractions, and an array of tours for all interests, there is something for each of you to experience and enjoy in Houston. Join your fellow nobles and their families in exploring this unique city.

Fun and Fellowship



Imperial Session is all about Nobles gathering together for fun and fellowship. The parade held at Session is the biggest Shrine parade of the year, featuring motor corps, musical units, clowns, horses and more. Performing units hold competitions to entertain spectators and vie for bragging rights. Nobles and ladies dance and sing the night away at the Imperial Evening concert. And this year, you DO NOT want to miss the cornhole tournament!

**All events will abide by any social distancing guidelines that are still in place.*

George R. Brown Convention Center



The convention center is connected via skybridge to the Marriott Marquis and the Hilton Americas and is located conveniently close to all Session hotels. It is part of the convention and entertainment campus known as Avenida Houston which is surrounded by dining, retail and other activities for guests.

Lady Alice and I, along with the entire convention committee, are excited to welcome you to the city of Houston. We hope to see you there!

Yours in the faith,
James R. "Jim" Smith
Imperial Potentate



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Deaths through January 25, 2021

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
5345	Richard W. Young	June 21, 1986	Dec. 30, 2003
1360	James R. Flanagan	Aug. 12, 1972	Dec. 30, 2005
5881	Kenneth E. Bigelow	Nov. 15, 1997	Dec.31, 2009
5636	William M. Harding	June 1, 1991	Dec. 30, 2013
578	Edmund C. Burdick	June 2, 1984	Dec 29, 2013
4204	James A. Soldwisch	Dec. 16, 1965	Dec 28, 2014
3080	Kenneth W. Mogford	Nov. 18, 1959	Dec 15, 2014
2749	Jim L. Macomber	Dec 14, 1974	Dec. 28, 2015
4115	George A. Simmons Jr.	Oct. 28, 1978	Oct. 30, 2018
2244	Theodore M. Kahn	Dec. 21, 1955	Dec. 30, 2018
4461	Donald R Thering	Sept. 20, 1966	Dec. 21, 2018
1957	Raymond D. Hill	Dec. 9, 1978	Dec. 20, 2020
5593	Glenn E. Kraebel Sr.	June 9, 1990	Dec. 26, 2020
5311	Robert C. Prizel	June 21, 1986	Jan. 19,2021

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Today's communication technologies, including telehealth, allow Shriners Hospitals for Children staff to bring their trusted care into the homes of children who may not be able to otherwise travel to the medical center for their important visits. This technology allows patients to connect with their healthcare providers from home when possible, providing a safe option for care during the current COVID-19 pandemic.

"Telehealth has become a more common way for patients to connect with their healthcare providers this year," said Mary Jane Antoon, MSN, RN, FACHE, administrator, Shriners Hospitals for Children - Erie. "We are pleased to be able to use the same technology to allow our patients to experience a little holiday magic this season."



For additional information, contact:
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Meet the Melbourne, Australia Shrine Club



Shriners International has temples in several countries, but what some nobles may not realize is that we have Shrine Clubs located around the world. In 2009, several Freemasons from New South Wales, Australia, had an interest in becoming Shriners. They ultimately became members of Aahmes Shriners in Livermore, California, and started the Sydney Shrine Club (since disbanded). In 2010, a group of Freemasons from Melbourne visited them, took an interest and subsequently became Shriners, forming the Melbourne Shrine Club (MSC). Despite the challenges faced by the pandemic, the club is still thriving today with 84 members and big plans for the future.

Noble Peter Atkin, Secretary, shared the club's five-year strategy to increase membership, form regional clubs and improve member retention. One goal is to actively promote Shrine tenets through participation in community events like festivals, parades, and horticultural and agricultural shows. They are developing a program to train select nobles on how to best represent the club at events, and are equipping them with displays and promotional materials. The MSC will also host "open nights" to demystify Masons and Shriners by explaining them in easy-to-understand terminology.

As for fun and fellowship, the club also has that taken care of for 2021, including a meeting and fazzing ceremony that will be held 61 meters underground in a real gold mine! Other events on the calendar are a Lost Raiders Tomb paintball competition, a Filipino Aliwan Festival celebration and a Raid party. The club also intends to form several units including a pipe band, clown unit and motorcycle squad.

We appreciate the determination and enthusiasm of the Melbourne Shrine Club and are proud to have them as part of our Shriners family.

FROM THE ASSISTANT RABBAN

Just wanted to say that I am very honored to hold the position of Assistant Rabban for this year. Thank you for allowing me to be a big part of your Shrine. Here is hoping things will open up and we will be able to partake in all activities that are planned and we can get back to business of helping the Children.

Support your Shrine – Stay Safe and be well
Asst Rabban Noble Ronald Bigger

FROM THE HIGH PRIEST AND PROPHET

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Nobles of Ismailia for all their support over the last year and for the privilege of being elected to the position of High Priest and Prophet. I would also like to welcome Noble Richard Lugo to the Divan and know I have the utmost confidence in Rich to fill the position of Oriental Guide; please support him the same way you have supported me.

Thanks again for everything
Noble Michael Ferraro

FEBRUARY ♦ 2021						
Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
		Groundhog Day			Friday Night Happy Hour 4 - 8 pm	
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Super Bowl Sunday		Gowanda S.C. Mtg. Noon	Oasis/Divan Mtg. 6:30 pm		Friday Night Happy Hour 4 - 8 pm	Lockport S.C. Mtg. 9 am
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Valentine's Day	Presidents' Day		Lenten Fish Fry 5 - 8 pm Ash Wednesday		Friday Night Happy Hour 4 - 8 pm Lenten Fish Fry 5 - 8 pm	
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
			PHD Lunch Noon Southtown Nile Mtg. 12 pm		Friday Night Happy Hour 4 - 8 pm Lenten Fish Fry 5 - 8 pm	
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MARCH ♦ 2021						
Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
			Ailiamsi Mtg. Noon PHD Lunch Noon Directors Mtg. 6 pm		Friday Night Happy Hour 4 - 8 pm Lenten Fish Fry 5 - 8 pm	Ailiamsi Bingo 11 am
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
	Meridian Sun Chapter DeMolay Mtg. 7:30 pm	Gowanda S.C. Mtg. 12 pm	PHD Lunch 6:30 pm Oasis/Divan Mtg. 6:30 pm Shrine Virtual Meat Raffle	Ailiamsi Ways & Means Mtg. 10:30 am	Friday Night Happy Hour 4 - 8 pm Lenten Fish Fry 5 - 8 pm	Lockport S.C. Mtg. Shrine/Mason Food Drive
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
			Nile Mtg. PHD Lunch Mini-Kars Mtg. LOH Mtg.	Ailiamsi Sunbeams Mtg. 11:30 am	Friday Night Happy Hour 4 - 8 pm Lenten Fish Fry 5 - 8 pm	Ailiamsi Installation
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
			PHD Lunch Southtown Nile	Lancaster High School Steel Band Concert	Lancaster High School Steel Band Concert	Lancaster High School Steel Band Concert
28	29	30	31			
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