




SEPTEMBER 2020


**OFFICIAL NOTICE
OF
BUSINESS MEETING**


**7:00 PM
WEDNESDAY,
SEPTEMBER 9, 2020**

ISMAILIA SHRINERS
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THE BUSINESS MEETING FOR SUCH REPORTS
AND OTHER BUSINESS AS MAY BE PRESENTED,
WILL BE HELD IN THE
ISMAILIA SHRINE CENTER,
WEST SENECA, NEW YORK ON
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2020 AT 7:00 PM.

IMPERIAL COUNCIL LAW REQUIRES
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OF THIS MEETING.

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ATTEST:

JOSEPH A. HOERNER,
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WILLIAM D. ADAM, JR.,
POTENTATE



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Sun, September 20, 2020

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SHRINERS ANNUAL SPORTSMAN RAFFLE

New date

SATURDAY, OCT. 17, 2020

Ismailia Shrine Temple

1600 Southwestern Blvd.

West Seneca, NY

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THE POTENTATE'S MESSAGE



William D. Adam, Jr.
Potentate 2020

Brothers,

Lady Bernie and I hope this finds everyone well. I can't believe that it is September already. Where has the time gone?

Noble Jeff Shwartz and Oriental Guide Mike Ferraro did an excellent job putting together the Second Cigar-B-Que. It was sold out! The weather was great and the brotherhood shared was wonderful. I want to thank the ladies who helped make it a perfect day.

We have a Stated Session scheduled for September 9th. We will maintain "Social Distancing". This will just be a business meeting with no dinner before the meeting or libations afterward due to the state's mandates. We have several candidates

whose petitions will be read and voted on. Afterwards, we will fez our new Nobles.

Our Sportsman's Raffle drawing has been postponed until October 17th in hopes that the attendance limitations will be lifted.

We will be having another Chicken Barbeque on September 20th. Again, this will be take-out only.

As of now, we are still in a holding pattern waiting on the state regarding the scheduled events for the rest of the year. Hopefully, we will continue to see a decline in the cases of Covid-19 and will be able to fully reopen without restrictions soon. Until we see each other again, stay safe.

Fraternally,
William D. Adam, Jr.
Potentate 2020

SHRINE SMILE

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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.

Shrine Center RENTAL SPACE AVAILABLE

- ~ Wedding Receptions ~
- ~ Communion ~
- ~ Birthday Parties ~
- ~ Fund Raisers ~
- ~ Meetings ~
- ~ Reunions ~
- ~ Shows ~

Contact
the Shrine Office

716-674-8666

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

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.

ISMAILIA LEGION OF HONOR

Ill Sir Edward Worden P.P. Commander

Good by August, welcome to September. The Shrine is starting to open and some of the upcoming events will be on hold.

The Legion of Honor will be at the Shrine Stated Session on September 9th as we all should. The Potentate will have times and dates for upcoming events.

The Legion of Honor meeting on Wednesday Sept 16th will be at Mandy's Restaurant on Clinton Street at 18:00 hours, Fezes are required. We had to change the date but the Past Commanders and Widows night will be in October – plan on attending.

In July we had a car show and a food drive. It was going along great until the rain came and put a damper on things. The recipients of the food drive were very happy. This group is called VALOR. A number of Legion members helped organized it. It may be a small group but it packs a great punch. The following explains VALOR better than I can and when finished reading, please help those that need our help. They are all Veterans of all wars. I would like to thank PC Noble Paul Rudnicki for all his help.

One of the unique characteristics of the members of the Ismailia Legion of Honor is that all of the Nobles who belong to the Legion have served honorably in the armed forces. Because of this bond to the military, Legion Nobles have always been strong supporters of organizations that help our veterans.

While there are many deserving veterans organizations, the group known as VALOR has always received strong support from the Legion of Honor. VALOR was formed in 1986 and its purpose is to help provide food for needy veterans and their families. Since its founding in 1986, VALOR has donated more than \$410,637.92 in cash and thousands of dollars in food to the Veterans Food Pantry. The Veterans Food Pantry is operated by Western New York Chapter 77 of the Vietnam Veterans of America. However, the Veterans Food Pantry is available to any veteran and his or her family that is in need regardless of age, branch of service or length of service.

VALOR is very proud of the fact that it operates with zero overhead. As a result, every dollar that is donated goes to help feed needy veterans and their families and nowhere else. At a time when you read of so-called organizations that assist veterans but have huge staffs and bloated salaries, VALOR believes that its track record is one of the reasons why the community has supported it so generously over the years.

The coronavirus pandemic resulted in an overwhelming demand for assistance from the Veterans Food Pantry due to so many veterans losing their employment. VALOR has been working hard to help the Veterans Food Pantry restock the shelves which had been emptied due to high demand.

VALOR is a New York Not-For-Profit Corporation and donations are tax deductible pursuant to Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. If you would like to make a donation to this worthy cause, please feel free to send a check to VALOR, 395 Reserve Road, West Seneca, New York 14224.

When our nation needed them, our veterans didn't hesitate to answer the call. By the same token, we should not hesitate to help those veterans and their families who are in need.

\$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. _____

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Please have the certificate read: _____

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

SHRINE DIRECTORS STAFF

Ill Sir George Herle P.P.

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday September 2, in the building or maybe in the shelter again, dinner as always at 6:00 pm. New members are always welcome as well as the old faithful. The corn-hole tournament was very well done and I think it has a very good future. Thank you to our members for helping with the food, lots of help made for a good time. At our last meeting it was decided that it would be a big risk to run the Comedy Show and we voted to cancel it this year and try for next year. The Russell's Raffle is still a go for this year and if you did not get your tickets be sure to see me. Try to sell a few more this year as we have lost a lot of money makers this year. Keep up with the Smile for all future events in the making. Stay safe and healthy.



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AILIANSI COURT No.12

Lady Cathie Turton, HP

Hello Ladies: Wonderful news! The Ladies Oriental Shrine will be holding our first meeting of the 2020-2021 year on September 1st at 1PM at the Ismailia Shrine Center. This year is the 100th Anniversary of Ailiamsi Court No.12 and I have been looking forward to starting my year as High Priestess. We will be planning an event to commemorate this achievement. I hope to see many of you at our meeting. Remember no lunch will be served and you must wear a mask.

TRAILER FOR SALE



Nobles: With my upcoming departure from NY I no longer have a need for my trailer that I used for transporting my go kart to parades. I wanted to offer it to Nobles before anyone else. The trailer is all aluminum construction and the dimensions inside the trailer sidewalls are 54" X 95". I would like to get \$700. If interested call my cell phone 585-993-4973.

Fraternally, Randy Hartwick

RISING STARS

Helping Our Patients Discover Their Potential and Believe in Their Dreams




Shriners Hospitals for Children® is committed to providing what we call wrap-around care. It means we maintain a family-centered approach and are concerned with our patients' overall health and well-being.

This can mean different things for different patients. It can include finding ways to help them play with their friends, enhance their education, enjoy a hobby and live more independently. The staff of Shriners Hospitals for Children is known for taking the time to listen to our patients and families, learning of both their medical needs, as well as their hopes and dreams.

First Lady Alice Smith believes that giving our patients every possible advantage and opportunity to achieve helps them to become **Rising Stars**, and she is dedicated to strengthening their incredible spirits and abilities, helping them to have full, satisfying and productive lives.

TREATING UNIQUE NEEDS
To help each child who comes to Shriners Hospitals for Children become as independent as possible, we often introduce and provide assistive devices, especially through our various therapy programs. We provide our patients with physical, occupational, speech and recreational therapy.

Assistive devices can range from items to help learn or regain the ability to walk, to computer-driven augmentations for those with speech difficulties, to items that help children learn to feed or dress themselves. Assistive devices also include mobility aids, such as crutches, walkers and wheelchairs. We can also customize the devices to fit the specific needs of individual patients. The **Rising Stars** fundraising program will support these efforts.

*The appropriate value of goods/services received is \$11.25 for bead, \$7 for star necklace, \$15 for regular tie, \$17 for long tie, \$12 for pre-tied bow tie and \$15 for self-tied bow tie. This amount is not tax deductible.

FIRST LADY ☆ ALICE SMITH
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August 24, 2020

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Dear Nobles,

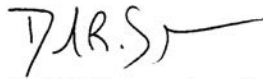
Thank you so much for your generous gift of \$500.00 given to Shriners Hospitals for Children®, for its Erie Location for Erie Gives Day. This gift will help touch the lives of countless children with orthopaedic conditions and other special health care needs.

During this time of national emergency, the health and safety of our patients, families, volunteers and staff is our top priority. With the evolving nature of the COVID-19 pandemic, we are closely monitoring updates and following state and federal recommendations to ensure our patients and family members are protected when visiting our facility.

Shriners Hospitals for Children provides specialized care to children with orthopaedic conditions, burns, spinal cord injuries, and cleft lip and palate, regardless of the families' ability to pay. Generally, care is provided until age 18, although, in some cases, it may be extended to age 21. All care and services are provided in a compassionate, family-centered environment. For more information, please visit shrinershospitalsforchildren.org.

If you need to reach us for any reason about your wonderful donation, please contact our donor development office at (814) 875-8781 or daschumacher@shrinenet.org.

Warm regards,



David R. Schumacher, CFRE
Development Officer

*Thank you so much!
Truly appreciate your
support this year.*

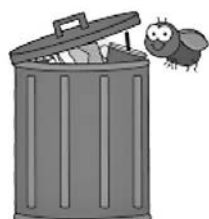
SHRINERS ON BIKES

The Shriners on Bikes members have been "out and about" riding, but without organized rides primarily due to the pandemic. For the benefit of all, we hope that the virus is soon under control.

Please watch for text messages from President Wor. Tom Koch.

Should you desire to receive texts, simply text Tom at 716-481-8374 and ask to be added to the SOB list.

In the meantime, keep safe both on the road and with your health.



CLEAN UP!

During all events it is imperative that all trash and garbage be properly disposed of in the dumpster or garbage receptacles when cleaning up at the end of the event. These efforts will reduce the probability of rodent and other infestation problems. Your cooperation will be greatly appreciated in this matter.

— Chief Rabban John Walkden

COMING EVENTS SEPTEMBER 2020

SEPTEMBER 1

Oasis/Divan
Board Meeting - 6:30 pm
Shrine Center

SEPTEMBER 2

Ailiamsi Meeting
11:00 am
Directors Meeting
6:00 pm
Shrine Center

SEPTEMBER 7

Labor Day
Shrine Center Closed

SEPTEMBER 9

Shrine Stated Session
7:00 pm
Shrine Center
Ailiamsi Nite Court Mtg
6:00 pm
Katherine Gugino's House

SEPTEMBER 16

D.O.N. Meeting
11:00 am
Shrine Center
Legion of Honor Meeting
6:00 pm
Mandy's Restaurant

SEPTEMBER 17

Ailiamsi Sunbeams Mtg.
11:30 am
Shrine Center

SEPTEMBER 20

Shrine Chicken BBQ
Noon – 4:30 pm
or Sold out
Drive Thru Only
Shrine Center

Arabian Oasis
Friday Night Happy Hour
4:00 - 8:00 pm

www.IsmailiaShriners.com



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.



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What's New in Erie!

Shriners Hospitals for Children patient earns athletic scholarship

Soccer, basketball, baseball, football, even plays, recitals, and concerts; younger siblings often spend a lot of time on the sidelines, waiting for practices and games to end. For one patient at Shriners Hospitals for Children — Erie, this time on the sidelines inspired him to run, regardless of the fact that he struggled to walk. Born with muscles and ligaments that were too tight, Joe walked on the insides of his ankles. His doctors said as he grew and his muscles and ligaments continued to tighten, walking would become harder and he eventually may not be able to do so without assistance.



Joe remembers one event in particular as a child that made him decide he wanted to run when he was older. "I was in first grade," said Joe, "we were at a varsity race and it was very muddy. It looked like so much fun!" Seeing all the runners covered head to toe in mud, Joe made up his mind that one day he was going to do that. After the race, the coach said to Joe, "I'll be here when you're ready." That meant the world to Joe and is something he always kept in the back of his mind.

Joe began receiving care at Shriners Hospitals for Children — Erie when he was just 5 years old. He wore casts for the first 8 weeks of this treatment and then moved on to leg braces. Joe wore braces for many years, followed by orthotics. He also had physical therapy, which helped him remain mobile and flexible and built up muscle in his legs. By the time Joe was in seventh grade he was running cross country. "My first goal in cross country was just to finish the race," said Joe. "I came in 20 minutes behind everyone else."

With a strong network of support through his family, coaches and his community, Joe grew faster and stronger. By his senior year of high school he was team captain for his cross country team. "My cross country coach always told me to believe in myself," said Joe. "All the support I had got me to where I am today."



Photo by Kevin Soles

Throughout high school Joe excelled at competitive swimming and today is a lifeguard at Presque Isle State Park. He will be attending Gannon University in the fall to study health sciences. He received a district 10 athletic scholarship to help with expenses. One student from each school in the district, nominated by the school's athletic director, is eligible to receive the scholarship. Joe hopes to become an orthopaedic surgeon one day because of his experience with the Erie Shriners Medical Center. He said he is so grateful for the staff at the medical center. "They put me on the path of doing everything I wanted to be able to do," he said.

Flexibility and Creativity Key in Securing Large Donation

In March 2020, David Schumacher, development officer, Shriners Hospitals for Children — Erie, received a phone call from Doug Mercier. David immediately recognized the name, as Doug's son, Justin, has played in the 24-Hour Children's Charity Cup hockey fundraiser the past two years in a row and even joined the event's planning committee in 2019. Although, Doug was not calling to talk hockey. He had something else on his mind.

Doug explained to David that when his father passed in 2017, he wanted to leave a very large cash gift to a regional school and another local charitable organization. Doug further explained that he and his mother decided that they wanted to leave a gift that would make an impact year after year and didn't want to just give a one-time gift.

David brainstormed with Shriners Hospitals for Children donor development leadership as well as The Erie Community Foundation, which has a mission to improve the quality of life for all in our region by evaluating and addressing community issues, by building permanent charitable endowments and by promoting philanthropic and community leadership. They decided that the best option for the Mercier Family would be a Donor Designated Fund (DDF).

David presented the information to the family and they were excited about the opportunity. Ultimately, they chose to support only SHC—Erie with the entire gift. When Nonie Mercier, currently 95 years young, passes away, SHC — Erie will receive around \$15,000 each year in perpetuity. What a great example of creating a plan to meet a donor's goals!

Erie Gives Day 2020

A big thank you to everyone who helped make this year's Erie Gives Day so successful! Shriners Hospitals for Children was able to raise \$117,186 and ranked #8 out of 422 non-profits in the Erie community that participated. There were 317 donors who contributed to that amount with their support this year, which is an increase of 66 donors over 2019.

Erie Gives Day is a one-day philanthropic event offered annually by The Erie Community Foundation. All gifts made and all pledges fulfilled on this day receive a prorated percentage match from a pool provided by The Erie Community Foundation and local sponsors.



Shriners Hospitals
for Children®—Erie

For additional information, contact:
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Recorder's Desk

Joe Hoerner, P.P.

Well here it is September already and things seem to be getting back to some kind of normal life but still with many different precautions we must still adhere to. We now can get together with many precautions needed but at least we can see each other even at a safe distance. September brings us closer to the fall season — seems like summer just got started and now it's just about over. With the fall season coming that means changes in the weather and the foliage will be changing colors. This is always a very colorful season and some relief from the heat although soon we will be wishing for the sunshine to warm things up. This also brings us back to operations at the Shrine Center. We will slowly be getting back to the normal operations of the Shrine Center beginning with our Shrine Stated Session on Wednesday September 9th at 7:00 pm. There will be no dinner and the Lounge area will not be opened. Please plan on attending this session as it will inform you as to the direction the Shrine Center will be going and to the financial situation of our Shrine Center. There is much to discuss and your input will be greatly appreciated. Shrine Clubs and units will be starting their monthly meetings but all must abide by the social distancing and other regulations in place. Please remember to wear your masks when gathering and the limitations of members attending. Also the Shrine will be holding another Chicken BBQ this month on September 20th and again it will be drive-through only. Our Sportsman Raffle has been changed to October 17th hoping that attendance requirements will be changed but we shall see. We can still sell tickets so if you haven't got yours yet you still have time to purchase one. As we navigate on into this year just remember another dues year is upon us so if you haven't paid your 2020 dues yet please due or you will be faced with two years dues shortly. Also remember those that have not paid their 2019 and 2020 dues by December 31, 2020 will be suspended January 1, 2021. So if you have questions or need help please call the Office. Well enough rambling on; stay safe and healthy and hope to see you around the Oasis sometime. Remember Friday Night Happy Hour is back in session.



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.



Be More, Help More Campaign

The **Be More, Help More** fundraiser was an instinctive response born from a desire to assist our temples as the COVID-19 pandemic abruptly disrupted temple business.

Shriners International leadership's sensitivity to the COVID-19 effect on individual nobles spurred the decision to direct the **Be More, Help More** fundraising request to temple life members. These committed nobles, who had previously settled their financial obligation to their temple, were in a unique position to contribute. Shriners International Headquarters coordinated staff time and talents and absorbed all associated costs so that 100% of the donations would be distributed to the temples.

We are pleased to report that donations in excess of \$42,000, directed by the donor to over 110 temples, were collected. The monies dispersed to the temples are earmarked for general operating expenses.

We celebrate the contributing temple life members, both known and unknown, with humble gratefulness for their swiftness to respond with a helping hand to their temples. This display of servant leadership during the midst of a tumultuous season speaks volumes about our fraternity.

Imperial Sir Jim Smith
Imperial Potentate

Imperial Sir Jeff Sowder
Junior Past Imperial Potentate

CLUB AND UNIT ELECTIONS AND REPORTS

John C. Piland, Executive Vice President

General Order No. 1 provides the following dates and deadlines for club and unit officer elections and reports.

- Elections of club and unit officers:
On or before October 31
- Club and unit secretaries to update records of presently elected officers:
On or before November 30
- Club and unit secretaries to update list of membership:
On or before December 31

It is important that temple leaders and Shriners International have a current and accurate list of club and unit leaders. However, the trajectory of the coronavirus pandemic, as well as laws and Grand Lodge edicts, may prevent those club and unit elections from being held. If that is the case, it is not a violation of General Order No. 1 to postpone those club and unit elections to a date where they can lawfully be held.

Pursuant to the bylaws of Shriners International, temple Potentates control clubs and units. In accordance with §336.1 and §337.3 of the bylaws, the temple Potentate has the authority to amend club or unit bylaws to provide: "Term of Office. All officers shall serve for a term of one year or until their successors are elected. Terms shall begin on _____ (e.g. November 1st)." This proposed change may be unnecessary with many club or unit bylaws. However, for those that don't have such a provision, this will permit officers that are currently serving to continue in their posts until such time as it is determined that elections can properly be held.

The situations that exist in various parts of the world do not permit a one-size fits all approach to this question. The decision of when club and unit elections can be held is properly handled by club or unit officers and the temple Potentate.

Summary

If club and unit elections can be held, they should be held. If it is not proper to hold the elections, they should be postponed until those elections can properly be held. In the meantime, current officers should continue to serve until their successors are elected.

Temple Potentates can amend the club and unit bylaws to permit officers to serve until their successors are elected.

If elections are held, the names and contact information for the newly elected officers should be immediately entered into WebFez or provided to the Temple Recorder and the updated list of club/unit members for the ensuing year should be entered into WebFez or provided to the Temple Recorder.

Thank you for your service to the Shrine during this uniquely difficult period.

To All Ismailia Shriners and Their Ladies

I am writing this as I've been pondering about this for some time now and decided to speak my piece. I am very proud to be part of the Ismailia Shrine Family, enjoying helping in any way I can to make events prosper. The many friendships and most of all the fact that we as Shriners are fortunate to be able to bring a little sunshine into the lives of many children.

Our goal is to earn money through a variety of activities and events of all sorts to benefit the children and also to keep our Shrine Center in the black.

My feeling on this is there are many, many Shriners, but only a small number show up to support whatever is going on. Some people do the work, some people do the cleaning up, some people making an effort to make the Shrine a successful happy place. I know there are hundreds of Ismailia Shriners in our Shrine Center, but for whatever reason they choose not to participate so therefore burn out the ones that do all the work. I challenge all Ismailia Shriners who are able to come together to work, play and enjoy each others company. Remember the reasons why you joined our Temple in the first place. Many hands working together make the chore not so difficult and even fun.

If we all come together our Shrine Center will grow and prosper once again. Our Shrine Center needs YOU!!

Thank you for letting me speak my mind!

Noble Ronald Bigger, High Priest & Prophet

GREETINGS AND NILE SMILES FROM ATHOR TEMPLE No. 19 DAUGHTERS OF THE NILE

Princess Jen Mazur, Publicity

Athor Temple No. 19 is excited to announce a visit with our Supreme Queen Heather Krastins-Lambert on Saturday, October 3, 2020. Supreme Queen Heather's visit will be held at the Ismailia Shrine Center with a luncheon and Ceremonial. More details will be available as we get closer to the date, as there are still some uncertainties caused by Covid restrictions. Please save the date and join us to honor Supreme Queen Heather!

As restrictions are being lifted, we are looking forward to gathering, once again, in fellowship and service. Our officers are watching guidelines and are beginning to plan for when we can be together again.

Ladies who are interested in helping some very special children and become a part of something exciting are invited to explore 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 us 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!

MERIDIAN SUN

Ed Draves, Chapter Dad

After discussing it with Advisory Council Chairman Dad Walther, Covid Advisor Mom Draves and getting input from the State Representative, we have made the decision to postpone our annual EPICnic and change it to a Halloween event. This is a child safety issue as well as a "best practice for fun". We would not have been able to mingle, play many games or properly welcome prospects.

Now we will be able to see how our schools, Lodges and Churches are doing things!! We can plan an amazing Halloween event...an event that "SCREAMS" for great masks!!!! Our Fun Event night in October is Monday the 26th.

We have a "Comzoomication" Monday August 10th...we can start planning then. Again, we welcome input (help) from all – contact me for Zoom Details. Miss Whipkey- Cassiopeia Triangle is more than welcome to partner in this.

If you're thinking "wow that is good news – a Halloween party!!" ...that wasn't the good news, it gets better. Another Ridge Council Advisor "Dad" Robin Honeycutt, has offered to help us out. He is (along with Mom Draves) our "Covid Advisor" - making our events safe and he will be helping with "Chapter Growth"; Dad RW Newton – he wants to connect with you.

Editorial Without Words Statue and Memorial Wall

Ismailia Shriners is looking to add another Memorial Wall to the present Editorial Without Words Statue and Memorial Wall. Bricks will be available honoring Nobles, Family, and Friends who support our Shrine Philanthropy with their time, talents and treasures.

To create a memorial brick, please complete the form below and return it with your check of \$250.00 payable to The Silent Messenger Fund and mail to: Ismailia Shriners, 1600 Southwestern Blvd, West Seneca, New York 14224.

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IN MEMORIAM

Deaths through August 22, 2020

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
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2317	William G. Key	Dec. 14, 1971	June 21, 2020
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4756	Norman J. Wehrung	June 7, 1969	August 15, 2020
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INTRODUCING OUR 2020-2021 NATIONAL PATIENT AMBASSADORS: THE STORIES OF CONNOR AND MIA



Every year, Shriners Hospitals for Children® selects two National Patient Ambassadors to represent the health care system's patients. The ambassadors spend the year sharing their stories of perseverance in the face of adversity and the ways Shriners Hospitals for Children has made a dramatic difference in their lives. Introducing our two new Ambassadors:

CONNOR
 Connor, 14, was born with a bilateral incomplete cleft lip and complete cleft palate involving the hard and soft palate. As a newborn, his condition was so severe that he was even unable to create the suction needed to feed. By the time he was 3 weeks old, he was failing to gain weight and was about to be admitted to a hospital. That's when Connor's family learned about Shriners Hospitals for Children — Chicago.

There, his RN care coordinator gave his mother, Kelly, a special syringe, making it possible for her to finally feed her baby. And from that moment, Connor began an extensive treatment plan of surgeries and interventions that extends until he is 21, so that some repairs can be made after he has stopped growing.

Connor's condition affects not only his teeth and his ability to eat, but also his speech, hearing, and social and emotional well-being. In addition, Connor has a connective tissue disorder that eventually made it difficult for the active teen to participate in contact sports.

Still, Connor's can-do spirit and supportive family have helped him to find many ways to pursue his passions. Connor umpires for youth baseball, acts as a physical education mentor for other kids with disabilities at his school, and is an advocate and community volunteer. But most of all, Connor is a golfer. He maintains a busy training schedule and hopes to one day become a pro. And with his family, Connor is part of a large local annual fundraiser, a golf tournament that has over the years raised more than \$200,000 for Shriners Hospitals for Children.

"I just want to use my time as a National Patient Ambassador to help other kids," Connor said. "I want kids to know that no matter what they look like, or how they walk, or what makes them different — that they shouldn't let anyone else make them feel bad. I want to help other kids feel good about themselves and their differences. I'm excited to make an impact on other Shriners kids' lives and spread awareness about our amazing hospitals and Shriners."

MIA
 Mia, 16, was born with a severe case of infantile idiopathic scoliosis. Her journey with Shriners Hospitals for Children began when she was 2, when she was first seen at the St. Louis location. Mia's treatments have included halo traction to gradually straighten and stretch her spine, as well as nearly 20 surgeries.

During her extensive time in the hospital, Mia and her care team developed a tight bond, and Mia considers the people she knows at Shriners Hospitals — her doctors, nurses, therapists, and even the security guard — family. She has served as a patient ambassador for Shriners Hospitals for Children — St. Louis since she was 4 and has spoken to numerous audiences on behalf of the hospital. She has also appeared in promotional videos and media interviews. Mia's passion is theater and singing, and she was featured singing *I'll Be Home for Christmas* in our holiday commercials. Mia is also part of the Shriners children's choir that performed in a recent recording of Foreigner's hit song *I Want to Know What Love Is*.

"I am so honored to be in this position," Mia said. "For as long as I can remember, I have always loved Shriners Hospitals. Not just because of the life it has given me, but the real love that comes from it. This community consists of the best people, and it truly makes my heart soar to know I'm a large part of it. It makes me proud to know that I will be giving back to a hospital that not only gave me a normal life but is a second home for myself and my family."

We congratulate Connor and Mia, and thank them for their willingness to represent Shriners Hospitals for Children and share their stories.

To learn more about Shriners Hospitals for Children, please visit shrinershospitalforchildren.org.



Dear Fellow Nobles: The world has become a much smaller place. Shriners Hospitals for Children® has a global reputation for compassion and excellence, and continues to expand its efforts to reach as many children who may need the services of our unique health care system, regardless of where they live.

We have implemented an international strategic plan that will help us serve the children of the world more effectively and efficiently, and closer to their homes. Under the direction of Marjorie McEtrick-Maloney, RN, BSN, MPA/H, our chief nursing officer, and with guidance from a consultant, this plan streamlines our international services, and includes initiatives for many parts of the world, including Brazil, the Philippines, Canada and Mexico. Today, I would like to share some exciting developments in our strategy for the children of Mexico.

Shriners Hospitals has had a presence in Tijuana, Mexico, for many years. From 1998 to 2012, we held outreach clinics at Hospital Infantil de las Californias (HIC). In 2012, we opened an ambulatory clinic adjacent to HIC. We recently moved our clinic to within Hospital Angeles in Tijuana in order to provide additional services, including inpatient and more complex surgical treatments. Today, that clinic, which is under the direction of our Pasadena, California, location, serves more than 10,000 children annually, providing orthopaedic surgical care and outpatient clinic visits, including orthotics and prosthetics services.

Based on our desire to increase our presence in Mexico, and the success of our clinic in Tijuana, we are pursuing discussions with Hospital Angeles officials to establish similar clinics at their locations in Guadalajara, Monterrey and Juarez, Mexico. If these clinics also are successful and meet our goals of reaching and caring for the children who need our expertise, we will have additional conversations with a goal of further expanding these efforts. Hospital Angeles has approximately 30 locations throughout Mexico, which could provide an opportunity for Shriners Hospitals to establish a network of affiliated clinics.

Obviously, there will be many details to work out, from staffing to space allotments, but the possibilities are tremendous — and fit well with the mission and goals of Shriners Hospitals for Children, especially as we seek to increase our affiliations and access points in order to reach and treat more children effectively, efficiently and closer to their homes.

An important part of our international strategic plan is including educational programs for local medical professionals in our outreach efforts. Ultimately, this will allow more children to receive care in their home countries, rather than needing to travel to the U.S. for care. Of course, we will always refer children to our facilities if that is the best course of action for them.

These are especially challenging times, as we work within the restrictions caused by the pandemic, but they are also exciting times with great promise for the future of our unique, compassionate health care system.

I look forward to sharing information about our strategic plans for other international locations in the future.

Thank you for all you do to support Shriners International and Shriners Hospitals for Children. *Yours in the faith, Jerry G. Gantt — Chairman, Board of Trustees, Shriners Hospitals for Children*

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