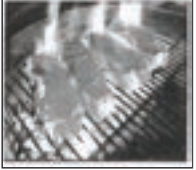


## MARCH 2021



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# Food Drive



## DONATION

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WNY Valor and Friends of Night People will also accept monetary donations.

**Saturday March 13th, 2021**  
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## THE POTENTATE'S MESSAGE



John F. Walkden  
Potentate 2021

Our Friday Happy Hours are in full swing. Bertie Caldwell treated us with her homemade Lasagna. It was a great special treat. Our Lenten Fish Fries have been going well with the great support of the Ismailia Shrine men cooking and the Ismailia Shrine women making up the side dishes, waiting tables and preparing the plates for our customers. Take a look at the beautiful baskets outside of the dining room when you come for Happy Hour. Sheets of tickets are available \$5 each or 5 for \$20. We will be drawing numbers the Thursday before Good Friday and posting the winners. Good Luck. Many thanks to the many people who contributed baskets and helped put baskets together. Without you this event to support our Shrine would not be possible.

It is nice to know that we can once again gather at 50% capacity. Observing social distancing, masks and sanitizing guidelines.

Special thanks to Richard Mix and Greg Wolff for their continued

efforts at our Shrine. Cleaning of the stainless steel on the kitchen stoves and replacing the fan motors on the stove hoods has really made a difference.

The Divan went to Lockport Shrine Club at their Lodge on Saturday, February 13th. We shared a great breakfast and installed their Officers.

Our heating systems are now fully functioning due to the cooperative efforts of Dave Cammarano and Gary Crewson. Everyone should be comfortable now throughout the winter months.

Hopefully you have all purchased your Virtual Meat/Grocery Raffle Tickets. The event will be held March 10th. Tickets are still available.

Our Legion of Honor had their meeting during our Ash Wednesday Fish Fry. Joseph Hoerner P.P. was honored for his longtime support with a Lifetime Membership.

Hoping this finds you all well and observing the very important safety guidelines essential for this time.

John Walkden  
Potentate 2021

# SHRINE SMILE

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### Just a Quick Reminder...

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### NOTICE TO ALL MEMBERS ISMAILIA SHRINERS!

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### SHRINE OFFICE HOURS

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## A MESSAGE FROM FIRST LADY JAN WALKDEN

It is hard to believe that February is almost over and we are heading full force into March. Now that we are beginning to open up the months of March and April will be very busy. Our first "Virtual Meat Raffle" will be Wednesday March 10th. We have an ongoing Basket Raffle commencing outside of our Oasis. Tickets are available \$5 per sheet or 5 for \$20. The drawing will be the Thursday before Good Friday and winner will be posted that Friday. This is an event to support our Ismailia Shrine. Special thanks to ladies who helped construct baskets and those who donated baskets.


Our Lenten Fish Fries have been a great success. Our Shrine men have manned the fryers while the Shrine ladies prepared salads, took orders, prepared plates and graciously served our customers. We can always use another set of hands if you would like to help. Many hands make the work light. The cooperative efforts of those working makes it an enjoyable process.

Do not forget to order your Shrine shirt for 2021. The royal blue color is very rich looking. Many styles are available to hopefully fit everyone's taste. Wende Applewhite does a great job with the embroidery.

Please remember to wear your mask when entering the building. Hand sanitizers are available throughout the building along with disinfectant spray bottles. We need to work together to keep each other safe.

Hope to see you all soon. If you have any suggestions to help our Shrine please contact John or myself. Be safe and Happy St. Patrick's Day!!!!

Jan Walkden  
First Lady 2021



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## SHRINE DIRECTORS STAFF

*Ill Sir George Herle P.P.*

Once again there is not much to report. The Directors have not met this year yet. Noble Director Carl will be sending out cards for a date which he hopes will work out for all. The Shrine could use our support in this dark time. Don't forget about the Friday Nite Fish Frys during Lent. They are well worth the price and it's a start at getting back to some kind of normality.

Believe it or not 2021 dues are due so don't forget about that. Stay healthy and safe and hope to see you all soon.

## Food and Clothing Drive

Nobles,

On March 13, 2021 Ismailia Shriners in conjunction with West Seneca Lodge #1111 will be having a food and clothing drive to benefit ValorWNY (VALOR WNY is a organization whose sole mission is to provide food for needy veterans and their family) and Friends of the Night People (Friends of Night People is a charitable organization that helps the poor, homeless and destitute in Buffalo, New York. They provide food, clothing, medical care, counseling and hope to those in need). The drive will be located at the Shrine Center. We are seeking food donations as well as gently used clothing – one of the biggest things friends of the night needs is new underwear and socks. All food donations will be divided between both organizations and all clothing will go to Friends of the Night. Monetary donations will also be split between both organizations unless a check is made out directly to one or the other. If you feel like making a monetary donation but will not be able to come on March 13, please feel free to paypal or venmo me directly or send a check to the shrine, my info is below.

Paypal- mikensuel022@gmail.com – Venmo - Michael-Ferraro-75

Organization links: [www.valorwny.org](http://www.valorwny.org)

<https://friendsofnightpeople.com>

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Noble Michael Ferraro, Ismailia Shriners – High Priest & Prophet

## COMING EVENTS MARCH 2021

**MARCH 3**  
Ailiamsi Meeting - Noon  
Directors Meeting - 6 pm  
Shrine Center

**MARCH 4**  
Nile Sewing - 10:30 am  
Shrine Center

**MARCH 5**  
Oasis Lenten Fish Fry  
5 - 8 pm  
Shrine Center

**MARCH 8**  
Meridian Sun DeMolay Meeting - 7:30 pm  
Shrine Center

**MARCH 9**  
Gowanda Shrine Club Meeting - Noon  
Gowanda, NY

**MARCH 10**  
Oasis/Divan Mtg.  
6:30 pm  
Ismailia Shrine Virtual Meat Raffle - 7:30 pm  
Shrine Center

**MARCH 11**  
Ailiamsi Ways & Means Mtg. - 10:30 am  
Shrine Center

**MARCH 12**  
Oasis Lenten Fish Fry  
5 - 8 pm  
Shrine Center

**MARCH 13**  
Lockport Shrine Club Meeting - 9 am  
Lockport NY  
Shrine/Masonic Food Drive  
10 am - 2 pm  
Shrine Center

**MARCH 17**  
D.O.N. Mtg. - 11:30 am  
LOH Meeting - 6 pm

**MARCH 18**  
Ailiamsi Sunbeams Mtg.  
11:30 am  
Shrine Center

**MARCH 19**  
Oasis Lenten Fish Fry  
5 - 8 pm  
Shrine Center

**MARCH 20**  
Ailiamsi Installation - 2 pm  
Shrine Center

**MARCH 24**  
Southtown Nile Club Meeting - Noon  
Shrine Center

**MARCH 25**  
Allegheny S.C. Mtg. - 6 pm  
Northtown Nile Mtg. - Noon

**MARCH 26**  
Oasis Lenten Fish Fry  
5 - 8 pm  
Shrine Center

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

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[www.IsmailiaShriners.com](http://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 2021 officers and contact info; if you have that info please email it to Joe Hoerner at [Ismailia37@Verizon.net](mailto: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](mailto:NobleFerraro@gmail.com) at least 3 weeks prior to your event.

### Lenten fish fry started at the Shrine on Wednesday February 17 and continues every Friday thereafter through April 2 from 5-8 pm.

Come and enjoy a delicious meal for only \$12.00. The meal includes beer battered, baked Cajun, lemon pepper, or plain fish, french fries, coleslaw, macaroni salad, and bread with butter.

We are also looking for volunteers to help serve, bus tables, do dishes, and clean up.

Thanks for your time,  
Noble Michael Ferraro  
Ismailia Shriners  
High Priest and Prophet  
716-266-5549



## SHRINERS ON BIKES



Like the bears living in Erie County, the Shriners on Bikes are hibernating, hopefully to soon be awakened and as grumpy as ever.

The S.O.B.s, as we are referred to, is a social club whose members share in the love of motorcycles. You do NOT have to own a motorcycle to join. You do have to be a Shriner in good standing. At our dinner meetings, we order off the menu and everyone pays their own bill. Significant others are welcome and our ladies enjoy the night out.

Remember to like us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/Shrinersonbikes/> or email our president Tom Koch [thomas@stoneartmemorial.com](mailto:thomas@stoneartmemorial.com) if you would like to join, visit, or just be added to our mailing and group text.

Be safe out there!

## LEGION OF HONOR

*Ill Sir Edward Worden P.P., Commander 2021*

The Legion is now back to meeting again. The Oasis had its Ash Wednesday Fish Fry dinner and the Legion was there to support and it was great to see such a nice turnout to support these dinners. Oh yes the food was excellent, the service was great – all in all a good night. It was a win win for us, the Shrine and everyone that attended. We will do it again. The highlight of the evening was when the Legion of Honor presented P.C. Ill Sir Joe Hoerner P.P. with a Life Membership to the Legion of Honor. It was a great award and well appreciated by Ill Sir Joe P.P.

The Legion in conjunction with West Seneca Masonic Lodge 1111, the Shrine and the Masonic community will be hosting a Food drive on Saturday March 13th from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm for the benefit of Valor and Friends of the Night People. Please come out and support this worthy cause. There may be a surprise for those bring the most food. All things must be non-perishable.

The Legion will hold its next meeting on Wednesday March 17th at 6:00 pm. This will be a dinner meeting and reservations are of utmost importance. Please call Roger Huff with reservations by March 12th.

Remember it's an Honor to belong to the Legion of Honor. Stay safe and healthy.



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## A MESSAGE FROM THE OASIS

*John F. Walkden, Oasis President*

Be sure to stop in at the Shrine every Friday during Lent for our famous fish fries. We also have shrimp dinners as well as chicken wings, hot dogs and hamburgers. We are trying to keep the prices low so you come here instead of going there!

After Lent, the Oasis will be open the first and third Fridays of each month. If you are looking for a little exercise, we are always looking for volunteers to serve, wash dishes, help out in the kitchen, etc.

## MASON'S STORY: AN ALL-STAR ON AND OFF THE FIELD



Eighteen-year-old Mason from Lebanon, New Hampshire, has been a patient at Shriners Hospital in Springfield, MA since he was one.

Born without a left forearm and hand, Mason has received more than a dozen prostheses through the efforts of the hospital's

orthotics and prosthetics department and medical staff. As a baby, the devices helped him balance so he could stand and learn to walk. As a child, they helped him grasp every opportunity to explore his world at home and school and excel in multiple sports. By high school, Mason was a three-sport varsity athlete, competing in football, ice hockey and baseball.

On the ice, a customized prosthetic arm that attached to his hockey stick, gave Mason enhanced grip and flexibility. "I noticed an improvement right away in my ability to shoot and pass," said Mason. "I had a whole new confidence. It was a complete game changer for me."

On the football field, Mason's talents as an offensive lineman were recognized when he was selected to play in the 2020 Shrine Maple Sugar Bowl, an all-star football game that features high school senior standouts from Vermont and New Hampshire teams and raises money for the Shriners Hospitals located in Springfield, Boston and Montreal. It was a dream come true. Unfortunately, the COVID-19 pandemic required the game to be cancelled. "I was devastated when I first heard the news," said Mason. "But, I quickly turned my focus to helping the hospital that has done so much for me." He independently raised over \$1,600. Now a freshman at Southern New Hampshire University where he is majoring in sports management and aspires to one day be a professional coach, Mason still plays ice hockey and is trying to organize a rugby team.

The Springfield Shriners Hospital recently outfitted Mason with a custom attachment for his prosthesis that will enable him to lift heavier weights in the weight room.

"Shriners Hospital has helped me have these opportunities in life," said Mason. "I am so grateful."

## Recorder's Desk

*Joe Hoerner, P.P.*

Here comes March which means that we can look forward to some warmer weather. However this is Western New York and anything can happen until as they say after St. Patrick's Day. Some things have not changed – do you realize that it has been almost one year now that this pandemic has changed our lives and how we do things. We are still under restrictions with holding events and enjoying one's company. Some things have eased up but not by much. March will bring us to some kind of normality. We will be able to have our Lenten Fish Fry's on Friday evenings at the Oasis and get together with limited groups. We are still required to wear masks and keep up with social distancing. The Arabian Oasis Lenten Fish Fry's seem to be working out very well. We appreciate all the support in making these events successful. It does require a lot of work and everyone's help is much appreciated. If you can donate some time and volunteer to help out on a Friday night, just get hold of C.R. Noble Dennis Caldwell and he would appreciate your help. We also look forward to our Clubs and Units getting back to some routine that has been missing for a long time. It sure would be nice to see some kind of activity at the Shrine Center. Our Ladies groups are looking forward to starting a new year and support our Shriners Hospitals for Children as they have in the past and do an excellent job at it.

March will bring us our first virtual Shrine Meat Raffle. This should be very interesting to see how this will work out – so far there has been much enthusiasm and appeal. As you all know our Spring Meat Raffles are a huge success and a lot of fun and attended by many. This event will be March 10th and will be done on Facebook. We will also be having a Food Drive at the Shrine Center on March 13th at 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. This will be done in conjunction with the Masonic Erie District with the Shrine Center and West Seneca Lodge 1111 heading the event and both supporting their communities. The Shrine will be collecting for Valor and the Lodges for Friends of the Night people – both organizations need much help in these trying times. So bring all your non-perishable food items and packaged clothing items such as socks and gloves which are much needed items. Of course monetary items are also welcomed. So bring your items to help support these organizations.

Okay, that's about it for now but watch the *Smile* for any upcoming events and future news. Stay healthy, stay safe and take care of one another.



**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*

Greetings from Athor Temple No. 19, Daughters of the Nile. As our thoughts turn to Spring and welcoming a new season, Queen Barbara has some reminders for our members. We will gather for sewing at the Ismailia Shrine Center on Thursday, March 4 at 10:30 am. Materials are being prepared for several future events. Join us for some fun and fellowship. As always, wear a mask and be prepared to follow other guidelines that will allow us to meet.

March is a busy time for our Temple. Our Stated Session will be held on Wednesday, March 17, 2021, at the Ismailia Shrine Center. We will have our session at 11:00 a.m. and it will be Election of Officers. Ladies are reminded to be sure your dues for 2021 have been paid. If you have any questions about your dues, please contact Princess Recorder, Sheryl Mesavage at (716) 692-4213. At our Session, the drawing for the hand-made crocheted sunflower afghan will be held. If you would like to purchase tickets, please contact Princess Recorder, Sheryl Mesavage. If changes need to be made for March 17, you will be notified by e-mail and phone!

The Installation of Officers of Athor Temple No. 19, Daughter of the Nile will take place on Saturday, April 10, 2021, at the Ismailia Shrine Center. More details will be announced in our *Athor Articles* newsletter. Masks will be necessary and other guidelines will also be followed so that we may all stay safe and healthy!

Daughters of the Nile is an organization of women who enjoy fellowship and have fun earning money and helping to support the very special children who are served by Shriners hospitals. We enjoy being together and are always interested in welcoming new members. If you would like more information about our organization, please contact PQ Donna Donner, (716) 839-4307, PQ Iris Reese, (716) 834-9074, PQ Marilyn Mills, (716) 698-8041, or Princess Recorder, Sheryl Mesavage. We have lots of Nile smiles and hugs to share!



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## In Memoriam

Deaths through February 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
2964	Homer A. Meekins	June 5, 1976	Aug. 8, 2018
3895	Eugene J. Schauman	Dec. 17, 1968	Oct. 20, 2018
5818	Glenn E. Bloss Jr.	Feb. 27, 1996	July 9, 2020
5869	John H. Siggins II	May 31, 1997	July 30, 2020
543	Kenneth Bruner	June 5, 1976	Aug. 27, 2020
3342	Murvel E. Ostrander	June 5, 1965	Oct. 16, 2020
6641	Michael P. Walsh	May 9, 2012	Jan. 18, 2021
201	Walter R. Barker Jr.	Oct. 28, 1978	Jan. 20, 2021
6035	Richard L. Fisher	March 30, 2003	Feb. 1, 2021
1240	Jerome E. Erickson	Oct. 28, 1978	Feb. 3, 2021
6363	Michael A. Cap	Oct. 11, 2008	Feb. 16, 2021

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 tomorrow.

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Who do you know that would make a good Shrine Mason?



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**A Message from Imperial Potentate Imperial Sir Jim Smith and First Lady Alice regarding their Danube River Cruise in 2021**



Dear Fellow Nobles, Family, Friends and Supporters of Shriners International worldwide, First Lady Alice and I appreciate that some of you may have been somewhat apprehensive about joining us on this exciting River Cruise - BUT now it's time to think ahead in a much more positive manner and get back to some good old Shriner Fun and Camaraderie...

Vaccines have not only been approved, they are also actively being administered in the U.S., Canada, Mexico, Europe and many other countries around the globe which is great news.

Our River Cruise from Prague to Budapest is still some 10 months away, and we look forward to welcoming you on this exciting adventure.

Our "private charter" departs on October 8 and returns October 18, 2021. We first fly to Prague, and then spend the next two nights in this vibrant capital city of the Czech Republic. Then we board the elegant Avalon Envision ... what a beauty! It will be our very own "private charter" with only 80 staterooms available.

We embark from Deggendorf, Germany, with ports of call in Passau, Germany; Linz, Austria; Vienna, Austria; Hainburg, Austria, and finally arrive in Budapest, Hungary ... what a beautiful adventure. For your peace of mind, we asked ABS Travel Group to include everything in one price, so the only extras would be of a personal nature and entirely of your choosing - you can rest assured that Medical Trip Cancellation Insurance is also included with the option to upgrade to "Cancel for Any Reason" Insurance.

For more information on this exciting event, please contact the Tour Organizers/Tour Escorts listed below. We look forward to our trip immensely and hope to see you onboard!

Yours in the faith, Jim Smith  
 Imperial Potentate  
 Shriners International

Visit ABS Travel Group Inc. at  
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## Fezcast

RESOURCES FOR SHRINERS TO SHARE

### Happy Birthday to Our Imperial Potentate!

On Tuesday, March 2, we need your help celebrating our Imperial Potentate's birthday! Imperial Sir Jim Smith's special day just happens to coincide with Texas Independence Day, a holiday honoring Jim's home state.

We ask that you take to social media posting shout outs, Texas photos and birthday wishes using the hashtags #ShrineTexans and #HappyBirthdayJim. We also encourage you to send messages of support to the Texans who experienced hardship as a result of recent devastating winter storms.

Happy Birthday Imperial Sir!

### Viral Video Challenge Supports Shriners Hospitals

Ms. Sutherland, as she's known on TikTok, is a fourth grade teacher in Northern California who had a fun idea for a learning opportunity for her students. After her social media account gained some traction, she used her popularity to challenge celebrities to give shout-outs to her students. Actor Jack Black accepted her offer, and within 24 hours, Ms. Sutherland had more than 1 million TikTok followers!

Ms. Sutherland decided to use this attention for good and came up with a new challenge to raise money for charity.

"All of these people are giving so much positivity to you, that it's important we give that back to the world," Sutherland told her students. After some research, the class decided that they wanted Shriners Hospitals for Children — Northern California as their beneficiary.

The initial fundraising goal was quickly met through a \$1,000 donation by celebrity skateboarder Tony Hawk. The class increased their goal to \$10,000, and as donations from around the world started pouring in, they set the final fundraising goal of \$50,000. Ms. Sutherland promised her class that if the goal was met the students could slime her.

Illustrious Sir Jonathan Duley, Past Potentate of Saladin Shriners in Grand Rapids, Michigan, and an elementary school principal, learned about the challenge on social media. When he saw that the class was short of their \$50,000 goal, he and the officers of Saladin decided to step in and help. On a Zoom call in late January, he presented Ms. Sutherland and her students with a \$20,230 check that helped them meet their goal.

"In a year of constant hurt, darkness and despair, Ms. Sutherland and her fourth grade class shined brightly for our kids in our hospitals," said Duley. "Saladin Shriners are unbelievably proud to be part of this story, and we look forward to joining with Ms. Sutherland and her class again soon to support Shriners Hospitals for Children."

The students were ecstatic to reach their fundraising goal and now have the opportunity to slime their teacher. Stay tuned!

MARCH ♦ 2021						
Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 Ailliamsi Mtg. Noon Directors Mtg. 6 pm	4 Nile Sewing 10:30 am	5 Friday Night Happy Hour 4 - 8 pm Lenten Fish Fry 5 - 8 pm	6
7	8	9 Gowanda S.C. Mtg. 11 am	10 Oasis/Divan Mtg. 6:30 pm Shrine Virtual Meat Raffle 7:30 pm	11 Ailliamsi Ways & Means Mtg. 10:30 am	12 Friday Night Happy Hour 4 - 8 pm Lenten Fish Fry 5 - 8 pm	13 Lockport S.C. Mtg. 9 am Shrine/Mason Food Drive 10 am
14	15	16	17 Nile Mtg. 11 am LOH Mtg. 6 pm St. Patrick's Day	18 Ailliamsi Sunbeams Mtg. 11 am	19 Friday Night Happy Hour 4 - 8 pm Lenten Fish Fry 5 - 8 pm	20 Ailliamsi Installation 2 pm
21	22	23	24 Southtown Nile 11 am	25 Allegany S.C. Mtg. 6 pm Northtown Nile Mtg. Noon	26 Friday Night Happy Hour 4 - 8 pm Lenten Fish Fry 5 - 8 pm	27
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APRIL ♦ 2021						
Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
				1	2 Friday Night Happy Hour 4 - 8 pm Lenten Fish Fry 5 - 8 pm Good Friday	3
4 Shrine Closed Easter Sunday	5	6	7 Ailliamsi Mtg. 11 am Directors Mtg. 6 pm	8 Ailliamsi Ways & Means Mtg. 10:30 am	9	10 Lockport SC Mtg. 9 am Nile Installation 11 am
11 R-C Aircraft Show 9 am	12 Gowanda S.C. Mtg. 11 am	13	14 Past High's Mtg. 10:30 am Oasis/Divan Mtg. 6:30 pm	15 Ailliamsi Sunbeams Mtg. 11 am Tax Day	16 Friday Night Happy Hour 4 - 8 pm	17
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