

FEBRUARY 2025

You are cordially and fraternally invited  
to attend the

## Ismailia Shrine – Legion of Honor “Passing of the Gavel”

Honoring

Outgoing Commander: Douglas Foss  
Incoming Commander: William Adam

At the Ismailia Shrine Center

1600 Southwestern Blvd., West Seneca, NY 14226

**8 February 2025**

1300-1600

- 1300 Cocktail Reception with Open Bar
- 1400 Opening Ceremony
- 1415 Dinner
- 1500 Installation of Officers
- 1600 Closing

Formal Attire (with decorations), or Uniform

Cost: \$40 per person

RSVP to: Roger Huff at 716-352-6074 or  
[roger1548@verizon.net](mailto:roger1548@verizon.net)

By 5 February, 2025

Your check is your confirmed reservation



Ismailia Shriners  
Chicken BBQ

**Sun, Feb. 16, 2025**

12:00 – 4:00 pm Or Sold Out

**\$15.00**

1600 Southwestern Blvd  
West Seneca, NY 14224

Get your tickets early \*\* Call for presale tickets  
716-674-8666

**Eat In or Take Out**

**All Presale - pick-up by 3:00 pm**

## ISMAILIA SHRINE Annual Meat Raffle



Date: February 22, 2025

Time: 7:00 pm

At Ismailia Shrine 1600 Southwestern Blvd.  
Doors Open at 5:30 pm

Includes Beer, Pop, and Sandwiches

**Presale Tickets Only \$10.00<sup>pp</sup>**

No walk-ins – Seating limited to 300  
Table reservations of 8 are available

Includes entrance in the

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Meat Raffle Spin tickets are now \$2.00

Wheelchair accessible

Tickets are now available in Shrine office.

Call 716-674-8666

## A MESSAGE FROM THE POTENTATE



James A. Mirusso  
Potentate 2025

Hello Nobles, ladies, and families, it's that time of year again where weather is a concern to all of us here in WNY. This cold and some of these snows have not been seen in a few years. The lake may freeze for the first time in quite a while. That having been said, we have had an occurrence where we closed the office early or didn't open one day, at all. It is always good to check before heading out to Ismailia as the weather by your house may be completely different than that 3-4 miles away. Be weather safe and use caution everyone.

The Installation of Officers was January 11th, and it was a nice afternoon event. Many braved the cold weather and joined us. I'd like to thank Divan members from

Damascus in Rochester for making the trip. It was great to see members of the Allegheny Shrine club make the trip as well. A big thank you to Judy Murdoch, Janet Lachut and Jan Freund for their assistance with making the event go off smoothly; their help was gratefully appreciated. Thank you to Noble Dave Cammarano, again, bartender extraordinaire. It was great to hear the wise words of MW RJ Kessler as our guest speaker; thank you for your support Grand Master. And finally, our faithful, diligent director of the event P.P. Dan Walther, as master of ceremonies.

January and February are a little quiet this year, but we will be getting very active very soon around Ismailia. We will have a Feztival of Trees recap of 2024 and a strategic planning session of the 2025 Feztival on Feb. 6th at 6pm. The Legion of Honor will have its passing of the Gavel February 8th and P.P. Ill. Sir Bill Adam will

be installed as Commander; see their article for details. The Nile has bingo on Saturday the 15th. The Famous Ismailia Meat Raffle is on February 22nd; this is one of the premier events on the calendar and a great deal of fun. The Meat Raffle takes many hands to work. I thank you all for your past support and we'd love to see you come out and if possible, help where needed for this large event. As Lent approaches we will be back at the Friday Fish Fry. We will not do Ash Wednesday this year as in the past, just the Friday events. See the Chief Rabban article for details on a Lent Fish Fry organizational meeting coming up.

I am proud to inform you that Ill Sir Michael Ferraro is now on the board at Shriners Hospital, Springfield, Ma. He has taken on a post we have been remiss in not filling for years. Thank you Illustrious Sir. That having been said we are in the process of having a representative from Springfield come to the May 14th Stated session to let our Nobility and ladies know about the activities and care options at their hospital. Details will follow – watch next month's *Smile*. Finally, this year's Imperial Convention is in Atlanta, Ga., in July. This event is relatively close and is a drivable destination. It will be in the heart of the city near Peach Street and offers great entertainment and regional attractions. We have entered with Ziyara Shriners and are running a joint Hospitality suite for the event as well. Please express interest with Wende in the office and a full package detail will be out by mid-February. If you have never been to NYOSA (open to all nobles) the Imperial Convention, or one of our wonderful medical facilities, you are missing out on some of the reasons we exist as a fraternity – people, working together to further a cause. That cause is Shriners International and our charity Shriners Hospitals for Children. Let's continue to Thrive in 2025!

Fraternally, James Mirusso

# SHRINE SMILE

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### SHRINE SMILE COMMITTEE

- James Mirusso .....Potentate  
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## SHRINE CENTER RENTAL SPACE AVAILABLE

- EVENTS**  
 Wedding Receptions  
 Communion  
 Birthday Parties  
 Fund Raisers \* Meetings  
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CONTACT THE SHRINE OFFICE  
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## NOTICE TO ALL MEMBERS ISMAILIA SHRINERS!

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 Any Shrine activity can now be  
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 move, please advise the Recorder's office.  
 Don't get lost in the desert.



## SHRINE OFFICE HOURS

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

### Just a Quick Reminder...



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

### PLEASE NOTE:

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



## Ismailia Oasis Bar February 21, 2025

6pm to 8pm

Come on out and enjoy some great  
 music from Zac Brown Band,  
 The Eagles, Jimmy Buffet, Billy Joel  
 and many more. No cover charge,  
 limited menu and full bar. Bring  
 your friends, your family, and just  
 enjoy a fun evening of classic songs.

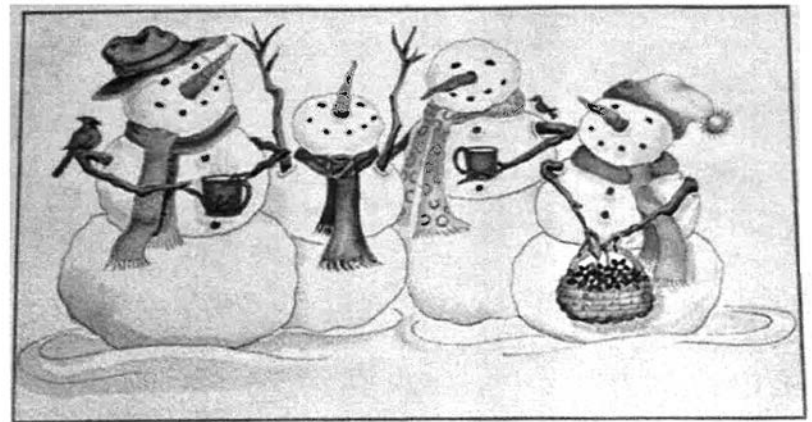
Hope to see you there!

## SNOWMAN CELEBRATION LUNCHEON

Join us!

Saturday, Feb. 22 ~12:30 pm

Faith United Methodist Church  
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View the private collection of over 100 snow-people,  
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## Imperial Session Save the Dates



### IMPERIAL SESSION 2025

Atlanta, Georgia  
June 29 - July 3

Information and Package  
to Follow

### IMPERIAL SESSION 2026

Tampa, Florida  
July 12-16

## Handicap Parking at the Shrine Center



Currently there are limited handicap spots at the Shrine center. Plans are in the works now to add a few more. There have been quite a few complaints about people without handicap plates, stickers, or a placard in their car(s) utilizing the limited spots we have. With that being said, please refrain from using the handicap spots that we currently have unless you have some sort of handicap identification on your vehicle.

- Thank you.

## HELP NEEDED

Looking for anyone interested to help out with the driver situation for the Hospital



Travel Team. We are in need to have more drivers available for Hospital runs to the Shriners Hospital for Children - Erie Unit. Anyone interested please call Noble Charles Turner for more info @ 716-863-5583



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SHRINERS  
INTERNATIONAL

### The Former President Was a Strong Supporter of Shriners Children's and a Shriners Honorary Ambassador

*"I have one life and one chance to make it count for something. My faith demands that I do whatever I can, wherever I am, whenever I can, for as long as I can with whatever I have to try to make a difference."*

- President Jimmy Carter



To my fellow Nobles,

It is with heavy heart that we are mourning the loss of President Jimmy Carter. His work in the years following his presidency to make the world a better place is remarkable and humbling. For us, the loss is also personal, as President Carter was devoted to our organizations and treasured his status as a Hasan Shriners Honorary Ambassador.

President Carter, who was 100, passed away Sunday. He was the oldest living U.S. president in history.

President Carter and his wife, Rosalynn, were eager and caring supporters of Shriners Children's and our mission of providing life-changing medical care. Over the years, their personal support and that of the Carter Center helped us serve countless children around the world.

Lady Judy and I had the opportunity to meet President Carter on two occasions. At dinner with him at a Hasan Shriners Potentate's Ball in Albany, Georgia, we were struck by what a kind and down-to-earth man he was. Later, I was with the Imperial Divan to see him at the Carter Center, and was honored that he recognized and remembered me. It was such an honor to meet a man of his stature. He was always so gracious. His dedication to serving others and making the world a better place was evident.

In 2016 the Carters appeared in a Valentine's-themed public service announcement for our healthcare system. President Carter said then, "We have been following the philanthropic efforts of Shriners Hospitals for many years, and we look forward to helping people understand they are a resource available when seeking medical care for their children."

Past Imperial Potentate Gary Bergenske recalled that President Carter made the PSA due to his passionate belief in the mission. "He donated his time and image to do this for Shriners Children's out of the goodness of his heart," Bergenske said. "He did that because he wanted to help the children we take care of."

Later the same year, members of the Carter Center traveled with a Shriners Children's medical team for an outreach clinic at St. Boniface hospital in Haiti. The Carter Center helped organize the medical mission, working directly with the Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Disabilities of the Government of Haiti for approval.

President Carter was named Honorary Ambassador of Hasan Shriners at a ceremony in Albany, Georgia, in 2014. The honor was particularly meaningful to him, President Carter said, because his father was a Mason and a Shriner. That year, the Carter Center began working with Shriners Children's to expand access to medical care for children around the world.

In 2018, President Carter and the Carter Center assisted Shriners Children's in transporting children who were critically injured in a volcanic eruption in Guatemala, helping to arrange military transport and accompanying medical teams to get the children to our Galveston hospital.

He was honored by Shriners Children's with the Humanitarian Award in 2018 in recognition of his service on behalf of our mission and patients.

President Carter once said, "I have one life and one chance to make it count for something... My faith demands that I do whatever I can, wherever I am, whenever I can, for as long as I can with whatever I have to try to make a difference."

His lengthy humanitarian record reflects President Carter's deep devotion to serving others and making the world a better place. We are honored to count him as one of our strongest supporters, and we are humbled to share a special connection to this most extraordinary man. We grieve his loss and send our warmest condolences to the Carter family.

Yours in the faith,

Richard G. Burke,  
Imperial Potentate, Shriners International

## SHRINE DIRECTORS STAFF

Ill Sir George Herle P.P.

The Shrine, and the directors mourn the passing of Past Potentate and Director George Herle. He was a great mentor, and his indefatigable energy and salesmanship contributed to many successful Russell's promotions. He will be sorely missed by all who were privileged to know him. The next directors meeting will be on Feb. 5 at 6:00pm. The Russell's winners were Kevin Klaich (bought at the election), and Chuck Grisati (bought at Gary's Barber shop, a great supporter of the shrine). The first shrine BBQ is on Feb. 16th - come out and support the shrine. The spring meat raffle is on Feb. 22; for those coming out to help please be there around 4:30pm. Good luck to all who have super bowl pools.

## COMING EVENTS

### FEBRUARY 2025

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**NOTICE:** Please check the Shrine web site for up to date events and info - also check face book page

#### FEBRUARY 1

Event Preneur Pro Craft Show  
9 am - 4 pm  
Shrine Center

#### FEBRUARY 5

PHD Luncheon - Noon  
Directors Mtg. - 6 pm  
Shrine Center

#### FEBRUARY 6

Nile Sewing Mtg. - 10:30 am  
Shrine Center

#### FEBRUARY 7

Oasis Happy Hour 4 - 8 pm  
Shrine Center

#### FEBRUARY 8

LOH Passing of the Gavel  
1 - 5 pm  
Shrine Center

#### FEBRUARY 12

PHD Luncheon - Noon  
Shrine Center

#### FEBRUARY 15

Nile Bingo - 1 pm  
Shrine Center

#### FEBRUARY 16

Shrine Chicken BBQ  
Noon - 4 pm or Sold Out  
Shrine Center

#### FEBRUARY 19

PHD Luncheon - Noon  
Nile Meeting - Noon  
LOH Mtg. - 6 pm  
Shrine Center

#### FEBRUARY 21

Oasis Happy Hour 4 - 8 pm  
Music - 6 pm  
Shrine Center

#### FEBRUARY 22

Spring Meat Raffle 5:45 - 10 pm  
Shrine Center

#### FEBRUARY 26

PHD Luncheon - Noon  
Southtown Nile Mtg.  
Shrine Center

#### FEBRUARY 27

Allegheny S.C. Mtg.

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before shirt is ordered.

## LEGION OF HONOR

*Bill Adam, P.P., Commander 2025*

Brothers, I wish to start off with thanking you for placing your trust in me to be the Commander for 2025. I am both honored and humbled.

On Friday 7 February 2025, our own member and Chief Rabban Jason Godios has graciously offered to open the Oasis for us to hold a Meet and Greet with International Commander David Hobbs and Lady Lisa. The Oasis menu will be available for us to order from. If you plan on ordering our Famous Fish Fry, please let me know by 1700 hours on 5 February 2025 so I may be able to give our Chief Rabban an estimate on how many fish fries to prepare for. My number is (716) 517-0128.

On Saturday 8 February 2025, we will hold our Passing of the Gavel at the Shrine Center. We will begin at 1300 hours with a reception and open bar. The opening ceremony will begin at 1400 hours followed by dinner which will consist of a buffet of Golden Fried Chicken, roast beef, Italian Sausage with peppers and onions, mashed potatoes, Au Gratin potatoes, green beans, relish tray, salad, and mini cannolis for dessert. The Installation of Officers will commence at 1500 hours and Closing will be at 1600 hours. Dress is formal attire or uniforms. Our guests will be International Commander David Hobbs and Lady Lisa. Cost is \$40 per person. As this issue of the *SMILE* will arrive after 31 January 2025, last minute reservations can be made by calling me at (716) 517-0128 no later than 1500 hours on 5 February 2025. I hope to see as many members and brother Shriners to show our appreciation to outgoing Commander and International 8th Lieutenant Commander Doug Foss our appreciation for his dedication and leadership for 2024.

Being elected Commander for 2025 is such a great honor for me as we have so many brothers who I respect and honor for the sacrifices they and their families have made. We have Brothers who have served in the Korean Conflict, Vietnam, Operation Urgent Fury, Operation Just Cause, Operation Desert Shield, Operation Desert Storm, Operation Desert Sabre, Operation Restore Hope, Operation Enduring Freedom, Operation Iraqi Freedom, Operation New Dawn, and the War on Terrorism who came back a different man than when they left. Unfortunately, some of our brothers are still fighting those battles. They may have left the battles, but the battles will not let them go. If you notice one of our brothers struggling, please reach out to them and offer whatever assistance you can. As Masons, we are obligated to assist our brothers in need. As brothers in arms, we made an oath to take care of each other when we raised our right hands and wrote a check to our nation payable with our lives. Every day, 22 veterans decide that the only way for them to escape the terrors of what they went through in battle is to end their lives. Let's do what we can to bring our brothers out of their battles and comfort them.

As many of you know, our youngest has followed me into the Army and has become a member of the Military Police Corps. PFC Patrick Seamus Adam is currently serving in Germany. I have been informed that his leave request has been denied and he will not be able to attend the Passing of the Gavel with us. Patrick is an Entered Apprentice with West Seneca Lodge #1111. Hopefully, upon his return, he will become a Master Mason and a Shriner joining us in the Legion of Honor.

Our eldest, William Douglas Adam, III is a Sheriff's Deputy in Tate County, Mississippi. He will not be able to join us for the Passing of the Gavel as he is in a refresher course for his department. He is also an Entered Apprentice with West Seneca Lodge #1111.

Our daughter, Teresa Catherine Kehr amazes me being a wife, mother of 2 girls (ages 2 and 3), stepmother to an 11 year old boy, (I am going to be killed for this) the expectant mother of another little one due this Autumn, an E.M.T., student working on her Paramedic License and her Registered Nurse education and still having time to assist Lady Bernie in planning the decorations for the Passing of the Gavel.

Our March meeting will be held at Buttera's on 19 March 2025 at 1800 hours. This will be Dutch Treat. Please R.S.V.P. by 1700 on 12 March 2025 so we may be able to give the restaurant enough of a heads-up for staffing.

Keep our service men and women, law enforcement/fire service/medical personnel in your prayers.

It is an honor to be a member of the Legion of Honor.



Our Lenten fish fry season approaching! On Wednesday February 19th at 6:30 pm I will be holding an informal planning, and logistics meeting regarding our Annual Lenten fish-fry's. This is a great opportunity for new (and "seasoned") Nobles, their Ladies, and even children to get involved at Ismailia Shriners.

This is also a great opportunity if any of your children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews etc. are in need of community service hours – bring them out to the Shrine, and we can assign a job for them even if it is only for a couple of hours!

As Masons first, we all know that many hands make light work, and we can use all the help we can get whether it's cooking in the kitchen, washing/restocking dishes and glassware, waiting tables, bussing tables, helping with any takeout orders, and help cleaning up. If you are interested in helping and want to get involved,

*Athor Temple No. 19  
Daughters of the Nile*

**White Rose Luncheon** 

**Saturday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2025**

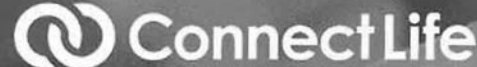
*Doors open at 11:30 am Luncheon 12:15 pm*

*Cash bar Basket Raffle  
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**BACK TO BANDITLAND** 

**Friday, February 7th, 2025**  
**2:00pm - 6:00pm**

**West Seneca Masonic Lodge #1111**  
In the Main Hall at 647 Main St. West Seneca, NY  
(Enter the Hall from Mill Rd.)

All donors will receive one Bandits ticket  
with the option of buying a second at a reduced price!

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Scan the QR code, call **716.529.4270**  
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please call or text me at 716-725-5514 with your name and availability, as I'd like plug in names and times so that all shifts are covered.

New this year, I will be holding a raffle for the Oasis Fish Fry Staff for each given fish fry. A \$50 gift card of your choosing (Fandango, Cabela's, Amazon, Target, Dick's Sporting Goods, Lowes, and Visa) will be raffled off at the close of each of our Friday fish fry's. There are 7 fish fry's this season so that's 7 chances to come out and win one of the 7 gift cards listed in this communication! Even if you can only work a few hours, it is still an opportunity to win a token of gratitude from me in supporting our Oasis Team.

Thank you, Nobles, and more to come at our meeting on February 19th.

- Jason W. Godios, Chief Rabban





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## In Memoriam

DEATHS THROUGH JANUARY 15, 2025

*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
1195	Joseph A. Eisenried	June 15, 1968	December 20, 2024
1253	Robert E. Ess	May 26, 1973	December 25, 2024
1917	George F. Herle P.P.	May 5, 1976	December 26, 2024
876	Alexander Craig	June 11, 1983	December 30, 2024
6152	Ronald A. Peters	July 27, 2003	December 19, 2024
3328	Paul N. O'Neill	December 15, 1984	December 30, 2024
5538	Dennis A. Songin	June 17, 1989	January 16, 2025

*When clouds of sorrow seem to hide the face of God, we know such is not the case for we cannot be where God is not. Just as He has been with us in all our yesterdays, He will be with us in our unknown tomorrows.*

**Meets the 3rd Wednesday of each month**

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**Nobles don't hesitate to help as wildfires spread**

Like you, we have been watching the news out of Southern California with a growing sense of care and concern. Wildfires in Los Angeles County continue to burn and are proving very difficult to contain and fight. Our thoughts and prayers are with our fraternity members and all residents of the area.

Our local temple, Al Malaikah Shriners, is near downtown Los Angeles and out of harm's way. But Potentate Dario Gamboa has advised that they do have a few members who lost their homes and are currently staying with relatives. So far, we have not received any reports of fatalities among our membership, and we pray it remains that way.

It is no surprise that Al Malaikah has stepped up to support the community. Their efforts are ongoing and include deliveries of food, water and coffee to the first responders working tirelessly under extremely difficult conditions. We are so proud of our nobles, who are making the time and effort to assist others.

While our Shriners Children's Southern California location was not threatened by the flames, it was closed for three days last week due to severely hazardous air quality in the area. Thankfully, the medical center has reopened today. Many staff members were forced to evacuate, while others were standing ready for evacuation orders to be called in their neighborhoods. We are distressed to report that a few staff members have lost their homes, as did the family of one of Pasadena's patient ambassadors. Chief Nursing Officer Beverly Bokovitz told us that as Shriners Children's leaders and staff members in Pasadena navigate the wildfire challenges, we should rest assured that patient and employee safety are the first priority.

As a fraternity, we are called to stand together as brothers and to do all we can to help make the world a better place. We congratulate the efforts of our Al Malaikah brothers and commend them for their service. And we continue to send our best wishes and deepest concern to all who are impacted by this horrific, historic disaster.

Yours in the faith,

Imperial Sir Richard G. Burke  
Imperial Potentate, Shriners International

Dr. Leslie D. Stewart  
Chairman of the Board of Trustees,  
Shriners Children's

## SPRINGFIELD CLINIC NEWS

*Noble Mike Ferraro*

Greetings from the Springfield Clinic Board of Governor. I wanted to give you an update on what Springfield is up to. 80% of the patients at the clinic are treated for orthopedic conditions, 67% of the patients receive some sort of financial assistance. Last year they treated 6988 individual patients and had over 25,000 visits from those patients. In 2024 the fund raising goal was \$3,000,000.00 and they actually raised over \$8,000,000.00 – that is 274% over goal, also 85% of every dollar raised goes directly to patient care. Their philanthropy department is headed by Kerri Tichy who will be making a trip to Buffalo for our May 14 stated session to do a presentation We are working on either having a patient ambassador come out with her or someone from the marketing or POPS department to do a presentation as well. Marketing is headed by Jennifer Trass, a native of Tonawanda, so there were quite a few "Go Bills" during her presentation. There are some new and exciting things in the works @ Springfield including a triage burn clinic offered on the first Monday of every month and the newest is the Cranial Remolding program which is in its pilot stages and offered weekly as needed. As always there is a monetary need at the hospitals and some of the areas in most need are cranial facial/cleft lip and palate, cranial remolding, outpatient services (fracture care, scoliosis, sports injury, & urology), patient care, and rehab; so if you would like to donate to Springfield you can earmark it to go directly to one of these programs. 2025 is going to be an exciting year for the hospital as they celebrate their 100th anniversary and there are some fun events planned. At our next board meeting February 13 there will be a celebration with the staff. Saturday April 26 is our first ever Shriener Day (like Erie Hospital Day), Sunday June 8 is the community yard party, and Saturday October 18 is the fund raising Gala. Except for February, the board meetings are normally held the 3rd Thursday of every month, committee meetings start @ 8am, and the board meeting is generally @ lpm. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to me. Thanks again for putting your trust in me to be your Springfield Clinic Board representative.

## ATHOR TEMPLE No. 19 DAUGHTERS OF THE NILE

*Princess Jen Mazur, Publicity*

Warm Valentine Greetings from Athor Temple No. 19 Daughters of the Nile!

Share the love—On Thursday, February 6th at 10:30am, we will gather at the Ismailia Shrine Center to create Valentines for the Erie Hospital Clinic patients. Bring a pair of scissors and your imagination and lend a hand to create these loving wishes for our special children!

We may be experiencing record cold temperatures, but the winter weather won't stop us from having lots of fun at our "Brown Bag BINGO" event on February 15th. Doors will open at 11:30am, a Baked Potato Bar Lunch will be served at noon and BINGO, and other fun beginning at 1:00pm. Admission is \$20 and includes lunch and 3 BINGO boards. Proceeds benefit Athor Temple's general fund. Reservations are a must. Please contact PQ Iris at 716-834-9074. Our BINGO days are always fun...come join us and chase away the winter blues!

The winter weather doesn't stop us...PLEASE SAVE THESE VERY IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES:

- Wednesday, March 19th—Stated Session with luncheon at 11:30, including the election of Officers
- Saturday, March 29th—Athor Temple No. 19 Installation Ceremony at Ismailia Shrine Center
- Saturday, May 3rd—Annual White Rose Luncheon at Classics IV Banquet Center
- Saturday, June 14th—Wednesday, June 18th—Supreme Session 2025, Las Vegas, NV

Winter is a great time to try something new! We would like to extend an invitation to women who enjoy meaningful volunteer work and lots of laughter and fellowship to learn more about Daughters of the Nile! Our Membership and Mentoring Team of Past Queen Iris (716)834-9074 and Past Queen Donna (716)839-4307 are eager to share our story and answer your questions! Don't miss out on being a part of an amazing organization of women! *- We wish you a love-filled, healthy February!*

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Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
						1 Event Premier Craft Show 9 am - 4 pm
2 Justice League Party 11 am - 3 pm	3	4 Lions Club Mtg. 6 pm	5 PHD Lunch Noon Directors Mtg. 6 pm	6 Nile Sewing Mtg. 10:30 am	7 Oasis Happy Hour 4 - 8 pm	8 LOH Passing of Gavel 1 - 5 pm
9 Super Bowl	10	11	12 PHD Lunch Noon	13	14	15 Nile Bingo 1 pm
16 Shrine Chicken BBQ Noon - 4 pm or Sold Out	17 Lions Club Mtg. 6 pm	18	19 PHD Lunch Noon Nile Mtg. Noon LOH Mtg. 6 pm	20	21 Oasis Happy Hour 4 - 8 pm Music 6 pm	22 Shrine Spring Meat Raffle 5:45 - 10 pm
23	24	25	26 PHD Lunch Noon Southtown Nile Mtg.	27 Oakgrove Const. Seminar 7 am - 4:30 pm Allegany SC Mtg.	28 Hackford Party 5 - 10 pm	

MARCH ♦ 2025						
Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
						1 W.S. Lions Club St. Pat's Party 6 - 10 pm
2	3	4 Lions Club Mtg. 6 pm	5 PHD Lunch Noon Directors Mtg. 6 pm Ash Wednesday	6 Nile Sewing Mtg. 10:30 am Oriental Guide Seminar	7 Lenten Fish Frys 5 - 8 pm Oriental Guide Seminar	8 Bflo Pet Emergency Party 7 - 10 pm Oriental Guide Seminar
9	10 Asst Raban Seminar	11 Asst Raban Seminar	12 PHD Lunch Noon Asst Raban Seminar	13 Asst Raban Seminar	14 Lenten Fish Frys 5 - 8 pm	15 Shrine Cash Draw 6 pm
16	17 Lions Club Mtg. 6 pm	18	19 PHD Lunch Noon Nile Mtg. Noon LOH Mtg. 6 pm	20	21 Lenten Fish Frys 5 - 8 pm Buscaglia Wedding set-up	22 Buscaglia Wedding 5 - 10 pm
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# VALENTINE'S DAY

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